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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
knfgbb@umsl.edu	217-440-1332

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
Oppel, Percy, Lewis		1905 CT

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: 1964 TX

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Kylie

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (RI/CT/CA)		
From: 1924	To: 1935	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-3036198067G

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: '24 DEC 31 AM 11:34:41

SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed SMH ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Oppel Percy Lewis **DOB:** 1905 CT
Lighthouse 1924-1935 RI/CT/CA DOD: 1964 TX

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Commerce 6029	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Commerce	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury 2188	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service	Area: _____	positive	negative
ARCIS: _____	Area: _____	positive	negative

Notes: _____

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Wash. D.C. APR 23/1924

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York

Perry L.

Appointment Oppel approved

Putnam

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

cy approved by Dept.

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To Dept. Operator
10:50 a.m. 4/24/24
EBT

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Form 84

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 JAN 29 AM 8 57

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1927

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (nomination Form 73)
from this office dated Jan. 17, 1927 on the subject of recommending promotion
from 2nd Asst. to 1st Asst. Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn., of Percy L. Oppel.

J. T. Yates

J Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. January 29, 1927.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., with advice that in view of keeper Oppel's promotion on January 1, 1927 from $1380 to $1440 per annum your Form 73 was accepted by the Department as a Form 73a, there being no further change in pay involved. Be guided accordingly.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication, that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

11—6363

RG-EK

February 3, 1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. In reference to your nomination for salary adjustment in the case of First Assistant Keeper Percy L. Oppel, Pecks Ledge Light Station, from $1440 to $1500 in the range $1440-$1800:

2. Your remarks are noted to the effect that it is considered that promotion from second assistant to first assistant should be accompanied by an increase in salary. It is suggested that in future similar cases the matter of an increase in salary be included in the nomination for promotion in rank, in order that one transaction may be made of the matter instead of two. Your present nomination has been submitted to the Department for approval and notice will be duly forwarded to your office.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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RLC:KMF

July 23, 1928.

P. Lewis Oppel, First Assistant Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

The Bureau has read with interest a report of assistance rendered by you on July 5 in connection with the rescue of a party of canoeists who were in danger of being drowned off Goose Island, and is pleased to commend you for your timely assistance on this occasion which will be noted as a part of your official record.

Rec'd in Bulletin.
Aug. 1928

E. C. GILLETTE
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Copy to 3d Supt.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by_____
Mailed_____ by_____

Supt's. report of July 20,1928, in file of George Clarke.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

WJL-JHG

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 AUG 18 AM 9 16

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Aug.17,1928 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on August 28,1928.

Name, Percy L. Oppel

From Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach, and Long Beach Lts.,Conn.

Position, Keeper (1st Asst)

To Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,Grassy Hammock,White Rock Reef, Round Beach, Long Beach & Fitchs Pt.Lts.,Conn.

Previous incumbent, New position.

Services terminated,

Reason,

Referring to Form 80 dated Mar.12,1928, approved by Bureau Mar.26,1928, re change in illuminant of Fitchs Point Light; as the duties required of the Keepers of Pecks Ledge etc.lights in connection with this new acetylene light, will not be more than has heretofore been required in connection with lights already in their charge, no change in pay is to be made.

J. F. Oppel

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

See memo of Aug. 20 re this form in file of Emil J. Brunner

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

See letter of October 10, 1928 re Commendation of Hans Chr. Anderseen, keeper Barber Point Light Station, William H. Fido, Cumberland Head Light Station, Thomas Pickup, Bluff Point Light Station, George H. Clarke, keeper Pecks Light Station, and also Percy Oppel of Pecks Ledge Light Station in file of Hans Christian Anderseen.

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. Lt. 1626 *Sheet No.* 3 (b) 98

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Oppel, Percy L.
(Surname) (Given name) (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Rocks Ledge Light Station
(b) Subdivision Third District
(c) City or town Staten Island State N.Y.

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title First Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1500-1800
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1620.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1620.00

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☐ Heat ☐ Fuel ☐ Uniform Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
☐ Unfurnished ☐ Light ☐ Laundry ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind }

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From Not fixed m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer Winter (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year }
(d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime None (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months None

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? See 19b (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)

(c) How many?

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

18a. Not specified; average eight or less hours per day; Sundays operation of light and fog signal engines only.

Stand watches; work equally divided.

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
His work is supervised by the keeper. As 1st Assistant keeper he is in charge of and supervises work of the station in the absence of the keeper.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? George H. Clarke, Keeper, S(b)97

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)
							X																	

Other education (describe): Percy L. Oppel

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?
One yr experience on steamship. Experience with gasoline engines
House painting and experience with small boats.

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Corrected and certified by Percy L. Oppel

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
8hrs.	(1) My duty is to keep a light burning from sunset until sunrise, and start and attend the engines that run the fog horn when it's foggy. Stand an eight hour watch, and in the absence of the kpr. I am responsible for the Station.
	(2) I receive my instructions from the Keeper, and in his absence I maintane the Station routine, and assign the work to the second assistant in an equal ammount to my own.
	(3) The personal consist of the Keeper and a first and second assistant kpr. The Station is located off shore at Westport Harbor in Conn. It consist of three living rooms, an engine room, cleaning room and lantern.
4hrs.	(4) Twice a month we attend five gas light assigned to us, and in the event that they are put out we must attend them immediately, Also keep their structure clean and report any deficientcy.
	(5) Our principle work consist of painting and cleaning the Statio painting and repairing boats, repairing and keeping the engines in running condition, going ashore for mail and provisions, chipping and red-leadding any rust spots that may appear. Polishing brass and cleaning glass lense when necessary, and standing an eight hour
8hrs.	watch.

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Percy L. Apgar
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus and fog signal engine; keep apparatus in clean and efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs; ~~care of grounds~~.

Takes gas pressure of five automatic acetylene lights every two weeks and sends report to office.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? since September 1925.

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

OCT 12 1928, 1928 — F. W. OCKELLS — Asst. Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1560.00 to $ 1860.00

OCT 12 1928, 1928 — J. T. YATES — Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1560 to $ 1860

OCT 22 1928, 1928 — H. B. BOWERMAN — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Date) (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Is.,N.Y., Oct.14,1932, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective, Oct.20,1932

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

{ ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.& etc.Lts.,Ct.

Former salary, $1680 p.a.

Former range, $1560-1920 p.a.

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

(Lt.#1598)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Edgar N. Mott Services terminated, Oct.15,1932

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1260 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Oppel requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Cancelled

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. transfer at reduction in pay being agreeable to the nominee.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 84

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

1932 NOV - 8 - AM 9 : 3

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 3rd DISTRICT

Staten Island,N.Y., Nov.1,1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (Form 73)

from this office dated Oct.14,1932 on the subject of transfer of Percy L. Oppel from 1st Asst.Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. to 2nd Asst. Keeper of Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta. Since Oct.15th there has been but two men at Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,thereby jeopardizing life and property on account of lack of personnel.

/s/ J. T. YATES
Superintendent

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington ,D.C., November 4,1932

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Is.,N.Y.,with advice that action in this case is pending, and you will be duly advised. In the meantime you may detail Keeper Oppel to Little G ull Is.Lt.Sta.,if you so desire. In connection, with this case, however, it would seem to be just as necessary to fill the resulting vacancy at Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.as to effect the transfer of Keeper Oppel to Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,yet it is noted that nomination therefor has not been submitted. It is the Department's desire that all nominations covering connected transfers or changes be submitted at one time and more prompt action can be obtained if that is done. If not prepared to fill resulting vacancy information to that effect should accompany nomination.

/s/ W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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FWO-JHG 3d L.H.Dist.,Staten Is.,N.Y.,Nov.7,1932

1. Returned to Commissioner. It is not intended to fill the vacancy at Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.which will result on account of Percy L. Oppel being transferred to Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,for the reason that, as previously authorized by the Bureau,the illuminant at Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.is to be changed to an acetylene light which will eliminate the need for any keepers at this station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication—that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930

Form 84

FWO-JHG

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LIGHTHOUSES

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1932 NOV 2 AM 9:22

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 3rd DISTRICT

Staten Island,N.Y., Nov.1,1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (Form 73)

from this office dated Oct.14,1932 on the subject of transfer of Percy L. Oppel from 1st Asst.Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta., to 2nd Asst. Keeper of Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta. Since Oct.15th there has been but two men at Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,thereby jeopardizing life and property on account of lack of personnel.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 4, 1932.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., with advice that action in this case is pending, and you will be duly advised. In the meantime you may detail Keeper Oppel to Little Gull Island Light Station, if you so desire. In connection with this case, however, it would seem to be just as necessary to fill the resulting vacancy at Pecks Ledge Light Station as to effect the transfer of Keeper Oppel to Little Gull Island Light Station, yet it is noted that nomination therefor has not been submitted. It is the Department's desire that all nominations covering connected transfers or changes be submitted at one time and more prompt action can be obtained if that is done.

If not proposed to fill resulting vacancy, information to that effect should accompany recmdn.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication—that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

1932 NOV 25 AM 9:11

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Nov. 23,1932

SUBJECT: Cancellation, appointment, Percy L. Oppel, Keeper.
REFERENCE: Department letter dated Nov.9,1932.

1. Department letter, in duplicate, dated November 9,1932, addressed to Percy L. Oppel, transferring him from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper at Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn., to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, is returned herewith for cancellation.

2. Mr.Oppel advised this office he did not care to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. As the plan of discontinuing the positions of Keepers at Pecks Ledge Light Station has been postponed, Mr. Oppel was permitted to continue his duties as 1st Assistant Keeper at that station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington November 30, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for cancellation of Department letter of November 9, 1932, for the reasons given by the Superintendent.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

H-M
Incl

Form S. S.-93

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

1933 MAR 6 AM 9:10 LIGHTHOUSES

March 3,1933

Bureau 3rd Lighthouse District Date Staten Island,N.Y.

The Secretary of Commerce:

The following personnel change is respectfully recommended:

Nature of recommendation [1] Furlough

Civil service authority

Name Percy L. Oppel

Legal residence Connecticut

	FROM—	TO—
Position	~~1st Asst.Keeper, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.~~	
Classification		
Salary	$1680 per annum	
Station	Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.	
Appropriation [2]	Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses	

Vice

Effective March 1,1933

Remarks: In accordance with Department Circular Letter E-14 dated Aug.31,1932.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

(For use of Department)

[1] Recommendations for reinstatement must be accompanied by Form S. S.-93A
[2] To be used only by bureaus operating under more than one appropriation unit.

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We attached nomination for filling keeper position, Pt. Hueneme in 1st, from register —

All surplus keepers reported to Bureau - and there are only 2 of them - have been transferred from 6th to 3rd Dist. Do not know of any other surplus keeper personnel. There is, however, a furloughed keeper in 3rd Dist, see attached report, who apparently has become surplus thru consolidation Pecks & Greens Ledge Lt Sta.

Rec not consider acct expend of travel

Shall we approve attached nomination? Vacancy has existed since Jan 13.

Rec

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Rec OK, tho this is an exception to Bu letter of Dec 16

March 9, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. At the present time there is a vacancy of keeper (assistant) at Point Hueneme Light Station, 18th District, in the salary range $1200-1500, in addition to which quarters valued at $240 per annum are furnished.

2. In accordance with the Bureau's policy of filling such vacancies by transfer of surplus personnel, it is requested that you ascertain and advise whether Percy L. Oppel, who was furloughed on March 1 from the position of first assistant keeper at Pecks Ledge Light Station, would accept transfer to the 18th District in the position referred to above, transportation to be at Oppel's expense.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

RLC:EMF

Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif., for his information and with advice that he will be further advised in the matter. In view of the above, action on your nomination for the probationary appointment of Robert L. MacMurtie will be held in abeyance.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

LIGHTHOUSES

1933 MAR - 14 - AM 9:01



March 9, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. At the present time there is a vacancy of keeper (assistant) at Point Hueneme Light Station, 18th District, in the salary range $1200-1500, in addition to which quarters valued at $240 per annum are furnished.

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For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

RLC:EMF

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FWO-JHG

3d Lighthouse Dist., Staten Is., N.Y.
March 13, 1933

1. Returned to Commissioner, together with letter dated March 11, 1933 from Mr. Oppel stating he would accept the position above referred to. He was advised transportation would be at his own expense.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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WPH
3/14

LIGHTHOUSES

1933 MAR - 14 - AM 9 : 01

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR
13
1933
RECEIVED

Trumbull , Conn.

March, 11th 1933

Subject: Employment.

Office of Supt. #3rd District Lighthouse Service.

Superintendent, Sir:-

In reply to your letter of March 10th , I wish to state that I would accept the position of assistant keeper of Point Hueneme Light Station , California, 18th District in the event that I am chosen for this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Percy L. Oppel
Trumbull , Conn.
P.O. Box 116.

March 14, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.

There is herewith returned nomination for the probational appointment of Robert L. MacMurtie as assistant keeper at Point Hueneme Light Station, attention being invited to Bureau radiogram of this date to your office advising that no action is to be taken on this nomination and requesting that in lieu of it you submit nomination for the transfer of Percy L. Oppel, 1st Assistant Keeper at Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn., in the 3d District who is furloughed beginning March 1 on account of becoming surplus as a result of the consolidation of his station with another one. Mr. Oppel's present pay is $1680 in the range $1560-1920 and he has no family quarters. He should be nominated for transfer at $1440 per annum to your district to the position of assistant keeper at Point Hueneme Light Station, and no justification form is required. The effective date of his entrance on duty in your district should be arranged by you with the 3d Superintendent.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

RG:EMF
Incl.

