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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig, L.	23-003
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
Pearson, William, J.		1860 England

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):
CA

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service	From: 1907	To: 1930
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 9-2805350815 2

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

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

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

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☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: PEARSON, WILLIAM J. *2 FILES* **DOB:** 1860 ENG
1907-1930 KETCHIKAN, AK DOD 1940

Records checked:

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

AND

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

If Negative:

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

If Negative:

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

Notes: _____

Retired 6/30

Born 7-29-1860

7/1/39 Transferred from Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, and consolidated with United States Coast Guard, under terms of Plan No. 2 of Reorganization Act of 1939, approved by Congress April 3, 1939.

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File received -

William J. Pearson

Pearson, William J.

INACTIVE

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Wash.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Asst. Keeper, Desdemona Sands, Org.	$600.	L. H.	May 6. 1907.
Asst " " Scotch Cap Lt, Alaska	$800	"	Aug 1. 1908 Jan 1X-X 9 & 8
(Last day record as TEMPORARY Sept 3. 1908)			
1st Asst. Keeper, Scotch Cap Lt, Alaska	$800	LH	Sept. 4 1908
1st " " " " " "	$900	"	June 25. 1913
3rd " " Cape Hinchinbrook " "	$660	"	July 17. 1913
2nd Asst. Kpr. Cape Sarichef, T.S. Alaska	$720.	"	May 1, 1914.
1st " " " " " "	$900	"	Sept. 1, 1914.
Addl 1st asst. Kpr " " " "	$900	"	Sept 1, 1917.
Resigned eff May 17. 1918			
		INACTIVE	
Retired - Close Aug. 1, 1930.			

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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File No. 10746.

22 May, 1907.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. William J. Pearson of Washington, to the position of Assistant Keeper of Desdemona Sands, Oreg., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $600 a year, to date from 6 May, '07, the date of his entrance on duty, in the place of Mr. Iver J. Birkestol, resigned. apr 30/07

Mr. Pearson has passed the required Civil Service examination and received a rating of 84.60 per cent, in Class IV.

Respectfully,

O. Sebree

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

5-24-07

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1st on eligible list.
Considered with:
Antone Peterson
Lawrence Butler
13th Insp

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

May 24, 1907.

Mr. William J. Pearson, of Washington, having qualified under the civil-service regulations, is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of Desdemona Sands Light-Station, Oregon, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Six Hundred dollars per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective beginning May 6, 1907, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (Vice Iver J. Birkestol)

Retention in the service after the expiration of probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

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

CARDED

Assistant Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

CHANGE REPORTED
MAY — 1907
U. S. COMMISSION.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
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OATH OF OFFICE.

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUN 14 1907 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN 15 1907 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

I, William J. Pearson,

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 John Pearson

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5th day of June, A. D. 1907

[c] Name: Justice Polwarth

Official title: NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, Residing at CATHLAMET.

{Affix official seal.}

CARDED

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Asst. Keeper	Desdemona Sands, Ore.	England	Washington

[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 of any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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

Light House Board,

Date 6 May, 1907.

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J. R. Johnson

Chief Clerk.

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

February 1, 1906.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The officer in immediate charge should review the information given by the appointee or employee, and if correct, should forward the form to the Chief of the Bureau without delay. The information called for by the questions in Part II should then be supplied and the form forwarded to the Department.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN 11 1907 G DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

V. H. Metcalf

Secretary.

CANCELED

PART I.

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

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

William John Pearson

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

William J. Pearson

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

Brookfield	Washington	Washington	
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

~~See~~ B.Z. 10/8/30 in file

5. Where were you born? England 1860 ~~1864~~ See C.S. Letter 10/23/30.

6. When were you born?

July	29 22nd	~~1864~~
Month.	Day.	Year.

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. 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? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

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

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

Lightship No 50

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

No. No. No.

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

No

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

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

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No.	No.	No.	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 11, 12, and 13.)

Fishing and working in boat Shop.

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.)

Went to school in England and grades corrispondes the common schools here

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

Can handle carpenters tools fairly well

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates 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

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Fifth day of June, 1907

Witness:

(Signature) William John Pearson

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Hammond
City or town.

Number and street.

Oregon
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded 7 June, 1907., 190

In the absence of, and by direction of the Inspector.

(Signature) Theo. Parker

(Official title) Chief Clerk

PART II.

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

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

Light-House (Bureau or Service.) Desdemona Sands Lt. Station (Place (city, town, or station).) 13th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Assistant Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. 24 May, 1907.

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

6 May, 1907.

5. State the date of the oath. 5 June, 1907.

6. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. 6 May, 1907.

7. What is his salary? Six Hundred Dollars per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light-Houses

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

10. If classified, state the date of classification. 6 May, 1896.

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

Examination

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

In the absence of, and by direction of the Inspector.

(Signature) Theo. Parker

Date: 7 June, 1907 (Official title) Chief Clerk.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

June 12, 1907

The action proposed in the attached communication, if approved, will create one additional TEMPORARY position Keeper

Salary, $ 800 per annum
(During time of appointee in note)

Geo. W. Leadley
Chief of Appointment Division.

Department of Commerce and Labor

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

Wm.J.Pearson,
transfer.

June 11, 1908.

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JUN 12 1908
DEPT. OF COMMERCE & LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. William J. Pearson, of Wash., from assistant keeper at Desdemona Sands Light-Station, Oreg., at $600 a year, to assistant keeper at Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, at $800 a year, effective beginning June 11, 1908, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. Frits W. Larson, whose resignation was accepted by Department letter of April 13, 1908, effective on a date to be later reported to the Department.

The Board further asks that the position of additional keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, with pay at the rate of $800 a year, be authorized, effective beginning June 11, 1908, and to continue until the day preceding that on which Mr. Pearson enters on duty at the station, in order that he may be paid from the date he leaves Desdemona Sands Light-Station for Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, or during the time that he is en route to the latter station.

Respectfully,

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

June 15, 1908.

Mr. William J. Pearson, of Washington, is hereby appointed First Assistant Keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Eight Hundred dollars per annum, effective beginning June 15, 1908, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice Frits W. Larson.)

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

(By change from Additional Assistant Keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, at $800 per annum.)

CARDED.

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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TO DISBURSING CLERK
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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
OCT 23 1909
NO. 10746

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Enclosure.

I, William J. Pearson,

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 J. Pearson

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 27th day of September, A. D. 1909.

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) J. L. Brown

(Official title:) Commissioner and Ex-Officio Notary.

OFFICIAL TITLE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Additional Ass't Keeper. $800. per annum.	Scotch Cap, Alaska.	England	Washington.

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 13th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon, (Address.) October 18, 1909: (Date.)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED
OCT 25 1909
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

(Signed:) Commander, U.S.N.,
Light-House 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.

CANCELLED

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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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Ent'd OCT 25 1909

GENERAL APPOINTMENT-PAPER DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
10746 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

June 15, 1908.

Mr. William J. Pearson, of Washington, is hereby appointed

Additional Assistant Keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Eight Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to be effective beginning * Aug. 1 June 11, 1908, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (New position.)

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

(By transfer from Assistant Keeper of Desdemona Sands Light-Station, Oregon, at $600 per annum.)

(To continue until the close of the day next preceding that on which he enters on duty as First Assistant Keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska.)

* See amended issue

Acting Secretary.

CARDED.

Date of oath, , 190

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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THREE inclosures.

Wm.J.Pearson,
change in appt.

October 5, 1908.

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
OCT 6 1908
DEPT. OF COMMERCE & LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to return herewith Department letter of June 15, 1908, with its carbon copies, appointing William J. Pearson additional assistant keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, effective beginning June 11, 1908, the date of his entrance on duty, and asks that the effective date may be therein changed to August 1, 1908, as the Inspector states that Mr. Pearson entered upon duty as additional assistant keeper on that date. On September 4, 1908, Mr. Pearson entered upon duty as first assistant keeper at Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska.

Respectfully,

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Captain, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

10746

October 6, 1908.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Board's letter of the 5th instant returning Department letter of June 13, 1908, appointing William J. Pearson additional assistant keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, effective beginning June 11, 1908, with request that the effective date therein be changed to August 1, 1908, as the Inspector states that Mr. Pearson entered on duty as additional assistant keeper on that date.

Before acting upon the Board's recommendation the Department desires to be informed of the reason for deferring Mr. Pearson's entry on duty from the date fixed by the Board in its letter of June 11, 1908, until August 1, 1908.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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10746 **MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE**

DIV. OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED OCT 6 1908 DEPT. OF COMMERCE & LABOR

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the head of the bureau, and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.)

Name of employee Mr.William J.Pearson,of Wash.

Designation Additional A.K., Scotch Cap,Alaska. *Compensation* $800 yr.

June 15-11,1908, until the close of the day next preceding that on which he enters on duty as 1 A.K. of Scotch Cap Lt.Sta.,Alaska.

Mr. Pearson actually entered on duty on August 1,1908, as additional assistant keeper.

Last day served September 3, 1908.

By transfer from A.K.,Desdemona Sands,Oreg.

H C Rose

Actg Chief Clerk,
(Official title.)

Light-House Board.
(Bureau or service.)

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OCT 7 1908 TO DISBURSING OFFICER DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

Date October 5, 1908.

Department of Commerce and Labor

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Wm.J.Pearson,
appointment.

October 24, 1908.

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OCT 26 1908
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

Referring to Department letter of October 6, 1908, relative to the entrance on duty of William J. Pearson, additional assistant keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, the Board has the honor to return herewith the letter in question, inviting attention to the Inspector's indorsement of October 15, 1908, thereon, explaining the delay of Mr. Pearson in not entering upon duty at the time stated.

Respectfully,

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Captain, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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OCT 26 1908

Office of Inspector 13th District.
Portland, Oregon, 15 Oct. 1908.

2nd indorsement.

William J. Pearson, date of entrance on duty.

Respectfully returned to the Light-House Board.

Ent'd OCT 21 1908

1. William J. Pearson was Assistant Keeper at Desdemona Sands, Oregon, Light Station, and served as such with compensation at $600, per annum to and including July 31, 1908. August 1, 1908, he reported on board the tender Armeria for passage to his new station at Scotch Cap, Alaska. His appointment as additional assistant keeper having been received, to date from June 11, 1908, it was returned for correction of effective date to conform to the facts of the case as he manifestly could not hold appointment and receive compensation from two positions for the same period of time.

2. Appended hereto is a copy of a letter from this office No.35-436 of June 1, 1908, giving a full statement of the case, in which it was requested, as the date of sailing of the Armeria was indefinite, that the appointment as additional assistant keeper be made from a date to be determined later.

Thos. J. Pond

Inspector 13th L.H. Dist.

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Oscar S. Straus

Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
EAC. 10746 LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington Oct.10,1908.

1st indorsement.

William J. Pearson, date of entrance on duty.

Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the Thirteenth Light-House District for his information, report, and return to this Office as soon as practicable.

W B Swithinbank
Chief Clerk.

OFFICE OF U.S.L.H. INSPECTOR RECEIVED OCT 15 1908 PORTLAND, OREGON 13TH DISTRICT.

