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| Burns, Andrew | 4563213 |
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## INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

| Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle) | Service Number/SSN | Date & Place of Birth |
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| Oliver, William, H. | | 1867 MD |

## MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death: 1921 TX

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.)

Researcher Signature: [signature]

## CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location) Lighthouse Service (LA)

From: 1901 To: 1916

(Agency & Location)

From: soundex To: 04/16

(Agency & Location)

From: To: folders

Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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## STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-000603 2247

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Attendant Signature:

Remarks:

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- ☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed JMT
- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

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Time Out:

Final Return:

OLIVER, WILLIAM H.

OLIVER, WILLIAM H.

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Form 73 . ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT.




New Orleans, La., March 1, 1912.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

**Action proposed,** Probationary appointment.

Name, William H. Oliver. Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Second Assistant Keeper. Salary, $480 per annum, Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912.

Location, Ship Shoal Light-Station, La.

Effective ---------- on the actual date of entrance on duty.

**Former position,** ---------- Former salary, ----------

Location, ----------

**Rank in list of eligibles,** 1 Rating, Asst.Keeper. Percentage, 90

Other eligibles considered, Albert Matulich and Robert Trehen.

**Letters of declination inclosed,** Albert Matulich and Robert Trehen.

**Previous incumbent,** John McNamara. Services terminated, Not yet determined.

Reason, Promoted from 2nd Assistant Keeper to 1st Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light-Station, La.

**Remarks:** Mr.Trehen wishes his name restored to the register after March 15, 1912. Mr. Oliver served as Lighthouse Keeper from 1902 to 1908, and was dismissed on account of excessive leave of absence. Ship Shoal Light-Station is a very isolated station and it is difficult to fill vacancies there with good material. This recommendation is made after a personal interview with Mr.Oliver, and I am now of the opinion that he may prove desirable at that particular station. Four keepers are authorized for this light-station.

C F Eaton

Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

HRW

TWO inclosures. WASHINGTON March 7, 1912.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved. Attention is invited to Department letter of the 6th instant on this subject.

Acting Commissioner.

HRW

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

March 10, 1912.

Mr. William H. Oliver,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective

beginning March 10, 1912, or as soon thereafter as you enter

upon duty. Retention in the service after the expiration of your

probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

(Civil-service certificate No. .....)

CD D. 9-29-1912

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(signed) ROBT. M. PLUDELL, JR

Ph
D

Chief Clerk.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: John McNamara.
Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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Wm.H.Oliver,
year of birth.

July 8, 1912.

Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referring to Department letter of May 23, 1912, relative to personal question sheet executed by William H. Oliver, second assistant keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana, on March 20, 1912, in which he gives the year of his birth as 1867.

As Mr. Oliver previously stated he was born in the year 1866, please advise the Bureau which is the correct date, in order that the Department may be advised.

Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., August 6 , 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
AUG 8 1912
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The following recommendation is submitted:

**Action proposed,** Promotion

Name, William H. Oliver — Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, 1st. Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $540 per annum, Appropriation: "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1913".

Location, Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

Effective August 20, 1912, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** 2d Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 per annum.

Location, Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

**Rank in list of eligibles,** ---------- Rating, ---------- Percentage, -------

Other eligibles considered, ----------

**Letters of declination inclosed,** ----------

**Previous incumbent,** John Mc Namara — Services terminated, not yet determined.

Reason, Recommended for promotion as Keeper Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

**Remarks:**

Sorry
Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 8 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

August 9, 1912.

Mr. William H. Oliver,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John McNamara.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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SCED. Sept 25, 1912.

LIGHT
NOV 8 1915
HOUSES

NOV 6 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you in assisting to maintain the light at Ship Shoal Light Station, La., during the trying conditions caused by the hurricane of September 20 and 22, 1915, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. William H. Oliver,
First Assistant Keeper,
Ship Shoal Light Station, La.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by ____

Mailed NOV 8 - 1915 by ____

Copy sent Inspector

NOV 8 1915

File John McNamara.

Form 73

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**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 23 1915

New Orleans, La., December 21, 1915.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Increase in compensation.

Name, **William H. Oliver** Legal residence, **Louisiana.**

Position, **First Assistant Keeper in the Light-house Service.** Salary, **$600 per annum.**

Location, **Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1916.**

Effective **January 1, 1916,** ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** **First Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$540 per annum.**

Location, **Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana.**

**Rank on eligible list,** - - - Rating, - - - Percentage, - 0 - , Other eligibles considered:

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 30 1915

December 29, 1915.

Mr. William H. Oliver,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~First Assistant Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Six Hundred~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $640 per annum.)

E&D Jan 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 13 1916

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) May 11 (Date.), 1916.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.**

Name, **William H. Oliver.** Legal residence, **Louisiana.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$804 per annum.**

Location, **Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1916.**

Effective **June 4, 1916,** {~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position, First Assistant Keeper.** Former salary, **$600 per annum.**

Location, **Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana.**

**Rank on eligible list,** - - - - Rating, - - - - Percentage, - - - -; Other eligibles considered:

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
MAY 17 1916
HOUSES

May 16, 1916.

Mr. William H. Oliver,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Eight Hundred and Four dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By promotion from first assistant keeper at $600 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

C Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John McNamara.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHT
AUG 9 1917
HOUSES

Eighth District
Ship Shoal, La.
August 1, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector,

Dear Sir:

Owing to our keeper's disposition I beg of you to transfer me to some other station anywhere, or please accept my resignation, which, if not embarrassing the office, I would like it to take effect on the fifth of September.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) Joseph M. Tomasovich

2nd Asst. Keeper.

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LIGHT
AUG 9 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighth District
Ship Shoal,La.
August 1,1917.

Lighthouse Inspector,

Dear Sir:

Because I asked our keeper to send through official mail my resignation on July 31st, 1917, he was highly offended after explaining the reason why I did not care to stay on the Station with him on account of his disagreeableness. He pulled out a large knife fully ten inches long and threatened me. I told him I had too much respect to attempt to strike an old man of his age. As Mr. Lebouef and Mr. Miller were eye witnesses I will leave them to explain to you, Sir.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) Joseph M. Tomasovich,

2nd Assistant Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS LA

ESL-MCC
2 inclosures

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
~~Electrical~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm'r.
Commr.

LIGHT
AUG 9 1917
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

August 7, 1917.

William H. Oliver,
suspension.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Inclosed are copies of two letters dated August 1, 1917, received from Joseph M. Tomasovich, Second Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

In view of the fact that these letters were supported by the testimony of Mr. Eugene H. Miller, Jr., Third Assistant Keeper, who called at this office today and who stated that William H. Oliver was abusive, oppressive and extremely disagreeable in his actions towards the assistant keepers, and as it is imperative that such conditions should not be permitted to exist at an isolated station like Ship Shoal, La., which is located in the Gulf of Mexico 12 miles off the coast and some 60 miles from Morgan City, La., the nearest point at which mail and provisions are secured, immediate action was taken and William H. Oliver was suspended from duty effective commencing August 8, 1917, pending further investigation of the charges preferred against him.

Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 13 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
AUG 17 1917
HOUSES

ESL-MCC
BY REGISTERED MAIL.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 7, 1917.

William H. Oliver, Keeper,
Ship Shoal Light Station,
Morgan City, Louisiana.

Joseph M. Tomasovich, Second Assistant Keeper, has requested this office to transfer him to any other station or to accept his resignation, and in a separate communication dated August 1, 1917, Mr. Tomasovich charges that when he asked you to forward his resignation to this office on July 31, 1917, you became highly offended after he had explained why he did not care to remain at the station with you due to your disagreeable attitude. Mr. Tomasovich also reports that you drew a large knife, fully ten inches long, and threatened him.

Mr. Eugene H. Miller, Jr., Third Assistant Keeper, was in this office this morning and, when questioned, confirmed the statements made by Mr. Tomasovich.

It would appear that you have been guilty of oppressing the assistant keepers at Ship Shoal Light Station and of conduct unbecoming a keeper, and such charges are preferred against you. In view of the seriousness of the charges preferred, you are hereby suspended from duty effective commencing August 8, 1917.

Suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

You will be given three (3) days from the receipt of this letter within which to submit written reply to above charges.

[SIGNED] DORRY

Inspector.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
AUG 17 1917
HOUSES

JAS-MCC
1 inc.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

August 15, 1917.

William H. Oliver,
dismissal recommended

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to letter from this office dated August 7, 1917, reporting the suspension of William H. Oliver pending investigation of charges preferred against him:

Inclosed is copy of letter dated August 7, 1917, addressed to Mr. Oliver preferring charges against him and giving him three days from receipt of the letter in which to make reply. Mr. Oliver signed a registry receipt for the letter on August 8th, but to date has made no written reply to the charges.

In view of Mr. Oliver's failure to reply to the charges, it is recommended that he be dismissed from the service effective at the close of August 7, 1917, the date of his suspension.

Mr. Oliver has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

AUG 17 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Acting Commissioner.

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LIGHT
AUG 21 1917
HOUSES

August 21, 1917.

8/22/17 Wrote 8th

Sir:

Charges of oppression of subordinates and of conduct unbecoming an officer having been preferred against you, and no reply having been made by you to the charges, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana, at $804 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of August 7, 1917, the date you were suspended from duty.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William H. Oliver,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHT
AUG 20 1917
HOUSES

August 20, 1917.

8/22/17 Wrote 8th
8/24/17, wired "

Sir:

Pending further investigation and disposition of charges which have been preferred against you, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has confirmed the action of the Eighth Inspector in suspending you from duty, for a period not to exceed 90 days, effective August 8, 1917.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges, or if the same are not found sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

*(Signed) Clifford Hastings.*

Chief of Appointment Division.

Wm H Oliver
Mr. William H. Oliver,
Mr. Joseph M. Tomasovich,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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J. M. Tomasovich,
suspension.

August 22, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.

Referring to Department letter of August 20, 1917, suspending Joseph M. Tomasovich, assistant keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

The Bureau states that this letter should have been addressed to William H. Oliver, instead of Tomasovich, and it is therefore requested that same be returned for correction by the Department. Attention is invited in this connection to Department letter of August 21, 1917, addressed to Mr. Oliver dismissing him from the position of keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station.
See Bureau telegram of this date.

Acting Commissioner.

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Washington D C August 22 1917

Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans Louisiana

Return Department letter August twenty suspending Tomasovich
~~Letter~~ should have been addressed to Oliver Oliver dismissed

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W P Gherardi

Acting Commissioner

Sept. 1:08 p.m.
8/22/17.

Jolley Bros. Co., Ltd.

Grocers

Morgan City, La.




U.S.Light House Inspector

New Orleans,La

Sir;

I am informed that Mr Henry Oliver has been dismissed from the service,and if such is the case would it be asking too much of you to mail his check to us in order that we may collect our bill for supplies while in the service from him?

Respectfully,

Jolley Bros Co,Ltd

JAS-MCC
3 inclosures.

August 30, 1917.

William H. Oliver,
Morgan City,
Louisiana.

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated August 20, 1917, approving your suspension from duty as Keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, La., effective commencing August 8, 1917.

There is also inclosed Department letter dated August 21, 1917, dismissing you from the above position effective at the close of August 7, 1917.

Check for $19.29, covering compensation due you from August 1 to 7, inclusive, 1917, is inclosed.

[SIGNED] DORRY

Inspector.

Copy furnished F. J. Lebouf, 1st Asst. Keeper in charge, for the files of Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

Inspector.

Carded 9/20/17 mcc

JAS-MCC
1 inc.

William H. Oliver,
dismissal recommended

August 15, 1917.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to letter from this office dated August 7, 1917, reporting the suspension of William H. Oliver pending investigation of charges preferred against him:

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Mr. Oliver has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Inspector.

# RETURN RECEIPT

Lighthouse Inspector
AUG 9 1917
New Orleans.

*Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.*

X W. H. Oliver

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

*Date of delivery,* 8-8, 1917

**Form 3811**

ESL-MCC

BY REGISTERED MAIL.

August 7, 1917.

William H. Oliver, Keeper,
Ship Shoal Light Station,
Morgan City, Louisiana.

Joseph M. Tomasovich, Second Assistant Keeper, has requested this office to transfer him to any other station or to accept his resignation, and in a separate communication dated August 1, 1917, Mr. Tomasovich charges that when he asked you to forward his resignation to this office on July 31, 1917, you became highly offended after he had explained why he did not care to remain at the station with you due to your disagreeable attitude. Mr. Tomasovich also reports that you drew a large knife, fully ten inches long, and threatened him.

Mr. Eugene H. Miller, Jr., Third Assistant Keeper, was in this office this morning and, when questioned, confirmed the statements made by Mr. Tomasovich.

It would appear that you have been guilty of oppressing the assistant keepers at Ship Shoal Light Station and of conduct unbecoming a keeper, and such charges are preferred against you. In view of the seriousness of the charges preferred, you are hereby suspended from duty effective commencing August 8, 1917.

Suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

You will be given three (3) days from the receipt of this letter within which to submit written reply to above charges.

Inspector.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BSL-MCC

BY REGISTERED MAIL.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 7, 1917.

William H. Oliver, Keeper,
Ship Shoal Light Station,
Morgan City, Louisiana.

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[SIGNED] DORRY

Inspector.

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

## WASHINGTON

AUG 25

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J. M. Tomasovich,
suspension.

August 22, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.

Referring to Department letter of August 20, 1917, suspending Joseph M. Tomasovich, assistant keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

The Bureau states that this letter should have been addressed to William H. Oliver, instead of Tomasovich, and it is therefore requested that same be returned for correction by the Department. Attention is invited in this connection to Department letter of August 21, 1917, addressed to Mr. Oliver dismissing him from the position of keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station.
See Bureau telegram of this date.