Copy to 3d Supt.

RG:EMF

Commissioner of Lighthouses

DESPATCH PLEASE SEND

Washington DC March 14 1933

USLHE San Francisco, California

Your nomination for probational appointment keeper robert l macmartie is being returned without action stop request you submit nomination in lieu for transfer percy l oppel who was furloughed march first from third district account being surplus stop his present pay without family quarters is sixteen eighty in range fifteen sixty dash nineteen twenty stop he should be nominated for transfer at fourteen forty stop arrange for effective date of transfer with third district stop no justification form is necessary

PUTNAM

CONFIRMATION:

S. C. Form No. 11

Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at War Department Message Center, Room 3441, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.

LIGHTHOUSES

RADIOGRAM

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1933 MAR 17 PM 4:22

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LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON DC

RERAD FIFTEENTH TRANSFER OPPEL THIRD DISTRICT TO POINTHUENEME STOP UNDER RULES PRESCRIBED BY BUREAU AND RIGIDLY FOLLOWED THIS DISTRICT FOR SIMILAR TRANSFERS OPPEL SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO HUENEME AT THIRTEEN TWENTY ANNUM WHICH IS THIRD STEP IN RANGE STOP SEE APPROVED TRANSFER COOPER FROM STGEORGE REEF TO PIEDRAS BLANCAS WHICH IS SIMILAR CASE STOP REQUEST ADVICE IF OPPELS NOMINATION SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS

RHODES

3PM

Form 73 EMA

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, California, March 21, 1933, 19---
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer — dept informally authorized change records to L 4/26/33

Name, Percy I. Oppel — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper (Assistant) — Proposed salary, $1440.00 A. Plus quarters valued $240.00 A.

Location, Point Hueneme Light Station, Calif. — Proposed range, $1200-1560

Effective, March 22, 1933 — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper (First Assistant) — Former salary, $1680.00 A. without quarters.

Location, Pecks Ledge Light Station — Former range, $1560-1920

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, James C. Billings (Lt. #793) $1200.00 A. Services terminated, January 13, 1933.

Reason, Dismissed for deserting post of duty

Members of family in Government service, NONE

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

Date of birth, May 26, 1905

Remarks: See Bureau radio March 15th re above transfer.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19---

For & in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. JENKINS

Secretary, Civil Service District. Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1933 10:00 a.m.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. no change in the gross pay of the nominee being involved.

W. P. HARTMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 APR - 7 - AM 9:30

March 30, 1933.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of duties and station.)

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1680 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Dept auth by Telephone
change of station from
I to L 4/26/33
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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1933 APR-24- AM 11:28

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

April 20, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Department letter of March 30,1933, advising Mr. Percy I. Oppel that his compensation had been changed from $1680. to $1440. per annum effective upon entrance on duty, the Bureau is advised that service card forwarded to this office shows that Mr. Oppel's middle initial is "L" instead of "I" and permission is requested to make the change from "I" to "L" in Department letter without returning it to Washington for correction.

dept says OK to change HHM 4/26/33

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington April 26, 1933

Returned to 18th Superintendent with advice that the Department has informally authorized the changing of the initial from I to L, and Bureau copy has been corrected accordingly.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
LIGHTHOUSES

1933 MAY - 1 - AM 9 : 23 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

April 26,1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Department letter of March 30th advising Mr. Percy L.Oppel that his compensation had been changed from $1680.00 to $1440.00 per annum,the Bureau is advised that Mr. Oppel entered on duty as Assistant Keeper,Point Hueneme Light Station, with compensation at the rate of $1440.00 per annum,effective commencing April 21,1933.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. JENKINS

Assistant Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY - 1 1933
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

Form 93 EHA

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif., August 28, 1935. , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Position, Keeper (Assistant)

Legal residence, California

Station, Point Hueneme Light Station

Salary, $1440.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of October 3, 1935, or a date to be hereafter reported.

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

By Radio from Supt. Oct. 11th, 18th Dist. says Oppel resigned effective Oct. 3.

File from Stephen A. Hicks

H. W. RHODES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES October 14, 1935

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending acceptance, effective at the close of October 3.

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For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN

Administrative Assistant.

Form 93

EMA

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif., August 28, 1935. , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Percy L. Oppel Position, Keeper (Assistant)

Legal residence, California Station, Point Hueneme Light Station

Salary, $1440.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation without prejudice is recommended effective at the close of October 3, 1935, or a date to be hereafter reported.

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

October 8, 1935.

The above resignation became effective at the close of October 3, 1935.

For & in the absence of the Superintendent

D. L. Jenkins

Assistant Superintendent.

H. W. RHODES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

11—4623

acting commissioner of lighthouses
commerce, branch 680

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PRIORITY

DISPATCH PLEASE SEND
VIA SIGNAL CORPS WAR

WASHINGTON DC OCT 7 1935

GOVT USLHS LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

REREAD TRANSFER MILLER POINT CABRILLE APPROVED OCTOBER ONE OR EOD

REPORT EFFECTIVE DATE PERCY L OPPELS RESIGNATION

PARK

confirmation

The record shows that Department notice of the change in pay and transfer of Harry R. Miller was mailed your office September 28. Copy in duplicate of that notice is herewith.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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September 30, 1935.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Department Notice accepting the resignation of Percy L. Oppel submitted by this Office on August 28th has not yet been received. If the Notice was forwarded at a date early enough to have arrived in this Office before this date, it is requested that a duplicate Notice be forwarded for completion of the files.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington October 14, 1935

Returned to 18th Superintendent. The Bureau delayed the submission of Oppel's resignation to the Department pending receipt of definite information as to the effective date. As this information was furnished in your radiogram of October 11, the resignation has been submitted to the Department for acceptance effective at the close of October 3.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN

Administrative Assistant

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Form A-[redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 16, 1935.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted, without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on October 3, 1935.

Bureau ---------- Lighthouses.
Position ---------- Keeper.
Allocation ----------
Salary ---------- $1440 per annum.
Station ---------- Field.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form No. 2500—July, 1925
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

(TO BE FILLED OUT BY OR FOR EACH EMPLOYEE. LEAVE SPACES MARKED "CODE" BLANK)

SERIAL NO. 6

1. NAME Oppel Percy Lewis
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME)

LEAVE BLANK

ACTIVE NUMBER	WITHDRAWAL NUMBER	STATUS 7

	CODE
2. a. DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE: Commerce	
b. BUREAU OR SERVICE: Lighthouse, 3d District	
c. STATE: R.I. ~~New York~~	
d. CITY OR TOWN: Block Island ~~Staten Island~~	

3. POSITION: Keeper (GIVE TITLE AS SHOWN ON PAY ROLL) — CODE 8

4. ARE YOU SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT LAW? — CODE 9

INDICATE BY X		IF "YES" INDICATE BY X AT WHICH AGE			
NO (1)	YES	70 (2)	65 (3)	62 (4)	DOUBTFUL
X					

5. PLACE OF BIRTH: Connecticut (STATE OR COUNTRY) — CODE 10

6. LEGAL (VOTING) RESIDENCE: CONG. DIST. 4th ~~11~~ STATE Conn. — CODE 12

7. ANNUAL RATE OF COMPENSATION ON:

	CODE
a. JUNE 30, 1920 $	1
b. JUNE 30, 1921	
c. JUNE 30, 1922	
d. JUNE 30, 1923 $	
e. JUNE 30, 1924 840	2
f. JUNE 30, 1925 1140	3

8. IF ALLOWANCES OF ANY KIND WERE RECEIVED DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1925, INDICATE WHAT KIND BY X AFTER APPROPRIATE ITEMS:

QUARTERS X ____ MEALS | LAUNDRY | CASH IN LIEU OF Sub. (NOTE WHAT)

OTHER Fuel (STATE WHAT)

9. STATE ESTIMATED ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL ALLOWANCES, $ 481.25 (PER ANNUM) — 4

10. WHEN WERE DEDUCTIONS FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FIRST MADE FROM YOUR PAY (DATE)

11. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RETIREMENT FUND TO JUNE 30, 1925, $ — 5

12. DATE OF BIRTH — MONTH 4 | DAY 26 | YEAR 1905 — 13

13. INDICATE SEX BY X — MAN X | WOMAN — 14

14. INDICATE NUMBER OF FULL YEARS INSTRUCTION COMPLETED IN THE KINDS OF SCHOOLS LISTED: — 15

COMMON SCHOOL 9 YEARS
HIGH SCHOOL ____ YEARS
COLLEGE ____ YEARS
____ SCHOOL ____ YEARS
LIST DEGREES RECEIVED, IF ANY

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 6—7018

Name Oppel Percy Lewis
(Surname) (First name) (Middle name)
Department or office Commerce
Bureau or service Lighthouse, 3d District
Employed Block Island, Rhode Island
(City) (State)

If any Government service was rendered under another name, give other name and date it was changed.

Former name ____ *Changed* ____ (Date)
Former name ____ *Changed* ____ (Date)

15. MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE. IF ANY, CHECK BY X AFTER APPROPRIAT ITEMS AND INCLUDE STATEMENT OF SERVICE BELOW.

NONE	ARMY	NAVY	MARINE CORPS	COAST GUARD	RETIREL	PENSIONED	VET. BU. BENEFICIARY	16
X								

16. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY, TO SHOW LENGTH OF SERVICE:

KIND OF SERVICE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	NAME OF EACH DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU OR OTHER BRANCH IN WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED AND ITS LOCATION	APPOINTED OR ENLISTED			SEPARATED OR DISCHARGED			LEAVE BLANK		
		MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	Y	M	D
C	3d Lighthouse Dist., S. I., N. Y.	Apr	24	1924	Aug.	31	1924			
C	do	Dec	18	1924						

TOTAL SERVICE, CIVIL AND MILITARY: YEARS _____ MONTHS 10 DAYS 20 17

17. ENTER ANY PERIOD OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY OF SIX MONTHS OR MORE OCCURRING IN PERIOD OF SERVICE INCLUDED ABOVE, BUT NOT PERIODS OF ACTUAL SEPARATION.

6—7018

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

Oath of office fwd to Wash 12/26/24
" " " 12/26/24

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouse Service

1. Name in full Percy Lewis Apfel

2. Legal (voting) residence Conn. ~~2nd~~ 4th Dist. (State and Congressional District) Fairfield (County) Trumbull (City or town)

3. Where born? Conn. (State or foreign country) Trumbull. (City or town) When born? April 26, 1905 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien —

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male	Female	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White	Colored
√		√				√	

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Old 1st Asst. Orchard Shoals Light.	~~2nd~~ 1st Asst.	~~$780A~~ ~~$63.90~~ Per mo.	April	24	1924	5 ~~Sept~~	10 +	1924
	1st Asst	1080A	5	11	24	8	31	24

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
√							

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____ Organization ____

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____ Organization ____

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 5 6 (7) 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications About 4 yrs. sea man experience.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs. V. Apfel (Name) Parent. (Relationship)

Trumbull Conn. (Post office address) Box 138.

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Percy L. Apfel.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Dec 16, 1924 (Date)

Present address Trumbull Conn

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I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Per

Percy L Oppel
(Name.)

2nd Asst. Keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse Service.
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Dec. 16, 1924

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(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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WJL:CFG

May 13, 1924.

Percy L. Oppel, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.,
Great Kills, S. I., N. Y.

SUBJECT: Completion of answer to Question No. 22 - Personal Question Sheet, attached.

Herewith, aforementioned personal question sheet and it is requested that you insert the required information in answer to question cited above, returning same as soon as practicable.

Received & OK - 5/21/24

PL

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Percy L. Oppel

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: 3rd

4. Place of duty: Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $780.00 p.a.

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).
From eligible list of keepers and Asst. Keepers, dated March 13, 1924

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: "Mr. John Richard Roe." If name itself is merely a letter, so state.)
Percy Lewis Oppel

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (This should agree with signature to your oath of office.)
Percy Lewis Oppel

3. What is your present legal residence? (Give State or Territory, county, city or town, and Congressional district.)
Conn. (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) Trumbull (City or town.) 4th (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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6. Where were you born? Bridgeport Conn

7. When were you born? April (Month.) 26 th (Day.) 1905 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") single

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

Mrs Victor Appel (Name.) DX 138 (Number and street.)

Trumbull (City or town.) Conn. (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position / Department or office		
		Position / Department or office		
		Position / Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

11—0922

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Percy Lewis Oppel
(Name.)

2nd asst keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, May 5 1924

(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States 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 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Work on oyster boats & farm work small - job painting

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

eighth grade public school.

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

none

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

Keepers - 2/13/24

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, May 20, 1924

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Percy Lewis Oppel

(Present address) Box 138
(Number and street.)

Trumbull, Conn.
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 21, 1924

J. T. YATES
(Signature)

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

April 27,1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,New York.

1. You are advised that Mr. Percy L. Oppel entered on duty as Assistant Keeper, Point Hueneme Light Station, California, on April 21st, with compensation of $1440.00 per annum, having been transferred from the position of furloughed Keeper (First Assistant) Pecks Ledge Light Station, your District.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

D. L. Jenkins
Assistant Superintendent.

C O P Y

Trumbull, Conn.

April 12,1933

SUBJECT: Transfer to Point Hueneme Lt'Sta.,California

Superintendent Sir:-

In reply to your letter of April 11th, I wish to state that I am leaving immediately, as directed, to Point Hueneme Light Sta. to report for duty as assistant keeper. Travel expenses to be at my own expense.

Respectfully submitted.