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Mr. Pearson entered on duty as additional
date.
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te fixed by the Board in its letter of June
1908.

Respectfully,

Oscar S. Straus
Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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October 6, 1908.

Ent'd OCT 7 1908 No.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Board's letter of the 5th instant returning Department letter of June 15, 1908, appointing William J. Pearson additional assistant keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, effective beginning June 11, 1908, with request that the effective date therein be changed to August 1, 1908, as the Inspector states that Mr. Pearson entered on duty as additional assistant keeper on that date.

Before acting upon the Board's recommendation the Department desires to be informed of the reason for deferring Mr. Pearson's entry on duty from the date fixed by the Board in its letter of June 11, 1908, until August 1, 1908.

Respectfully,

Oscar S. Straus

Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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No. 10746

Wm. J. Pearson,
transfer.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 13TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.
1 June, 1908.

The Light-House Board,

Washington.

Sirs:

Referring to No. 10746 of 25 May, 1908.

2. A reconsideration of the above quoted letter is requested for the following reasons:

Wm. J. Pearson is now Assistant Keeper of Desdemona Sands, Oregon, Light Station, and it is proposed to give him transportation on the tender Armeria, when that vessel starts for Alaska, early in July. As all stations will be visited and supplied in S.E. Alaska, a month at least will elapse before Scotch Cap, Alaska, Light Station can be reached. It will be necessary to send another First Assistant to Desdemona Sands as soon as Pearson leaves, because that station must have two Keepers, especially during foggy season. Appointment of a Keeper to that station will operate to take Pearson off the pay roll of the station, and as he cannot be paid as First Assistant of Scotch Cap Light Station until he arrives there and relieves the present incumbent, Pearson would be without pay for a period of from one to two months, at a time when he is an Assistant Keeper in the Service and while under orders to proceed to his new station.

3. If Mr. Pearson is ordered to Scotch Cap, taking passage by merchant steamer, his travelling expenses would amount to over $100.00, and as he can only be landed at Scotch Cap during favorable weather, he runs a good chance of being some two months enroute.

4. The plan proposed has been followed heretofore, notably in the case of Ole Olson, at present Keeper of Scotch Cap, who was promoted to that position from the position of First Assistant Keeper of the Lincoln Rock Light Light Station, and while enroute he was given appointment as temporary additional keeper (24 Jan. to 26 Feb. 1907) Department's letter 5 April, 1907.

5. In view of these facts it is requested that Mr. Wm. J. Pearson be given an appointment as additional First Assistant Keeper of the Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska, from a date to be determined later, the same to be in effect until he arrives at Scotch Cap, and assumes duty, as the relief of Frits W. Larson, whose resignation has been accepted, effective at a date to be determined later.

Very respectfully,

(signed) P. J. Werlich,

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

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

10746

October 26, 1908.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith, changed, as requested by the Board in its letter of the 5th instant, so that the effective date is August 1, 1908, is Department letter of June 15, 1908, with its carbon copies, appointing William J. Pearson additional assistant keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska, originally effective beginning June 11, 1908.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Inclosure No. 10391.
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of Light-House Inspector, 13th District.
PORTLAND, OREG.,

10746

June 15, 1908.

Mr. William J. Pearson Washington

Additional Assistant Keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska

in the Light-House Service

Eight Hundred

* August 1, 1908

(New position.)

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(By transfer from Assistant Keeper of Desdemona Sands Light-Station, Florida at $800 per annum.)

(To continue until the close of the day next preceding that on which he enters on duty as First Assistant Keeper of Scotch Cap Light-Station, Alaska.)

* amended time.

Acting

The 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)

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
OCT 23 1909
NO. 10746
Enclosure

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, William J. Pearson,

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 J. Pea

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 27th day of September, A. D. 1909

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) J. L. Brown

(Official title:) Commissioner and ex Officio Notary.

Official Title.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
1st Ass't Keeper. $800. per annum.	Scotch Cap, Alaska.	England	Washington.

Office of the Inspector, 13th Light-House District,

Portland, Oregon, (Address.) October 18, 1909. (Date.)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED
OCT 26 1909
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on 4 September, 1908. (Date.)

(Signed:)

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

CARDED

[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. Wh[illegible]ssible the oath should be executed upon the date of actual entrance upon duty.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating t[illegible]te of the e[illegible] duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the di[illegible]

Failure to fill out this Oath properly will result in its return for correcti[illegible]

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Form 111

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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Enclosure

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, William J. Pearson,

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 J Pea

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 27th day of September, A. D. 1909

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) J. L. Brown

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Official Title.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
1st Ass't Keeper. $800. per annum.	Scotch Cap, Alaska.	England	Washington.

Office of the Inspector, 13th Light-House District,

Portland, Oregon, (Address.) October 18, 1909. (Date.)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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TO ATTENDENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on 4 September, 1908. (Date.)

(Signed:) [signature]

Commander, U.S.N.,

Light-House Inspector.

CARDED

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

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

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NOTE CAREFULLY.

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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.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 14 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed Scotch Cap Light-Station. Alaska.
3. Name Pearson, William J. 4. Where born England.
5. Age 44 6. Position First Assistant Keeper.
7. Compensation $800 P.A. 8. When appointed (a) May 6,1907. O.R.
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil Service Examination.
10. Appointed from — State Washington. Congressional District At large. Now 2d District. County Wahkiakum.
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) First Assistant Keeper.
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) The Inspector has been again requested to forward oaths of office for Pearson's appointments as additional assistant keeper and 1st assistant keeper at Scotch Cap L.S.

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Captain, U. S. N.
Naval Secretary.

Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Inspector, 13th Light-House District.
Engineer Secretary.

Chas. J. Pund
Head of Bureau or Office.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT June 5, 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 J. Pearson 2. Age 46 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position First Assistant Keeper

5. Compensation $800. 6. Where employed Scotch Cap Light-Station

7. When appointed (*a*) Sept.4,1908 8. How appointed (*b*) By change from Additional Assistant Keeper.

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 June 12, 1900 to May 6, 1907, Seaman on Columbia River Light Vessel No. 50. Appointed first as Assistant Keeper May 24, 1907..

13. Duties (describe fully) To assist in care of station and all government property thereat; to see light is kept burning brightly from sunset to sunrise and fog-signal sounded during thick weather.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Not to my knowledge. If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	90	2	180
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255
Attendance		2	
Total		8 10	735
Average percentage			90.2

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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.
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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.) His duties are largely routine.

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.) Fairly well paid by comparison.

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 efficiency can only be estimated from reports received from the station, as the Inspector has not visited the station for over two years and it frequently is not heard from for three months at a time

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

E. H. Tillman

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

E. H. Tillman

Commander, U. S. Navy

INSPECTOR, 16th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT

G. R. Putnam

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

June 25, 1913.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Nine Hundred dollars per annum, effective June 25, 1913.

(By increase in compensation from $800 per annum.)

CARDED.

(Cross Reference)
For basis of this action see letter dated 6/27/13 in file of 646

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CHANGE REPORTED JUN 1913 U.S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED JUN 26 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position (by increase in compensation).

Legal Residence: Washington.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 11 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
OCT 18 1913

I, William J. Pearson,

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

☞ William J. Pearson
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS
OCT 18 1913

[2] Sworn to ---------- (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 3rd day of

Paper
(Affix official seal here), A. D. 1913

[4](Name) Mark A. Luckett

(Official title) Notary Public for Alaska

My Commission Expires Oct. 12th 1915

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 1st Asst.Keeper,	$900 per anm.	Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska.
Former[5] 1st Asst.Keeper,	$800 per anm.	do.

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 16th District

Ketchikan, Alaska. (Address), October 2, 1913 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 25, 1913. (Date)

(Signature, followed by title)
Lighthouse Inspector.

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

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

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

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

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

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Form 73

RLH/S

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN JUL 9 - 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

SPECIAL

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Sixteenth DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska, June 14,1913 . 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 24 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK JUL 7 1913

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer and Demotion

Name, William J. Pearson Ef. 90.v

Legal residence, Washington.

Position, 3rd Asst. Keeper, Light-house Service.

Salary, $660 per annum

Title of appropriation, Salaries ~~L. H. Service~~, Keepers of Lighthouses 3

Location, Cape Hinchinbrook Light Station, Alaska.

Effective July 7, 1913. [1] ~~the date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper 9/Cg Former salary, ~~$800~~ *900 per annum

Location, Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska.

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

Other eligibles considered, --

Letters of declination inclosed, --

Previous incumbent, ~~New Position~~ *George West

*Services to terminate at later date.

~~Services terminated,~~

Reason, * D.L. 7/1/13 auth. assignment - of June 30/13

Remarks: New position authorized by Dept. letter May 27,1913. Transportation to new station is to be made on Lighthouse Tender. See letter this date with reference to this demotion and transfer.

Lighthouse Inspector.

*Changed in Bureau.

HRW-McC.

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SPECIAL JUL 7 1913

7-8-13

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

See letter from the Sixteenth Inspector, dated June 14, 1913, submitted to the Department by indorsement of today.

Acting Commissioner.

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

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HRW-McC.

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Washington m July 7, 1913.

CHIEF CLERK
JUL 7 1913
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SPECIAL

WROTE BUREAU
JUL -9 1913

Subject: W.J.Pearson & Wilfred Monette, new appointment and leave.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation, in view of the difficult conditions in Alaska and the fact that these cases are meritorious and worthy of the consideration recommended, that these two keepers be allowed accumulative leave at the rate of seventy-two days per annum for the last three years, in accordance with the arrangement approved by Department letter of May 27, 1913. Attention is invited in this connection to the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1911, page 100, containing regulations in regard to leave of absence of keepers, amended by the new leave regulations for keepers approved by the Department on July 9, 1912, and still further amended by Department letter of May 27, 1913, above referred to.

The resignation of Monette will be submitted to the Department at the proper time, should it be actually submitted.

The Bureau is submitting the forms 73 in these cases, forwarded by the Inspector, approved, with the understanding that two persons will not serve in either position at the same time.

J Conway

Acting Commissioner.

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JUL 8 1913
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

ABE JFW
Keepers
Pearson, Wm. J.
Monette, Wilfred
Change of rating.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

June 14, 1913.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 24 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Referring to the enclosed nomination of Wm. J. Pearson and Wilfred Monette.

These nominations are given as demotions in as much as the positions for which they are nominated are rated at a salary less than these employees are now receiving, the reasons for these demotions being as follows:

Wm. J. Pearson has served at Scotch Cap Light Station since Sept. 4, 1908, without being away from this station. It is believed that it will be for the best interest of the service, and for the health of this employee, to require him to take a leave of absence at this time and for the remainder of the year serve at some station in Southeastern Alaska. To do this it appears to be the best way to appoint him as 3rd Asst. Keeper at Cape Hinchinbrook Light Station, and, after having returned to Ketchikan and taken the leave granted to him, I believe it will be possible to appoint him in Southeastern Alaska to a prospective vacancy equal to his present

position.

