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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
kraiga@gmail.com	858-357-5100

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
Parker, William, M.		1854 VA

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: 1912

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (VA)		
From: 1876	To: 1912	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

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Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: PARKER, WILLIAM M. **DOB:** 1/1/1854, VA

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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:	Area:	positive	negative
ARCIS:	Area:	positive	negative

Notes: **DOS: 1876 TO 1912; DOD: 1/1/1912, UNK; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, VA**

William M. Parker

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Va.

INACTIVE

William M. Parker
DOB 4/23/1855

Trans. from Treasury July 1, 1903

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Keeper, Killick Shoal L. Sta., Va.	$500 pa.	Light-House	
" " " " "	$42.50 mo	"	July 1. 1908.
	Died Jan 23. 1912		

INACTIVE

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PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

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

Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

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

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

Mr William Major Parker

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Wm M. Parker.

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

Chincoteague Island, Virginia Accomack 1st
City or town. State or Territory. County. Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Drummond Town Accomack Co. Va.

6. When were you born? April 23. 1855
Month. Day. Year.

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
None				

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

Went into service of U. S. Govt. Aug 7th 1876
27 years 11 Months 7 days.

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

Appointed before position was Classified, as Asst Light House Keeper at $390 per year Salary

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

Yeas ~~But~~ I use glasses

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

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

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

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

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

Before entering the Service of U. S. as Asst Light House Keeper I was carpentering

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

Hampton Normal Institute
at Hampton Virginia.

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

Carpenter.

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

None

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

yes I wrote them.

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 18., 1904

Witness:

(Signature) William Major Parker.

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Chincoteague
City or town.

Island
Number and street.

Virginia
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded DEC 7 - 1904, 190

(Signature) F. P. Galey

(Official title) Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector.

PART II.

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

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

Lt H Service (Bureau or Service.) Killicks Shoal Lt Sta Va (Place (city, town, or station).) 4th (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Keeper

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? Feby 23. 1886

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

Since July 26. 1876

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $500 per annum

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903?

Salaries of Keepers of Light Houses.

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

Competitive

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8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6. 1896

9. If the appointee or employee was appointed through examination, state the kind of examination. If not so appointed, state how he entered the position. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ——— ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Appointed before position was classified

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) A. P. Farenholt

Commander, U. S. Navy,

(Official title) Inspector.

Date: DEC 7 - 1904, 190

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

8932 LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, Fourth L. H. Dist.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

The Light-House Board,
Washington, D. C.

Oct. 2, 1908.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) increase in pay
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Mr. William M. Parker, 9/10 Excellent of (3) Virginia,
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Killick Shoal Light-Station, Va.,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $500 per annum to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Killick Shoal Light-Station, Va., at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $42.50 per mo., effective beginning (10) July 1st. 1908, (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) (~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) himself.
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) ----- on (13) -----
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) ----- stands No. (15) ---- in list of eligibles,
Recommended in accordance with schedule of July 15, 1908.
Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ---- per cent, and
was considered with (18) -----
(19) letters of declination of ----- See Board's letter of Oct. 8, 08, herewith.

Respectfully,

An additional allotment will be necessary to cover this increase.

H. A. Bispham
Lieut. Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED OCT 6- 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED OCT 7 1908 DEPT. OF COMMERCE & LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN OCT 7 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

10-7-08

October 6 1908.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

J. M. Helm
Captain, U. S. N.
Naval Secretary

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED OCT 6-1908 TO APPOINTMENTS

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

8932

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

October 7, 1908.

Mr. William M. Parker, of Virginia is hereby appointed
Shell
Keeper of Killick Light-Station, Virginia, as amended
Issue

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Forty-two and 50/100 dollars per month,

this appointment to be effective beginning July 1, 1908, he

having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served

in the above-mentioned position. (vice himself.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is

subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By promotion from $300 per annum.)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
REPORTED
OCT 19
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED.

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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CHANGE REPORTED
OCT — 1908
U.S. COAST GUARD

Department of Commerce and Labor
DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
Washington

8932

October 12, 1908.

Gentlemen:

The Board is requested to return Department letter of October 7, 1908, appointing Mr. William M. Parker, of Virginia, to the position of keeper of Killick Light-Station, Virginia, in order that the name of the station may be corrected to read Killick Shoal Light-Station, Virginia.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Geo. W. [illegible]
Chief of Appointment Division.

The Light-House Board,

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION

8982

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

October 7, 1903.

Mr. William M. Parker, of Virginia is hereby appointed

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Keeper of Kilby Shoal Light-Station, Virginia,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Forty-two and 50/100 dollars per month,

this appointment to be effective beginning July 1, 1903, he

having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served

in the above-mentioned position. (vice himself.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is

subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By promotion from $500 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED
OCT 8 1903
C.S. COMMISSION

Secretary.

Date of oath: 190

+ Amended Nisi

Enclosures.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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Form 111

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

No. 8932

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, William M. Parker

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

William M. Parker.