/s/ Percy L. Oppel
Trumbull, Conn.,
P.O.Box 116

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FWO-JHG 3d L.H.Dist.,Staten Is.,N.Y.
April 13,1933

1. Forwarded to the Superintendent of the 18th Lighthouse District, San Francisco, Cal.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

April 11,1933

Percy L. Oppel,
P. O. Box 116,
Trumbull, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer to 18th L.H.Dist.
REFERENCE: Previous correspondence.

1. The following telegram has to-day been received from the Superintendent of the 18th Lighthouse District at California:-

"Bureau has approved Oppel's transfer to Point Hueneme. Direct him to proceed immediately in accordance with instructions previously sent him. Transportation his expense."

2. In accordance with above you are directed to proceed immediately and report for duty at Point Hueneme Light Station, advising this office promptly by letter of the date on which you start. As you will note from above, and as advised in letter of March 23rd from the Superintendent of the 18th District, all travel expenses will be at your own expense.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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FWO-JHG 3d L. H. Dist., Staten Is.,N.Y. Apl.11,1933

1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Supt.of the 18th L.H.Dist., together with a copy of Oppel's service record card. You will be promptly advised by letter of the date on which Oppel leaves for Point Hueneme. Kindly advise this office of the date on which he enters on duty in the 18th District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

RECEIVED AT

6 Richmond Terrace, St. George,
PHONE ST. GEO. 7-7730

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LCO	DEFERRED CABLE
NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
	RADIOGRAM

Form 16

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPT=

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APR 11 1933 AM

STATEN ISLAND SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES RECEIVED

BUREAU HAS APPROVED OPPELS TRANSFER TO POINT HUENEME DIRECT HIM TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTION PREVIOUSLY SENT HIM TRANSPORTATION HIS EXPENSE STOP SANFRANCISCO CALIFORNIA=

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MARCH 10, 1926

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TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM H.W.RHODES, SUPT.OF LIGHTHOUSES

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHG. APPROPRIATION GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 20, 1933.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 17—9240

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
RECEIVED
MAR 25 1933
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

REQUEST ADVICE BY RADIO MEMBERS OF FAMILY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND DATE OF BIRTH OF PERCY I OPPEL ALSO EARLIEST DATE OPPEL CAN REPORT FOR DUTY THIS DISTRICT AFTER NOTIFICATION TO DO SO

RHODES

H. W. RHODES

CONFIRMATION

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

March 23,1933.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,
P.O.Box #116,
Trumbull, Conn.

(Through the Superintendent of Lighthouses,Third District)

1. You are advised that you were recommended on March 21st for transfer to the position of Assistant Keeper,Point Hueneme Light Station,California, effective on entrance on duty. As soon as Department approval has been received for your transfer, you will be advised by radio to proceed to Point Hueneme Light Station and report for duty.

2. Permission is given you to proceed to Point Hueneme Light Station via automobile. The station is located on the coast of California about sixty miles north of Los Angeles,California, and you should travel to California via the southern route. Your travel will be at your own expense and your salary will not begin until the day you report to the Keeper of the Light Station for duty.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NL	NIGHT LETTER
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LCO	DEFERRED CABLE
NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
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REQUEST ADVICE BY RADIO NUMBERS OF FAMILY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND DATE OF BIRTH OF PERCY I OPPEL ALSO EARLIEST DATE OPPEL CAN REPORT FOR DUTY THIS DISTRICT AFTER NOTIFICATION TO DO SO STOP SANFRANCISCO CALIF THREE THIRTY ONE PM MARCH 20

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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Communication via Government facilities
By leased wire or radio

Confirmation of message telephoned to Naval Communication Office, Headquarters, Third Naval District, South and Whitehall Streets, New York City for transmittal to:

To: Lighthouse Superintendent, March 21, 1935.
San Francisco, California. ——— Date

NO MEMBERS OPPEL FAMILY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE BORN MAY TWENTY SIX NINETEEN HUNDRED FIVE CAN REPORT FOR DUTY TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION

YATES

J.T.Yates,
Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island, N.Y.

Time telephoned 11:25 A.M.

By whom telephoned ECL
initials

Initials of party receiving message JT

Army

Message to:-

Lighthouse Superintendent March 21,1933

San Francisco, California

No members Oppel family in Government service Born May twenty-six nineteen hundred five Can report for duty twelve days after notification

YATES

Time 11:25 AM
By - Ber
Rec'd. by JW

FWO-JHG

March 17,1933

Percy L. Oppel,
P. O. Box 116,
Trumbull, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Position of Asst.Keeper at Point Hueneme Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Mar.15th,your letter Mar.16th.

1. In reply to your letter of March 16th, you are advised that Point Hueneme Light Station is located on the North side of the East entrance to Santa Barbara Channel. In regard to your driving to California, that will depend on instructions you receive from the Superintendent of the 18th Lighthouse District at San Francisco, California.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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WJL: SJW

Communication via Government facilities
By leased wire or radio

Confirmation of message telephoned to Mr. Ross, Coast Guard Base Center, Governors Island, New York for transmittal to

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

March 17, 1933

TO:

Oppel and Wife only would occupy quarters at Point Hueneme.

Date

Yates

10:55 a.m. J. T. YATES

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Time telephoned .....

By whom telephoned.....J W
(initials)

Superintendent of Lighthouse
Staten Island, N.Y.

Initials of party receiving message.....

FWO-JHG

March 17th,1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses
18th District,
Custom House,
San Francisco, California.

SUBJECT: Percy L. Oppel, transfer to Asst.Keeper,
Point Hueneme Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your telegram March 15th, and telegram from
this office to-day.

1. Upon receipt of your telegram of March 17th, this office wrote Percy L. Oppel re number in family who would want to occupy quarters at Point Hueneme Lt.Sta.,if appointed to that position, and a copy of his reply, dated March 16th, 1933, is attached hereto. As advised by telegram of this date Mr.Oppel and his wife would be the only ones to occupy the quarters referred to.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 17 1933
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TOMPKINSVILLE

Trumbull , Conn.

March 16th 1933

Subject: Position of Asst. Kpr. Point Hueneme Lt. Sta.

Supt. 3rd District Lighthouse Service.

Superintendent , Sir:-

In reply to your letter of March 15th requesting information relative to the number of persons in my family , I wish to state that there is only my wife and myself , no children or other relatives to accompany us should I be selected for this position.

If I am selected for this position will this office kindly advise me as to where in California this lighthouse is located and wether or not it is a shore station, which I assume it is. Also would ample time be allowed me to drive there in my car which would probably take twelve days .

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Percy L. Gopel

Trumbull, Conn.

P.O. Box #116

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Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper, Feb. 2,1933
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.

1. You are advised that Pecks Ledge Light Station will be changed on or about Feb.28th, with the result that resident keepers at that station will no longer be necessary. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would be willing to accept the position of Assistant Keeper of Robbins Reef Light Station, located off shore in New York Upper Bay. The salary would be the same as you are now receiving - $1680 per annum. There are no family quarters at this station, but quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island There is a power fog signal at the station, and one keeper and one assistant keeper.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper, Feb. 8,1933
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Feb.2,1933.

1. Under date of Feb.2,1933 this office wrote you as follows:-

> "You are advised that Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.will be changed on or about Feb.28th, with the result that resident keepers at that station will no longer be necessary. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would be willing to accept the position of Assistant Keeper of Robbins Reef Lt.Sta., located off shore in New York Upper Bay. The salary would be the same as you are now receiving - $1680 per annum. There are no family quarters at this station, but quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island. There is a power fog signal at the station, and one Keeper and one Assistant Keeper."

2. A reply to above letter has not yet been received by this office. You are directed to submit reply by return mail.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 9 1933
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Peck's Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 8th, 1933

Subject: Transfer to Robbins Reef

Office of Supt. 3rd District Lighthouse Service.

Superintendent Sir:-

In reply to your letter asking me if I would accept the position of assistant kpr. of Robbins Reef, I wish to state that District circular No. 372 states that leave at this station must not exceed 48 hours at a time. This would not permit me to go home as I live in Trumbull, Conn. I am unable to move to Staten Island and therefor am forced to refuse this transfer.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Asst. Keeper. Percy L. Gopel

Keeper. George H. Clarke

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PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Received at Ferry House, St. George, S. I., N. Y.

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MAR 15 1933 SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND N.Y. RECEIVED

ADVISE NUMBER IN OPPELS FAMILY WHO WOULD OCCUPY QUARTERS AT POINTHUENEME LIGHT STATION STOP ASSISTANT KEEPERS QUARTERS THIS STATION LIMITED TO THREE ROOMS AND BATH AND SUITABLE ONLY FOR SMALL FAMILY STOP SANFRANCISCO CALIF TEN TEN AM=

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Percy L. Oppel,
P. O. Box 116,
Trumbull, Connecticut

March 15,1933

SUBJECT: Position of Asst.Keeper,Point Hueneme Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Mar.10th, your letter Mar.11,1933.

1. Referring to your letter dated March 11, 1933 stating you were willing to accept the position of Assistant Keeper of Point Hueneme Light Station, California; kindly advise this office by return mail the number of people in your family who would occupy quarters at said light station, and also give the ages of your children, if any. For your information you are advised the quarters at this station are limited to three rooms and a bath and suitable only for a small family.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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March 14, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.

There is herewith returned nomination for the probational appointment of Robert L. MacMurtie as assistant keeper at Point Hueneme Light Station, attention being invited to Bureau radiogram of this date to your office advising that no action is to be taken on this nomination and requesting that in lieu of it you submit nomination for the transfer of Percy L. Oppel, 1st Assistant Keeper at Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn., in the 3d District who is furloughed beginning March 1 on account of becoming surplus as a result of the consolidation of his station with another one. Mr. Oppel's present pay is $1680 in the range $1560-1920 and he has no family quarters. He should be nominated for transfer at $1440 per annum to your district to the position of assistant keeper at Point Hueneme Light Station, and no justification form is required. The effective date of his entrance on duty in your district should be arranged by you with the 3d Superintendent.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

RG:EMF
Incl.

Copy to 3d Supt.

C O P Y

Trumbull, Conn.

March 11,1933

Subject: Employment.

Office of Supt. 3rd District, Lighthouse Service,

Superintendent, Sir:-

I reply to your letter of March 10th, I wish to state that I would accept the position of assistant keeper of Point Hueneme Light Station, California, 18th Dist., in the event that I am chosen for this position.

Respectfully,

Percy L. Oppel

Trumbull, Conn.

P. O. Box 116.

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March 10,1933

Percy L. Oppel,
Box 116,
Trumbull, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Employment.

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would be willing to accept transfer to the position of Assistant Keeper of Point Hueneme Light Station, California, 18th Lighthouse District, with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum, in addition to which quarters valued at $240 per annum are furnished. If selected for this position, transportation would be at your own expense.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

P.L. Oppel

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON March 9, 1933.

MAR 10 1933 AM

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5

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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. At the present time there is a vacancy of keeper (assistant) at Point Hueneme Light Station, 18th District, in the salary range $1200-1500, in addition to which quarters valued at $240 per annum are furnished.

2. In accordance with the Bureau's policy of filling such vacancies by transfer of surplus personnel, it is requested that you ascertain and advise whether Percy L. Oppel, who was furloughed on March 1 from the position of first assistant keeper at Pecks Ledge Light Station, would accept transfer to the 18th District in the position referred to above, transportation to be at Oppel's expense.

For the Commissioner:

W P Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

RLC:EMF

FWO-JHG 3d Lighthouse Dist., Staten Is., N.Y.
March 13, 1933

1. Returned to Commissioner, together with letter dated March 11, 1933 from Mr. Oppel stating he would accept the position above referred to. He was advised transportation would be at his own expense.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Form S. S.-93

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

March 3,1933

Bureau 3rd Lighthouse District Date Staten Island,N.Y.

The Secretary of Commerce:

The following personnel change is respectfully recommended:

Nature of recommendation [1] Furlough

Civil service authority

Name Percy L. Oppel /

Legal residence Connecticut

	FROM—	TO—
Position	1st Asst.Keeper, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.	
Classification		
Salary	$1680 per annum	
Station	Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.	
Appropriation [2]	Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses	

Vice

Effective March 1,1933

Remarks: In accordance with Department Circular Letter E-14 dated Aug.31,1932.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

(For use of Department)

[1] Recommendations for reinstatement must be accompanied by Form S. S.-93A
[2] To be used only by bureaus operating under more than one appropriation unit.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 11—8713

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

File Under (Offel, Percy L)
See (Evans, A. H.)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3 DISTRICT,

New York (City), 3/1/33 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Percy L Offel

Position, Watchman

Location, Fire L H Depot

Effective, March 1-1933 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Conn

Proposed salary, 1500

Proposed range, 1500-1860

Appropriation, Sals L H Serv.

Former position, K (1a)

Location, Pecks Lg Lt Sta Fairfield Co Ct

Former salary, $1680

Former range, $1560-1920

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

Cancelled

Previous incumbent and his pay, A Douglas Hallgren Services terminated, Oct 30-1932

Reason, Deceased (Sal $1500 P.A.)

Offel Ref 12-6
+ 4-24-24 to 8-31-24 +
from 12-18-24 to present date

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth, Apl 26-1905

Remarks:

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Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

See file 1489 (1930) re Hallgren

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

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Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 28, 1933., 192

Superintendent;

3rd District;

Subject: 1st Asst,Keeper left Station.

I wish to report that Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt, Sta left station February 28, at 9.am.

Keeper. George H. Clarke

VC 3/6/33
TC
Mess
Furlough
Effective close of business Feb. 28-1933
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Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper, Feb. 21,1933
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Furlough.