Already returned JHO

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

Form 56

# TELEGRAM

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO._____

| RECEIVER'S No. | TIME FILED | CHECK |
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| | | PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE |

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Washington D C August 22 1917, 191
(Place and date)

SEND TO Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans Louisiana

Return Department letter August twenty suspending Tomasovich
~~Letter~~ should have been addressed to Oliver Oliver dismissed

CONWAY

CONFIRMATION

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

(Name)

Acting Commissioner

(Title)

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JAS-MCC
1 set inclosures.

William H. Oliver,
suspension.

August 22, 1917.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Department letter of suspension, dated August 20, 1917, addressed to Joseph M. Tomasovich instead of William H. Oliver, through error, is returned herewith in accordance with Bureau telegram of August 22, 1917.

Inspector.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH – COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT

# TELEGRAM

DELIVERY NO. 239

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company (Incorporated) transmits and delivers this message subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

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AUG 22 New Orleans

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Dc Washn dc 8-22

Light House Inspector

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Return department letter aug twenty suspending tomasovich should have been addressed to oliver, oliver dismissed.

Conway

ESL-MCC
2 inclosures

William H. Oliver,
suspension.

August 7, 1917.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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In view of the fact that these letters were supported by the testimony of Mr. Eugene H. Miller, Jr., Third Assistant Keeper, who called at this office today and who stated that William H. Oliver was abusive, oppressive and extremely disagreeable in his actions towards the assistant keepers, and as it is imperative that such conditions should not be permitted to exist at an isolated station like Ship Shoal, La., which is located in the Gulf of Mexico 12 miles off the coast and some 60 miles from Morgan City, La., the nearest point at which mail and provisions are secured, immediate action was taken and William H. Oliver was suspended from duty effective commencing August 8, 1917, pending further investigation of the charges preferred against him.

[SIGNED] DORRY

Inspector.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RSL-MCC
2 inclosures

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

William H. Oliver,
suspension.

August 7, 1917.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Ships Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

August 20, 1917

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Lighthouse Inspector
AUG 24 1917
New Orleans.

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L. H. Inspector
New Orleans Aug 11
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Sir

I have this day turned over to Mr E. M Miller the boat and all that belons to her 2 Mast 2 sails 1 thunder 1 tiller 1 anker 2 skulls 1 oar 14 feet long 12 block 2 cleats 1 compass

W. H Oliver
Kpr

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Capt B.B. Darry
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Dear Sir

Telegram to Eugene H Miller
recived at 5-48 P.M.
yesterday Mr Miller had
left on train 106 S.P.R.R
for New Orleans for
Medical Examination

yours Respectfully
Wm Wails

Form 56

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# TELEGRAM

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO._____

| RECEIVER'S No. | TIME FILED | CHECK<br>PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE |
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

New Orleans La August 6, 1917
(Place and date)

SEND TO Eugene H Miller Junior

Care William Waits
Morgan City Louisiana

Report this office immediately

DORRY

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST: [SIGNED] DORRY

(Name)

Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

(Title)

G.W.T.

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Morgan City La
Aug 4th 1917

Capt B.B. Dorry
Light House Inspector 8th
Dist

Dear Sir

do not think that I want
to interfere with the light
house business but I am
afraid that you will loose all
of your assistance at Ship
Shoals Light Station they
have all told me that if
there was not some chance
made that they will have
to send in their resignation
2nd assistant has sent his in
Mr Miller will be at your

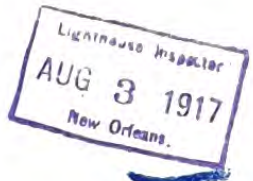
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have to quit if things does
not get better Mr Miller
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so ever one here finds
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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Ship Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 2nd, 1917

L. H. Inspector
New Orleans
La

Sir

I have the honor to report Our arivel I Morgan City left Station on August the first arived In Morgan City 2nd at 10 30 am

Very Respectfully your

W. H. Oliver
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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Ship Shoal
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August 30, 191

2. July

L. H. Inspector
New Orleans
La

Sir

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very truley Respectfully
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TJC-E.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., March 1, 191 2.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

**Action proposed,** Probationary appointment.

Name, William H. Oliver. Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Second Assistant Keeper. Salary, $480 per annum, Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912.

Location, Ship Shoal Light-Station, La.

Effective ---------- on the actual date of entrance on duty.

**Former position,** ---------- Former salary, ----------

Location, ----------

**Rank in list of eligibles,** 1 Rating, Asst.Keeper. Percentage, 90

Other eligibles considered, Albert Matulich and Robert Trehen.

**Letters of declination inclosed,** Albert Matulich and Robert Trehen.

**Previous incumbent,** John McNamara. Services terminated, Not yet determined.

Reason, Promoted from 2nd Assistant Keeper to 1st Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light-Station, La. effective Feb. 9, 1912 or e.d.

**Remarks:** Mr.Trehen wishes his name restored to the register after March 15, 1912. Mr. Oliver served as Lighthouse Keeper from 1902 to 1908, and was dismissed on account of excessive leave of absence. Ship Shoal Light-Station is a very isolated station and it is difficult to fill vacancies there with good material. This recommendation is made after a personal interview with Mr.Oliver, and I am now of the opinion that he may prove desirable at that particular station. Four keepers are authorized for this light-station.

C P Eaton
Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

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TWO inclosures.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON March 7, 1912.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved. Attention is invited to Department letter of the 6th instant on this subject.

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Acting Commissioner.

HRW

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT.

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

March 11, 1912.

Mr. William H. Oliver,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of offi

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective

beginning March 10, 1912, or as soon thereafter as you enter

upon duty. Retention in the service after the expiration of your

probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

(Civil-service certificate No. ) C. S. COMMISSION.

CHANGE REPORTED
APR - - 1912

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
MAR 11 1912
DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice John McNamara.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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Form 111

**OATH OF OFFICE**

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Per Act

Carded in the Disbursing Office.

## Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES APR 6 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE

RECEIVED APR 6 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE

I, William H. Oliver,

do solemnly[1] swear (See below.) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

William Henry Oliver
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this [3] 20 day of March, A. D. 191V

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4] (Name) Chas A Bilbrois

(Official title) Notary Public

| Official Title. | Rate of Pay. | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment. |
|---|---|---|
| Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. | $480 p.a. | Ship Shoal Light-Station, La. |

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee.)

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District

New Orleans, La., (Address.) April 4th, 1912. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 23, 1912. (Date.)

C Keeton
(Signature, followed by title.)

Inspector 8th Lighthouse District.

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[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED APR 9 - 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR G

APR 9 - 1912

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA."

Per ESL-EFS.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
APR 6 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 4, 1912.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Personal Question Sheet;
Wm. H. Oliver.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Referring to the oath of office of William H. Oliver, forwarded this day, the Bureau is advised that the Personal Question Sheet filled out by him has been returned for correction and completion, and will be forwarded as soon as practicable.