Should he desire to return to a westward station next year, the matter can be considered at the proper time.

Wilfred Monette has served as Asst. Keeper at Cape Sarichef Light Station since June 30, 1910, without leaving the station. He has areogramed me, via Revenue Cutter Service, that he intends to resign upon the arrival of the tender to transport him from the station. It appears best to appoint him 3rd Asst. Keeper, at the present time, in order to give an opportunity to permanently fill the 1st Asst. Keeper's position at the time the new system goes into effect.

I propose to transport this employee to Ketchikan and grant leave of absence before his resignation takes effect.

I desire to recommend that I be allowed to grant this employee the full allowance of leave for one year under the three year service provision of paragraph 9, page 99 of the Regulations.

In connection with these two employees I desire to be informed if I am authorized to grant them at this time leave of absence in excess of the amount earned during the present calendar year. In other words does accumulative leave of absence, as approved by Department letter of May 27,1913, apply to service rendered prior to this calendar year.

Hawkinson

Lighthouse Inspector.

July 9, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the Bureau's communication of the 7th instant in connection with the Sixteenth Inspector's recommendations of the 14th ultimo for the transfer of William J. Pearson from the position of first assistant keeper of Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska, at $900 per annum, to that of third assistant keeper of Cape Hinchinbrook Light Station, Alaska, at $660 per annum, and for the demotion of Wilfred Monette from the position of first assistant keeper, at $900 per annum, to that of third assistant keeper of Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, at $660 per annum, the Department has to state that Messrs. Pearson and Monette have been appointed vice George West and Edward Pecor, respectively, with the understanding that two persons will not occupy either position at the same time.

The Department notes the Bureau's recommendation that the above-mentioned keepers be allowed accumulative leave at the rate of seventy-two days per annum for the last three years, in accordance with the arrangement approved by Department letter of May 27, 1913, and has to advise that it was not intended that the approval referred to should be retroactive. However, if it is desired to grant leave of absence in these cases in excess of the accrued rate during the current calendar year, the Department will approve a recommendation to that effect.

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A. L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

JUL 10 1913

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 9, 1913.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Third Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $900 per annum.)

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED JUL 10 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

C
Lw

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George West.

Legal Residence: Washington.

CHANGE REPORTED OCT 1913 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 11 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK OCT 18 1913

I, William J. Pearson,

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

William J. Pearson
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS OCT 18 1913

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 3rd day of

Dalph
(Affix official seal here), A. D. 1913

[4] (Name) Mark A. Sutcliffe

(Official title) Notary Public for Alaska

My Commission Expires Oct. 12th, 1916

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 3rd Asst. Keeper,	$660 per anm.	Cape Hinchinbrook Light Station, Alaska.
Former 1st Asst. Keeper,	$900 per anm.	Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska.

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 16th District

Ketchikan, Alaska (Address), October 2, 1913 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 17, 1913 (Date)

(Signature, followed by title) Lighthouse Inspector

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

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

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[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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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October 18, 1913.

Caution.

Mr. William J. Pearson,
First Assistant Keeper, Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Ketchikan, Alaska.)

CHIEF CLERK OCT 23 1913

APPOINTMENTS OCT 23 1913

Referring to the charges preferred against you, of poisoning foxes on Unimak Island, Alaska.

After a thorough investigation of the matter you are cautioned against the killing, in the future, of any fur-bearing animal, by means of strychnine or other poison. Your attention is invited to Department Circular No. 246 of March 26, 1913, Regulations for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals in Alaska, a copy of which is inclosed, and particularly to subdivision III of that circular, in reference to the use of poison. Your attention is also invited to the fact that the wolf is classified, in the Department circular referred to, as a fur-bearing animal. Your attention is also directed to the General Instructions to all Employees, page 148, in which the penalty of dismissal is prescribed for a violation of the Game and Fisheries Laws of the United States. The fact that you have been cautioned will be noted on the records of the Department, this office, and those of the Inspector, as part of your official history.

(Signed) G T Putnam
Commissioner.

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3 inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, October 18, 1913.

Referred to Sixteenth Inspector. Attached is a copy of letter from the Department, dated October 11, 1913, in regard to this matter. The furs now held at the Ketchikan Depot, in connection with this matter, should be turned over to the owner or his agent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, OCT 18 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

(Signed.) G T Putnam
Commissioner.

Acting Commissioner.

LIGHT
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Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you to one, Henry Taiplus, from March 1 to May 31, 1913, during which period, he was given shelter and subsistence by you at Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska, at which station you were at that time assigned to duty, you are commended for the assistance rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

CARDED

Mr. William J. Pearson,
Third Assistant Keeper,
Cape Hinchinbrook Light Station, Alaska,
Through, Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Appointment Division.

LIGHTHOUSES--~~Secretary's~~ files. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by----------
Mailed MAR - 9 1914 by----------

File

Form 73 ABE

NOMINATION

LIGHT APR 17 1914 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska (City.), April 9 (Date.), 1914

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK APR 20 1914

Action recommended, transfer and promotion

Name, William J. Pearson $90.2 Legal residence, Washington

Position, 2nd Asst. Keeper Lighthouse Service Salary, $720 A,

Location, Cape Sarichef Lt-Sta., Alaska Appropriation, Salaries of Kprs. of Lt-Houses

APPOINTMENT WRITTEN APR 20 1914 DEPT OF COMMERCE

APR 20 1914 11 37

Effective May 1 1914 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 3rd Asst. Keeper Former salary, $660. A

Location, Cape Hinchinbrook Lt-Station, Alaska

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

Previous incumbent, Edward A. Beard Services terminated, Close of Nov. 15, 1913

Reason, Resigned

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Lighthouse Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 18 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1914.

Mr. William J. Pearson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~Second Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Seven Hundred and Twenty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from third assistant keeper at $660 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. BEADLE

Chief of Appointment Division.

M
C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward A. Beard.

Legal Residence: Washington.

CHANGE REPORTED AUG 1914 U. S. COMMISSION.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 20 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

11—3692

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT AUG 26 1914 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK SEP 22 1914

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William J. Pearson,

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

☞ William John Pearson
(Appointee signs here)

SEP 21 1914

[2] Sworn to - - (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 24th day of July, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) William E. Gregory

(Official title) Notary Public Dist. of Alaska

My commission expires July 19 15

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2d Asst. Keeper	$720. per annum	Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska.
Former [5] 3d Asst. Keeper	660. per annum	Cape Hinchinbrook Lt. Station, Alaska.

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT

Ketchikan, Alaska, (Address) August 14, 1914 (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 1, 1914. (Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Milo Hoadley
(Signature followed by title)
Superintendent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska (City.), Aug. 14,1914 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, William J.Pearson 90.20/.. Legal residence, Washington

Position, 1st Asst. Keeper Salary, $900 A

Location, Cape Sarichef Light Station, Aaa Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective September 1,1914 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd Asst. Keeper Former salary, $720 A

Location, Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska

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

- - - - - - - - -

Previous incumbent, Edward Pecor Services terminated, will terminate close Aug. 31,1914

Reason, Recommendation is being made for his transfer and demotion to 1st Asst. Keeper at Tree Point Light Station, Alaska.

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

Milo Hoadley
Superintendent

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

AUG 2 1 1914

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1914.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Nine Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $720 per annum.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 24 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

M
C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward Pecor.

Legal Residence: Washington.

CHANGE REPORTED AUG 1915 C. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 12 1915 HOUSE

CHIEF CLERK SEP 9 1915

I, William J. Pearson,

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

William J. Pearson
(Appointee signs here)

SEP 9 1915

[2] Sworn to - - - - - - - - - (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 12 day of July, A. D. 1915

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) William J. Gregory

(Official title) Notary Public Dist. of Alaska

My commission expires July 15. 15

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 1st Asst. Keeper,	$900. per anm.	Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska.
Former[5] 2nd Asst. Keeper,	$720. per anm.	do.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 16th District

Kelchikan, Alas., July 13, 1915
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 1, 1914.
(Date)

CARDED.

(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SEP 8 - 1915

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Employees
Unimak Pass Lt-Sta.

Office of Inspector, 16th District.
Ketchikan, Alaska.
October 8, 1914.

Complaint having been made through official channels by officers of the Revenue-Cutter Service that the Keepers at Unimak Pass Lightstations have shown indifference and lack of interest when supplies and provisions were landed at the stations by the Cutters during the past summer, the Inspector states that such unfavorable reports concerning employees of this district are received with regret. All keepers at the above named stations are requested to render every possible assistance to vessels which may in future visit or land supplies at their stations.

Inspector.

Office of the Inspector, 16th Dist.
Ketchikan, Alaska, October 8, 1914.

Copy respectfully forwarded to the Bureau with letter of this date for its information, with statement that a copy of the above has been addressed to each keeper and assistant keeper at the Unimak Pass Lightstations.

Edmund Moore, Keeper, Scotch Cap Lightstation
C. E. Schulze, 1st Asst. Keeper, Scotch Cap Lightstation.
E. J. Lervick, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Scotch Cap Lightstation
C. E. Louks, Keeper, Cape Sarichef Lightstation
W. J. Pearson, 1st Asst. Keeper Cape Sarichef Lightstation
W. A. Phillips, 2nd Asst. Keeper Cape Sarichef Lightstation
Edward Pecor, 1st Asst. Keeper, Tree Point Lightstation (formerly 1st Asst. Keeper, Cape Sarichef Lt-Sta.

(Sgd) Dibrell
Inspector.

(For the indorsement by which a copy of this letter was submitted to the Secretary for his information, see file of Edward Moore.)

File
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DEC 3 1 1914

CHIEF CLERK
DEC 31 1914
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Sir:

Referring to report of the swamping of the landing boat from the Revenue Cutter Manning on October 10, 1914, by which Charles E. Louks, keeper of Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, and five members of the complement of the Revenue Cutter Manning lost their lives by drowning.

The Department desires to express its appreciation of the efforts made by you to save the lives of the persons referred to, for the assistance rendered the crew of the capsized boat, and for the care given the keeper during his illness, and will make note thereof on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

CHIEF CLERK
PAPERS
DEC 3 1 1914
RETURNED
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Mr. William J. Pearson,
~~First Assistant Keeper,~~
Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Mailed DEC 3 1 1914 by

Cape Sarichef Lt Station
Alaska

Light House Inspector September 23rd 1916

Sir

Your letter of August 2nd 1916 at hand charging me with being asleep on watch at 4 A.M. July 19th I am sorry to say I must admit the charge. The only reason I can give is I was out side when the weather cleared some and was watching the tender steaming around and got cold and went back in the engine room and closed the window to get warm and sat down by the radiator and engine to get warm and dozed off. Believing this is the first complaint that has been filed against me in my Light Vessel and Light House Service (going on my 17th year) and being more careful in the future. And hoping no further action will be taken this time. I remain

most Respectively

William G Pearson
1st Assistant Keeper
Cape Sarichef Light Station
Alaska

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR OCT 16 1916 KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.
LIGHT NOV 6 1916 HOUSES

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 6 1916

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

October 28, 1916.