1. Referring to the matter of the discontinuance of the positions of keepers and assistant keepers at Pecks Ledge Light Station; in accordance with information previously furnished you, you are hereby placed on furlough, without pay, effective beginning the date following that on which the proposed changes are made at Pecks Ledge Lt. Station. This furlough is to be for a period not to exceed one year.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Feb.21,1933

1. Copy forwarded for his information, to the Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. Mr.Oppel's last day of service will be on the same date on which you leave Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. Report to this office by separate letter the date on which he leaves the station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper, Feb. 15,1933
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Position of Watchman.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Feb.8th and your letter Feb.14th.

1. In reply to your letter of February 14,1933 relative to position of Watchman at this Depot; you are advised you have not been selected for this position.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, STA.

Peck's Ledge L.H. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 14, 1933

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Subject: Transfer to Watchman Position.

Supt. 3rd District Lighthouse Service.
Supt. Sir;

In reply to your letter asking if, in the event of a vacantcy, I would accept the position of Watchman at the General Depot at a salary of $1500 per annum. I wish to state that I would gladly accept this position and I am familiar with telephones.

Respectfully yours.

1st Asst Kpr. Percy L. Oppel.

P.S. If the above position has been filled I am forced to ask to be put on furlough as I cannot accept Roamer Shoal or Kpr at large.

Through Keeper: George H. Clarke.

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Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper, Feb. 9,1933
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer.

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would be willing to accept transfer to either of the positions mentioned below:-

(a) Romer Shoal Lt.Sta. (2nd Asst.Keeper) located off shore in New York Lower Bay. There are no family quarters at the station, but quarters could probably be rented on Staten Is. There are three keepers. The light is a 4th order oil vapor, and the fog signal a bell operated by clockwork. The rate of pay would be either $1560 or $1680 p.a.,the exact rate of pay to be later decided.

(b) Additional Keeper At Large, for detail to such light stations as your services may be requited. The salary would be $1680 per annum.

Declined both
See his letter attached
To "Watchman"
papers

2. These are the only prospective vacancies at the present time. Should you not see your way clear to accept either one of these positions and there be no other vacancies up to the time Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. is changed, there would, of course, be no alternative but to place you on furlough.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Nov. 23,1932

SUBJECT: Cancellation, appointment, Percy L. Oppel, Keeper.
REFERENCE: Department letter dated Nov.9,1932.

1. Department letter, in duplicate, dated November 9,1932, addressed to Percy L. Oppel, transferring him from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper at Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn., to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, is returned herewith for cancellation.

2. Mr.Oppel advised this office he did not care to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. As the plan of discontinuing the positions of Keepers at Pecks Ledge Light Station has been postponed, Mr. Oppel was permitted to continue his duties as 1st Assistant Keeper at that station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

JHG

Nov. 21,1932

Time Clerk;-

Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. left the station Nov.11th for transfer to Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.and later decided he did not want to go to Little Gull, and returned to Pecks Ledge on Nov.17th. The period of his absence - Nov.12th to 16th inclusive - is to be charged against his allowance for furlough and compensatory time.

Asst.Supt.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Is.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 19, 1932

continued.

days a month. Several soldiers that came over on the boat with Mr. Appel pointed this place out to him saying, "That's where you're going" to which he said, "Oh no sir not, Sir resigning right now."

I think Mr. Appel very wrong in saying or insinuating that I furnished him with a discouraging discription of this station, which I did not, to cover up his own feelings and protection.

Respectfully

C. M. Whitford

Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

1st asst
per

Little Gull Is. Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 18, 1932

Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island,
N.Y.

Subject: Percy L. Appel, transfer to this station.
Reference: Your letter of Nov. 16, 1932

Sir:- Enclosed is Mr. Appel's letter to me dated Oct 17th. I answered this letter stating that he had better come up here first until further arrangements could be made regarding moving. Thinking the said Mr. Appel was married. Also giving him directions and schedule of U. S. Army boat from New London.

On ~~Nov~~ember 14th Mr. Appel called me by phone from New London asking me if I could board him for the first month, which I said I could also how he could get to the Army boat. I talked with him about five (5) minutes on Fort Michie dock and the first thing he said was that he was not comming out here. Next, "Do you think I'm going to stay out there until Spring." to which I answered, "Well, you have your monthly leave of two

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 17th, 1932

Subject: 1st Asst. Return for duty.

Supt. Sir:

I wish to report that Percy L. Oppel 1st asst. keeper has returned for duty at this station as directed in your letter. He arrived at this station today , Nov. 17th 1932 .

Respectfully submitted

Keeper. George . H. Clarke

1st Asst

Trumbull Conn ,

Nov. 17th 1932

Subject :- Return to duty at Peck's Ledge Lt. Sta.

Office of Supt 3rd District lighthouse Service.

Superintendent, Sir:-

Your letter of Nov. 17th received , and in accordance to your instructions I am returning to Peck's Ledge Lt. Sta; to resume my former position of 1st. assistant keeper. I shall report today, Nov 17th.

I sincerely regret that my action in refuseing the position on Little gull Island Lt. Sta., has inconvenienced this office. However it was impossible for me to accept it after I arrived and found conditions to be what they were .

I offer this office my sincere gratitude for my reinstatement om Peck's Ledge until this station is altered .

Respectfully submitted,

#1st Asst. Kpr. Percy L. Appel

FWO-JHG

Percy L. Oppel,
Box 116,
Trumbull, Conn.

Nov. 16,1932

SUBJECT: Transfer to Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.14,1932.

1. Your letter of Nov.14th has been received and contents noted. Your action in this matter necessarily does not meet with the approval of this office in view of your definite statement that you would accept transfer to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. It is not practicable to place you on furlough and there are no other vacancies at this time for which you might be considered. If you so desire you may return to Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. and resume your former duties of 1st Asst.Keeper, this with the understanding that if you desire to resume your former duties you will return to Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.immediately, and also with the understanding that the period between the date you left Pecks Ledge and the date you return to that station will be charged to furlough, and with the further understanding that employment at Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.will necessarily continue only until the keepers at that station are dispensed with which it is expected will be in the near future. In case you do not wish to return to duty at Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,there is no alternative but to submit your resignation. Advise this office by return mail as to what action you propose to take in the matter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which Mr.Oppel returns to the station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Nov. 16,1932

Edgar M. Whitford, Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie,
Gull Island,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Percy L. Oppel, transfer to Little Gull.

1. Percy L. Oppel, who was to be transferred from Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. to 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., has advised this office that he does not desire to accept transfer to Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., his decision in the matter apparently being due to your having furnished him with a discouraging description of conditions at that station. Another person will be selected and appointed to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at the earliest practicable date, as the proposed transfer of Mr.Oppel stands cancelled.

2. You are directed to return to this office Department letterdated Nov.9,1932, addressed to Mr.Oppel, which was forwarded to him at Little Gull by letter from this office dated Nov.14th.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Is.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 14, 1932

Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island
New York.

Subject:- Mr. Appel 2nd Ass't Kpr. arrival & departure.
Reference: Your letter of Nov. 7, 1932

Sir;- Mr. Appel arrived on this morning's boat. I met him at Fort Michie and he said that after seeing the place he would not stay and left on the same boat.

There has been only the 1st Asst. and myself here now for over a month and I would like to have a 2nd Asst. Kpr. as soon as possible, as under the present conditions no one has been able to get to town for shopping, paying bills, etc.

Respectfully
C. M. Hutchard
Keeper.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT HOUSES
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New London, Conn.
Nov. 14th 1932

Supt

Sir:-

I have reported for duty at Little Gull Island Lt. Sta; but upon learning conditions there. I am forced to leave. I am unable to bring my family there at the present time, and as the Keeper informed me that I am entitled to only 2 days a month, I would not be able to get home at all. May I be put on furlough until another position is open?

2.

If not, I shall be forced to offer my resignation. I have had ten years service and believe I am entitled to some consideration. My future address is

Trumbull Conn
Box 116
Respectfully
"Ex" 1st Asst Pecks Ledge.

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Nov. 14,1932

Percy L. Oppel. 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie, Gull Island,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Oct.14,1932.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Nov.9,1932 appointing you to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., and in accordance therewith you will be taken up as having entered on duty in that position on November 16,1932. Your last day of service as 1st Assistant Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. will be at the close of Nov.15,1932.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copies forwarded for their information to the Keepers of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. and Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS
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THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November, 11, 1932., 192X

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

Subject. Detailed to Little Gull Island, Lt, Sta.

I wish to report that 1st Asst. Percy L. Oppel left Pecks Ledge Light Sta At November 11, 1932, At 11.am.

Keeper. George H. Clarke.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Per

Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 11th, 1932

Subject: Transfer.

Supt. Sir:—

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter, advising me to report to Little Gull Isl. Lt. Sta. promptly, and I shall follow instructions accordingly.

Respectfully.

1st Asst. T. Lewis Keeper

Signed Keeper. George H. Clarke.

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Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper, Nov. 7,1932
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Detailed to Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Oct.14,1932.

1. Referring to previous correspondence relative to your transfer to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., pending your appointment to this position, you are hereby detailed to Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.to assist [illegible] in the operation of that station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station promptly upon receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. You will be later advised of the effective date of your entrance on duty as 2nd Asst.Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta. Until such time as you are taken up in the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta., your salary will remain the same as at present. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded to Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.for his information. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr.Oppel leaves Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.for Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By W.J.Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Copy to Keeper,Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.Advise this office promptly by letter of date Mr.Oppel arrives at your station.

J.T.YATES Supt.

By:W.J.Lawton, Chief Clerk

Form 84.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Staten Island, N.Y., Nov. 1, 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

NOV - 5 1932 AM

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (Form 73)

from this office dated Oct. 14, 1932 on the subject of transfer of Percy L. Oppel from 1st Asst. Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta., to 2nd Asst. Keeper of Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta. Since Oct. 15th there has been but two men at Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., thereby jeopardizing life and property on account of lack of personnel.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 4, 1932.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., with advice that action in this case is pending, and you will be duly advised. In the meantime you may detail Keeper Oppel to Little Gull Island Light Station, if you so desire. In connection with this case, however, it would seem to be just as necessary to fill the resulting vacancy at Pecks Ledge Light Station as to effect the transfer of Keeper Oppel to Little Gull Island Light Station, yet it is noted that nomination therefor has not been submitted. It is the Department's desire that all nominations covering connected transfers or changes be submitted at one time and more prompt action can be obtained if that is done. If not proposed to fill resulting vacancy information to that effect should accompany recommendation.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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FWO-JHG 3d L.H.Dist., Staten Is., N.Y., Nov. 7, 1932

1. Returned to Commissioner. It is not intended to fill the vacancy at Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. which will result on account of Percy L. Oppel being transferred to Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta., for the reason that, as previously authorized by the Bureau, the illuminant at Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. is to be changed to an acetylene light which will eliminate the need for any keepers at this station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication—that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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South Norwalk , Conn.

October 17th 1932

Keeper of Little Gull Isl. Lt. Sta;

Sir:-

I have been nominated for the position of 2nd asst. kpr. of your station. I also, have been advised to hold myself in readiness to transfer . Can you tell me when this position is open , and also, what the conditions are on your station as to quarters, etc. Is there any furniture on the place that I could use until I could make further changes?

I would appreciate it if you would advise me as to conditions , and as how to get to your station from New London.

Very sincerely yours,

P. Lewis Oppel
So. Norwalk, Conn.
P.O. Box 222

P.S. Where could I purchase supplies and what would I need to bring with me .

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Peck's Ledge Light Sta;
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 17th, 1932

Subject: Transfer.

Office of Supt. Lighthouse Service.

Superintendent , Sir:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Oct. 14th informing me that I have been nominated for the position of second asst. Kpr. of Little Gull Lt. Sta. and I shall hold myself in readiness to transfer as directed.

Respectfully,

Percy L. Oppel

Signed in absence of Kpr.
Percy L. Oppel
1st Asst, Kpr.

FWO-JHG

Oct. 15,1932

Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.K,
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Prudence Island Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.14,1932.

1. In reply to your letter of October 14,1932 you are advised that according to the records of this office the Keeper of Prudence Island Light Station is not due for retirement until 1938. In this connection your attention is called to the fact you have no list on file in this office of the stations and positions to which you would accept transfer in the event of a vacancy.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Is.,N.Y., Oct.14,1932, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective, Oct.20,1932 { [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.& etc.Lts.,Ct.

Former salary, $1680 p.a.

Former range, $1560-1920 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Edgar N. Mott Services terminated, Oct.15,1932

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1260 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Oppel requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Cancelled

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Follows mb 11-1-32

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Oct. 14,1932

Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.12,1932.

1. Referring to your letter dated Oct.12,1932 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith you are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Peck's Ledge Light Sta;
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 14th, 1932

Per on list? No

1432

Subject:- Transfer.

Office of Supt. 3rd District lighthouse Service.

Superintendent , Sir:-

I have been advised that this station (Peck's Ledge) will be altered in the near future and that keepers will not be employed on the station .

I understand that the Keeper of Prudence Island light will retire on March 11th 1933 . I respectfully request that I be transfered to this station on this date , as Keeper. I have had ten years service in this department , and am a married man . My past record in this service ,you will find, has been good . Will you kindly inform me if such a transfer can be arrainged?

Very sincerely yours,

#1st Asst. Kpr. Percy L. Oppel

Signed, in absence of Keeper.

Percy L. Oppel
1st Asst Kpr.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct.12,1932, 193

SUBJECT: Consideration of transfer to Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.

SUpt. Lighthouses;

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of Oct.11th asking if I wish to be considered for the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Little Gull Lt.Sta.,I wish to state that I would accept this position if I were selected.