THOMAS B. BIRCH NOTARY PUBLIC ACCOMACK CO. VA.

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 24th day of October, A. D. 1908

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) Thomas B Birch

(Official title:) Notary Public

OFFICIAL TITLE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Keeper	Willis Thone Lt Sta. Va	Virginia	Virginia

$42.50 per mo

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 4th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

Philada Pa (Address.), Oct 26. 1908 (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1, 1908 (Date.)

CARDED

(Signed:) W. A. Bispham

Lieut Commander, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.

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

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. 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.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be executed at any time subsequent to the actual issuance of the appointment certificate, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form. Whenever possible the oath should be executed upon the date of actual entrance upon duty.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the exact date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 7 1909

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Service
2. Where employed Killick Shoal L.H., Va.
3. Name Parker, William M.
4. Where born Virginia
5. Age 54
6. Position Keeper
7. Compensation $42.50 p.m.
8. When appointed (*a*) About July 26, 1876.
9. How appointed (*b*) Before classification
10. Appointed from — State Virginia; Congressional District 1st; County Accomac
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
13. Other Government service None
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of Government property, exhibition of lights, care of apparatus, dwelling and site, minor repairs.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10; Quality of work (*e*) Excellent; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) ---

O. R.

CARDED

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

JUN 4 1909, 19

H. H. Bingham
Commander, U. S. Navy.
Inspector.
Head of Bureau or Office.

11—3005

February 2, 1911.

Sir:

The report of the Fifth Inspector on William M. Parker, keeper of Killick Shoal Light-Station, Virginia, and Devaney F. Jennett, keeper of Pamlico Point Light-Station, North Carolina, whose efficiency ratings are below the standard required by the Department of its employees, is received.

In view of the Inspector's and the Commissioner's recommendations, the Department will take no action regarding Mr. Parker's efficiency at the present time, but it requests that a further report be made in his case at the end of three months, and that it be advised of the probable date on which the charges the Inspector states he has preferred against Mr. Jennett will be forwarded for consideration.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully.

Add file of Jennett

Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses.

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Form 106

EFFICIENCY RATINGS

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 26 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

EFFICIENCY RATINGS of employees holding appointment certificates under direction of the **Inspector** *of the* **5th** *Light-House District for the period ending* {*December 31,* / ~~*June 30,*~~} **1910**, *whose efficiency is BELOW 8-10 for quantity of work, good for quality of work, and good for interest manifested in work.*

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(a) Indicate amount in tenths, on the basis that $\frac{10}{10}$ equals the amount of the class of work under consideration which can be performed by a thoroughly efficient employee.
(b) For quality and interest manifested in work use terms: Excellent, Good, Average, Fair, Poor. Abbreviate terms.
A recommendation, in duplicate, on a separate sheet of paper, should be made in each case noted on this report.
If a District Officer has no employees below the required standard, this form should be submitted with a statement thereon to that effect.

NAME OF EMPLOYEE (Surname last)	WHERE EMPLOYED (Abbreviate, if necessary)	EFFICIENCY			
		QUANTITY (a)	QUALITY (b)	INTEREST MANIFESTED IN WORK (b)	IS EMPLOYEE FULLY EARNING SALARY
Wm. M. Parker	Killick Shoal Light-Station, Va.	8/10	Average	Good	Yes
Devaney F. Jennett	Pamlico Point Light-Station, N. C.	8/10	Average	Poor	No

Commander, U. S. N.,
Light-House Inspector.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED
JAN 30 1911
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

HB-AJP
Bureau of Lighthouses.

January 28, 1911.

Respectfully submitted to the Honorable, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, with the recommendation that no further action be taken in Mr. Parker's case regarding his efficiency as the Inspector has cautioned him that he must show an improvement in his work at the next inspection.

With reference to the case of Mr. Jennett, no action is recommended by the Bureau pending the receipt and transmission to the Department of charges against him which the Inspector states he has preferred.

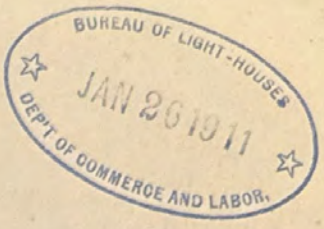
G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

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WROTE BUREAU 2-1-1911

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Recommendation relative to the Efficiency Rating of Wm. M. Parker, Keeper of Killick Shoal Light-Station, Va., for period ending December 31, 1910.

Has not kept his station up to the proper standard, as ascertained at the last inspection. Cautioned that he must show an improvement in his work at the next inspection.

Owing to this long service, I recommend that no action be taken in his case at present.

F. P. de Steiguer

Commander, U. S. N.,
Light-House Inspector.

LCH

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 26 1911
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LAB

Recommendation relative to the Efficiency Rating of Devaney F. Jennett, Assistant Keeper, Pamlico Point Light-Station, N. C., for the period ending December 31, 1910.

Has repeatedly remained away from station, without permission, in excess of time allowed by regulations, after being cautioned in regard thereto.