Charges against
W.J.Pearson, 1st Asst.
Keeper, Cape Sarichef L.S.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN NOV 9- 1916 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

CHIEF CLERK NOV 9 1916

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APPOINTMENTS NOV 9 1916 10,

Charges against W.J.Pearson, 1st Assistant Keeper Cape Sarichef Light Station, for sleeping on watch, preferred by the Inspector under date of August 2nd, 1916, are forwarded herewith. See Pearson's reply attached.

The facts are as set forth in the charges. At the time the fog signal was in operation for fog, but the light had been extinguished, it being after sunrise. The other two keepers were at the dwelling and had not risen. Pearson was seated in a chair in the engine room and had to be shaken before waking.

As this is the first offense of the kind reported against this employee, it is recommended that he be reprimanded by the Inspector, as per copy herewith, and that no further action be taken in the matter. The general rating of Pearson as to efficiency and conduct is fair to good. He was cautioned by the Commissioner under date of October 18, 1913 in connection with alleged poisoning of fur bearing animals. He was commended by the Department on March 7, 1914 for assistance rendered to Henry Taiplus, a destitute prospector, and also commended again by the Department on December 31, 1914, for care of sick keeper and for assistance rendered to boat crew of U.S.C.G."Manning" when the boat capsized while taking the sick keeper from the station.

Gilmore

Lighthouse Inspector.

HB-NDW Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, November 7, 1916.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation for approval, the Department to be furnished a copy of the letter of reprimand and further report to be submitted in this employees case at the expiration of six months from the date of the letter of reprimand.

G W E Putnam

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
OCT 16 1916
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

LIGHT
NOV 6 1916
HOUSES

August 2, 1916.

W. J. Pearson, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Cape Sarichef Lightstation, Alaska.

(Through the Keeper)

You are charged with being asleep on watch when the station was visited by the Inspector at 4:40 A. M. on July 19, 1916, the fog signal machinery being in operation at the time.

Before taking further action in the matter you are given opportunity to make a statement in the matter, if you care to do so.

Dibrell

Inspector.

November 9, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Sixteenth Inspector's letter of the 28th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 7th instant, reporting that William J. Pearson, first assistant keeper of Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, was found asleep on watch at 4:40 a. m. on July 19, 1916, and in view of the circumstances set forth in the Inspector's letter, approves the recommendation that no more drastic action be taken than to reprimand Mr. Pearson by letter (copy to be furnished for the Department's files), with the understanding that further report and recommendation will be made to the Department at the expiration of six months from the date of letter of reprimand.

The copy of the proposed letter of reprimand, submitted by the Inspector, is returned herewith.

(SIGNED) E. E. PRATT

Acting Secretary.

Enclosure 1023.
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(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

CHIEF CLERK
NOV 21 1916
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Office of Inspector, 16th District
Ketchikan, Alaska

October 28, 1916.

APPOINTMENT
NOV 21 1916
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Wm. J. Pearson,
~~1st~~ Assistant Keeper,
Cape Sarichef Lt. Sta.
VIA SEWARD& UNALASKA
ALASKA.
(Through the Keeper)

Referring to office letter of August 2, 1916, charging you with being asleep while on duty on July 19, 1916, and to your reply of September 25, 1916, admitting the charge, you are hereby reprimanded for this offense and cautioned against similar neglect of duty in the future.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be entered on the records as a part of your official history.

(Signed)

Lighthouse Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 1 - 1916

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Department letter of November 9, 1916.

Acting Commissioner.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 7 1916

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

October 28, 1916.

Wm.J.Pearson,
Ist Assistant Keeper,
Cape Sarichef Lt.Sta;
VIA SEWARD & UNALASKA,
ALASKA.
(Through the Keeper)

CHIEF CLERK DEC 12 1916

APPOINTMENTS DEC 12 1916

Referring to office letter of August 2, 1916, charging you with being asleep while on duty on July 19, 1916 and to your reply of September 25, 1916, admitting the charge, you are hereby reprimanded for this offense and cautioned against similar neglect of duty in the future.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be entered on the records as a part of your official history.

W. C. Dimmell

Lighthouse Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses
DEC 11 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Department letter of November 9 on this subject.

Acting Commissioner.

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(Copy)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
MAY 22 1917
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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
May 21, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector ..... Ketchikan Alaska .....
No. 1 ~~report~~ further report and recommendation has been received from you in reference to William J Pearson, 1st asst Keeper, Cape Sanchef L.S. make desired report (See Bureau indorsement of Nov 18, 1916).

(Signed) J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 21 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Department letter of Nov.9, 1916.

J. S. Conway
acting Commissioner

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAY 31 1917
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

May 21st, 1917.

CHIEF CLERK
JUN 5 1917

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Referring to Bureau indorsement of Nov. 18,1916 on Department letter of November 9,1916 relating to reprimand of William J.Pearson, first assistant keeper of (Scotch Cap Lightstation, Alaska) for being asleep while on duty, I now report that there has been no further neglect of duty on the part of Mr.Pearson. It is recommended that no further action be taken in his case on account of the charges formerly preferred against him.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
JUN 5 1917
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W. C. Gilmore

Lighthouse Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUN 4 1917

...mitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval, the Bureau concurring in the views of the Inspector.

...Commissioner.

June 5, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Sixteenth Inspector's letter of the 21st ultimo, forwarded by the Bureau on the 4th instant, reporting that the conduct of William J. Pearson, first assistant keeper of Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, has been satisfactory since the receipt by him of letter of reprimand dated October 28, 1916, and approves the recommendation that no further action be taken in the matter.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

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Form 73 ABE-EHR.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 22 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT.

Ketchikan, Alaska, August 13, 1917
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer.

Name, William J. Pearson, Legal residence, Washington.

Position, Additional 1st Asst. Keeper, Lighthouse S. Salary, $900 A.

Location, Cape Sarichef Light Station, Aaa. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective Sept. 1, 1917. [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, First Asst. Keeper, Former salary, $900 A.

Location, Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska.

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

CHIEF CLERK AUG 22 1917

Previous incumbent, None. Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: This transfer is for the purpose of allowing Mr. Pearson to take his accumulated leave in accordance with regulations in force at this station.
* D.L. July 6, 1916.

APPOINTMENTS AUG 22 1917

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

SECRETARY AUG 23 1917

Superintendent.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APPOINTMENTS AUG 22 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.
Approved: AUG 23 1917 2 21 PM

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1917.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Additional First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Nine Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By change from first assistant keeper at $900 per annum.)

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Washington. AUG 24 1917

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 24 1917 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT DEC 13 1917 HOUSES

LIGHT OCT 24 1917 HOUSES

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CHIEF CLERK DEC 1 1917

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William J. Pearson

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

William J. Pearson
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENT DEC 14 1917

[2] Sworn to - - - - - - - - - - (See below) and subscribed before me, this 18th. day of October, A. D. 1917

(Affix official seal here)

Name

Notary Public for Oregon
(Official title)

Comm'n expires Oct. 23, 1920

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Additional 1st Asst. Keeper	$900. p. a.	Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska
Former [5] 1st Asst. Keeper	$900. p. a.	do.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 16th District

Ketchikan, Alaska (Address), November 22, 1917 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 1, 1917

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Superintendent.

William J. Pearson 1st Assistant
(Signature, followed by title)

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[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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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT
FEB 14 1917
HOUSES

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)
PEARSON-William John.

2. Department:
Department of Commerce.

3. Bureau, office, or service:
Lighthouse Service.

4. Designation of position:
1st Asst. Keeper.

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):
See 4.

6. Annual earnings:
$900

7. Kind of appropriation:
43 (~~Stat.~~) Sal. L.H. Kprs.

8. Present rate of pay:
$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:
$ 480

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—
Substitute— Years: Months:
Regular— Years: 16 Months: 1

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):
England.

12. Race:
"W"

13. Sex:
Male.

14. Date of birth—
Month: July 22,
Year: 1864

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:
Common School Education

16. Marital condition:
"S"

17. War veteran?
No.

18. Appointed from—
Congressional district and State: 1-Washington
County: Whatcom

19. Civil service status:
"C"

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:
"CE"

21. Place of employment—
City: Scotch Cap Lt. Sta.
State: Alaska.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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Form 93

EHR.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 22 1918

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAY 22 1918 2 46 PM

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT

Ketchikan, Alaska, May 10th, 1918

1918 JUN 1 PM 2 32

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

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

Name, William J.Pearson, Position, 1st Asst. Keeper,

Legal residence, Washington, Station, Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska.

Salary, $900 per A

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 3-1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of May 17, 1918.

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

Remarks:

APPOINTMENTS

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Lighthouse Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON MAY 31 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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1918 JUN 1 PM 2 29

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
MAY 1918
KETCHIKAN

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MA 22 1918
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

May 3, 1918

Lighthouse Inspector,
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

Sir:-

I hereby tender my resignation as 1st Assistant Keeper Lighthouse Service, to take effect at the expiration of my leave of absence May 17, 1918.

Respectfully,
William John Pearson
1st Asst. Keeper.

June 3, 1918.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated May 3, 1918, as first assistant keeper of Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, at $900 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of May 17, 1918.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William J. Pearson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

GARDEN

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 3 - 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1930.

Secretary of Commerce.

There is resubmitted herewith Bureau recommendation of September 2, 1930 for the compulsory retirement of William J. Pearson, a laborer in the Sixteenth Lighthouse District, together with a certified copy of the birth certificate of this employee, which shows his date of birth as July 29, 1860. It is recommended that Department records be adjusted to show July 29, 1860 as the correct date of birth of this employee and his retirement approved, effective beginning August 1, 1930, attention in this connection being invited to the Superintendent's telegraphic recommendation for his retirement, which was submitted by Bureau indorsement of July 29. The Bureau in its indorsement of September 2 recommended Mr. Pearson's retirement effective beginning September 1, 1930, but it appears that this was in error, as the effective date was given as August 1 in the Superintendent's telegram of July 26, and since this employee reaches the compulsory retirement age on July 29.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

EJD
Inclos.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LAF:RC

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 3 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

July 29, 1930.

Wired 9/22/30

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Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D. C.

Inclosed herewith is regular form covering proposed compulsory retirement of William J. Pearson, Laborer, in the 16th Lighthouse District, as requested by Bureau telegram dated July 29, 1930, and Bureau letter of May 29, 1930, file RLC:EMF.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Asst. Superintendent.

Bureau asked for Navy data 9/5 Finch.

Inclosure:
Record of Government Service.

RG:LRF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., September 2, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce recommending Mr. Pearson's retirement effective beginning September 1, 1930, at the rate of $1006.47 per annum as shown in the attached computation, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of July 29, submitting the Superintendent's radiographic recommendation in this case.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Incl.

Submitted 10-1-30

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Appointment Division
WASHINGTON

To the Civil Service Commission:

October 16, 1930.

The Department transmits herewith a certificate of birth in the case of William J. Pearson, employed as a laborer in the Sixteenth Lighthouse District, at $900 per annum in the Bureau of Lighthouses, in support of his claim that he was born on July 29, 1860. Information is requested as to whether this date may be accepted by the Department as the correct date of his birth.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

OCT 17 1930

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

Enclosure.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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DEPART OF COMMERCE
OCT 31 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

October 8, 1930.