Eaton

O.J.C.

Noted
File

Noted

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
APR 8 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

C. Bonaparte
Acting Commissioner.

CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
APR 10 1912
APPTS.
COMMERCE AND LABOR

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAY 8 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

# Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
MAY 9- 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

*May 15, 1909.*

**To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:**

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
MAY 9 1912
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COMMERCE AND LABOR

Charles Nagel
*Secretary.*

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## PART I.

**(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)**

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)
William · Henry. Oliver

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (*This should agree with signature to your oath of office.*) William Henry. Oliver

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)
Morgan City (City or town.) La (State or Territory.) St Mary (County.) 3 district (Congressional district.)

4. What is your race? (Answer "white," "colored," or "Mongolian.") White

5. Where were you born? Baltimore M.D.

6. When were you born? January (Month.) 21st (Day.) 1867 (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

8. Give name and address of person whom you would like to have notified in case of accident.

Joseph Bros (Name.) | (Number and street.)

Morgan City (City or town.) | La. (State or Territory.)

9. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

| Name. | Relationship. | Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No | | | | |
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| | | | | |

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

asst light House Keeper sept 18 1914

11. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

Where glasses

12. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below the Department and Bureau or Service in which you served, the position held, the salary you received, and the dates of your appointment and separation from the service.)

| Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. | Salary. | Appointed. | Separated. |
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| Commerce and Labor | light House | Keeper | $735.00 | June 8th 1906 | May 14th 1908 |

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

| Regiment and company, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | No | | |
| | | | |

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

| Regiment and company, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | No | | |
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16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

oyster shucker. Laborer and Boatsman

17. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.)

Public School

18. What special qualifications have you—educational, professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Translator," or "Interpreter," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter").

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19. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.)

asst. Light House Keeper september 18th. 1911

20. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. March 20th, 1912

Witness:

(Signature) William Henry Olivier

P. O. Address: Morgan City La

City or town.

Number and street.

State or Territory.

In case signature is by mark.

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(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 4, 1912

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

(Signature) Thomas P. Brown

(Official title) Superintendent.

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# PART II.

**(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.**

CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
MAY 9 - 1912
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Ship Shoal Light-Station (Bureau, station, or vessel) 8th District.

2. To what position has been appointed? Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

3. State the date of appointment. March 11, 1912.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

March 10, 1912.

5. State the date of the oath. March 20, 1912.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. March 23, 1912.

7. What is his salary? $480 per annum.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6/96

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

U.S. Civil Service Commission Form 1025, rated Sept. 18/11

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No.

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. ---

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department. (Signature) Thomas P. Brown

(Official title) Superintendent

Date: May 4, 1912., 19

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Date of this previously reported — Jan. 21, 1866.

May 23, 1912.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of a personal question sheet executed by Mr. William H. Oliver, second assistant keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana, on March 20, 1912, in which he gives the year of his birth as 1867. As Mr. Oliver previously stated that he was born in 1866, the Department will be pleased to be advised which date is correct.

By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) ROBT. M. PINDELL, JR.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR EIGHTH DISTRICT MAY 27 1912 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

May 23, 1912.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES MAY 24 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES JUL 8 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUL 10 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO JUL 10 1912 ASST'S. COMMERCE AND LABOR

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED JUL 11 1912 1005 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of a personal question sheet executed by Mr. William H. Oliver, second assistant keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana, on March 20, 1912, in which he gives the year of his birth as 1867. As Mr. Oliver previously stated that he was born in 1866, the Department will be pleased to be advised which date is correct.

By direction of the Secretary:

Robert Piatt Bridgeman

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., July 6, 1912.

Respectfully returned, with the information that Mr. William H. Oliver, under date of June 21, 1912, informs this office that he was born on January 21, 1867, that his previous statement that he was born in 1866 was a mistake. Delay in returning this is due to the fact that Mr. Oliver has just come ashore from Ship Shoal Light Station, which is isolated in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dorry
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington July 8/12

Respectfully submitted to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

G. H. Putnam
Commissioner.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
MAY 24 1912

Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the 8th Light-House District for investigation and return with report and recommendation.

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Acting Commissioner.

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Wm.H.Oliver,
year of birth.

**Department of Commerce and Labor**

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Washington

July 8, 1912.

Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referring to Department letter of May 23, 1912, relative to personal question sheet executed by William H. Oliver, second assistant keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana, on March 20, 1912, in which he gives the year of his birth as 1867.

As Mr. Oliver previously stated he was born in the year 1866, please advise the Bureau which is the correct date, in order that the Department may be advised.

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., July 11, 1912.

Respectfully returned. Information that Mr. William H. Oliver now claims he was born on January 21, 1867, and that his statement that he was born in 1866 was a mistake was stated in the endorsement, dated July 6, 1912, on Department letter of May 23, 1912, referred to this office by Bureau May 24, 1912.

Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington July 15, 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Application of information furnished by Inspector of July 6, 12

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., August 6 , 1912

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES AUG 8 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED AUG 9 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

**Action proposed,** Promotion

Efficiency not reported

Name, William H. Oliver Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, 1st. Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $540 per annum, Appropriation: "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1913".

Location, Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO AUG 9 1912 APPTS. DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Effective August 20, 1912, or as ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** 2d Assistant Keeper Former salary, $480 per annum.

Location, Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED AUG 9 1912 9:30 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

**Rank in list of eligibles,** ---------- Rating, ---------- Percentage, -------

Other eligibles considered, ----------

**Letters of declination inclosed,** ----------

**Previous incumbent,** John Mc Namara Services terminated, not yet determined.

Reason, Recommended for promotion as Keeper Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

**Remarks:**

Done

8/9/12 MCB

Sorry
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 8 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN AUG - 9 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

J Conway
Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

August 9, 1912.

Mr. William H. Oliver,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED

SEP - - 1912

C. S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION REPORTED AUG 9 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John McNamara.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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Form 111

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, EIGHTH DISTRICT, SEP 30 1912, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OCT 2 1912 — DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Entered in the Disbursing Office.

I, William H. Oliver

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

☞ W. H. Oliver

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 28th day of Sept, A. D. 191✓

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Chas A Bellais

(Official title) Notary Public

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. (By promotion from second assistant keeper at $480 per annum) | $540 per annum | Ship Shoal Light Station, La. |

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee)

EFS

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District

New Orleans, La., September 30, 1912.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 25, 1912.
(Date)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED OCT 7 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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NOV 6 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you in assisting to maintain the light at Ship Shoal Light Station, La., during the trying conditions caused by the hurricane of September 28 and 29, 1915, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. William H. Oliver,
First Assistant Keeper,
Ship Shoal Light Station, La.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

File

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Mailed NOV 6 1915 by

Form 73

**NOMINATION**

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS — APPOINTMENT WRITTEN — DEC 29 1915 — DEPT OF COMMERCE

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 23 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., December 21, 1915.
(City.) (Date.)