Unable to get along with Keeper of station without a great deal of friction.

Charges have been preferred against him and will be submitted at an early date, for the consideration of the Department.

W. P. De Steiguer

Commander, U. S. N.,

Light-House Inspector.

May 9. 11

Burlingame says that a communication will be requested from the 5th Supvr in this matter.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, FIFTH DISTRICT,
BALTIMORE, MD."

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES APR 26 1911 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Wm. M. Parker, Keeper of Killick
Shoal Light-Station, Va. - Efficiency.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED APR 27 1911

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED APR 27 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

April 25, 1911.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses,

Washington, D. C.

S i r :

Referring to my efficiency report of Mr. Wm. M. Parker, Keeper of Killick Shoal Light-Station, Va., for a period ending December 31, 1910, I have to state that at the last inspection of that station on April 11, 1911, I found a marked improvement in the cleanliness of the station, showing a decided change for the better in Mr. Parker's efficiency.

Respectfully yours,

for. W Rush Stuyvesant
Commander, U. S. N.,
Light-House Inspector.

File - report should be marked thus from Feb 4 1911

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Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
APR 26 1911

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

A Lee Mercer
Acting Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO APR 27 1911 APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, FIFTH DISTRICT,
BALTIMORE, MD."

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAY 20 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

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Wm. M. Parker, Keeper of Killick
Shoal Light-Station, Va.
Relative to efficiency.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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May 19, 1911.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
MAY 22 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

S i r :

Referring to Department letter of February 2, 1911, relative to the efficiency of Wm. M. Parker, Keeper of Killick Shoal Light-Station, Va., I have to state that at the time of my inspection of that station on April 11th, I found a marked improvement in its condition from that of a previous inspection, both in cleanliness and in care, and, in my opinion, Mr. Parker is now doing efficient service. I therefore recommend that no further action be taken in his case.

Respectfully yours,

Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
MAY 20 1911
Respectfully submitted to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

WROTE BUREAU
5-22-11

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

MEMORANDUM IN RE WILLIAM M. PARKER, KEEPER OF KILLICK SHOAL LIGHT STATION, VIRGINIA.

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The Inspector of the Fifth Lighthouse District reported Mr. Parker's efficiency rating for the period ending December 31, 1910, as 8/10 for quantity, average for quality, good for interest manifested in work, and added that he was fully earning his salary. The Inspector and the Commissioner of Lighthouses recommended that no further action be taken in Mr. Parker's case regarding his efficiency, as he had been cautioned that he must show an improvement in his work at the next inspection.

On February 2 the Commissioner was advised that the Department would take no action regarding Mr. Parker's efficiency at that time, but that a further report should be made in his case at the end of three months.

On the 19th instant the Inspector reported that at the time of his inspection of the Killick Shoal Light Station on April 11, he found a marked improvement in its condition from that of a previous inspection, both in cleanliness and in care, and that in his opinion Mr. Parker was doing efficient service. He therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case. This recommendation was approved by the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

In view of the fact that Mr. Parker's efficiency rating in June, 1909, was 10/10 excellent, and that he has now apparently arrived at his former state of efficiency, it is believed that

the recommendations of the Fifth Inspector and the Commissioner of Lighthouses should be approved.

Geo. W. [illegible]
Chief of Appointment Division.

May 23, 1911.

approved

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May 24, 1911.

Sir:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Bureau's recommendation of the 20th instant in the case of William H. Parker, keeper of Killick Shoal Light Station, Virginia, whose efficiency rating was reported in January, 1911, as below the standard required by the Department of its employees.

In view of the Fifth Inspector's statement that at the time of his inspection of the station on April 11, a marked improvement in its condition was found over that observed at a previous inspection, both in cleanliness and in care, and that, in his opinion, Mr. Parker is now doing efficient service, the Bureau is advised that its recommendation that no further action be taken in his case has been approved.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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(CROSS REFERENCE - EFFICIENCY)

At a meeting of the EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE the action outlined below was decided upon in the following cases:

SYDNEY C. BANES, THOMAS C. LONERGAN, WILLIAM M. PARKER, [redacted], DANIEL S. K. PAHU, ROBERT W. CHRISTY. Submit addl. report on January 1, 1912.

See DL of JUNE 29, 1911, in file of

MISC. 271/36.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, FIFTH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD."

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 25 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Killick Shoal Lightstation:
Death of Mr. William M. Parker, Keeper.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Information has been received at this Office, by telephone, that Mr. William M. Parker, Keeper, Killick Shoal Light Station, Va., died on January 23, 1912.

42.50

Very respectfully,

H. Lamston

Commander, U.S.N., Retired,

Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
JAN 25 1912

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

L. B. Putnam

Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
JAN 26 1912
APPOINTMENTS

Act. 1-27-12

January 27, 1912.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's communication of the 25th instant, reporting the death, on January 23, 1912, of Mr. William M. Parker, keeper of Hillick Shoal Light Station, Virginia, at $42.50 per month.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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JAN 29 1912
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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INDORSEMENT SLIP

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

AJP Washington Feby 29, '12.

