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Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Patton, Neal		

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:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (LA)		
From: 1924	To: 1927	
(Agency & Location)		
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From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

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Resigned 10-15-27

NEAL PATTON.

NEAL PATTON.

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Washington D C MAY 8 - 1928

Lighthouse Superintendent New Orleans La

(Mail)

Appointment Patton approved

Putnam

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

Accept open
5/8/28

To Dept. 5/7/28

Approved by

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

WJB.

South Pass Range Rr.L.S.,La.

Hydro.
Engr. Comr.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

1923 JUN 29 AM 11 50

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 27th, 1923.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the nomination of Neal Patton for transfer to the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $720 per annum, forwarded this date:

2. On March 1st, 1923, the salary of the present incumbent, Benton F. Miller, was reduced from $720 p.a. to $660 p.a. on account of quarters being furnished his wife in the tower. Mr. Patton's family consists of a wife and two children and the tower quarters being inadequate it will be necessary for him to rent quarters outside the Lighthouse reservation, Mr. Patton having been so informed. It is therefore recommended that the pay of the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., be brought up to $720 per annum with no quarters.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 84

WJB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

1924 MAY 21 PM 12 LIGHTHOUSES

New Orleans, La., May 19th, 1924.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (Form 73) from this office dated April 28, 1924, on the subject of promotion and appointment of Neal Patton, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, $720 per annum (with quarters) at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., effective May 6, 1924.

E. S. LANDRIEU

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Corps.
Mar. Eng.
Electrons
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
May 23, 1924.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., with statement that since the transaction involved no change in pay or designation the Department accepted your nomination simply as a Form 73a and no further action in the matter is necessary.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON June 7, 1927.

LIGHTHOUSES
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6/14/27 Let Dept & Copy 8th

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

1. In reference to your inclosed resignation form 93 and letter from Neal Patton, Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., recommending the acceptance of resignation effective at the close of July 15, 1927:

2. Keeper Patton's letter in this instance does not seem in the form of a resignation, and further report is accordingly requested. In view also of the fact that this keeper was apparently injured in the line of duty and the fact that it is proposed to reassign him to duty when he is able, it would be advisable to put him on leave without pay status until the proper time and meanwhile recommend the organization of a temporary additional position.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

WJB:LEC

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., June 10, 1927

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

2. In accordance with the above suggestion, Keeper Patton will be carried on the rolls of this office in a non-pay status, and it is recommended that an additional position of Keeper, with pay at the rate of $1020 per annum, be authorized at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., to continue until Keeper Patton is able to resume his duties.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Neal Patton
(Name)

La
(Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob	600	Lt Merrill Shell Bank Miss SS	May 16, 1923
"	Trans	720	" So Pass Rge SS La	July 30, 1923
"	(Incl fam. allow)	"	" "	May 6, 1924
"	Read of Pay	960	" "	July 1, 1924
"	"	1140	" "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	Inc in Comp	1200	" "	July 1, 1925
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF		Oct. 15, 1927.	

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

October 18, 1927.

Mr. Neal Patton,

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 October 15, 1927.

Bureau..... Lighthouses.

Position..... Keeper.

Allocation.....

Salary..... $1200 per annum.

Station..... South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

OCT 21 1927

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 1719 OCT 22 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

8th.

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Form 93
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CHIEF CLERK
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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

1927 OCT 17

LIGHTHOUSES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 18 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., October 14, 1925

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Neal Patton — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Louisiana — Station, South Pass Range Rear L.S., La.

Salary, $1200 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of October 15, 1927

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

Remarks: Mr. Patton is now on leave without pay because of his physical disability to climb the tower at South Pass Range Rear Light Station and this office endeavored to find a position where this would not be necessary. A vacancy was arranged in the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of the Passes Light Station, where there is no tower to climb, but in view of Mr. Patton's declination to return to duty before January 1st, it is recommended that his resignation be accepted.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 20 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1927.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

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10-18-27

T. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 12 1927
NEW ORLEANS

Boothville, Louisiana.