I am a married man and have no other prospects of a position. I would prefer a tank light in event of vacancy.

Respectfully,submitted.

/s/ Percy L. Oppel

1st Asst.Keeper.

In absence of keeper.

Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta.
So. Norwalk, Conn.

Oct. 12, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Little Gull Is. Lt. Sta.

REFERENCE. Your letter of Oct. 11, 1932.

1. I do not wish to be considered for the position of 2nd. Asst. Kpr. at Little Gull Is. Lt. Sta.

William Hagel 2nd. Asst. Kpr.

Percy L. Oppel. Keeper 1st Asst.
In absence of Kpr.

P.L. Oppel

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FWO-JHG

Oct. 11,1932

George H. Clarke, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Position of 2AK, Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.

1. It is proposed to make certain changes at Pecks Ledge Light Station in the near future which will eliminate the necessity of employing keepers at that station. When such changes are made it will accordingly be necessary to transfer the present keepers to such other vacancies as may exist at the time, or in the event of there being no vacancies to place them on furlough.

2. There will shortly be a vacancy in the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station, and it is requested that you ascertain whether or not either of the two assistant keepers wish to be considered for this position. If the 1st Assistant Keeper were transferred to this position his pay would be $1380 per annum. If the 2nd Assistant Keeper were transferred to this position his pay would be $1320 per annum. Family quarters are provided for the three keepers at that station.

3. You will have each assistant keeper address a letter to this office advising whether or not they wish to be considered for this position, and in the letter, if he wishes to be considered for the position, he will state whether or not he is married, and if so, how many children he has, if any, and their ages.

4. A prompt reply is desired.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Oct. 3,1932

Asst.Supt.

Vacancy in position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,effective close of Oct.15th, vice E. N. Mott, resigned.

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No applicants for transfer to this position.

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Nov 16 - 1932.

No change

Add 14th?

Form A-38

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1930

Mr. Percy L. Oppel

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1620

To: $1680

Service and grade: Range $1560-1920

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

3d District.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Per

Peck's Ledge Lt. Sta;
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 18, 1930

Subject: Transfer.

Offic of Supt. 3rd Dist. Lighthouse Servic.
Supt. Sir:

I do not wish to accept a transfer, in the event of a vacancy, to Tarrytown Lt. Sta;

Thanking you for this consideration, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

1st asst. Percy L. Appel

Thos. Keeper. George H. Clarke

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Peck's Ledge Light Sta;
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 5th, 192 8

Subject; b Transfer

Office of Supt. #3rd District Lighthouse Service ,

Supt . Sir ;

In reply to you'r letter of Nov #2nd , I wish to state that I do not care to be considered for the position of second asst. kpr. of Navesink Lt. Sta. as I am now a first asst. and would not care to suffer the demotion or decrease in salary . I take this opportunity to thank this office for it's consideration to me in this matter .

Respectfully submitted

#1st Asst . P. Lewis Oppel

P. Lewis Oppel.

Thru Keeper .. George . H. Clarke

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FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Oct.17,1928

SUBJECT: Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,etc.
REFERENCE: Forms 73a forwarded to Bureau to-day.

1. Referring to Form 80 dated March 12,1928, approved by Bureau March 26,1928, re change in illuminant from oil to acetylene of Fitchs Point Light, Conn., and to Forms 73a dated August 17,1928 relative to change in desigaations of the keeper and two assistant keepers at Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn.; the Bureau is advised that the illuminant of Fitchs Point Light was changed from oil to acetylene on Oct. 2,1928, and it is therefore recommended that the designations of the keeper and two assistant keepers of Pecks Ledge Light Station, Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach and Long Beach Lights, Connecticut, be changed to keepers of Pecks Ledge Light Station, Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach, Long Beach and Fitchs Point Lights, Connecticut, without change in pay or pay range, effective beginning October 3,1928. Forms 73a reporting the effective date of these changes are being forwarded to the Bureau to-day.

J. T. YATES

Followed up 11-9-28

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Aug.17,1928 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on August 28,1928.

Name, Percy L. Oppel Position, Keeper (1st Asst)

From Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach, and Long Beach Lts.,Conn. To Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,Grassy Hammock,White Rock Reef, Round Beach, Long Beach & Fitchs Pt.Lts.,Conn.

Previous incumbent, New position.

Services terminated, ——— Reason,

Referring to Form 80 dated Mar.12,1928, approved by Bureau Mar.26,1928, re change in illuminant of Fitchs Point Light; as the duties required of the Keepers of Pecks Ledge etc.lights in connection with this new acetylene light, will not be more than has heretofore been required in connection with lights already in their charge, no change in pay is to be made.

J. T. YATES

Oct. 17,1928 , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with Oct. 3,1928

J. T. YATES

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

11/24/28

Acting Commissioner.

FWO-JHG

Feb. 12,1927

Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Increase in pay.

1. Forwarded herewith is Department letter dated February 3,1927 increasing your pay as 1st Asst.Keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station, from $1440 to $1500 per annum. The effective date of this increase will be Feb.16,1926.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
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February 3, 1927.

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loss Pratt office. Jan 1 letter we had
provided for more permanent promotion

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. In reference to your nomination for salary adjustment in the case of First Assistant Keeper Percy L. Oppel, Pecks Ledge Light Station, from $1440 to $1500 in the range $1440-$1800:

2. Your remarks are noted to the effect that it is considered that promotion from second assistant to first assistant should be accompanied by an increase in salary. It is suggested that in future similar cases the matter of an increase in salary be included in the nomination for promotion in rank, in order that one transaction may be made of the matter instead of two. Your present nomination has been submitted to the Department for approval and notice will be duly forwarded to your office.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1927.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1440 per annum to $ 1500 per annum, effective February 11, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) Feb. 1, 1927 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in pay.

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Position, Keeper

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta., Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach and Long Beach Lts., Conn.

Effective, February 11, 1927

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta., Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach, & Long Beach Lts., Conn.

Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Former range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: This recommendation is made for the reason that it is not considered equitable or just that the 2nd Asst.Keeper be promoted to the position of 1st Asst.Keeper without some increase in salary. In this connection attention is invited to Form 73 dated Jan.17,1927 recommending promotion of Mr. Oppel from 2nd Asst. to 1st Asst.Keeper

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

2/12 Copy to Mass

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

2/6/27

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Percy L. Oppel, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Jan. 31,1927
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Promotion to 1st Asst.Keeper, Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta.

1. You are advisedyou have been selected for the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station, and in accordance therewith are directed to enter on duty in that position on February 1,1927. The pay of this position is $1440.00 per annum.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Form

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. Third DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1927

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (nomination Form 73) from this office dated Jan. 17, 1927 on the subject of recommending promotion from 2nd Asst. to 1st Asst. Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn., of Percy L. Oppel.

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Personnel
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Law and Prop.
Adm. Asst.
Eng. Instr.
Instr.

J. F. Yates

J Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. January 29, 1927.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., with advice that in view of keeper Oppel's promotion on January 1, 1927 from $1380 to $1440 per annum your Form 73 was accepted by the Department as a Form 73a, there being no further change in pay involved. Be guided accordingly.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication, that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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Form 73 — A

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) Jan. 17, 1927 (Date), 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Position, Keeper
Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta., Grassy Hammock,

Location, White Rock Reef, Round Beach and
Long Beach Lts., Conn.

Effective, February 1, 1927 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper
Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta., Grassy Hammock,

Location, White Rock Reef, Round Beach &
Long Beach Lts., Conn.

Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Former range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, George H. Clarke

Services terminated, Jan. 31, 1927

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1440 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

Later changed to $1440 eff. Jan 1-1927

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19.....

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

AC 2.7.27 — No change in pay.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. Dec. 2, 1925 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on January 1, 1926

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Position, Keeper (2d Asst)

From Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. and Grassy Hammock Lt.Conn.

To Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta., Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach and Long Beach Lts., Conn.

Previous incumbent, New position.

Services terminated,

Reason,

Referring to Forms 20 dated July 20th and Sept. 18, 1925 re change in illuminant etc. of White Rock Reef, Round Beach, Grassy Hammock, and Long Beach Lights; as the duties required of the keepers of Pecks Ledge Light Station in connection with the acetylene lights will not be more than has heretofore been required in connection with the care of one oil light - Grassy Hammock - no change in pay is to be made.

J. T. Yates

Staten Island, N.Y., Jan. 5, 1926 , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with January 1, 1926

J. T. Yates

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.

(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

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(Bureau)

3rd Lighthouse District

(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce. (The Chief of Appointment Division):

May 15,1925

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on _____, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee has been _____ satisfactory* and (he) (she) is June 17,1926 considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name _____

xxxx Position _____

Salary Percy L. Oppel

Appropriation Keeper (2nd Asst.)

Station $1140 per annum

Date of entrance on duty Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Remarks: Block Island S.E.Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Dec.18,1924

(Signature of immediate superior.)

SUBMITTED:

(Head of Bureau or Office.)

Supt.,3d Lighthouse Dist.

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation embodying reasons for discontinuance in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

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Percy L. Oppel, 2nd Asst.Keeper, May 13,1925
Through the Keeper,
Block Island Southeast Light Station,
Block Island, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Exchange of positions.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 11,1925.

1. You are advised that a letter had previously been received by this office from Charles H.Eldridge, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, requesting permission to exchange positions with you, and he was advised that it is not customary for this office to approve such exchanges during the probationary period of employment of an employee. He was further advised that if he would bring the matter up again after the expiration of his probationary period of employment, further consideration would be given to the exchange desired.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

S.C. Block Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11, 1925

Supt 3rd District Lighthouse Service

The #2nd asst keeper on Gems Ledge Light Station would like to transfer positions with me and has already wrote to this office for permision. I wish to say that I am willing to transfer with him and the keeper here is also agreable to the transfer. We would like to transfer on or about the 18th of May 1925.

Respectfully
Percy L. Oppel
#2nd asst. kpr.
S.C. Block Island.

Approved and forwarded.
Miller H. Clark
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

S.C. Block Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 29, 1925

Supt 3rd District Lighthouse Service.

I wish to be transferred to one of the following stations as soon as possible. I will accept the position of Keeper, 1st asst or 2nd asst to the following stations.

- Greens Ledge — Rowayton Conn
- Latimers Reef — Stonington Conn
- New Haven Light — West Haven Conn
- Old Orchard Shoals — Stapelton N.Y.
- Pecks Ledge — S. Norwalk Conn.
- Penfield Reef — Fairfield Conn.
- South West Ledge — New Haven Conn.
- West Bank — New York.
- Whale Rock. — Narragansett Pier R.I.

Approved & Forwarded
Willet H. Clark
Keeper

Respectfully
Percy L Appel
2nd asst keeper
S.C. Block Island

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

S.C. Block Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 29, 1925

Supt. 3rd District Lighthouse Service.

As I am a single man and have no use for a station with family quarters I am inclosing the following list of stations which I hope to be transferred to, as soon as possible.

Sincerely
Percy L. Appell.
S.C. Block Island.
2nd asst.

Approved & forwarded.
Willet H. Clark
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Block Island Southeast Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Block Island R. I. April 7, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Subject: Probation of Percy L. Appel.

In reply to your letter of April 16, 1925 I will say that, in my opinion Percy L. Appel, 2nd Asst. Keeper of Block Island S.E. Light Station is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. His services here have been satisfactory.

Willet H. Clark
Keeper

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Willet H. Clark, Keeper,
Block Island Southeast Lt.Sta.,
Block Island, Rhode Island.

April 15,1925

SUBJECT: Probation of 2nd Asst.Keeper Oppel.

1. The probationary period of employment of Percy L. Oppel, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Block Island Southeast Light Station, will expire on June 17,1925. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 206 [redacted] FILE NO. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, Dec. 27, 1924, 19

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Providence, R. I.

SIR:

Please examine Percy L. Oppel, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Block Island S.E.Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 19; height, 5 feet, 8½ inches;

weight, 196 pounds; color of hair, brown; color of eyes, blue

distinguishing marks, scar on right leg.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully, For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockentels
1st Asst. *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

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(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Witnessed by Keeper, Block Is. S.E.Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 19

To SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Office of Superintendent,
Third Lighthouse District
Staten Island, New York.

Percy L. Oppel, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Block Island S.E.Lt.Sta.

Dec. 27,1924

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," addressed to the U.S. Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28,1916. A copy of the provision contained in Said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No. 187, dated May 21,1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found phtsically qualified befcre you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28,1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantageit is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your posession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A" and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

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September 9, 192

Percy L. Oppel,
Box 138,
Trumbull, Conn.

SUBJECT: Pay for services rendered as Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lig
Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter September 8, 1924.

Sir:-

Check covering your services for the month of August, in the amount of $103.95, has been mailed on this date.

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates,
Superintendent.

By W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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Old Orchard Shoals
August 27, 1924

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Sirs —

As my resignation has been accepted as 1st asst. keeper on Old Orchard Shoal Light Station kindly send my check for my services of

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the month of August to my home address.

Respectfully Yours,

Mr Percy L. Appel

Trumbull, Conn.

Box #138

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Bridgeport, Conn
Sept. 8, 1924

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE

Sirs.

Would you kindly inform me in regards to my check for work for the month of August. As it was to be sent to my home but have not received it as yet. As I am now under doctors care. I would be very gratefull for immediate reply.

Respectfully

Ex. 1st asst. Old Orchard Shoals.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel.
Trumbull, Conn.
Box 138.

P.S. Would also like to know if I am being reinstated as directed.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. Aug. 20, 1925 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, ~~Transfer~~

Name, Percy L. Oppel — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1380 p.a. (Pay range $1380 to $1620 p.a.