Secretary of Commerce.

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This recom. returned Bureau to ascertain exact date of birth 10/9/30 -
See CSCom. letter - 10/23/30 herewith.

C P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

EJD
Inclos.

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
OCT 1 1930
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UNITED STATES LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, as amended.
(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on page 3.

Name William J. Pearson Date of birth July 29, 1860

Designation Laborer, Ketchikan Lighthouse Depot.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE
(Including military, naval and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately).

Civilian Employment:	Beginning Month	Day	Year	Ending Month	Day	Year	Remarks
17th L.H.Dist., Seaman	6	12	1900	5	5	1907	6 Yrs. 10M 24D.
" " Asst. Kpr.	5	6	1907	9	3	1908	1 " 3 " 28 "
16th L.H.Dist., 1st " "	9	4	1908	6	24	1913	4 " 9 " 21 "
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" " 3rd " "	7	17	1913	4	30	1914	0 " 9 " 14"
" " 2nd " "	5	1	1914	8	30	1917	3 " 3 " 30"
" " 1st " "	9	1	1917	5	16	1918	0 " 8 " 16"
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" " Laborer	5	18	1918	3	24	1926	7 " 10 " 7"
" "	3	25	1926	5	16	1926	on furlough without pay.
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Total Period of Government Service							25 " 53 "204" or 29 " 11 "24

pensation Act, as amended? --- If so, state the

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT.
(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters or other allowance).

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								6713.55

Total compensation for last five years of active service $6,713.55
Average compensation for last five years of active service 5)1342.71
Annual rate of retired pay ($ X years /40)= $1,006.47
(Not exceeding 30)
$1342.71 X 29-354/360 yrs. /40=

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Marine Corps	-	-	-				
Civilian employment:	See slip attached.						
Total Service							

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the government under any law? no If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim --
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SIGNAL CORPS UNITED STATES ARMY

RADIOGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 30 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
CHIEF CLERK
1930 JUL 29 PM 2 28

KETCHIKAN ALASKA JULY 26 1930

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON DC

WILLIAM J PEARSON LABORER KETCHIKAN DEPOT AT FOUR EIGHTY PER DAY WILL REACH AGE SEVENTY YEARS ON JULY TWENTY NINTH (66 - on July 22, 1930) STOP RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST FIRST RECOMMENDED TOTAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO JULY TWENTY EIGHT INCLUSIVE TWENTY NINE AND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THREE HUNDRED SIXTIETHS YEARS AVERAGE PAY LAST FIVE YEARS ACTUAL SERVICE THIRTEEN HUNDRED FORTY TWO DOLLARS SEVENTY ONE CENTS RETIREMENT PAY ONE THOUSAND SIX DOLLARS FORTY SEVEN CENTS PER ANNUM

7/31/30 Hold til regular form arrives. DIBRELL

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., July 29, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with statement that the Bureau has advised the 16th Superintendent by radiogram to submit recommendation to the above effect on the regular form provided.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 2770
May, 1929

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 24 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
LBP:EMC

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C.

October 23, 1930.

Chief, Division of Appointments,

Department of Commerce.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated October 16, 1930,

relative to the date of birth of William J. Pearson, laborer, Lighthouse Service, Sixteenth Lighthouse District,

who furnishes a certified copy of birth certificate

showing that July 29, 1860 is the correct date of birth.

Notation accordingly is being made on the records of this office.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

JOHN T. DOYLE,
Secretary.

OCT 24 1930
Copy transmitted to the Bureau

EDW. J. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division

July 31, 1930.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses and in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918, has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Sixteenth District), with retired pay at the rate of $1,006.47 per annum, effective beginning August 1, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

NOV 1 1930

F. A. DELONG

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 1 1930 ON JOURNAL 2879 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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PEARSON, WILLIAM J.

Wm. J. Pearson

TELEGRAM

W J

Ketchikan Alaska June 18th, 1913.

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington D C

Your telegrams eighth. Cancel nominations mailed June fourteenth account unusual features connected therewith. Necessary changes will be considered later. Hereby nominate present keepers Monette and Homes Cape Sarichef Pearson and McLeod Scotch-Cap and Olsen and Bent Cape Hinchinbrooke to corresponding positions same station, new rate of pay, nominate Louks Cape Hinchinbrook to keeper Cape Sarichef ten hundred eighty also Moore second assistant Eldred Rock to first assistant Cape Hinchinbrook at nine hundred all effective June twenty fifth. Keepership Scotch Cap offered Wiebe Southeast five finger no reply account poor mail service. Will wire this nomination later. Efforts are being made to fill third assistants positions at three stations but require more time account slow mail service.

Hankinson.

June 19th, 1913.

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

ABE

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT,
Ketchikan, Alaska, June 18 191 3



THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Promotion

Name, William J. Pearson — Legal residence, Washington

Position, 1st Asst. Keeper Lighthouse Service — Salary, $900.00 per annum

Title of appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Location, Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska

Effective June 25, 1913 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper — Former salary, $800.00 per annum

Location, Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska

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

Other eligibles considered, - - -

Letters of declination inclosed, - - -

Previous incumbent, himself — Services terminated will, June 24, 1913

Reason, recommended for promotion as above stated

Remarks: New position authorized by Dept. letter 5/27/1913, increasing pay from $800.00 to $900.00 per annum

Roy L Kaufman

Lighthouse Inspector

~~Confirmation telegram this date~~

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

Mr. Carter

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

Oct 9, 1913
Form letter sent
Insp & Supt

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

June 25, 1913.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Nine Hundred dollars per annum, effective June 25, 1913.

(By increase in compensation from $800 per annum.)

EOD June 25, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

C
Lw

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position (by increase in compensation).

Legal Residence: Washington.

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JUN 3 0 1913

COPY

Washington D C June 25 1915

Lighthouse Inspector Ketchikan Alaska.

Department approves transfers promotions Cape Sarichef Hinchinbrooke Scotch Cap yours seventheuth eighteenth Traveling expenses Louke Moore if necessary

Putnam

Commissioner

Concur 7/2

TELEGRAM.

Seattle, Wash.,

July 1, 1913.

Lighthouse Commissioner,

Washington, D. C.

Your telegram 30th. Do not wish to cancel recommendation accumulative leave ~~Parsons~~ Carr and Monette.

Hankinson.

Received over phone July 2, 1913, 9:02, Kugland FCR.

HRW-McC.

July 7, 1913.

Subject: W.J.Pearson & Wilfred Monette,new appointment and leave.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation, in view of the difficult conditions in Alaska and the fact that these cases are meritorious and worthy of the consideration recommended, that these two keepers be allowed accumulative leave at the rate of seventy-two days per annum for the last three years, in accordance with the arrangement approved by Department letter of May 27, 1913. Attention is invited in this connection to the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1911, page 100, containing regulations in regard to leave of absence of keepers, amended by the new leave regulations for keepers approved by the Department on July 9, 1912, and still further amended by Department letter of May 27, 1913, above referred to.

The resignation of Monette will be submitted to the Department at the proper time, should it be actually submitted.

The Bureau is submitting the forms 73 in these cases, forwarded by the Inspector, approved, with the understanding that two persons will not serve in either position at the same time.

Acting Commissioner.

ABE JFW
Keepers
Pearson, Wm. J.
Monette, Wilfred
Change of rating.

Dep. Comm'r.
Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
E. C. G.
Examiner.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf. Clk.
Commr.

To Dept
Rec OK in view
difficult Alaska
conditions
PC 6/24

6/30/13 - telegraphed app'd

June 14, 1913.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 24 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Referring to the enclosed nomination of Wm. J. Pearson and Wilfred Monette.

These nominations are given as demotions in as much as the positions for which they are nominated are rated at a salary less than these employees are now receiving, the reasons for these demotions being as follows:

Mont - 39K
Hmch.
Pear - 39K
Dorchef

Wm. J. Pearson has served at Scotch Cap Light Station since Sept. 4, 1908, without being away from this station. It is believed that it will be for the best interest of the service, and for the health of this employee, to require him to take a leave of absence at this time and for the remainder of the year serve at some station in Southeastern Alaska. To do this it appears to be the best way to appoint him as 3rd Asst. Keeper at Cape Hinchinbrook Light Station, and, after having returned to Ketchikan and taken the leave granted to him, I believe it will be possible to appoint him in Southeastern Alaska to a prospective vacancy equal to his present

position.

Should he desire to return to a westward station next year, the matter can be considered at the proper time.

Wilfred Monette has served as Asst. Keeper at Cape Sarichef Light Station since June 30, 1910, without leaving the station. He has areogramed me, via Revenue Cutter Service, that he intends to resign upon the arrival of the tender to transport him from the station. It appears best to appoint him 3rd Asst. Keeper, at the present time, in order to give an opportunity to permanently fill the 1st Asst. Keeper's position at the time the new system goes into effect.

I propose to transport this employee to Ketchikan and grant leave of absence before his resignation takes effect.

I desire to recommend that I be allowed to grant this employee the full allowance of leave for one year under the three year service provision of paragraph 9, page 99 of the Regulations.

In connection with these two employees I desire to be informed if I am authorized to grant them at this time leave of absence in excess of the amount earned during the present calendar year. In other words does accumulative leave of absence, as approved by Department letter of May 27,1913, apply to service rendered prior to this calendar year.

Hawkinson

 Lighthouse Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES ANSWERED JUL 11 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Asst. Commr.
Hydrog.
Supr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
E. C. O.
Examiner.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf. Clk.
Commr.

16th

July 9, 1913.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 10 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the Bureau's communication of the 7th instant in connection with the Sixteenth Inspector's recommendations of the 14th ultimo for the transfer of William J. Pearson from the position of first assistant keeper of Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska, at $900 per annum, to that of third assistant keeper of Cape Hinchinbrook Light Station, Alaska, at $660 per annum, and for the demotion of Wilfred Monette from the position of first assistant keeper, at $900 per annum, to that of third assistant keeper of Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, at $660 per annum, the Department has to state that Messrs. Pearson and Monette have been appointed vice George West and Edward Pecor, respectively, with the understanding that two persons will not occupy either position at the same time.

The Department notes the Bureau's recommendation that the above-mentioned keepers be allowed accumulative leave at the rate of seventy-two days per annum for the last three years, in accordance with the arrangement approved by Department letter of May 27, 1913, and has to advise that it was not intended that the approval referred to should be retroactive. However, if it is desired to grant leave of absence in these cases in excess of the accrued rate during the current calendar year, the Department will approve a recommendation to that effect.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

July 11-13

To Lighthouse Inspector, Ketchikan, Alaska
for his information, guidance, ~~and files of office.~~

Acting Secretary.

Acting Commissioner.