October 10/27.

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 OCT 17 AM 9 42

Superintendent Of Light Houses

Eight (8) District

New Orlean, La.

Sir:

1. In submiting reply to communifation of Oct.5th., regarding vacancy at the Head Of Passes Light Station. La. I wish to state that I am not in a posgition to accept this kind offer just now. However, later, say about the 1st of the year. I shall be glade to accept most any station in the 8th District.

2. Should this not meet with the approval of the Superintendent. Or if it appears that I am miss-using the kindness which has been extendad to me by the Office. It is then desired that my resignation be forwarded, and I shall submitt an other application at an other date.

Resptly. And Oblige

Neal Payton

Neal Payton
Boothville, La.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Neal Patton, June 25, 1925.

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,

WM. J. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division.

11—6074

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 18 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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CARDED

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/ D#1

NAME Patton, Neal POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 8th Dist.

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances Items	Value	Aggregate	As Classified for estimate purposes Service	Grade	Pay	Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
720	240	960	XCR	404.25	1364.25	LHS	2	1140	yes	60	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

approved $1140

GRADE RECOMMENDED 4

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1020 TO $1260

Subsistence - cash $164.25 per annum

16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:

Kind of equipment - - -; annual cost, $ - - -

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)

(a) Elementary school; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 ☐6 ☐7 ☐8

(b) High school; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

(c) Business school; years ☐½ ☐1 ☐1½ ☐2 ☐2½ ☐3

(d) College: Name ; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

(e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Assistant custodian of property.	5%
2. Assists with reports and correspondence.	10%
3. Assists in maintenance of 4th order fixed oil light from tower, in water, which includes cleaning of lamp, lens, lantern, etc.; stands watch six hours each night.	15%
4. Assists in boating 5 miles from station to Pass Christian, Miss. for mail and supplies; operates motor boat.	10%
5. Assists in cleaning and maintenance of tower, quarters, boat and painting of structures.	60%

...SIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
...at in accordance with detailed
...ction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 44

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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Patton (Surname) Neal (Given name) (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Merrill Shell Bank Light Station,
   (b) Subdivision Eighth Lighthouse District
   (c) City or town ____ State Miss.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 24; per week 168
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; or per week ---
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From one-half each night m. to alternating periods m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
   During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ---
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 600 per annum; bonus, $ 240 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 600 per annum; bonus, $ 240 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Subsistence - cash $164.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment ---; annual cost, $ ---
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ____; number of lessons ____; number completed ____

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

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4. Assists in boating 5 miles from station to Pass Christian, Miss. for mail and supplies; operates motor boat.	10%
5. Assists in cleaning and maintenance of tower, quarters, boat and painting of structures.	60%

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Under immediate supervision of the Keeper.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? May 16, 1923.

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

JUN 7 - 1923, 1923.
(Date)

E. S. LANPHIER
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
(Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

Signature not secured owing to inaccessibility of employee

E. S. LANPHIER
(Signature of Employee)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment	X		
Accuracy			
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)			
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)			
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)	X		

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent
Boating - one year.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 900 to $ 1140

JUN 7 - 1923, 1923.
(Date)

E. S. LANPHIER
(Signature of head of field office or station)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
(Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

WJB.

DUPLICATE

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 4.
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instructions in P. C. B. Form No. 2, and Circular No. 7).