CHIEF CLERK DEC 27 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Increase in compensation.

Name, **William H. Oliver** Legal residence, **Louisiana.**

Position, **First Assistant Keeper in the Light-house Service.** Salary, **$600 per annum.**

Location, **Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1916.**

Effective **January 1, 1916,** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS DEC 27 1915

**Former position, First Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$540 per annum.**

Location, **Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana.**

**Rank on eligible list,** - - - Rating, - - - Percentage, - 0- - , Other eligibles considered:

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1915.

Mr. William H. Oliver,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $540 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 29 1915 ON JOURNAL

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1916 C. OF LIGHTHOUSES

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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Form 111

**OATH OF OFFICE**

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE**

Lighthouse Inspector FEB 5 1916 New Orleans.

APPOINTMENT FEB 11 1916

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 7 1916

CHIEF CLERK FEB 11 1916

I, William H. Oliver,

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

☞ William H. Oliver
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] Fourth day of February, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Julius Stearn

(Official title) Notary Public

| OFFICIAL TITLE | RATE OF PAY | NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT |
|---|---|---|
| Present 1st Asst.Kpr. in the L.H. Service. | $600 p.a. | Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana. |
| Former[5] Increase in compensation from $540 per annum. | | |

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee)

TJC-MCC

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., February 5, 1916.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1916.
(Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

CARDED.

Laughlin.
(Signature, followed by title) Superintendent.

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[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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Form 73
TJC-MCC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 13 1916

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City.) May 11 (Date.) 1916.

CHIEF CLERK MAY 15 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Promotion and appointment.

Name, William H. Oliver. Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $804 per annum.

Location, Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1916.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT CLERK MAY 16 1916 DEPT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS MAY 15 1916 4,

Effective June 4, 1916, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** First Assistant Keeper. Former salary, $600 per annum.

Location, Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana.

**Rank on eligible list,** - - - - Rating, - - - - Percentage, - - - -, Other eligibles considered:

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1916.

Mr. William H. Oliver,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Eight Hundred and Four dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By promotion from first assistant keeper at $600 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 16 1916 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary: CARDED.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John McNamara.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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Form 111

**OATH OF OFFICE**

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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CHIEF CLERK JUL 17 1916

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William H. Oliver,

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

W. H. Oliver
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 5th day of July, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Chas A Gibbons

(Official title) Notary Public

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| Present: Keeper in the Light-house Service. | $804 p.a. | Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana. |
| Former: 1st Asst. Kpr. in the L.H. Service. | $600 p.a. | Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana. |

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee)

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., (Address) July 7, 1916. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 4, 1916. (Date)

CARDED.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Laughlin.
(Signature, followed by title) Superintendent

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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JUL 17 1916

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 9 1917

CHIEF CLERK AUG 16 1917

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 7, 1917.

William H. Oliver,
suspension.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 24 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT AUG 16 191

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Inclosed are copies of two letters dated August 1, 1917, received from Joseph M. Tomasovich, Second Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, La. 480.

In view of the fact that these letters were supported by the testimony of Mr. Eugene H. Miller, Jr., Third Assistant Keeper, who called at this office today and who stated that William H. Oliver was abusive, oppressive and extremely disagreeable in his actions towards the assistant keepers, and as it is imperative that such conditions should not be permitted to exist at an isolated station like Ship Shoal, La., which is located in the Gulf of Mexico 12 miles off the coast and some 60 miles from Morgan City, La., the nearest point at which mail and provisions are secured, immediate action was taken and William H. Oliver was suspended from duty effective commencing August 8, 1917, pending further investigation of the charges preferred against him.

Inspector.

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ASST. SECY. AUG 17 1917

APPOINTMENT AUG 17 191

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 18 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Approved:

Commissioner.

Assistant Secretary.

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LIGHT
AUG 9 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighth District
Ship Shoal,La.
August 1, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector,

Dear Sir:

Owing to our keeper's disposition I beg of you to transfer me to some other station anywhere, or please accept my resignation, which, if not embarrassing the office, I would like it to take effect on the fifth of September.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) Joseph M. Tomasovich

2nd Asst. Keeper.

RSW

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LIGHT
AUG 9 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighth District
Ship Shoal,La.
August 1,1917.

Lighthouse Inspector,

Dear Sir:

Because I asked our keeper to send through official mail my resignation on July 31st, 1917, he was highly offended after explaining the reason why I did not care to stay on the Station with him on account of his disagreeableness. He pulled out a large knife fully ten inches long and threatened me. I told him I had too much respect to attempt to strike an old man of his age. As Mr. Lebouef and Mr. Miller were eye witnesses I will leave them to explain to you, Sir.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) Joseph M. Tomasovich,

2nd Assistant Keeper.

August 20, 1917.

Sir:

Pending further investigation and disposition of charges which have been preferred against you, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has confirmed the action of the Eighth Inspector in suspending you from duty, for a period not to exceed 90 days, effective August 8, 1917.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges, or if the same are not found sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

CARDED.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Walter H. Oliver, 4th.,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 20 1917 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 17 1917

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ACCTS. DEPT. DIVISION ACCOUNTANT ACTION TAKEN AUG 21 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

William H. Oliver,
dismissal recommended

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

August 15, 1917.

CHIEF CLERK AUG 18 1917 5

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to letter from this office dated August 7, 1917, reporting ~~attached~~ Wm. Ship Shoal L.S. La. the suspension of William H. Oliver, pending investigation of charges preferred against him:

Inclosed is copy of letter dated August 7, 1917, addressed to Mr. Oliver preferring charges against him and giving him three days from receipt of the letter in which to make reply. Mr. Oliver signed a registry receipt for the letter on August 8th, but to date has made no written reply to the charges.

In view of Mr. Oliver's failure to reply to the charges, it is recommended that he be dismissed from the service effective at the close of August 7, 1917, the date of his suspension.

Mr. Oliver has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

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Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 17 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval.

Approved:

E. F. Sweet
Acting
Assistant Secretary.

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ASS'T. SECY. AUG 20 1917

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Washington

May 14, 1908.

Sir:

Having been charged with gross abuse of leave of absence, it appearing that you left your station on February 28, 1908, and did not return until April 27, 1908, and the charge being established in a degree sufficient to warrant the action, you are hereby dismissed from the position of keeper of the Timbalier Light-Station, Louisiana, effective at the close of May 31, 1908.

Respectfully,

Alexander Mackie

Acting Secretary.

Mr. William H. Oliver,
Through the Light-House Board.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
REPORTED
MAY 16 1908
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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February 24, 1912.

Sir:

Referring to the Eighth Inspector's communication of the 16th instant, recommending the probationary appointment of Mr. John R. Bishop as second assistant keeper of Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana, the Department notes the Inspector's statement that Mr. William H. Oliver, whose name appears second on the register, was not selected for the reason that he was dismissed from the Light-house Service on account of excessive leave of absence and is not therefore considered a desirable person for the position.