JUL 10 1913

Orig to Lighthouse Inspector, Ketchikan, Alaska
for his information, guidance, and files of office.
Acting Secretary.
Acting Commissioner.
JUL 10 1913

HAW make such a rec
telegram of to day
submit report as to leave

HRW/McC

Washington D C July 11 1913

Lighthouse Inspector Ketchikan Alaska

Pearson Monette appointed third assistants Hinchinbrook Sarichef Department now disapproves granting accumulative leave these cases past years accordance letter May twenty seventh but will approve recommendation in excess accrued rate current calendar year Make recommendation as to amount excess Paper Asst travelling expenses Seattle to Ketchikan authorised

Putnam

Commissioner

Take Telegraph Operator to
Juneau by Way of Victoria if
cable is down from Seattle
SCR
7/11

JC

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16th Inspector's recommendation of Aug. 1, 1913, in regard to leave of absence of Wm. J. Pearson, see folder of Wilfred A. Monette.

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 22 1914 HOUSES

8-25-14 Cable 16 (Pecor)

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska (City.) Aug. 14, 1914 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, William J.Pearson — Legal residence, Washington

Position, 1st Asst. Keeper — Salary, $900 A

Location, Cape Sarichef Light Station,Aaa — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective September 1,1914 — {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd Asst. Keeper — Former salary, $720 A

Location, Cape Sarichef Light Station,Alaska

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

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Previous incumbent, Edward Pecor — Services terminate, Will terminate close Aug. 31,1914

Reason, Recommendation is being made for his transfer and demotion to 1st Asst. Keeper at Tree Point Light Station,Alaska

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 2 1 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT AUG 26 1914 HOUSES

August 24, 1914.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Nine Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $720 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

E.O.D. Sept 1-14 McC

M
C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward Pecor.

Legal Residence: Washington.

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WCD JFW

Poisoning Foxes.
Pearson, Wm. J.

9/17/13 - To Dept

Dep Comm.
Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
R. C. G.
Examiner.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf. Clk.
Comms.

Dept suggest refer to Bu Fish

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 20 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

September 6, 1913.

Bu Lt circulars write Disp

WCD 9/20

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Referring to previous correspondence in the matter of alleged poisoning of foxes on Unimak Island by W. J. Pearson, first assistant keeper at Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska, I return herewith the papers in the case, together with the following report:

The Bureau of Fisheries in its letter of November 30, 1917, to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, states that the regulations of the Department require that whenever a shipment of furs is made from Alaska the shipper must make a report to the Bureau of Fisheries stating that the furs were legally taken during the open season; and the Commissioner of Fisheries calls attention to the fact that in the case of the furs shipped from Scotch Cap Light Station by W. J. Pearson, and now held at the Ketchikan Depot pending investigation, no such report has been received. The necessary blank forms were sent to Pearson at Scotch Cap on December 17, 1912, but owing to very poor mail service to the lightstation the receipt and return of the papers has been delayed. Mr. Pearson recently arrived in Ketchikan on leave, and has prepared and signed the forms and they are transmitted herewith, to be forwarded to the Bureau of Fisheries.

As to the charges against Pearson of poisoning foxes, I have carefully weighed the evidence obtained and have discussed the matter at

length verbally with Mr. Hankinson, who personally investigated the charges at the lightstation, and I find no reasonable proof that Pearson actually killed furbearing animals by means of poison. The evidence against him though apparently entitled to some consideration, is circumstantial in its nature and all comes from or through one person, the keeper at the station, with whom Pearson has some difficulty, apparently over this matter, and who has since resigned from the Service. It has been clearly established, however, that Pearson ordered and received poison and that he intended to use it for killing wild animals. He states himself that it was his intention to poison wolves, which according to the Bureau of Fisheries(letter of November 30, 1912 to the Commissioner of Lighthouses) is unlawful, the wolf being classed as a fur-bearing animal. That he intended to use the strychnine for killing foxes has not been established, but such may have been true.

However, the consignment of strychnine mentioned in the correspondence was seized entire with seals unbroken by Mr. Hankingon during his inspection of the station on September 18, 1912. The proof is conclusive, therefore, that none of this lot was used, and no evidence has been discovered of any other poison having been in Pearson's possession at the station.

The following disposition of the case is therefore recommended in so far as the Lighthouse Service is concerned:

That Pearson be furnished with a copy of the Bureau of Fisheries Regulations for the protection of fur-bearing animals in Alaska (Alaska Fisheries Service, circular No. 1); that his attention be directed in particular to paragraph 9 thereof, prohibiting the killing of any fur-

bearing animal by means of strychinine or any other poison; that he be informed of the classification of wolves as fur-bearing animals by the Bureau of Fisheries; that his attention be called to the Regulations of the Lighthouse Service, 1911, pages 101 and 148, relative to violations of the game and fisheries laws and the penalties therefor; that he be cautioned not to use poison in the future for killing any wild animals in Alaska, nor to have in his possession poison intended for such purpose. It is further recommended that, with the approval of the Bureau of Fisheries, the Inspector be authorized to release from his custody the furs now held at the Ketchikan depot and turn them over to the owner or his agent.

Dibrell

Inspector.

HRW Set inclosures. September 27, 1913.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, with statement that the Bureau concurs in the recommendation of the Inspector. The letter of caution will be written by the Bureau, upon the approval of this recommendation, and a copy furnished to the Department.

It is suggested that the matter be referred to the Bureau of Fisheries for such action as they desire to take before the matter is finally acted upon by the Department of Commerce. Attention is invited to the last sentence in the last paragraph of the Inspector's letter of September 6, 1913.

COPY



Scotch Cap L. St., August 18th -12.

Inspector, 13th Dist. Ketchikan.

Sir:

The 1st Asst., W. J. Pearson, told me to day that he was going to Unalaska with the Tender, when she would come up, to find out from U. S. Marshal at that place, what right he has to hold his Merchandise, sent from Chicago by Montgomery Ward & Co., to his adress.

I asked W. J. Pearson if he sent for Poisen, he said no, at the same time he started to act like a Maniac, called me vile Names and struck me in the Face, ~~axs~~ once.

He said that I was interfering with his private Buisniss, that I had hinted at him poisening Foxes last Winter, (Which I did, as I suspected him of poisening Foxes)

Respectfully,

Signed Michael Ludescher,

Keeper.

COPY

Scotch Cap, L. St., August 25th, 1912.

Inspector 13th L. HL Sistrict, Ketchikan.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 20 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Sir:

To day I received reliable Information that 1st Asst. W. J. Pearson sent for 1/2 lb (8ounzes) Strychnine wich U. S. Marshal at Unalaska is holding, untill he gets word from Game warden at Ketchikan, whom you notified.

Respectfully,

Signed (Michael Ludescher,)

Keeper

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 20 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

Scotch Cap Lt Sta.

June 20, 1913.

Sir:

Ycurs of March 25 at hand and contents noted would say in reply. that to the best of my knowledge that no animals has been poisoned at this station. Its true I sent for the four vials to try and get the 3 . three wolves that was roaming the Island. But when the Light house Inspector told me I had better let the wolves go ~~as~~ so as ~~to~~ not to run chances of having any trouble then I done as requested. I also gave the four vials of poison to the Inspector (Mr. Ray L. Hankinson and shall hold this letter untill the Inspector arrive then I shall ask the Inspector to sign as a witness that the Inspector took the poison away with him last September.

Respctfully,

Signed (William J. Pearson,

Scotch Cap St. Stat.

Alaska.

McC-HMV.
1 inclosure.

October 18, 1913.

Caution.

Mr. William J. Pearson,
First Assistant Keeper, Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Ketchikan, Alaska.)

Referring to the charges preferred against you, of poisoning foxes on Unimak Island, Alaska.

After a thorough investigation of the matter you are cautioned against the killing, in the future, of any fur-bearing animal, by means of strychnine or other poison. Your attention is invited to Department Circular No. 246 of March 26, 1913, Regulations for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals in Alaska, a copy of which is inclosed, and particularly to subdivision III of that circular, in reference to the use of poison. Your attention is also invited to the fact that the wolf is classified, in the Department circular referred to, as a fur-bearing animal. Your attention is also directed to the General Instructions to all Employees, page 148, in which the penalty of dismissal is prescribed for a violation of the Game and Fisheries Laws of the United States. The fact that you have been cautioned will be noted on the records of the Department, this Office, and those of the Inspector, as part of your official history.

Commissioner.

copy

McC-HMV. Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, October 18, 1913.
3 inclosures.

Referred to Sixteenth Inspector. Attached is a copy of letter from the Department, dated October 11, 1913, in regard to this matter. The furs now held at the Ketchikan Depot, in connection with this matter, should be turned over to the owner or his agent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 18 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Commissioner.

Form 73 ·

RLH/S

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SPECIAL

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Sixteenth DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska, June 14,1913 . 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 24 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer and Demotion

Name, William J. Pearson — Legal residence, Washington.

Position, 3rd Asst. Keeper, Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $660 per annum

Title of appropriation, Salaries L. H. Service,

Location, Cape Hinchinbrook Light Station, Alaska.

Effective July 7, 1913. — {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper — Former salary, ~~$800~~ $900 per annum

Location, Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska.

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

Other eligibles considered, --

Letters of declination inclosed, --

Previous incumbent, ~~New Position~~ George Nast — *Services to terminate at later date. Services terminated, at a later date

Reason,

Remarks: New position authorized by Dept. letter May 27,1913. Transportation to new station is to be made on Lighthouse Tender. See letter this date with reference to this demotion and transfer.

Hawkesworth
Lighthouse Inspector.

*Changed in Bureau.

HRW-McC.

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON SPECIAL JUL 7 1913

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

See letter from the Sixteenth Inspector, dated June 14, 1913, submitted to the Department by indorsement of today.

Acting Commissioner.

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

11—2314

Oct 9 1913
Form letter sent
Insp & Supt

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 9, 1913.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Third Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $900 per annum.)

E & D July 17, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Lw

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Geo[illegible]t.

Legal Res[illegible] Washington.

11—3692

JUL 12 1913

Form letter sent Insp & Dept

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 9, 1913.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Third Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $900 per annum.)

E D July 17, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

C
LW

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George West.

Legal Residence: Washington.

11—3692

JUL 12 1913

LIGHT
MAR9 1914
HOUSES

MAR 7 1914

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you to one, Henry Taiplus, from March 1 to May 31, 1913, during which period, he was given shelter and subsistence by you at Scotch Cap Light Station, Alaska, at which station you were at that time assigned to duty, you are commended for the assistance rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Mr. William J. Pearson,
Third Assistant Keeper,
Cape Hinchinbrook Light Station, Alaska,
Through, Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Secretary's files. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by.....
Mailed MAR - 9 1914 by.....

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 9 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector Ketchikan, Alaska,
For files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See your report of Jan. 15.

Chief Clerk.