To Accompany Report of ☐ New Appointments ☒ Changes in Duties for July, 1923.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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1. Patton (Surname.) Neal (Given name.) (Initial.)
   (a) Previous incumbent Benton F. Miller
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses.
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station South Pass Range Rear Light Station
   (b) Subdivision 8th Lighthouse District.
   (c) City or town Keeper State Louisiana
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Second Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 24; per week 168
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day - - -; or per week - - -
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From one-third of night m. to alternating periods m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year - - -
   During what months
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation - - -
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $720.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $720.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate - - -
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum Subsistence - cash $164.25 per annum.
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    Kind of equipment - - -; annual cost, $ - - -
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
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18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.) 2—12965

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Assistant custodian of property.	5%
2. Assists with reports and correspondence.	10%
3. Assists in maintenance of 1st order flashing oil vapor light from tower, which includes cleaning lamp, lens, lantern, etc.; stands watch four hours each night.	15%
4. Assists in boating 1/2 mile across Mississippi River for mail and supplies.	10%
5. Assists in cleaning and maintenance of tower, quarters, grounds, wharf, boathouse, boat, and painting of structures.	60%

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.) Name the employee's *immediate* or closest superior. If not a civilian, give the superior's title and rank.

Under immediate supervision of the Keeper.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? **No.**
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? **July 30, 1923.**

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

AUG 28 1923, 192 (Date)

E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of Preparing Officer)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. (Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it, except as follows:

Signature not secured owing to inaccessibility of employee.

E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of Employee)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment	X		
Accuracy			
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)			
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)			
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)	X		

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent **Boating - one year.**

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 900 to $ 1140

AUG 28 1923, 192 (Date)

E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of head of field office or station)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. (Title)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE BUREAU OR SIMILAR OFFICIAL

26. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete, except as follows: (If necessary, attach a sheet.)

In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ to $

, 192 (Date)

(Signature of chief of bureau)

(Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12965

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Neal Patton,

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.

8th

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FEB 6 - 1925

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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(CROSS REFERENCE)

Patton, Neal In accordance with authority

of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-

adjusted to $ 960, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 24 1924 File No. 1095/21.

Form 73

NOMINATION

WJB. LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1924 APR 30 AM 11 38

CHIEF CLERK
1924 MAY 1 PM 2 45

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., April 28th, 1924.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.

Name, **Neal Patton** Legal residence, **Louisiana.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$720 per annum, (with quarters)**

Location, **South Pass Range Rear L.S., La.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **May 6, 1924,** {[1] ~~the actual date of his assumption of duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Former salary, **$720 p.a. (without qtrs.)**

Location, **South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La.**

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

Previous incumbent, Ben. F. Miller Services to be terminated, **May 5, 1924.**

Reason, **Resigned.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, Oct. 25, 1884.

Remarks: While no change in pay is involved Keeper Patton will enjoy the privilege of family quarters, which privilege he is not now enjoying.

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

5/1/24.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. J. Langlois.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APR 30 1924

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 2 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 AUG 11 AM 8 34

WJB.

Neal Patton,
eff. date of
change in salary.

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

August 8th, 1923.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department Notice of Change in Salary, dated July 1, 1923, in the case of Neal Patton, who was transferred from the position of Assistant Keeper at Merrill Shell Bank Light Station, at $600 per annum, to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., at $720 per annum:

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2. The Bureau is advised that the above change in salary became effective beginning July 30, 1923.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 11 1923

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1923.

Mr. Neal Patton,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 600 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective July 5, 1923, 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,

CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

WJB.

South Pass Range Rr.L.S.,La.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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June 27th,1923.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the nomination of Neal Patton for transfer to the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $720 per annum, forwarded this date:

2. On March 1st,1923, the salary of the present incumbent, Benton F. Miller, was reduced from $720 p.a. to $660 p.a. on account of quarters being furnished his wife in the tower. Mr. Patton's family consists of a wife and two children and the tower quarters being inadequate it will be necessary for him to rent quarters outside the Lighthouse reservation, Mr. Patton having been so informed. It is therefore recommended that the pay of the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., be brought up to $720 per annum with no quarters.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 73

NOMINATION

LIGHTHOUSES

1923 JUN 29 AM 11 50

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., June 27th 19 23.
(City.) (Date.)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 30 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, Neal Patton — Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $720 per annum.

Location, South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 5th, 1923, { ~~the date he assumes the duties of said position, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $600 per annum.

Location, Merrill Shell Bank Light Station, Miss.