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. & Grassy Hammock Lt., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Sept.16,1925 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1200 p.a.

Location, Block Island S.E. Lt.Sta., R.I.

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

Previous incumbent, George H. Clarke — Services terminated, Sept.15,1925

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Oppel requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Percy L. Oppel, 2nd Asst. Keeper, August 20, 1925
Through the Keeper,
Block Island Southeast Light Station,
Block Island, R. I.

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 29, 1925.

1. Referring to your letter dated April 29, 1925 requesting transfer in the event of a vacancy to the position of 2nd assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty in that position as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position the effective date of your transfer will be about September 16th. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Block Island S.C. Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 22, 1925

Supt 3rd District Lighthouse Service.

Sir — Received your letter in regards to transfer to Pecks Ledge Light Station as 2nd asst keper and will hold myself in readiness as directed should I be appointed.

Respectfully
Percy L. Appel
2nd asst kper.

Approved and forwarded
Willet A. Clark
Keeper

Form A-21

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 AUG 31 AM 10 09

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 22, 1925.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1200 per annum to $ 1380 per annum, effective September 16, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Percy L. Oppel, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Sept.1,1925
Through the Keeper,
Block Island Southeast Light Station,
Block Island, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Aug.20,1925.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Aug.22,1925 appointing you to the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta., and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the close of September 15,1925. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Keeper is Charles J.Kenney, South Norwalk, Conn. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Copy forwarded for his information, to the keeper of Block Is.S.E.Lt. Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Oppel leaves Block Is.S.E.Lt.Sta.

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Copy forwarded for his information, to the keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Oppel reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper at Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Per

S.C. Block Island Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Supt. 3rd District Lighthouse Service. Sept 3rd, 1925

Subject. – Transfer to Pick's Ledge Lt. Sta.

Sir. Received your letter in regards to transfer and will report at Pick's Ledge the 15th of Sept.

Respectfully
Percy L Appel
2nd asst kpr.

Approved and forwarded
Willett H. Clark
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES N.Y.
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Block Island S.E. Light -
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)
Block Island R.I. Sept 12th 1925 -

Superintendent of Light Houses
Staten Island N. Y.

Subject: Transfer of Percy L. Appel to Pecks Ledge St. Station

Percy L. Appel left this station for a transfer to Pecks Ledge Light Station September 12th 1925;

Willet H. Clark,
Keeper.

Last day at Block Is SS Sept 15 - 1925

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 17 1925
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 15th, 1925

Superintendent.

Subject "Transfer"

Mr. Lewis P. Oysted arrived at Pecks Ledge Fl Sta. Sept 14th 1925 at 8 AM for duty as 2nd asst

Charles J. Kamm
Keeper

C O D Sept 16-1925

Encls PS 9/m/25

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Aug. 20, 1925 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Position, Keeper

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. & Grassy Hammock Lt., Conn.

Effective Sept.16,1925

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $1380 p.a. (Pay range $1380 to $1620 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, Block Island S.E. Lt.Sta., R.I.

Former salary, $1200 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, George H. Clarke Services terminated, Sept.15,1925

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Oppel requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

RECEIVED NOV 14 1924 TREASURY DEPARTMENT

JHG P. L. Appel Staten Island, N.Y. NOV 14 1924, 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., located off shore in New York Lower Bay

Total Compensation: $ 1182.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 1020.00 per annum; ~~board, $ [illegible] per annum~~; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island, NY
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, and whether or not quarters can probably be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? no

If selected, I can report for duty in ——— days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

As soon as possible.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." no If yes, state how many ———; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

I left this position Sept 1, because of unbearable keepers, and would be impossible to get along with him.

(Signature) Percy L Appel

Date Nov. 17 1924

(Post-office address) Trumbull Conn Box # 138

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE JHG

P.L.Office

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Staten Island, N.Y., Nov. 17, 1924. 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Asst.Keeper of Great Captain Is.Lt.Sta.,located on Great Capt.Is.in Long Is.Sound near Port Chester, N.Y.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $ 1062.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 900.00 per annum; ~~rations $ per annum~~; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 30 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 3 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

One year.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." no If yes, state how many none and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Percy L Appel

Date Nov. 18, 1924

(Post-office address) Trumbull Conn Box #138

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LL COMMUNICATIONS TO
NDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
ATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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Superintendent of Light Houses
Tompkinsville N. Y.

Subject: Arrival of Percy L. Oppel at Station.

Percy L. Oppel arrived at this station December 18, 1924 at 2 P.M., and entered on duty as 2nd Assistant Keeper.

Wilbur H. Clarke
Keeper

AOD - Dec 18-1924

Read 12/26/24

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Trumbull Conn
Dec. 16 1924



Sir.

Received my appointment for Block Island Light Station and will report tomorrow Dec. 17,

Respectfully.

Perry L. Apsel

Trumbull

Box 138. Conn

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Percy L. Oppel,
Box 138,
Trumbull, Connecticut

Dec. 15,1924

SUBJECT: Appointment as 2nd Asst.Keeper, Block Is.S.E.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Dec.2,1924.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Dec. 5,1924 appointing you to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Block Is. S.E. Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the keeper is Willet H.Clark, Block Island, R. I.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and State on what date you expect to report for duty.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

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1. Copy forwarded for his information, to the keeper of Block Is. S.E.Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Oppel reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

J. T. Yates

FWO-JHG

Percy L. Oppel,
Box 138,
Trumbull, Connecticut.

Dec. 11,1924

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Block Is.S.E.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Dec.2nd and your letter Dec.10,1924.

1. You are advised your appointment has not as yet been received from Washington. As soon as received you will be notified as to when you are report for duty. It is expected the appointment will be received within a day or two.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst.Supt.

Trumbull Conn
Dec. 10, 1924



Dear Sir.

As I have been nominated for 2nd asst keeper of S.C. Block Island Light Station and told I would probably be needed the 8th of December I am writing you to see if any letters have been mis-sent, and if not, when I will be appointed

Sincerely.

Wm. Leroy L. Opfel.
Box #138 Trumbull Conn

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 DEC 12 PM 8 46

December 5, 1924.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Carl F. W. Anderson.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

Form A-14 11—5980

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Trumbull Conn
Dec. 3 1924



Sir.

Received your letter informing me I have been nominated for 2nd asst. keeper of Block Island S.C. Light Station and will report as soon as directed.

Your truly.

M. Percy L. Oppel.

Trumbull.

Box 138 Conn

FWO-JHG

Percy L. Oppel,
Box 138,
Trumbull, Connecticut

Dec. 2,1924

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Block Is.S.E.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.29,1924.

1. Referring to your letter dated Nov.29,1924 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Block Island Southeast Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services would probably be required about Dec.8,1924. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

F. & S. Stamp Co.

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DIST.,

P.L. Office

Staten Island, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1924. 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

of Block Island S.E. Lt.Sta., located on Block Island, R.I.

Total Compensation: $ 1002.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; ~~bonus, $ xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 30 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?----------

If selected, I can report for duty in----------days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?----------

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?----------

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No."---------- If yes, state how many ----------; and fill in the following blanks.

Barred as letter to

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
John Schmidt				
~~H.A. Carlson~~				
P. Ring		Position		
F.S. Palmer — D		Department or office		
J.D. Bailey		Position		
S. Kendzia — A		Department or office		
X ~~H.H. Hennyon~~ — A				

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

10/31 { D.M. Baker, T.L. Clancy, T. Evans — D

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature)----------

Date----------

(Post-office address)----------

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2d DIST.,

P. L. Offel

Staten Island, N.Y., March 10, 1924 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper of Orient Point Lt. Sta., located off shore in Long Island Sound, N.Y.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $ 1182.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Orient Point, N.Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in at once days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many none; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Percy L. Offel

Date March 11, 1924

(Post-office address) Trumbull Conn
Box 138

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 AUG 8 PM 12 34

August 6, 1924.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on August 31, 1924.

Bureau..... Lighthouses.

Station..... Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $1080 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CHILFORD HASTING
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1924, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Percy L. Oppel Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $1080.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Aug. 31, 1924

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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FWO-JHG

Percy L. Oppel, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
Great Kills, S.I., N. Y.

Aug. 4,1924

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter August 1,1924.

1. Your letter dated August 1,1924 resigning your position as 1st Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of August 31,1924.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1924, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Percy L. Oppel Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $1080.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Aug. 31, 1924

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

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Old Orchard Shoals,

August 1,1924

SUBJECT: Resignation

Supt. Sir

Please accept this as may resignation as 1st Asst. keeper of Old Orchard Shoal as I intend to leave this station September 1st,1924, and hereby give a months notice of same.

Respectfully,

Percy Lewis Oppel

Through Keeper,

Michael F. Gilmore,

Keeper

WJL:ER

May 13th, 1924.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,
2nd Assistant Keeper,
Thru Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
Great Kills, Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Transmitted herewith is department letter dated May 8th, 1924, promoting you to the position of 1st assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith you will be taken up as having entered on duty in that position on May 11th, 1924.

J. T. YATES.
Superintendent.

By:- W. J. Lawton.
Chief Clerk.

Form 206 FILE No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N.Y.

DATE, May 12, 1924, 191

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Stapleton, S.I., N.Y.

SIR:
Please examine Percy L. Oppel, 2d Asst. Keeper, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Stn.
nativity, United States; age, 19; height, 5 feet, 9 inches;
weight, 173 pounds; color of hair, brown; color of eyes, brown
distinguishing marks, Scar on calf of right leg.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully, J. T. Yates

Supt., 3d L.H. Dist. [illegible]r.

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service. Witnessed by Keeper, Old Orchard Shoal L.S

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

TO LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

May 12,1924

Percy L.Oppel,2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through,
Michael F. Gilmore, Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28, 1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No. 187, dated May 21, 1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found physically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28, 1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantage it is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form No. 206, said Form No. 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form No. 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your posession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

P.S. - Assistant Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "A" - Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "B".

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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May 5,1924

Michael F. Gilmore,
.....Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal
.....Lt. Sta.,
Great Kills, S.I., N.Y.
.....

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper Percy L. Oppel and return this sheet to this office.

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State) Bridgeport - Conn

Age 19

Height 5 feet 9 inches

Weight 138 pounds

Color of hair Brown

Color of eyes Brown

Distinguishing marks Scar on Calf of R. Leg

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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1. Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

Michael F. Gilmore
Keeper.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
RECD MAY 10 PM 3 25

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1924.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective May 10, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. May 6th, 1924, 19
(City.) (Date.)

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Percy L. Oppel — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840. per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta. N. Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 10th, 1924. — [redacted] or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $780. per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Light Station N. Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Michael F. Gilmore — Services terminated, May 9th, 1924.

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Mr. Oppel entered the service on April 24th, 1924, as 2nd Asst Keeper at Old Orchard Shoals Light station and his promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be seen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 19

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

V C Bolster
Wm. J. P.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

Staten Island, N. Y., April 19, 1924 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, probationary appointment.

Name, Percy L. Oppel — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $780.00 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 23, 1924 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 82.0 , Other eligibles considered:

Frederick E. Baker.....C. Thomas H. Smith.....C.

Previous incumbent, Richard A. Fricke Services terminated, April 3, 1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, April 26, 1905

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos. 1, 4 and 5 on eligible list will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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FWO-JWG

Percy L. Oppel,
Box 138,
Trumbull, Connecticut

April 19,1924

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Old Orchard Sh.L.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 6,1924.

1. Referring to your letter dated April 6,1924 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your services will probably be required about April 23,1924.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

1st Class
Per

Trumbull Conn
April 21, 1924

Sirs.

I received your letter telling me I have been nominated for position of 2nd assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoals and hereby acknowledge receipt of same and will report when directed.

Yours.

Mr. Percy L. Oxford.
Box #138 Trumbull Conn

FWC-JHG

Percy L. Oppel,
Box 138,
Trumbull, Connecticut

April 22,1924

SUBJECT: Position of 2d Asst.Keeper at Old Orchard Shoal L.S.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office April 19 & your reply Apl.21.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated April 19,1924 stating you had been nominated for appointment to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station; you are advised you have been selected for this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The address of the Old Orchard Shoal Light Station is Great Kills, Staten Island, N.Y.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and State on what day you will report for duty.

Superintendent

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April 22,1924

1. Copy forwarded, for his information, to the Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Oppel reports for duty as 2nd Asst. Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.

Superintendent

1st Lt
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Trumbull Conn
April 23, 1924

Sirs.

I received your letter this morning and will report on duty april 24, at Old Orchard Shoals.

Yours truly.

Mr. Percy L. Offutt

Box # 138 Trumbull Conn

Form 1204

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

St. George, Staten Island, N.Y.

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES APR 24 1924 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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DC WASHINGTON DC 1105A APRIL 24 1924

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT

SAINTGEORGE NY

Received 11:47 A.M.

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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1924.

2. Percy L. Oppel,
M

the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
Through

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. J. GAERDNER,

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Richard A. Fricke.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—5980

FWO-JHC

Michael F. Gilmore, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
Great Kills, Staten Island, N.Y.

May 1,1924

SUBJECT: Percy L. Oppel, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

1. You are directed to advise this office by return mail of the date on which Percy L. Oppel reported for duty as 2nd assistant keeper at Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.

Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1, 1924

Subject. 2 asst.
Superintendent
Sir

2 asst Percy L. Appel
Reported for Duty April 24th 1924 at
4. P.M.