Third indorsement.

William M. Parker, re death, etc.

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Respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, inviting attention to the copy of letter from the Keeper of Assateague Light Station.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY RECEIVED MAR 4 - 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Commissioner.

Seen by me Mar 4

Noted. A

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED MAR 5 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington

FEB 15 1912

Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the 5th Light-House District for investigation and return with report and recommendation, early reply requested.

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

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[redacted] FEB 17 1912 - Mr. O.R.
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February 15, 1912.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
FEB 15 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Memorandum for Mr. Putnam:

The Secretary thinks that inquiries should be made to ascertain the circumstances of Parker's widow, and whether or not the Department can be of service to her. Please report the result of such inquiries.

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INCLOSURES
William M. Parker,
death, etc.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
Washington

FEBRUARY 2, 1912.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Sir:

Referring to the memorandum of the Secretary received by the Bureau on the 30th ultimo, relative to the death of William M. Parker, keeper of Killick Shoal Light Station, Va.

I have the honor to return herewith the memorandum in question, together with its accompanying papers, with the statement that supplies for this lighthouse were obtained by the keeper himself and were not delivered by tender. The station is situated in the protected waters of Chincoteague Bay, and is only about one mile from the village of Chincoteague, where ample facilities exist for the keeper to obtain provisions or any other necessary supplies without difficulty. The station is provided with an 18-foot sailboat for communication with the shore.

The newspaper remark with reference to there being an assistant keeper (the wife of the keeper) at the station is erroneous, as only one keeper is provided for this station. It is not advisable to appoint the wife of the late keeper to his position in any event at this station, on account of its being an off-shore station, etc. She is not an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

G R Putnam
Commissioner.

How are the supplies generally delivered for this Light House? Did I depend upon the launch regardless of the weather conditions? Will the visitors be returned on the Service?

C. H.

Mr. Putnam

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
Washington

H B .
TWO inclosures.

William M. Parker,
report of death.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
RECEIVED
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a clipping from the "Baltimore American", of January 27, 1912, forwarded to this office by the Inspector of the Fifth Lighthouse District, relative to the death of William M. Parker, keeper of Killick Shoal Light Station, Virginia, on January 23, 1912.

There is also submitted herewith a copy of a letter of the 24th instant from the Inspector reporting Mr. Parker's death.

Respectfully,

G. L. Putnam
Commissioner.

THE LIGHT DID SHINE AT NIGHT

Winter Tragedy on Chincoteague Island

Keeper dies at his Post

Kneeling in prayer when his life went out

Alone in Lighthouse, William Taylor, After a Service of Twenty-six Years, Passes Peacefully Away- His Wife, at Sunset, Seeing No Beacon, Sets Out in a Launch, Battles With the Ice, Reaches Point, and Strikes Light While Body is Carried Away.

Snow Hill, Md., January 26,-- At sunset yesterday the light from Chincoteague Lighthouse did not shine across the waters of Sinepuxent Bay nor blink its salutation to its sister light at Assateague, that guards the treacherous channels and dangerous sandbars of the Atlantic eastward of Chincoteague Island. The Inhabitants of the island looked and wondered. Never in the history of the lighthouse had such a thing occurred before. There was one woman on the island who knew there was something serious the matter. It was the keeper's wife, and she, in her sturdy little gasoline launch, had battled with the ice floes alone a few hours before and come to Chincoteague for much-needed supplies. She and her husband had been icebound since the extreme cold weather of the last few weeks and when she left he was seemingly in the best of health. The ice floes had not torn the lighthouse from its foundations for at sunset its white wall and red roof were plainly visible. The apparatus must not be in working order. But, in this event, the keeper would have rigged a substitute light. But there must be no delay. The light must shine or lives may be lost.

Mrs. Taylor, who is assistant keeper, readily found men to assist her in getting back to the lighthouse and the battle with the ice began. For a time the lighthouse could not be discerned, but at last it was sighted, but nowhere could a light be seen in the house. This forebode evil and as the party drew near and nearer and finally reached the little iron ladder that runs up from the water to the landing platform and were not greeted by the cheerful voice of William Taylor, the keeper, they were convinced that in the few short hours since the departure of the wife something serious had happened.

In a few moments their fears were realized, for they found Taylor kneeling at his bedside as if in the act of prayer. He was dead.

The light shown last night, garded by Taylor's wife, who knew that, as she watched, the body of her husband was being carried across the

waters of the Bay, for burial by the friends who had assisted her in reaching her home, and they were being guided by the light which for 26 years he had attended.

William Taylor and his wife have been keeper and assistant keeper of Chincoteague Light since it was established 26 years ago. Never had the government received any complaint as to its management and the keeper and his wife, although negroes, were esteemed by all who knew them. William received his training under Captain Anderson, keeper of Assateague Light, and he was one of the first to notice that Chincoteague Light was not shining.