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

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Previous incumbent, B. F. Miller — Services to be terminated, about July 1st, 1923.

Reason, Promoted to 1st Asst. Keeper at South Pass Range Rear L.S., La.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: See accompanying letter.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACTION TAKEN JUL -3 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. S. Lauphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Inclosure.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 29, 1923.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. It is recommended that the position of 2nd assistant keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., be increased from $660 per annum, base pay, to $720 per annum, base pay, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent in attached letter of June 27, 1923, which are concurred in by the Bureau.

APPROVED:

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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

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Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 10 1923
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LIGHTHOUSES

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: Neal Patton

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse, District: 8th

4. Place of duty: Merrill Shell Bank Light Station, Miss.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $600 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries of 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 Asst. Lighthouse Keeper Exam. - Dec. 1, 1922.

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.)

Mr Neal Patton

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

Neal Patton

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

Louisiana (State or Territory.) Plaquemines (County.) Boothville (City or town.) 1st (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? Desoto, Missouri

7. When were you born? Oct. (Month.) 25th (Day.) 1884 (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.") "Married"

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

Mrs Neal Patton (Name.) (Number and street.)

Boothville (City or town.) Louisiana (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		
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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.") Yes 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.
54th Hvy. Artly C.A.C.	All Through.		Expiration term of Service

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.
22nd Co. C.A.C.	May 1, 1914	July 28/16.	
2nd Co. C.A.C.	July 28/16	June 15/17.	
4th Co. C.A.C.	June 15/17	May 1/18.	
A.E.F. Cas. Batln	May 1/18	July 11/18.	
54 Hvy Artly C.A.C.	July 11/18	To Feb 12/19.	Casual to Oct 12/19
1st Co. C.A.C.	Oct 12/19		

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.)

Farming & Trucking for my Self

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.)

Public School Only.

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.")

Iron Moulder by trade. Can do some Engine work, Also, Carpenter rough work

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

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Asst. Lighthouse Keeper - Dec. 1,1922.

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 8th, 1923

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Neal Patton

(Present address)

Boothville (City or town.) Louisiana (State or Territory.)
(Number and street.)

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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 10th, 1923.

(Signature) E. S. Lamphier.

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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CHIEF CLERK

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSES

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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I, Neal Patton,

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.

Neal Patton
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 14th day of May, A. D. 19 23.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name)

(Official title) Chief Clerk,

My commission expires 8th U.S.Lighthouse District.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service.	$600 per annum	Merrill Shell Bank Light Station, Miss.
Former [5] PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT.		

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

WJB.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., (Address) May 21st, (Date) 1923.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 16th, 1923. (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. Mutt
(Signature followed by title)

First Assistant Superintendent.

CARDED

[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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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1933.

Mr. Neal Patton,

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 Six Hundred 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 Acting Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District.

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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William H. Parker.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

(See reverse side.)

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LIGHTHOUSES

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) May 3rd, (Date.) 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 7 1923 APPOINTMENT

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Neal Patton, Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $600 per annum.

Location, Merrill Shell Bank Light Station, Miss. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective May 8th, 1923, {~~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, 2nd Rating, Asst. Lighthouse Keeper. Percentage, 78% , Other eligibles considered:

None. Selected after having been given three considerations.

Previous incumbent, Wm. H. Parker Services terminated, April 30, 1923.

Reason, Resigned.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAY - 8 1923 U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Members of family in Government Service, Albert Johnson, cousin, married. Keeper of Southwest Pass L.S., La.

Remarks: Merrill Shell Bank is an isolated station with no family quarters and there are no keepers in the service desiring transfer to this station. Mr. Patton served as Laborer (acting as Keeper) at Head of the Passes L.S., La. from April 9th - 30th, 1923. He was born October 25, 1884. TELEGRAPHIC AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission~~, MAY 3 - 1923 , 19

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W. H. BEASLEY
Acting Secretary, TENTH Civil Service District.

E. S. Lauglier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 7 - 1923

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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