Form 73 ABE

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES ANSWERED APR 21 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

LIGHT APR 17 1914 HOUSES

4-20-14 Journal Telegrams

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska (City.), April 9 (Date.), 1914

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, transfer and promotion

Name, William J. Pearson — Legal residence, Washington

Position, 2nd Asst. Keeper Lighthouse Service — Salary, $720 A,

Location, Cape Sarichef Lt-Sta., Alaska — Appropriation, Salaries of Kprs. of Lt-houses

Effective May 1 1914 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 3rd Asst. Keeper — Former salary, $660. A

Location, Cape Hinchinbrook Lt-Station, Alaska

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

Previous incumbent, Edward A. Beard — Services terminated, Close of Nov. 15, 1913

Reason, Resigned

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Lighthouse Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 18 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

McC

Washington D C April 21 1914

Lighthouse Inspector Ketchikan Alaska

Pearson appointed second assistant keeper Cape Sarichef effective today or hereafter

Putnam

Commissioner

In Journal
Asst Secty. 4/21/14
4:15 pm

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
APR 22 1914
HOUSES

April 20, 1914.

Mr. William J. Pearson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~Second Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Seven Hundred and Twenty~~ dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from third assistant keeper at $660 per annum.)

EOD May 1, 1914.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

M
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward A. Beard.

Legal Residence: Washington.

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APR 22 1914

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT June 5, 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 J. Pearson 2. Age 46 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position First Assistant Keeper

5. Compensation $800. 6. Where employed Scotch Cap Light-Station

7. When appointed (*a*) Sept.4,1908 8. How appointed (*b*) By change from Additional Assistant Keeper.

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 June 12, 1900 to May 6, 1907, Seaman on Columbia River Light Vessel No. 50. Appointed first as Assistant Keeper May 24, 1907..

13. Duties (describe fully) To assist in care of station and all government property thereat; to see light is kept burning brightly from sunset to sunrise and fog-signal sounded during thick weather.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Not to my knowledge. If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	90	2	180
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255
Attendance		2	
Total		8 10	735
Average percentage			90.2

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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.
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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.) His duties are largely routine.

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.) Fairly well paid by comparison.

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 efficiency can only be estimated from reports received from the station, as the Inspector has not visited the station for over two years and it frequently is not heard from for three months at a time

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

C. H. Gillman

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

C. H. Gillman

Commander, U. S. Navy

INSPECTOR, 16th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT

11—4259

Chief of Bureau or Office.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 14 1909
NO.

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment 2. Where employed Scotch Cap Light-Station.
3. Name Pearson, William J. 4. Where born England.
5. Age 44 6. Position First Assistant Keeper.
7. Compensation $800 P.A. 8. When appointed (a) May 6, 1907.
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil Service Examination.
10. Appointed from — State Washington. Congressional District At large. Now 2d District. County Wahkiakum.
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) First Assistant Keeper.
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) The Inspector has again been requested to forward oaths of office for Pearson's appointments as additional assistant and 1st assistant keeper at Scotch Cap L. S.

Chas. J. Peck.
Inspector, 13th Light-House District. *Head of Bureau or Office.*

JUN 7 - 1909, 19

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(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Inspector, 16th District
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Employees
Unimak Pass Lt-Sta.

October 8, 1914.

Complaint having been made through official channels by officers of the Revenue-Cutter Service that the Keepers at Unimak Pass Light stations have shown indifference and lack of interest when supplies and provisions were landed at the stations by the Cutters during the past summer, the Inspector states that such unfavorable reports concerning employees of this district are received with regret. All keepers at the above named stations are requested to render every possible assistante to vessels which may in future visit or land supplies at their stations.

Inspector.

Office of the Inspector, 16th Dist.,
Ketchikan, Alaska. Octo. 8, 1914.

Copy respectfully forwarded to the Bureau with letter of this date for its information, with the statement that a copy of the above has been addressed to each keeper and assistant keeper at the Unimak Pass Lightstations.

Edmund Moore, Keeper, Scotch Cap Lightstation
C. E. Schulze, 1st Asst. Keeper, Scotch Cap Lightstation
B.J. Lervick, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Scotch Cap Light Station
C. E. Louks, Keeper, Cape Sarichef Lightstation
W. J. Pearson, 1st Asst.Keeper Cape Sarichef Lightstation
W. A. Phillips, 2nd Assistant Keeper Cape Sarichef Lightstation
Edward Pecor, 1st Asst. Keeper, Tree Point Lightstation, formerly 1st Asst. Keeper, Cape Sarichef Lt-Sta.

(Sgd.) Dibrell
Inspector

(For the indorsement by which a copy of this letter was submitted to the Secretary for his information, see file of Edward Moore.)

Copy JFW

LIGHT
DEC17 1914
HOUSES

LIGHT
JAN 4 1915
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT
Cape Sarichef
October 10th, 1914.

To Lighthouse Inspector.

Sir:

I have to inform you of the terrible accident and drowning of the (Keeper) and five men from the Revenue Cutter Manning this morning between nine o'clock and nine thirty. The Cutter answered the distress signal two days ago but was not able to land on account of the beach. The Cutter returned this morning and sent a boat with the doctor. The doctor examined the keeper and told him he would have to take him out as there was no use for him to stop at the station as he would have to go to the hospital. The boats crew and myself and the second Assistant carried him on the lounge to the boat and lifted him into the boat and was pushing the boat off but the large seas came one after the other in quick succession, the first sea half filled the boat and knocked every one of us flat and nearly took all of us out in the undertow, three of us, myself. William Rosenburg, and C. Murphy managed to regain our feet and rushed to save the other the second second Assistant managed to get out of the breakers and rushed up the beach to try and get the doctor and gunner while myself and W. Rosenburg got the lines from the barn. C. Murphy and Rosenburg got the gunner with the first line and that was all that got on shore. The second assistant ran and sounded the signal to attract the Cutter's attention but before the boat came in all the others was drowned except one man who hung to the oar.

The gunner and C. Murphy is at the station at present the Cutter having signaled (will return). The beach was smooth yesterday afternoon and last night and this morning and when the boat landed it was pretty smooth it was the turning of the tide that cuased the accident. The first sea half filled the boat, the second sea filled the boat and carried it out in the undertow and the third sea capsized the boat. The men was all swimming and hanging on to the boats oars but the cold water and the heavy gum boots and rain coats was too heavy for any one to stand the cold and wet clothes very long, and one by one they sank. The undertow had carried them all beyond the reach of our lines. When the other boat came from the Cutter there was obly two above water one hanging to the oar (he was saved) and the doctor. The doctor had been floating around in the eddy and the boat was within sixty or eight feet of him when a large breaker struck the doctor and washed him close to the reef away from the boat. The second breaker took him clear of the reef and washed him in side of the reef. Then the third breaker took him in to the hole and covered him and when the sea broke he threw both hands up and sank out of sight. I never saw the keeper (C.E.Louks) after the first sea struck the boat then he was up to his waist in water. as the same sea that first struck the boat is the one that knocked all of us down and scattered us along the beach I think all concerned will agree with me in saying that all that could be done under the circumstances was done to save all that could be saved. The gunner was the worse one of all as we had to drag hi up the beach as he was full of water.

I remain most respectively

(Signed)

William J. Pearson, First Assistant Keeper.

Wm. A. Phillips, 2 Assistant

C. Magnusen, Act. Gunner, U.S.R.C.S.

C. Murphy, Seaman

Willaim Rosenberg.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT
Cape Sarichef

October 10th, 1914.

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To Light House Inspector

Sir

All official and personal mail is lost or I would not have to write this as I had the condition of the Keeper since the 22nd of September when the Keeper had to give up and take to his bed. The keeper has been getting worse ever since the tender Columbine left the light. me and the second got in and got the coal and suppliea in and made it as light and easy for him as we could but the break down came complete on the twenty second of September when the poor man could not even go to the light but he was willing enough to do it. there is one thing I must say Mr. William Phillips the second assistant that you left here is a gentleman. he has done his duty well he nursed the keeper like a child and attended him night and day. The keeper claimed my hands was too cold to handle him. but Mr. phillips hands was warm so if there is any credit due any one it must go to Mr. Phillips as he attended the keeper in his sickness like a mother attending to her child. the keeper thought at first it was the Astma as he could not breathe and had to be fanned whenever the choking spells took him. who ever had the the watch lit the Light and then came from the tower and releived the other so the man off watch could have a little sleep as we dare not leave him alone for five minutes at the time. Mr. Charles Rosenberg came here on the 26th of September with his sons William Rosenburg Jack Rosenberg and Dan Seproy. The keeper employed William Rosenburg to take his watch and work at the station during

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Miss M. J. Louks
Addison,
Ohio.

I shall have them boxed up so when the tender comes I shall have them ready. I have also wrote to the two lodges according to his orders as he was a brother mason and he was a member of the Knights of Pithians I am carrying out his instructions as he ordered but it is hard to write his sisters and brothers the way he went I would to God that he had died on the station or in the hospital sooner than see the poor helpless fellow die like he died this morning. willing hands only too glad to help him if we could. Phillips just told me that while me and W Rosenberg was running to the barn to get the ropes to throw to the men that he saw the keeper for a good while floating and keeping himself afloat but the poor man could not use his legs they were larger than a ordinary persons body. the water had risen in him clear up to the navel. you never saw such a sight in your life and I hope you never will. I dont wish to put the blaim unjustly but the mail boat havent landed since the tender was here. She could have landed good in September a fine smooth beach but she did not even come near the station to see or try. the Captain of the Dirigo is responsible knowing he had not landed for two months and getting the urgent message for help then he could have come here and looked to see if he could land if he had been a man.

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First Assistant Keeper

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES
REVENUE-CUTTER SERVICE

Unalaska, Alaska, October 15, 1914.

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The Inspector,
16th Lighthouse District,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Subject: Death of Lightkeeper Louks.

Sir:

1. Confirming my radiogram of the 11th instant:--

"Lighthouse Inspector, Ketchikan, Alaska.
Louks Cape Sarichef Light Station ill, was to be taken by MANNING tenth for hospital treatment. Boat swamped leaving beach, Louks among drowned. Body not found.
(Signed) Reynolds."

and complying with request obtained in your radiogram of the 14th instant, you are informed regarding the death of Louks as follows:-

On the morning of September 29, 1914, I received information through N. E. Bolshanin, Deputy Collector of Customs at this place, that medical assistance was needed at Cape Sarichef Light Station. Consequently I immediately wired the Revenue Cutter BEAR to call at Cape Sarichef and render the necessary aid. The BEAR passed Cape Sarichef the next day, but found a heavy surf running and was unable to land a boat. She, having a leaky boiler, could not remain off the light station and was forced to proceed to Unalaska.

2. Knowing that the Revenue Cutter MANNING would be in Unimak Pass in a few days I wired her to call at the light station and render the needed assistance. The MANNING did visit Cape Sarichef, but she also was unable to land a boat through the surf and continued to Unalaska. She arrived here October 8th, remained until the afternoon of the 9th on account of heavy weather, when

she returned to the Cape under orders to land the surgeon at the earliest possible moment.

3. The morning of the 10th being favorable, the surgeon, Dr. L. W. Jenkins, U. S. Public Health Service, was landed and he examined the sick man, Louks, and decided to take him to Unalaska for hospital treatment. Louks was much bloated and was evidently in the last stage of heart disease or of Bright's disease as indicated by his dropsical condition.