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Clipping from The Baltimore "AMERICAN", January 27, 1912.

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Note:- The name of the keeper is William M. Parker, instead of William Taylor, as reported in the newspaper clipping.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Inspector, 5th District

Baltimore, Md.

January 24, 1912.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Information has been received at this office by telephone that Mr. William M. Parker, keeper, Killick Shoal Light Station, Virginia, died on January 23, 1912.

Very respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. C. POUNDSTONE.

Commander, U.S.Navy, Ret.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

Fifth District

Assateague

February 21,1912.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of 17th instant, relative to the widow of Wm. M. Parker late Keeper of the Killick Shoal Light Station, beg to say that Mrs. Parker is living here on the Island on a small estate left by her husband.

It has developed that he left several debts unpaid and, if so, this estate will have to be sold to pay them. In the event of her having to vecate this home she has one half interest in her own right, in another section of the Island to which she could go if she wished, she has about $900.00 in cash derived from a Life Insurance Policy that her husband carried for her benefit, altogether I think Mrs. Parker is very well situated financially and not dependent upon anyone, she is about 50 years of age, in excellent health, and seemingly happy, has no children.

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Very Respectfully,

(Signed) Jno. L. Anderton.

Keeper.

Lighthouse Inspector,

Fifth District,

Baltimore, Md.

William A Barker

Quality of work - 70 %

See also Ds 17 + 20

Finished supt Jan. 1/12

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Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 13 1911

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name William M. Parker 2. Age 56 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse Service 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $42.50 per mo. 6. Where employed Killick Shoal Light, Va.

7. When appointed (*a*) Feb. 23, 1886 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Is responsible for lighting and extinguishing the light and for public property at station and its preservation.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	85	2	190	00
Quality of work	70	3	210	00
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255	00
Attendance	100	2	200	00
Total		10	855	00
Average percentage			85	50

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) To some extent a routine employee. Has not in the past manifested enough interest but since reprimanded, a few months ago, has done better.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Fair equivalent.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*) His station was not up to the standard in regard to cleanliness but since being reprimanded there has been a marked improvement.

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

J. Rob Stayer

Commander, U. S. N. Inspector, 5th Dist.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

G. R. Putnam

Chief of Bureau or Office.

TSC

Wm. M. Parker.

Department of Commerce and Labor

L. Hanes.

Quantity, quality and interest 60.

Routine.

Overpaid.

See also L. 20.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 25 1912
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

EFFICIENCY REPORT

January 2, 1912

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name William M. Parker 2. Age 56 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse Service 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $42.50 p.m. 6. Where employed Killick Shoal Lighthouse, Va.

7. When appointed (*a*) Feb. 23, 1886 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Is responsible for lighting and extinguishing the light, and for the public property at the station and its preservation.

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14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	60	2	120	00
Quality of work	60	3	180	00
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	60	3	180	00
Attendance	100	2	200	00
Total		10	680	00
Average percentage			68	00

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Merely performs his routine duties; manifests little interest in his or in the service.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Overpaid for the work he does; allowed salary is a fair one for the station.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. $35. per month would be sufficient for this Employee.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*) His station at last inspection was found in a very unsatisfactory condition. Not considered an efficient employee or desirable for retention in the service.

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

W. C. Saunders

Commander, U.S.N., Retd. L.H. Inspector.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

[redacted]

Commissioner

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: PARKER, WILLIAM M. **DOB:** 1/1/1854, VA

SOUNDEX: P626

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:	Area:	positive	negative
ARCIS:	Area:	positive	negative

Notes: **DOS: 1876 TO 1912; DOD: 1/1/1912, UNK; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, VA**

PARKER, Wm. M.

Dec-31-1910-Effy. rating 8/10-Average-Good—

Parker cautioned December, 1910, by
Inspr that he must show improvement.

Apr. 25/11 Inspr states inspection on Apr 11/11 showed marked improvement in cleanliness, showing a decided change for the better in Parker's efficiency.

May 19/11 Inspr writes further reiterating statement made in his letter of Apr 25/11 re Parker's efficiency & recommends no further action in his case.

May 24/1911 Dept letter states in view of Inspr's report of May 19/11, the Bureau's rec that no further action be taken in this case has been approved.

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Form 103

EFFICIENCY RATINGS

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 26 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

EFFICIENCY RATINGS of employees holding appointment certificates under direction of the Inspector *of the* 5th *Light-House District for the period ending* {December 31, / ~~June 30,~~} 19 10, *whose efficiency is BELOW 8-10 for quantity of work, good for quality of work, and good for interest manifested in work.*

(a) Indicate amount in tenths, on the basis that 1/10 equals the amount of the class of work under consideration which can be performed by a thoroughly efficient employee.
(b) For quality and interest manifested in work use terms: Excellent, Good, Average, Fair, Poor. Abbreviate terms.
A recommendation, in duplicate, on a separate sheet of paper, should be made in each case noted on this report.
If a District Officer has no employees below the required standard, this form should be submitted with a statement thereon to that effect.