Respectfully
Michael F Gilmore 1st asst Keeper
For and in Absence of Keeper

D O D April 24-1924
Entd B. 5/10/24

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered pro

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3d DIST. 75

Percy L. Appel

Staten Island, N.Y., April 7, 1924. 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
Sakonnet Lt. Sta., located off shore at mouth of Sakonnet River, R. I.

Total Compensation: $ 1122.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 720.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station but not for families of keepers. Suitable quarters can probably be rented at Little Compton, R. I.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the keepers of the station or whether suitable quarters may be rented in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in at once days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

One year

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many None; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Percy L. Appel

Date April 9, 1924

(Post-office address) Trumbull Conn
Box #138

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

P. L. Offpel

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is im[illegible]t that this letter b[illegible]wered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3d DIST.,

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FWC:JHG

Staten Is.,N.Y.,April 4, 1924. , 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst.Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, located off shore in New York Lower Bay.
(State position, station, and whether station is on land or water.)

Total Compensation: $1182.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island, N. Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the keepers of the station, and if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

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No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?----------

If selected, I can report for duty in----------days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?----------

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?----------

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No."---------- If yes, state how many ----------; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
~~James A. Smith~~	A	D		
Fred'k. E. Baker	FR	Position 81 Oct 4/19		
Percy L. Offpel	AL	Department or office		
Thos. H. Smith	A	Position		
Geo. H. Stave	FR	Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature)----------

Date----------

(Post-office address)----------

11—749

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important th[illegible]s
letter be answer[illegible]promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3d DIST., (75)

Percy L Appel

Staten Is.,N.Y.,April 4, 1924. , 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst.Keeper on Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,Located off shore in New York Lower Bay.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $1182.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island, N. Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station; and if quarters can be rented by appointees in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

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Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in at once days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

One year.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many none; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Percy L. Appel

Date April 6, 1924

(Post-office address) Trumbull Conn
Box #138

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Telephone: 1198 BEEKMAN ESTABLISHED 1836

HARTFORD HOTEL
CAFE AND RESTAURANT
D. BLÖTE, PROPRIETOR
309 PEARL STREET

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

New York, May 31st 1921

Supt of Lighthouses,
3rd District, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of 26th instant was received by me this date.

In reply thereto I hasten to inform you that I am anxious and willing to accept the position of Watchman referred to therein and will call at your office on June 1st.

I am at present employed as attendant at Wards Island, Manhattan State Hospital, New York.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your ob'd't Servant,

James O'Connor.

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., Dec. 8, 1924, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y and C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Position, Keeper

Location, Block Is. S.E. Lt. Sta., R.I.

Effective Dec. 8, 1924 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $840 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position,

Location,

Former salary,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 82.6, Other eligibles considered:
George A. Zuius---* William E. Dubois---C Raymond A. Shaffer---C.

Previous incumbent, Carl F.W. Anderson Services terminated, Nov. 7, 1924

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, April 26, 1905.

Remarks: *Not considered as there are already two members of his family in the Government Service. No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Family quarters are provided at this station. Nos. 1 and 2 on eligible list will accept appointment only at point All Others Lt. Sta.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

12-17-24

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[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

M r. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1140 per annum to $ 1200 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 1, 1927.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1927.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
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January 31, 1925.

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Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting
Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1140.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500

To: $1620

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CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

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Cross-file UNIT Oppel, Percy L Number 75

Letter from J. F. Yates to Keepers & Ass't Keepers

Date October 10, 1928

Subject Ass't Keeper, Percy L. Oppel of Pecks Ledge Light Station was commended for assistance rendered by him on July 5, 1928 in connection with rescue of party of canoeists off Goose Island.

Original filed under

Unit Number 75

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Percy L. Offel (Name) — Connecticut (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob. appt.	780	L.H. Old Orchard L.S. N.Y.	Apr 24, 1924
"	Promo	840	" " " "	May 11, 1924
"	Readj of pay	1080	" " " "	July 1, 1924
	Resigned close of	Aug 31, 1924		
Keeper	Prob. appt	840	L.H. Block Isl. S.S. L.S.R.S.	Dec 18, 1924
"	Ready of Pay Act. Bud 6/25/24	1140	" " " " " "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1200	" " " " " "	July 1, 1925
"	Transfer	1380	" Rock Ledge L.S. Conn	Sept. 16, 1925
"	"	"	" Rock Ledge L.S. Conn.	Jan 1, 1926
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1440	" "	JAN 1 1927
"	Promo.	1500	From. to rate Feb. 16, 1927 L.H. - " "	Feb. 1, 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1620	" " "	JUL 1 1928
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1680	" " "	JAN 1 1931
~~Keeper~~	~~Transfer~~	~~1380~~	~~L.H. — Little Gull Sd. Ny~~	Cancelled
Keeper	Transfer.	1440	L.H. — Pt. Hvaneme L.S.	April 21, 1933
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF	Oct. 3, 1935 (W.O.P.)		

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. [redacted] FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. [redacted] 1626 Sheet No. 3 (b) 93

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Oppel, Percy L.
(Surname) (Given name) (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Swash Iotch Light Station
(b) Subdivision Third District
(c) City or town Staten Island State N.Y.

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title First Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1500-1800
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1620.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1620.00

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☐ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☐ Light ☐ Fuel ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From [illegible] a.m. to [illegible] p.m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer Winter (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year } (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime None (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months None

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
(c) How many?

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

18a. Not specified; average eight or less hours per day; Sundays operation of light and fog signal engines only.

Stand watches; work equally divided.

* New station under green Ledge Parks Ledge etc
auth 3/3/33

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
His work is supervised by the Keeper. As 1st Assistant Keeper he is in charge of and supervises work of the station in the absence of the Keeper.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? George H. Clarke, Keeper, 3(b)97

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe): Percy L. Oppel

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?
One yr. experience on steamship. Experience with gasoline engines House painting and experience with small boats.

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Percy L. Oppel

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in de[illegible]e work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in [illegible]arate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional [illegible]s last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph en[illegible]e approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
8hrs.	(1) My duty is to keep a light burning from sunset until sunrise, and start and attend the engines that run the fog horn when it's foggy. Stand an eight hour watch, and in the absence of the kpr. I am responsible for the Station.
	(2) I receive my instructions from the Keeper, and in his absence I maintane the Station routine, and assign the work to the second assistant in an equal ammount to my own.
	(3) The personal consist of the Keeper and a first and second assistant kpr. The Station is located off shore at Westport Harbor in Conn. It consist of three living rooms, an engine room, cleaning room and lantern.
	(4) Twice a month we attend five gas light assigned to us, and in the event that they are put out we must attend them immediately,
4hrs.	Also keep their structure clean and report any deficientcy.
	(5) Our principle work consist of painting and cleaning the Static painting and repairing boats, repairing and keeping the engines in running condition, going ashore for mail and provisions, chipping and red-leadding any rust spots that may appear. Polishing brass and cleaning glass lense when necessary, and standing an eight hour
8hrs.	watch.

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Percy L. Apker
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus and fog signal engine; keep apparatus in clean and efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs; ~~care of grounds~~.
Takes gas pressure of five automatic acetylene lights every two weeks and sends report to office.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? since September 1925.

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

OCT 12 1928, 1928 (Date) — F. W. OCKENFELS (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Asst. Superintendent. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1660.00 to $1860.00

OCT 12 1928, 1928 (Date) — J. T. YATES (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent. (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1560, to $1860

OCT 22 1928, 1928 (Date) — H. B. BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

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Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 16, 1935.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted, without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on October 5, 1935.

Bureau ..... Lighthouses.
Position ..... Keeper.
Allocation .....
Salary ..... $1440 per annum.
Station ..... Field.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

ALW. JG GARDNER OCT 19 1935

Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 1935 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE 1935 OCT - 15 - AM 10: 12

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif., August 28, 1935. , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Percy L. Oppel Position, Keeper (Assistant)

Legal residence, ~~California~~ Conn Station, Point Hueneme Light Station

Salary, $1440.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation without prejudice is recommended effective at the close of October 3, 1935, or a date to be hereafter reported.

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

H. W. Rhodes

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

Oppel 10/16/35

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

October 14, 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending acceptance, effective at the close of October 3.

11—4623

For the Commissioner:

A. R. Harman

Administrative Assistant.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
AUG 27 1935
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Point Hueneme Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 26th, 1935

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
#18th District.

Superintendent, Sir;

Kindly accept my resignation to take effect mid-night October 3rd, 1935.

I regret to leave this service but as my wife has an incurable case of homesickness, conditions force me to resign.

Respectfully submitted,

P. L. Appel Asst.

Through Keeper:
Walter White
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1933 MAY - 1 - AM 9:24

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

April 26,1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Department letter of March ~~30th~~ advising Mr. Percy L.Oppel that his compensation had been changed from $1680.00 to $1440.00 per annum,the Bureau is advised that Mr. Oppel entered on duty as Assistant Keeper,Point Hueneme Light Station, with compensation at the rate of $1440.00 per annum,effective commencing April 21,1933.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. Jenkins
Assistant Superintendent.

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ENTERED ON COMPLETION
OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date MAY 17 1933

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY - 1 1933
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Jones
Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 30, 1933.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of duties and station.)

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

CARDED

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

APR - 8 1933

From: $1680 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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APR 8 - 1933
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LIGHTHOUSES

1933 MAR -25- AM 9:01

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 27 1933

San Francisco, California, March 21, 1933, 19
(City) (Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 30 1933

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer To fill an existing vacancy.

Name, Percy I. Oppel

Position, Keeper (Assistant) - Eod 1924.

Location, Point Hueneme Light Station, Calif.

Effective, March 22, 1933

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1440.00 A.
Plus quarters valued $240.00 A.

Proposed range, $1200-1560 M

1440 QRS-240 1680

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper (First Assistant) (3d Grade)

Location, Pecks Ledge Light Station

Former salary, $1680.00 A. without quarters.

Former range, $1560-1920

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

(Lt.#793)

Previous incumbent and his pay, James C. Billings / $1200.00 A. Services terminated, January 13, 1933.

Reason, Dismissed for deserting post of duty

Members of family in Government service, NONE

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

Date of birth, May 26, 1905

Remarks: See Bureau radio March 15th re above transfer.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19----

For & in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. Jenkins

Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses.

3-27-33

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved., no change in the gross pay of the nominee being involved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN APR 6 1933 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

W. P. Harman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1932 NOV-30- PM 3:11
CHIEF CLERK

1932 NOV 25 AM 9:11

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC - 1 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Nov. 23,1932

5-11-12

SUBJECT: Cancellation, appointment, Percy L. Oppel, Keeper.
REFERENCE: Department letter dated Nov.9,1932.

1. Department letter, in duplicate, dated November 9,1932, addressed to Percy L. Oppel, transferring him from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper at Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn., to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, is returned herewith for cancellation.

2. Mr.Oppel advised this office he did not care to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. As the plan of discontinuing the positions of Keepers at Pecks Ledge Light Station has been postponed, Mr. Oppel was permitted to continue his duties as 1st Assistant Keeper at that station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
DEC 17 1932
SHEET NO. 14181
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington November 30, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for cancellation of Department letter of November 9, 1932, for the reasons given by the Superintendent.

CARDED

For the Commissioner:

R J Groves
Chief of Personnel Division

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

November 9, 1932.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station).

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Cancelled

From: $1680 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

November 9, 1932.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station).

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

E. H. J. GARDNER.

NOV 2 3 1932

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1680 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 OCT 15 AM 9:12

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Is.,N.Y., Oct.14,1932, 19
(City) (Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV - 5 1932
APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV - 9 1932
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer + demotion

Name, Percy L. Oppel (Request)

Position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective, Oct.20,1932

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a. quarters

Proposed range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

{ ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ or
as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.& etc.Lts.,Ct.

Former salary, $1680 p.a. no quarters

Former range, $1560-1920 p.a.

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

(Lt.#1598)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Edgar N. Mott Services terminated, Oct.15,1932

Reason, ~~Resigned~~ (Salary $1260 p.a.) Retired close 10/15/32

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Oppel requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19-----

11-5-32

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. Yates
J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, ~~transfer~~ at reduction in pay being agreeable to the nominee.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
NOV 9 1932
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS
OCT 13 1932
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

1st asst Per—nominate

THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta;
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 12th, 1932

Subject:— Consideration of Transfer to Little Gull Isl. Lt. Sta.

Supt. Lighthouses,

Sir. In reply to your letter of Oct 11th, asking if I wish to be considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Kpr. of Little Gull Lt. Sta. I wish to state that I would accept this position if I were selected.

I am a married man, and have no other prospects of a position. I would prefer a lank light in event of a vacancy. Respectfully submitted,

Tony L. Oppel
1st Asst Kpr.

In absence of Kpr.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

Dept

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 1932
APPOINTMENT

1932 APR - 6 - PM 3:35

CHIEF CLERK

April 2, 1932.

Lewis Oppel, First Assistant Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

The Bureau has read with interest a report relative to assistance rendered to a power boat which caught on fire on the midnight of March 4 in the vicinity of your station. It is noted that with the Keeper you went out to the burning boat and took off four men and also picked up another man from the water in an exhausted condition. The Bureau takes pleasure in commending you for your action in this instance, and is having the matter made a part of your official record.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DCC

Form A-83

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1930

Mr. Percy L. Oppel

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1620

To: $1680

Service and grade: Range $1560-1920

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

3d District.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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August 16, 1930.

Lewis P. Oppel, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

The Bureau has read with interest a report of assistance rendered by you on the morning of May 19 to the cat-boat "Eleanor" which was in distress in the vicinity of the light station. It is noted that the occupants of the "Eleanor" were brought to the light station and provision made for lodging them over night. The Bureau is pleased to commend you for your valuable assistance in this instance and to have the matter recorded as a part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RLC:LRF

CARDED

LIGHTHOUSES--Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by.....