The Department's records show that the William H. Oliver dismissed from the position of keeper of Timbalier Light Station, Louisiana, at the close of May 31, 1908, was born on January 21, 1866, and would therefore be 46 years of age on January 21 of this year. The William H. Oliver who was registered on September 18, 1911, gives his age as 42. Before his name is removed from the register, the Bureau is requested to forward his application for examination in order that the Department may determine his identity.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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William H. Oliver.

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| | STATE | COUNTY | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT |
| | La. | | |

INACTIVE

STATUS

| DESIGNATION | CLASS | SALARY | OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION | DATE APPOINTED | DATE OF OATH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd. Asst. Keeper. | | | L.H. | | |
| A.V., Southwest Reef, La. | | $450 | " | Nov. 15, 1905. | |
| Kpr. Timbalier, La. | | 735 | " | June 1, 1906. | |
| Dismissed effective close May 31, 1908. | | | | | |
| 2nd Asst Kpr, Chiffchaal L.S.Sta. | | $480. | L.H. | Mar. 23, 1912 | |
| 1st " " " " " " | | $540. | " | Sept 7 1914 | |
| " " " " " " " | | $600 | " | Jan 1. 1916 | |
| Keeper. { suspended from duty not exc 60 days etc | | $804. | " | June 4, 1916. | |
| dismissed close Aug 7. 1917 | | | | | |

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REMARKS:

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

Washington, 5 Nov., 1901.

*Communications should be addressed to the Light-House Board. In writing upon the subject of this letter quote the following file number:*

FILE No. 841.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask authority for the temporary employment of Mr. William H. Oliver as First Assistant Keeper of the Ship Shoal, La., light-station, pending the appointment of a person to permanently fill this position, with pay at the rate of $475. a year, and to continue from 25 Oct, 1901, to 14 Nov., 1901.

Respectfully,

W. M. Maynard

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

W.A.G.

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*Communications should be addressed to the Light-House Board. In writing upon the subject of this letter quote the following file number:*

FILE NO. 841.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington, December 11, 1901.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to state that an emergency in the Service required the employment of Mr. William H. Oliver, who was appointed Acting Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal, La., light-station, from 25 Oct. to 14 Nov., 1901, both dates inclusive, for an additional period from 15 Nov. to 1 Dec., 1901, inclusive.

The Board therefore begs to ask authority for the employment of Mr. Oliver from 15 Nov., to 1 Dec., 1901, both dates inclusive, with pay at the rate of $475. a year, in addition to the time already authorized.

Respectfully,

W. M. Maynard

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT.

Form No. 1044.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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FILE NO.
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER.
CERTIFICATION DIVISION.

*Address:* "CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C."

United States
Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

January 17, 1902.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 9, 1902, you are advised that the Commission has approved, under section 13 (formerly section 12) of Rule VIII, the temporary appointment of William H. Oliver as Acting Assistant Keeper of the Ship Shoal light-station, Louisiana, at $475 per annum, from October 25, to December 1, 1901, inclusive.

By direction of the Commission:

H. A. Roberts
Acting President.

NOTE.—Attention is invited to sections 13 and 14 of Rule VIII, and comments thereon, printed on the back of this form.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

FILE NO. 5270.

Washington, 16 Sept. 1902.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. William H. Oliver as Third Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal, La. Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $475. a year, in the place of Mr. Edward A. Bourgeois, promoted.

Mr. Oliver has passed the required civil service examination and obtained an average of 92 per cent.

The Inspector of the 8th Light-House District states that the position was offered to Messrs. Christopher W. Sterry, 93 0/0 Henry Obermark 93 0/0 and Valentine StCeran, 93 0/0 Jr., all of whom have declined the nomination for appointment. The Board has written to the Inspector of the 8th Light-House District to forward these letters of declination to this office and when received they will be sent to the Department.

The Inspector also states that the name of Mr. Chas. J. Dunn 93 0/0 has been considered three times. The Board requests that proper measures be taken to have the name of Mr. Dunn removed from the eligible list.

Respectfully,

H. M. Chittenden

Major, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,

Engineer Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, September 22, 1902.

Mr. William H. Oliver,

Care of the Chairman

of the Light-House Board.

Sir:-

Having been certified as eligible by the U.S. Civil Service Commission, you are hereby appointed Third Assistant Keeper of the Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana, with compensation at the rate of four hundred and seventy-five dollars ($475.00) per annum, for a probationary period of six months from date of entering on duty, subject to taking the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. A. Taylor.

Acting Secretary.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.
Form 68-3.—Ed. 9 27 1900 2,000.

# Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

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*Washington, D. C.,* September 22, 1902.

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The Chairman of the
Light-House Board,
Washington, D.C.

*Sir:*

*In order that the Department may comply with the requirements of Section 3, Rule VIII, Civil Service Rules, you will report to this office in writing near the end of the probationary term, viz:* March 22, 1903,

*of* Mr. William H. Oliver,

*appointed* Third Assistant Keeper, Ship Shoal Light-Station, La.,

*on* September 22, 1902, *to serve under your direction, whether* his *conduct and capacity have been satisfactory during said term, and whether you recommend* his *absolute appointment.*

*If* his *conduct and capacity have not been satisfactory, you will state specifically the reasons why they have not been.*

*Respectfully,*

(Signed) H. A. Taylor.

Acting *Secretary.*

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DIVISION OF
APPOINTMENTS.

J.A.D.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, September 25, 1902.

The U.S. Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

On September 22, 1902, Mr. William H. Oliver was appointed Third Assistant Keeper of the Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana, with compensation at the rate of four hundred and seventy-five dollars ($475.00) per annum, for a probationary period of six months from date of entering on duty.

The Inspector of the Eighth Light-House District states that the above position was offered to Messrs. Christopher W. Sterry, Henry Obermark and Valentine St. Ceran, Jr., each of whom attained a higher rating than Mr. Oliver, but all of them declined appointment. Their letters of declination, when received, will be forwarded to your Commission.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. A. Taylor

Acting Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 111.—Ed. 6 19 1901 1,500.

# OATH OF OFFICE.

PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.

I, William H. Oliver ——— do solemnly swear ——— that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

William H Oliver

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 3d day of October A. D. 1902

M B Gray

Notary Public

Parish of St-Mary La.

| NAME OF OFFICE. | NAME OF STATION. | State or Country in which born. | State or Territory from which appointed. |
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| 3rd Assistant Keeper | Ship Shoal, La. | Maryland. | Louisiana. |

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 138 c.—Ed. 6 27 1902 1,000.

LETTER ASKING FULL APPOINTMENT OF KEEPER.

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER.

FILE NO. 5270.

H. Oliver, Third Assistant Keeper, Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana.

Appointed 3 Apr. 1903.

Written

# Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

Washington, 20 March, 1903.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the full appointment of William H. Oliver, as Third Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal, La., Light-Station, to date from 3 Apr., '03, with pay at the rate of $ 475.00 a year.