NAME OF EMPLOYEE (Surname last)	WHERE EMPLOYED (Abbreviate, if necessary)	EFFICIENCY			
		QUANTITY (a)	QUALITY (b)	INTEREST MANIFESTED IN WORK (b)	IS EMPLOYEE FULLY EARNING SALARY
Wm. M. Parker	Killick Shoal Light-Station, Va.	8/10	Average	Good	Yes
Devaney F. Jennett (Cross-induced)	Pamlico Point Light-Station, N. C.	8/10	Average	Poor	No

Commander, U. S. N.,
Light-House Inspector.

HB-AJP
Bureau of Lighthouses.

January 28, 1911.

Respectfully submitted to the Honorable, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, with the recommendation that no further action be taken in Mr. Parker's case regarding his efficiency as the Inspector has cautioned him that he must show an improvement in his work at the next inspection.

With reference to the case of Mr. Jennett, no action is recommended by the Bureau pending the receipt and transmission to the Department of charges against him which the Inspector states he has preferred.

Commissioner.

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(This md. by mistake)

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 26 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Recommendation relative to the Efficiency Rating of Wm. M. Parker, Keeper of Killick Shoal Light-Station, Va., for period ending December 31, 1910.

Has not kept his station up to the proper standard, as ascertained at the last inspection. Cautioned that he must show an improvement in his work at the next inspection.

Owing to this long service, I recommend that no action be taken in his case at present.

L. P. de Steiguer
Commander, U. S. N.,
Light-House Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 26 1911
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Recommendation relative to the Efficiency Rating of Devaney F. Jennett, Assistant Keeper, Pamlico Point Light-Station, N. C., for the period ending December 31, 1910.

Has repeatedly remained away from station, without permission, in excess of time allowed by regulations, after being cautioned in regard thereto.

Unable to get along with Keeper of station without a great deal of friction.

Charges have been preferred against him and will be submitted at an early date, for the consideration of the Department.

W. P. B. Stephen
Commander, U. S. N.,
Light-House Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 30 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

January 27, 1912.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's communication of the 25th instant, reporting the death, on January 23, 1912, of Mr. William M. Parker, keeper of Killick Shoal Light Station, Virginia, at $42.50 per month.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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TWO inclosures.

William M. Parker,
report of death.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a clipping from the "Baltimore American", of January 27, 1912, forwarded to this office by the Inspector of the Fifth Lighthouse District, relative to the death of William M. Parker, keeper of Killick Shoal Light Station, Virginia, on January 23, 1912.

There is also submitted herewith a copy of a letter of the 24th instant from the Inspector reporting Mr. Parker's death.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

HB-EAO.

Wm. M.Parker.
Death of-

January 31, 1912.

The Lighthouse Inspector,

Baltimore, Md.

Sir:-

Referring to the death on January 23, 1912, of William M. Parker, keeper of Killick Shoal light-station, Va.-

I have to advise you that the following inquiry is received by this office this day from the Department:

"How are the supplies generally delivered for this light-house?" "Did it depend upon the launch regardless of the weather conditions?" "Will the widow be retained in the Service?"

SEE NOTE

The Bureau requests you to answer this letter at the very earliest practicable date, giving the information requested. It is known to this office that Mrs. Parker is not now an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

This quoted paragraph is copied from a pencilled mem. made by Secretary Nagel himself. His mem was returned with Bu letter of Feby 2, 1912.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, FIFTH DISTRICT,
BALTIMORE, MD."

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 2 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Wm. M. Parker,
death of

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

February 1,1912.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington,D.C.

S i r :

In reply to the Bureau's letter of January 31,1912,relative to Wm. M. Parker, late keeper of Killick Shoal lighthouse,Va.,the Inspector would state supplies for this lighthouse were obtained by the keeper himself and were not delivered by tender. The station is situated in the protected waters of Chincoteague Bay,and is only about one mile from the village of Chincoteague,where ample facilities exist for the keeper to obtain provisions or any other necessary supplies without difficulty. The station is provided with an 18-foot sail boat for communication with the shore.

Respectfully yours,

H. C. Ramsdale

Commander,U.S.N.,Retired,

Lighthouse Inspector.

Feby 2,1912, W'ton Dept

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Inclosures
William M. Parker,
death, etc.

FEBRUARY 2, 1912.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

Referring to the memorandum of the Secretary received by the Bureau on the 30th ultimo, relative to the death of William M. Parker, keeper of Killick Shoal Light Station, Va.

I have the honor to return herewith the memorandum in question, together with its accompanying papers, with the statement that supplies for this lighthouse were obtained by the keeper himself and were not delivered by tender. The station is situated in the protected waters of Chincoteague Bay, and is only about one mile from the village of Chincoteague, where ample facilities exist for the keeper to obtain provisions or any other necessary supplies without difficulty. The station is provided with an 18-foot sailboat for communication with the shore.