Mailed.....by.....

RLC:EMF

July 23, 1928.

JUL 24 1928
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

P. Lewis Oppel, First Assistant Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

The Bureau has read with interest a report of assistance rendered by you on July 3 in connection with the rescue of a party of canoeists who were in danger of being drowned off Goose Island, and is pleased to commend you for your timely assistance on this occasion which will be noted as a part of your official record.

CARDED

E. C. GILLETTE
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by_____
Mailed_____by_____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

From: $1500

To: $1620

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Feb. 8, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of Changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter date	Effec. Date
Oppel, Percy L.	Keeper	$1500	promotion	*2-1-27	2-1-27

*Mr. Gardner says 2-1-27 may be accepted as date of Oppel's EOD.

See file of Hugo R. Carlson.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1927.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1440 per annum to $ 1500 per annum, effective February 11, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

FEB 8 1927

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

11—8074 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 FEB 2 AM 9 01

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT

1927 FEB 2 PM 3 27

CHIEF CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 3 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) Feb. 1, 1927 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 7 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Increase in pay. Promm.

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Position, Keeper 1st

Proposed range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta., Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach and Long Beach Lts., Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, February 11,1927

[1] ~~the exact date of entrance on duty~~, or Such date as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper 2nd

Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta., Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach, & Long Beach Lts., Conn.

Former range, ~~$1440-$1800~~ 1380-1740 p.a.

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

Continuous service since Dec. 18/24

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
FEB 8 1927
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: This recommendation is made for the reason that it is not considered equitable or just that the 2nd Asst.Keeper be promoted to the position of 1st Asst.Keeper without some increase in salary. In this connection attention is invited to Form 73 dated Jan.17,1927 recommending promotion of Mr. Oppel from 2nd Asst. to 1st Asst.Keeper

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. F. Hayes Chief.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 3 - 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. The Bureau has requested the Superintednent in cases of this kind to take up the matter of increase in salary at the same time as submitting nomination for promotion in rank.

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APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

1927 JAN 18 AM 9 10

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. Jan. 17, 1927
(City) (Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 19 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 20 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion — **Legal residence,** Connecticut

Name, Percy L. Oppel — Proposed salary, ~~$1440~~ $1500 p.a.

Position, Keeper 1st c — Proposed range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta., Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach and Long Beach Lts., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, February 1, 1927 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. Such

Former position, Keeper 2nd c — Former salary, ~~$1380~~ 1440 - 2nd Increase. p.a.

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta., Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach & Long Beach Lts., Conn. — Former range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, George H. Clarke — Services terminated, Jan. 31, 1927

Reason, Promoted (Salary ~~$1440~~ 1500 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JAN 20 1927
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19-----

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J. A. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 18 1927

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 1, 1927.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1927.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

JAN 12 1927

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPROVED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY 1/12/1927

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CROSS REFERENCE.

Lighthouse letter dated Sept. 25, 1925 reports the effective dates of recent changes in the Lighthouse service in the following cases:

Geo. H. Clark	$1620	9-16-25
Percy L. Oppel	$1380	"
Hugo R. Carlson	$1260	"
Stephen Holm	$1260	"

See file of Geo. A. Scheer

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. Dec. 3, 1925 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on January 1,1926

Name, Percy L. Oppel

From Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. and Grassy Hammock Lt.Conn.

Previous incumbent, New position.

Services terminated,

Position, Keeper (2d Asst)

To Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta., Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach and Long Beach Lts.,Conn.

Reason,

Referring to Forms 80 dated July 20th and Sept.18,1925 re change in illuminant etc. of White Rock Reef, Round Beach, Grassy Hammock, and Long Beach Lights; as the duties required of the keepers of Pecks Ledge Light Station in connection with the acetylene lights will not be more than has heretofore been required in connection with the care of one oil light - Grassy Hammock - no change in pay is to be made.

J. F. Pyles

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 7 - 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner.

CANCELED

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 22, 1925.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1200 per annum to $ 1380 per annum, effective September 16, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER AUG 28 1925

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 29 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

CANCELED

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
1925 AUG 21 PM 3 14

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Aug. 20, 1925 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Percy L. Oppel

Position, Keeper

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. & Grassy Hammock Lt., Conn.

Effective Sept.16,1925

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, ~~$1380 p.a.~~ (Pay range $1380 to $1620 p.a.)

Appropriation (Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses)

{ ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (Such date)

Former position, Keeper

Location, Block Island S.E. Lt.Sta., R.I.

Former salary, $1200 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, George H. Clarke

Services terminated, Sept.15,1925

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1380 p.a.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ACTION TAKEN
AUG 28 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Oppel requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm. Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

8-22-25

J. F. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 21 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Braverman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

S.C. Block Island.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 29, 1925

1925 AUG 21 AM

Supt. 3rd District Lighthouse Servic

I wish to be transferred to one of 44 the following stations as soon as possible. I will accept the position of Keper, 1st asst. or 2nd asst to the following stations.

Gruns Ledge — Rowayton Conn.
Latimers Ref - Stonington Conn.
New Haven Light — West Haven Conn.
Old Orchard Shoals - Stapelton N.Y.
Pecks Ledge — S. Norwalk Conn.
Penfield Ref — Fairfield Conn
South West Ledge — New Haven Conn
West Bank — New York.
Whale Rock — Narragansett Pier R.I.

Approved & Forwarded,
Willet H. Clark
Keeper.

Respectfully
Percy L. Oppel.
2nd asst. keeper.
S. C. Block Island.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1140 per annum to $ 1200 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSES
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REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 18 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

CHIEF CLERK

1925 MAY 18 AM 10 22

3rd Lighthouse District
(Bureau)

May 15,1925
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce. (The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on June 17,1925, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee has been ------ satisfactory* and (he) (~~she~~) is ------ considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Percy L. Oppel

Position Keeper (2nd Asst.)

Salary $1140 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Block Island S.E.Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Date of entrance on duty Dec.18,1924

Remarks:

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

J. F. Yates
(Signature of immediate superior.)
Supt.,3d Lighthouse Dist.

SUBMITTED: MAY 16 1925

~~Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.~~
(Head of Bureau or Office.)

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation embodying reasons for discontinuance in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting WM. J. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1140.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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CARDED FEB 4 1925

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

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LIGHTHOUSES DEC 17 1924
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Bureau, division, or office Lighthouse Service

1. Name in full Percy Lewis Opfel.

2. Legal (voting) residence Conn. #4th (State and Congressional District) Fairfield (County) Trumbull, (City or town)

3. Where born? Conn. (State or foreign country) Trumbull (City or town) When born? April 26 1905 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien ———

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male √	Female	Single √	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White √	Colored

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Old Orchard Schools. Lighthouse Service	~~2nd~~ Asst Keeper.	~~780A~~ ~~103.90~~ Per Mo.	April	24	1924	~~Sept~~ 5	10	1924
	1st Asst	1080A	5	11	24	8	31	24

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None √	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted ——— Discharged ———

Organization ———

Enlisted ——— Discharged ———

Organization ———

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
1 2 3 4 5 6 (7) 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications About 4 yrs seaman experience.

Steel Sailing Vessels

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs V. Opfel. (Name) Parent (Relationship)

Trumbull Conn Box 138 (Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Percy L Opfel.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Dec. 16 1924 (Date)

Present address Trumbull Conn

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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LIGHTHOUSES DEC 27 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Percy L. Oppel,

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.

Percy L. Oppel.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 16 day of December, A. D. 1924

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Marcus Hirsch

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb 1 1926

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$840 p.a.	Block Is.S.E. Lt.Sta.,R.I.
Former [5]		

CARDED

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Staten Island, N. Y. (Address), Dec 26-1924 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Dec- 18-1924 (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

(Signature, following his title) 1st Asst. Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

[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 on or after the effective 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, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has 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, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[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.

CARDED

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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1924.

M. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 8 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEC 9 - 1924

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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3rd.

Acting EDW. J. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Carl F. W. Anderson.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT

Staten Island, N.Y., Dec. 2, 1924, 19
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHTHOUSES 1924 DEC 9 AM 9 02

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Percy L. Oppel (Outs)

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $840 p.a.

Location, Block Is.S.E.Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Dec. 8,1924 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 5 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 8 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 82.6 , Other eligibles considered:
George A. Zuius---* William E. Dubois---C Raymond A. Shaffer---C.

Previous incumbent, Carl F.W.Anderson Services terminated, Nov.7,1924

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, April 26,1905.

Remarks: *Not considered as there are already two members of his family in the Government Service. No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Family quarters are provided at this station. Nos. 1 and 2 on eligible list will accept appointment only at Point Au Roche Lt.Sta.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, December 3 , 19 24

E. Parker
Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District.

J. F. Keyes

12/5/24

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 4 - 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 AUG 5 AM 8 49

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1924, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 6 1924
APPOINTMENT

Name, Percy L. Oppel Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $1080.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Aug. 31, 1924

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

CHIEF CLERK
1924 AUG 6 AM 10 20

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
AUG -7 1924
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Eng.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

8/6/24.
Enclosure

J. F. Yates
Chief.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 5 - 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1st Ext

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 2 1924
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHTHOUSES

Pers Acct Clerk

1924 AUG 5 AM 8 49
THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Shoals
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 1, 1924

Subject. – Resignation

Supt. Sir –

Please accept this as my resignation as 1st asst keeper of Old Orchard Shoals as I intend to leave this station September 1, 1924 and hereby give a months notice of same.

Respectfully

Percy Lewis Dpkpl.

Through Keeper.

Michael F Gilmore
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 6, 1924.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on August 31, 1924.

Bureau..... Lighthouses.

Station..... Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $1080 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 7 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

AUG 7 1924

CLIFFORD HASTING

Chief of Appointment Division.

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3rd

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(CROSS REFERENCE)

Ofel Percy L. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 1080, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated AUG 2 0 1924 File No. 1095/21.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1924.

Mr. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective May 10, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

MAY 9 - 1924

EDW. J. GARDNER,
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 9 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA RETURNED CARDED

Form 73

NOMINATION

CHIEF CLERK
1924 MAY 5 PM 2 01

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

1924 MAY 8 AM 8 48

Staten Island, N. Y. May 6th, 1924
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 8 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, **Percy L. Oppel**

Legal residence, **Connecticut**

Position, **Keeper**

Salary, **$840. per annum**

Location, **Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta. N. Y.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **May 10th, 1924.** [1] [redacted] or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, **$780. per annum**

Location, **Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.**

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, **Michael F. Gilmore** Services terminated, **May 9th, 1924.**

Reason, **Promoted**

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: **Mr. Oppel entered the service on April 24th, 1924, as 2nd Asst Keeper at Old Orchard Shoals Light Station and his promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be seen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.**

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

5/8/24

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. Yates
Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. MAY 8 1924

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 22 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
CHIEF CLERK
1924 MAY 22 LIGHTHOUSES
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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon [illegible] date.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Percy L. Oppel
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District 3rd
4. Place of duty: Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N. Y. (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $780.00 p.a.
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———." stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From eligible list of keepers and Asst. Keepers, dated March 13, 1924

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: "Mr. John Richard Roe." If name itself is merely a letter, so state.)

Percy Lewis Oppel

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

Percy Lewis Oppel

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

~~Connecticut~~ (State or Territory.) ~~Fairfield~~ (County.) ~~Bridgeport~~ (City or town.) ~~4th~~ 1st Fairfield County (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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6. Where were you born? Bridgeport Conn.

7. When were you born? April (Month.) 26th (Day.) 1905 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") single

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

Mrs Victor Appel (Name.) Box 138 (Number and street.)

Trumbull (City or town.) Conn (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position / Department or office		
		Position / Department or office		
		Position / Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States 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 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Work on oyster boat + farm work
small job painting

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

eighth grade public school.

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

none

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

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22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, May 20, 1924

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Percy Lewis Apkel

(Present address) Box 138
(Number and street.)

Trumbull Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 21, 1924

(Signature) J. T. Wheeler

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
1924 MAY 12
LIGHTHOUSES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 13 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
1924 MAY 12 AM

I, Percy L. Oppel

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.

Percy Lewis Oppel
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 5 th day of May, A. D. 1924

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) William J. Dolan

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 30 - 1925.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$780.00 p.a.	Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N. Y.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Staten Island, N. Y. (Address), May 10-1924 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 24-1924 (Date)

J. Wall
(Signature followed by title)

CARDED
U. S. KEEPERS DATA
Supt. Lighthouses

[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 on or after the effective 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, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has 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, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[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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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1924.

M. Percy L. Oppel,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APR 23 1924

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

CREDIT D.

Appropriation:

Richard A. Fricke.

Vice:

Connecticut.

Legal Residence:

(See reverse side.)

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U. S. REPORT DAILY ENTERED

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY DESIRED LIGHTHOUSES 1924 APR 23 AM 8 42

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., April 19, 1924
(City.) (Date.)

CHIEF CLERK

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

1924 APR 23 AM 10 20

Name, Percy L. Oppel — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $780.00 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 23, 1924 — ~~the date of his appointment~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 23 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 82.0, Other eligibles considered:

Frederick E. Baker.....C. Thomas H. Smith.....C.

Previous incumbent, Richard A. Fricke Services terminated, April 3, 1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, April 26, 1905

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos. 1, 4 and 5 on eligible list will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. April 21, 1924

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN

4/23/24

G. O. Parkinson
Assistant Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District.

J. T. Myers Eds.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 23 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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