The probationary appointment of Mr. Oliver will expire on 2 Apr., '03, and his full appointment is recommended by the Inspector of the 8th Light-House District.

Respectfully,

C. T. Falchius,
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.
Form 248.—Ed. 1931 1900 1,000.

# Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

J. A. D.

Washington, D. C., March 25, 1903.

Mr. William H. Oliver,
Care of the Chairman
of the Light-House Board.

Sir:

Having served satisfactorily for the probationary period of six months required by law, you are hereby *absolutely* appointed Third Assistant KEEPER of the Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana, with compensation at the rate of four hundred and seventy-five dollars ($475.00) per annum from April 3, 1903, subject to taking the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) D. A. Taylor,
Acting Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 111.—Ed. 6 19 1901 1,500.

# OATH OF OFFICE.

PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.

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William H Oliver

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of April A. D. 1903

W B Byrnes
Notary Public
Parish of Mary La

| NAME OF OFFICE. | NAME OF STATION. | State or Country in which born. | State or Territory from which appointed. |
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| Light Keeper | Ship Shoal La. | Maryland | Louisiana |

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington, 8 Oct., 1903.

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File No. 5270.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Oct. 8, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

435 The Board has the honor to ask the promotion of Mr. William H. Oliver, from the position of 3rd Assistant Keeper at Ship Shoal, La., Light-Station to that of 2nd Assistant Keeper at the same station to date from 1 Oct., 1903, with pay at the rate of $500. a year, in the place of Mr. Edward A. Bourgeois, resigned.

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Respectfully,

C. J. Hutchins

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

D. Department of Commerce and Labor

Oct. 9 1903.

APPROVED:

Geo. B. Cortelyou

SECRETARY.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

October 9, 1903.

Mr. William H. Oliver, of .

is hereby appointed 2nd Asst. Keeper at Ship Shoal Light Station La.,

in the Lighthouse Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to take effect October 1, 1903, or as

soon thereafter as oath of office is taken.

(By promotion from the position of 3rd Asst. Keeper at the same station, at

a salary of $475 per annum.)

FILE

Change reported to Civil Service Commission.

Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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JAN 13 1904

Department of Commerce and Labor.

~~TREASURY DEPARTMENT.~~
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
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**OATH OF OFFICE.**

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

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do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

William H. Oliver

E.O.d. Oct. 1, 1903.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28th day of October A. D. 1903

W. B. Seay

Notary Public

Parish Lafourche La

| NAME OF OFFICE. | NAME OF STATION. | State or Country in which born. | State or Territory from which appointed. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2d Asst Keeper | Ship Shoal La | Maryland | Louisiana. |

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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File No. 5270.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

27 June '04.

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the promotion of Mr. William H. Oliver from the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal, La., Light-Station, to that of First Assistant Keeper at the same station, to date from 15 June '04, with pay at the rate of $525 a year, in the place of Mr. John P. Anderson, resigned. June 14, 1904

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Respectfully,

C. F. Hutchins
Captain, U.S.N.,
Naval Secretary.

APPROVED
JUN 29 1904
Laurence O. Murray
ACTING Secretary

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TO APPOINTMENTS
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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June 15, 1904.

Mr. William H. Oliver, of Louisiana is hereby appointed First Assistant Keeper at Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Five Hundred and Twenty-five dollars per annum, this appointment to take effect June 15, 1904. ~~or as soon thereafter as oath of office is taken.~~ vice John P. Anderson, resigned. (By promotion from Second Assistant Keeper at Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana, at $500 per annum.)

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: _____, 190

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
REPORTED
JUL 5 1904
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Light-House Board.

CARDED.

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# OATH OF OFFICE.

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.)

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I, William H. Oliver

do solemnly[a] swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: **So help me God.**

William H. Oliver

Eod. July 1, '04.

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 31 day of August, A. D. 1904

[c] Name: [signature]

Official title: Notary Public

{Affix official seal.}

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

| NAME OF OFFICE. | NAME OF STATION. | State or Country in which born. | State or Territory from which appointed. |
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| 1st Asst Keeper | Ship Shoal Lt. | Maryland | Louisiana |

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
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In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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CARDED.

# PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, by operation of law, July 1, 1903.

## Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

*May 15, 1904.*

**To the Heads of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:**

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for in Part II of this form, relative to each appointee or employee, now in the service, who was serving in your Bureau June 30, 1903, and was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor July 1, 1903, pursuant to the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1903, and March 3, 1903, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

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*Secretary.*

## PART I.

**(Blanks in Part I are to be filled by the appointee or employee; but if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case, the statement is to be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)**

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.)

Mr. William Henry Oliver

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? William Henry Oliver

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)

| Morgan City | Louisiana | Saint Mary | Third |
|---|---|---|---|
| City or town. | State or Territory. | County. | Congressional district. |

4. What is your race? (Answer "white," "colored," or "Mongolian.") White

5. Where were you born? Baltimore Md 1867 — see

6. When were you born? January 21 ~~1866~~ Year. Comptroller's letter 8 July 6, 1912

| Month. | Day. |
|---|---|

7. Are you pensioned by the United States Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

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8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States Government? (If so, give below their names, relationship, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

| Name. | Relationship. | Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No | | | | |
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| | | | | |

9. How long were you in the civil service of the United States Government prior to July 1, 1903?

About one year and two Months

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.) Assistant Light House Keeper - Sept. 20th, 1901. under rules I have been apointed the Eligible U. S. Civil Service Commission

11. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

No

12. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American wars? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

| Regiment and company, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
|---|---|---|---|
| No | | | |
| | | | |

13. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time, other than during the Civil and Spanish-American wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

| Regiment and company, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
|---|---|---|---|
| No | | | |
| | | | |

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government indicated in your answers to questions 9, 12, and 13.)

Boat Man

15. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: "Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.")

Public School

16. What special qualifications have you—professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

Sailing On Boats

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (State name and date of each, as near as you recollect.)

Busy w. U. S. Civil Service Commission Rules
Assistant Light House Keeper - Sept. 20th, 1901.

18. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

William Henry Oliver

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 16, 1904

Witness:

(Signature) William Henry Oliver

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Morgan City
City or town.

Number and street.

Louisiana
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded August 16, 1904

(Signature) M. M. Kimball Comdr. U.S.L.H.

(Official title) Inspector 8th Light House District.

## PART II.

**(Blanks in Part II are to be filled by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)**

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the above questions was employed July 1, 1903.

Light House (Bureau or Service.) | Ship Shoal Light Station, La. (Place (city, town, or station).) | Eighth (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Third Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, La.

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? Sept. 22nd, 1902.

4. How long had he served in the Bureau or Service in which he was employed July 1, 1903?

Since Oct. 3rd, 1902.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $475. per year

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903? Salaries of Keepers of Light Houses, 1904.