The newspaper remark with reference to there being an assistant keeper (the wife of the keeper) at the station is erroneous, as only one keeper is provided for this station. It is not advisable practicable to appoint the wife of the late keeper to his position in any event at this station, on account of its being an off-shore station, etc. She is not an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

AJP Feby 29, '12.

Third

William M. Parker, - death, etc.

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Respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, inviting attention to the copy of letter from the Keeper of Assateague Light Station.

Commissioner.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 13 1911

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3. Bureau Lighthouse Service 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $42.50 per mo. Where employed Killick Shoal Light, Va.

7. When appointed (*a*) Feb. 23, 1886 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Is responsible for lighting and extinguishing the light and for public property at station and its preservation.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

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Quality of work	70	3	210	00
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255	00
Attendance	100	2	200	00
Total		10	855	00
Average percentage			85	50

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) To some extent a routine employee. Has not in the past manifested enough interest but since reprimanded, a few months ago, has done better.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Fair equivalent.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*) His station was not up to the standard in regard to cleanliness but since being reprimanded there has been a marked improvement.

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

Commander, U. S. N. Inspector, 6th Dist.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

Chief of Bureau or Office.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3 ESH

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

BUREAU OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS
JAN 25 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

January 2, 1912

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name William M. Parker 2. Age 56 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse Service 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $42.50 p.m. 6. Where employed Killick Shoal Lighthouse, Va.

7. When appointed (a) Feb. 23, 1886 8. How appointed (b) Prior to classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service none.

13. Duties (describe fully) Is responsible for lighting and extinguishing the light, and for the public property at the station and its preservation.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	60	2	120 00
Quality of work	60	3	180 00
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	60	3	180 00
Attendance	100	2	200 00
Total		10	680 00
Average percentage			68 00

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1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Merely performs his routine duties; manifests little interest in his or in the service.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Overpaid for the work he does; allowed salary is a fair one for the station.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. $35. per month would be sufficient for this Employee.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*) His station at last inspection was found in a very unsatisfactory condition. Not considered an efficient employee or desirable for retention in the service.

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

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Commander, U.S.N., Retd. L.H. Inspector.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

Chief of Bureau or Office.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 7 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Service
2. Where employed Killick Shoal L.H., Va.
3. Name Parker, William M.
4. Where born Virginia
5. Age 54
6. Position Keeper
7. Compensation $42.50 p.m.
8. When appointed (*a*) About July 26, 1876.
9. How appointed (*b*) Before classification
10. Appointed from
    - State Virginia
    - Congressional District 1st
    - County Accomac
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
13. Other Government service None
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of Government property, exhibition of lights, care of apparatus, dwelling and site, minor repairs.
15. Efficiency
    - Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10
    - Quality of work (*e*) Excellent
    - Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*)

W. W. Kirkham
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.
Head of Bureau or Office.

JUN 4 1909, 19

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PARKER, Wm. M.

Dec-31-1910-Effy. rating 8/10-Average-Good—

Parker cautioned December, 1910, by Inspr that he must show improvement.

Apr. 25/11 Inspr states inspection on Apr 11/11 showed marked improvement in cleanliness, showing a decided change for the better in Parker's efficiency.

May 19/11 Inspr writes further reiterating statement made in his letter of Apr 25/11 re Parker's efficiency & recommends no further action in his case.

May 24/1911 Dept letter states in view of Inspr's report of May 19/11, the Bureau's rec that no further action be taken in this case has been approved.

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FILE No. 369

SUBJECT PARKER, WILLIAM M.

SERIAL 1

No.	DATE	FROM OR TO	NAME	SUBJECT MATTER
1	1908. 10-2	to	Light-House Board.	Pay. Change to $42.50 per month recommended.
2	10-19	from	" "	" " " " New apptmt.
3	10-22	to	Self	" " " " " " Fwd & Oath of office.
4	11-17	to	Light-House Board	Oath of Office fwd.
5	1909 6-25	from	" "	Trans claim with original note for $45 for expln.
6	6-29	to	Keeper.	Req. statement relv to note due &c.
7	7-2	from	"	Statement revl to note due.
8	7-6	to	Light-House Board	Trans ltr from Parker for infrn, no valid claim &c.
9	7-7	from	" "	Returns papers belonging to Parker, no action will be taken.
10	7-8	to	Self.	Encls papers fwds with No.7.
11	7-8	from	H. Burlingame	Return note of Wm.M.Parker, returned by mistake with Board's letter.
12	--	fr	Newspaper Clipping	Account of death of keeper at post--Chincoteague LightH.

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LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

July 8, 1909.

Mr. William M. Parker,

Box 6,

Chincoteague Island, Va.

Sir:

1. As requested in your former letter, there are returned to you herewith five papers enclosed therewith.

2. With reference to the claim of Mr. John H. Herrman, you are informed that the Light-House Board has stated to him that it is unable to afford him any relief in this matter.