7. Was the position he held July 1, 1903, excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules?

Competitive

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. William H. Oliver from the position of First Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal, La., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $525 a year, to that of Assistant Keeper of Southwest Reef, La., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $450 a year, to date from 15 Nov. '05, the date on which he entered on duty, in the place of Mr. John A. Childs, resigned, effective close of Nov. 5-05.

The Inspector states that this transfer is recommended at the request of Mr. Oliver.

Respectfully,

W W Wotherspoon

Lieut.Col., Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,

Engineer Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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November 21, 1905.

Mr. William H. Oliver, of Louisiana, is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of the Southwest Reef Light-Station, Louisiana, in the Light-House District, at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty dollars per annum, this appointment to be effective beginning November 15, 1905, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice John A. Childs.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By transfer from First Assistant Keeper of the Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana, at $525 per annum.)

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Assistant Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

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# OATH OF OFFICE.

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.)

I, William H. Oliver

do solemnly[a] Swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: **So help me God.**

William H Oliver

Light House Board.
Entered upon duty.
Date Nov. 15, 1905.

E B Johnson
Chief Clerk.

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10th day of Dec, A. D. 1905

[c] Name: Chas A. Bilbins

Official title: Notary Public

{Affix official seal.}

| NAME OF OFFICE. | NAME OF STATION. | State or Country in which born. | State or Territory from which appointed. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Asst Keeper | Smith's Reef, Va. | Maryland. | Maryland. |

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*
In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer and promotion of Mr. William H. Oliver, of Maryland, La from the position of Assistant Keeper of the Southwest Reef, La., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $450 a year, to that of Keeper of the Timbalier, La., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $735 a year, to date from 1 June, '06, the date of his entrance on duty, in the place of Mr. Joseph B. Brockenbrough, transferred. May 16, 1906.

Respectfully,

Captain, U.S.N.,
Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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June 8, 1906.

Mr. William H. Oliver, of Louisiana, is hereby appointed

Keeper of the Timbalier Light-Station, Louisiana

in the Light-House Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Thirty-five dollars per annum,

this appointment to be effective beginning June 1, 1906, he

having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served

in the above-mentioned position, vice Joseph S. Breckenbrough.

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is

subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By transfer and promotion from Assistant Keeper of the Southwest Reef

Light-Station, Louisiana, at $650 per annum.)

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Assistant Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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I, William H. Oliver

do solemnly[a] swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: **So help me God.**

William H. Oliver

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date June 1, 1906.
E. B. Johnson
Chief Clerk.

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of July, A. D. 1906

[c] Name: [illegible]

Official title: Clerk of Court
Parish of Terrebonne La

Affix official seal.

| NAME OF OFFICE. | NAME OF STATION. | State or Country in which born. | State or Territory from which appointed. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Keeper. | Timbalier, Louisiana. | Maryland | Louisiana. |

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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Keeper Oliver,
dismissal.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

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AM PM

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to inclose herewith a letter of May 9, 1908, with its two inclosures, from the Inspector of the Eighth Light-House District, preferring charges of abuse of leave of absence against Mr. William H. Oliver, keeper of Timbalier Light-Station, La. 735. Ja. (10/10 Excellent)

The Board, in view of the statements set forth in the Inspector's letter and in the reply of Mr. Oliver thereto, asks that this keeper be dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of May 31, 1908.

Respectfully,

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Captain, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

Wrote letter of dismissal May 14-08.

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2 inclosures.

William H. Oliver, keeper,
Timbalier Light-Station, La.
Recommending dismissal of--

May 9, 1908.

Ent'd MAY 12 1908

The Light-House Board.

Sirs:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of charges of gross abuse of leave of absence, dated April 24, 1908, preferred against Mr. William H. Oliver, keeper of Timbalier Light-Station, La., and his reply thereto, dated April 28, 1908.

Mr. Oliver left Timbalier Light-Station on February 26, 1908, and did not return until April 27, 1908. In his reply he states that this was caused by sickness in the boat and the bad condition of the station sailboat. During his leave of absence, he was within daily mail communication with this office, and nothing was heard from him in regard to the necessity for an extension of his leave.

His reply is unsatisfactory, and does not explain his long absence from the station and duty. He failed to report the condition of the boat on his arrival on leave at Morgan City, La.; in fact, he did nothing that a reasonable man would do who was cognizant of the fact that his absence from the station and duty for such a long time was unlawful. I have no confidence in the man or his statements, and recommend that he

be dismissed from the service for gross abuse of leave of absence, to take effect at the close of May 31, 1908.

Very respectfully,

J. H. Purcell

Commander, U. S. N.,

Inspector 8th L. H. District.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 24, 1908.

Mr. William H. Oliver,
Keeper, Timbalier Light-Station,
Morgan City, La.

Sir:

You are hereby charged with gross abuse of leave of absence from your station. The assistant keeper reports that you left the station on February 26th and that you had not returned to the station on April 18th.

Under Civil Service Commission rules, you may submit a reply to these charges within three days from the receipt of this letter. Pending a final decision in the matter, you are directed to return immediately to your station and remain there until you again hear from this office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. L. Purcell,
Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 8th L. H. District.

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Commander U. S. N.
Inspector 8th L. H.
District
New Orleans

Sir

In Requalder To My Long Love
took Sick In the Boat and
the boat is so bade that i could
not mak any head way the
worms is under the ~~rope~~ and
the keel is split the what keeps
me so long

Repectfull yours
William H. Oliver
Keeper

OFFICE OF
LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
8th District, New Orleans, La.
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NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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BY REGISTERED MAIL.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

August 7, 1917.

William H. Oliver, Keeper,
Ship Shoal Light Station,
Morgan City, Louisiana.

Joseph M. Tomasovich, Second Assistant Keeper, has requested this office to transfer him to any other station or to accept his resignation, and in a separate communication dated August 1, 1917, Mr. Tomasovich charges that when he asked you to forward his resignation to this office on July 31, 1917, you became highly offended after he had explained why he did not care to remain at the station with you due to your disagreeable attitude. Mr. Tomasovich also reports that you drew a large knife, fully ten inches long, and threatened him.

Mr. Eugene H. Miller, Jr., Third Assistant Keeper, was in this office this morning and, when questioned, confirmed the statements made by Mr. Tomasovich.

It would appear that you have been guilty of oppressing the assistant keepers at Ship Shoal Light Station and of conduct unbecoming a keeper, and such charges are preferred against you. In view of the seriousness of the charges preferred, you are hereby suspended from duty effective commencing August 8, 1917.

Suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

You will be given three (3) days from the receipt of this letter within which to submit written reply to above charges.

[SIGNED] DORRY

Inspector.

ugust 21, 1917.

Sir:

Charges of oppression of subordinates and of conduct unbecoming an officer having been preferred against you, and no reply having been made by you to the charges, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station, Louisiana, at $804 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of August 7, 1917, the date you were suspended from duty.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED.

Mr. William H. Oliver,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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