Respectfully,

H. A. BISPHAM.
Commander, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

5 Enclosures.

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
FOURTH DISTRICT.
JUL 10 1909
RECEIVED.

Department of Commerce and Labor

July 8, 1909.

Mem for Mr. Smith.

I am of opinion that the note of Wm. M. Parker was returned by mistake with the Bd's letter of the 7th inst. If so, kindly return that it may be sent to the proper party.

HB

Ansd.= Ltr returned to this office. Only Parkers papers received

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
FOURTH DISTRICT.
JUL 8 - 1909
RECEIVED.

William M. Parker,
Claim against.

July 7, 1909.

The Inspector of

The 4th Light-House District,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of the 6th instant relative to the claim against William M. Parker, the Board states that it has informed Mr. John N. Herrman that it is unable to afford him any relief in this matter.

2. The five papers furnished by Parker are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Subject: William M Parker, claim against.

July 6, 1909.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

1. Pursuant to the Board's request of June 25th, I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter, dated July 2, 1909, from Mr. William M. Parker, relative to the note for $45 in the name of John N. Herrman, which it is claimed is due and unpaid.

2. I have been personally cognizant of this affair for some time, and I am of the opinion that this matter in no way reflects upon the honesty and integrity of Mr. Parker. I understand that the note was given for an insurance policy, which has never been delivered, and from the enclosures furnished by Mr. Parker and forwarded herewith, it will appear that the payee has offered to settle the claim for $22.50.

3. In my opinion, the existence of the note is not prima facie evidence of a just claim for value received, and I respectfully suggest that the courts of the State of Virginia are open to the claimant, and should he succeed in establishing a valid claim, and should Mr. Parker then refuse to pay, in my opinion some action should be taken.

4. The enclosures forwarded by the Board and others furnished by Mr. Parker (5 in number) are herewith enclosed. The return of Mr. Parker's papers is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

H.A.BISPHAM.

Enclosures.

Commander, U.S.Navy, Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 29, 1909.

Mr. William M. Parker,

Keeper Killick Shoal Light-Station,

Chincoteague Island, Va.

Sir:

1. This office is in receipt of a communication from the Light-House Board, enclosing a note signed by you and drawn to the order of John M. Herrman, dated April 4, 1908, due in 4 months, for the sum of $45, which by the sworn statement of John M. Herrman, dated June 21, 1909, has not been paid, neither has any portion thereof.

2. I am directed by the Light-House Board to obtain from you a statement as to what you intend to do in the matter.

3. In making this statement, please furnish a history of the note, stating for what it was originally given, and any facts which will tend to explain the transaction which it represents.

4. An early reply is requested.

Respectfully,

H. A. BISPHAM

Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector.

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Three inclosures.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
FOURTH DISTRICT.
JUN 26 1909
RECEIVED.

William M. Parker,
claim against.

June 25, 1909.

The Inspector of

The Fourth Light-House District,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

1. The Board incloses herewith a letter of the 21st instant with its inclosures from Mr. John N. Herrman, relative to the claim against William M. Parker, keeper of Killick Shoal Light-Station, Va.,

2. The Board requests you to obtain a statement from Parker as to what he intends to do in this matter. The note should be retained in your office and returned to the Board with the other papers together with Parker's reply.

Respectfully,

H. T. Mayo

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

JSH.

C O P Y

Berlin, Maryland, June 21, 1909.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find note against Wm. M. Parker for $45.00 - this is balance on note he first gave me $130.00, and as you see by the date this note April 4, 1908 - Aug. 4, 1908. I paid this note for him as I am endorser- the bank refuse to cary any longer - he made several payments and got the amount down to $45.00 and has not paid any thing since. About a year ago or more I sent note to James E. Holland, a merchant at Chincoteague. If Parker would pay I give him the interest-to day Holland sent me the note and you see what he says - if you pay me out his wages then the note belongs to him.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) John M. Herrman.
Berlin, Md.

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Berlin, Md.

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C O P Y

Chincoteague, Va., June 19, 1909.

Dear Cousin John:

I herewith enclose note as requested, of Wm. M. Parker's trust you will be able to get it, I should demand full value now by you having so much trouble with him.

With best wishes to all.

I am very sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Jas. E. Holland.

COPY OF NOTE

$45.00 Berlin, Md., Apl 4, 1908.

Four months after date I promise to pay to the order of Jno. N. Herrman Forty Five Dollars

at the BANK OF CALVIN B. TAYLOR BANKING COMPANY, Berlin, Md.

No. 1085 Sign Wm. M. Parker

Dur Aug. 4, paid by J. N. Herrman

Probate

WORCESTER COUNTY, to wit:
THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

On the 21st day of June nuneteen hundred and nine before me the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appears Jno. N. Herrman and makes oath in due form of law, that the account, as stated, is just and true, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief, no part or parcel of the same has ever been, either directly or indirectly, paid, satisfied or secured, except the credits given.

Sworn before Jno. E. Smith,
(Seal) Notary Public.

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