4. However, the sick man was placed into the boat and the attempt made to get him aboard the MANNING. It is reported that there was scarcely any surf at the time but that quicksands on the beach interferred with the proper launching of the boat, which was filled and capsized, close to the beach, the strong undertow taking the people off shore. The MANNING dispatched a boat to their assistance and rescued one man who was clinging to an oar outside the surf; two men reach the beach; the others, who were in the boat, including Louks and the surgeon, were drowned. No bodies were recovered.

5. A landing could not be made by the rescue boat at this time but the next morning a boat was sent in and brought off the other two survivors.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. E. Reynolds,

Senior Captain, U.S.R.C.S.
Commanding Bering Sea Fleet.

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C.E.Louks
Drowning

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

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December 7, 1914.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Referring to the accidental drowning of C. E. Louks, Keeper, of Cape Sarichef Lightstation on October 10, 1914, heretofore reported, I forward herewith copies of three letters giving further details of the accident, two from Wm. Pearson, 1st Assistant Keeper at the station and one from the Commanding Officer of the Bering Sea Fleet, Revenue Cutter Service. These letters contain all the information received by this office relative to the accident.

It appears from the reports that the surf was not very bad at the time, but that the swamping of the boat was due to the occurrence of several unusually heavy breakers at the moment of launching. The large loss of life seems to have been caused by strong undertow, cold water, and heavy clothing and boots worn by the men. Landing at this station usually is made on a ledge of rocks extending out from the lighthouse, where there is partial shelter. In this case landing evidently was made on the sand beach, probably in order to be nearer to the dwelling from which the sick man was to be taken.

Mr. Louks apparently was in normal physical condition at the time the Inspector last visited the station, on July 24th, and the reports of his death contained the first intimation that this office has had of the failure of his health.

In regard to that part of Mr. Pearson's report in which he blames the master of the Steamer Dirigo for failure to respond to his call for assistance, it does not appear after a careful reading of the reports that any blame in the matter should be attached to the master of the Dirigo. The date on which the vessel landed at Scotch Cap is not stated, but it could not have been earlier than September 28th. As the need of medical attention at Cape Sarichef was made known to the Commanding Officer of the Bering Sea Fleet at Unalaska on the morning of the 29th, the message from the station evidently was promptly communicated to the Revnue Cutter Service by the Dirigo. As this vessel probably is not well equipped for making surf landings and doubtless carries no surgeon, it is believed that under the circumstance the proper course for the master to pursue upon the receipt of the call for assistance was to transmit the same to the revenue Cutter station at Unalaska, rather than attempt to afford relief himself.

The frequent failure of the mail boat to land mail at Unimak Pass stations, especially Cape Sarichef, has heretofore been the subject of correspondence between this Service and the Postoffice Department, and it is not considered necessary that the matter be again taken up at the present time. On the September trip the Sarichef mail was landed at Scotch Cap, there being means available at that time for its transportation to its destination (see Pearson's report), whereas it might not have been landed at all had it been taken to Cape Sarichef on the vessel.

Steps will be taken by this office to reimburse Mr. Pearson for expenses incurred in sending the message to Scotch Cap and for

carrying the mail from the latter station to Cape Sarichef.

It is recommended that Wm. J. Pearson, First Assistant Keeper, and W. A. Phillips, Second Assistant Keeper, be commended for care taken of the keeper during his illness and for assistance rendered to the crew of the capsized boat, It is further recommended that Wm. Rosenberg, temporarily employed at the station, be mentioned in the published reports of assistance rendered, he having taken an active part in the efforts made to save life in this instance.

It is suggested that acknowledgement be made to the Revenue Cutter Service through official channels for the efforts made by the officers and crew of the Manning on this unfortunate occasion to respond to a call for assistance from an isolated lightstation.

As Bureau letter of October 24, 1914 addressed to Mr. J. S. Louks, Gallipolis, Ohio, brother of deceased, intimated that details of the accident will be furnished by the Bureau when received, this office has made no detailed reports to relatives of deceased, but has merely notified them of the principal facts in the case. I inclose herewith two extra copies of each of the three letters mentioned in the first paragraph hereof, in order that they may be used by the Bureau for compiling such extracts as the Bureau may desire to forward to the relatives.

The personal effects of the deceased will be picked up by the tender when the station is visited during the summer of 1915.

Inspector.

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Set inclosures.

Subject: 16th Inspector's letter Dec. 7-1914, C.E.Louks, drowning.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

It is recommended that the inclosed commendatory letters, prepared for the signature of the Secretary, be sent to Messrs. William J. Pearson, William A. Phillips, and Wm. Rosenberg, first assistant keeper, second assistant keeper, and substitute employed by late keeper Louks, respectively, Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, for the efforts made by them to rescue the persons who were drowned, for the assistance rendered the crew of the capsized boat, and for the care given the keeper during his illness; also that the inclosed letter, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., prepared for the signature of the Secretary of Commerce, expressing the appreciation of this Department for the efforts made by the officers and crew of the Manning to respond to a call for assistance from an isolated station, be sent.

(Signed)

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Sir:

Referring to report of the swamping of the landing boat from the Revenue Cutter Manning on October 10, 1914, by which Charles E. Louks, keeper of Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, and five members of the complement of the Revenue Cutter Manning lost their lives by drowning.

The Department desires to express its appreciation of the efforts made by you to save the lives of the persons referred to, for the assistance rendered the crew of the capsized boat, and for the care given the keeper during his illness, and will make note thereof on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Secretary.

Mr. William J. Pearson,
First Assistant Keeper,
Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

See file D. C. E. LIGHTHOUSES--Bureau's Mss.
Louks for papers

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Mailed DEC 31 1914 by

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August 2, 1916.

W. J. Pearson, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Cape Sarichef Lightstation, Alaska.

(Through the Keeper)

You are charged with being asleep on watch when the station was visited by the Inspector at 4:40 A. M. on July 19, 1916, the fog signal machinery being in operation at the time.

Before taking further action in the matter you are given opportunity to make a statement in the matter, if you care to do so.

Inspector.

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Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska

September 25, 1916.

Lighthouse Inspector,

Sir:-

Your letter of August 2nd, 1916 at hand charging me with being asleep on watch at 4.40 A.M. July 19th. I am sorry to say I must admit the charge. The only reason I can give is I was outside when the weather cleared some and was watching the tender steaming around and got cold and went back in the engine room and closed the window to get warm and sat down by the radiator and engine to get warm and dozed off. Believing this is the first complaint that has been filed against me in my Light Vessel and Lighthouse Service (going on my 17th year) and being more careful in the future, and hoping no further action will be taken this time, I remain,

Most respectfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM J. PEARSON,

1st Assistant Keeper,

Cape Sarichef Light Station,

Alaska.

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W.J.Pearson, 1st Asst.
Keeper, Cape Sarichef L.S.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Charges against W.J.Pearson, 1st Assistant Keeper Cape Sarichef Light Station, for sleeping on watch, preferred by the Inspector under date of August 2nd, 1916, are forwarded herewith. See Pearson's reply attached.

The facts are as set forth in the charges. At the time the fog signal was in operation for fog, but the light had been extinguished, it being after sunrise. The other two keepers were at the dwelling and had not risen. Pearson was seated in a chair in the engine room and had to be shaken before waking.

As this is the first offense of the kind reported against this employee, it is recommended that he be reprimanded by the Inspector, as per copy herewith, and that no further action be taken in the matter. The general rating of Pearson as to efficiency and conduct is fair to good. He was cautioned by the Commissioner under date of October 18, 1913 in connection with alleged poisoning of fur bearing animals. He was commended by the Department on March 7, 1914 for assistance rendered to Henry Taiplus, a destitute prospector, and also commended again by the Department on December 31, 1914, for care of sick keeper and for assistance rendered to boat crew of U.S.C.G."Manning" when the boat capsized while taking the sick keeper from the station.

W. C. Dunlee

Lighthouse Inspector.

HB-NDW Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, November 7, 1916.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation for approval, the Department to be furnished a copy of the letter of reprimand and further report to be submitted in this employee's case at the expiration of six mon from the date of the letter of reprimand.

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October 28, 1916.

Wm. J. pearson,
Ist Assistant Keeper,
Cape Sarichef Lt. Sta;
VIA SEWARD & UNALASKA,
ALASKA.
(Through the Keeper)

Referring to office letter of August 2, 1916, charging you with being asleep while on duty on July 19, 1916 and to your reply of September 25, 1916, admitting the charge, you are hereby reprimanded for this offense and cautioned against similar neglect of duty in the future.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be entered on the records as a part of your official history.

Lighthouse Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Department letter of November 9, 1916.

Acting Commissioner.

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November 9, 1916.

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Copy to Dept

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Sixteenth Inspector's letter of the 28th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 7th instant, reporting that William J. Pearson, first assistant keeper of Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, was found asleep on watch at 4:40 a. m. on July 19, 1916, and in view of the circumstances set forth in the Inspector's letter, approves the recommendation that no more drastic action be taken than to reprimand Mr. Pearson by letter (copy to be furnished for the Department's files), with the understanding that further report and recommendation will be made to the Department at the expiration of six months from the date of letter of reprimand.

The copy of the proposed letter of reprimand, submitted by the Inspector, is returned herewith.

May 21/17 reminded Supt's copy of remarks sent Dept

(SIGNED) E. E. PRATT.

Acting Secretary.

McC. Bureau of Lighthouses, Nov. 18, 1916.
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Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Ketchikan, Alaska, for his information, guidance, and files, inclosing the original of the letter of reprimand addressed by you to Wm. J. Pearson. See Bureau indorsement of June 27, in the case of S.G.Olsen, requesting that letters of reprimand be sent in triplicate. It appears that but two copies were received in this case. Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

Make further report and recommendation in Pearson's case at the end of six months.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

November 28, 1916.

Subject:- Reprimand of W.J.Pearson, 1st Asst. Keeper Cape Sarichef Lt.Sta. by the Inspector.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Forwarded in duplicate for the files of the Bureau and Department.

Referring to Bureau endorsement on Department letter of Nov. 9, 1916 in this connection, the instructions contained in Bureau's indorsement in the case of S.G.Olsen will in future be observed.

Lighthouse Inspector.

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W. A. Dinsell

Lighthouse Inspector.

Board of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 11 1916

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Department letter of November 9 on this subject.

Acting Commissioner.

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May 21st, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Referring to Bureau indorsement of Nov. 18,1916 on Department letter of November 9,1916 relating to reprimand of William J.Pearson, first assistant keeper of Scotch Cap Lightstation,Alaska for being asleep while on duty, I now report that there has been no further neglect of duty on the part of Mr.Pearson. It is recommended that no further action be taken in his case on account of the charges formerly preferred against him.

W. C. Dierdorff

Lighthouse Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 4 1917

...mitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval., the Bu-
reau concurring in the views of the Inspector.

Commissioner.

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June 5, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Sixteenth Inspector's letter of the 21st ultimo, forwarded by the Bureau on the 4th instant, reporting that the conduct of William J. Pearson, first assistant keeper of Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska, has been satisfactory since the receipt by him of letter of reprimand dated October 28, 1916, and approves the recommendation that no further action be taken in the matter.

SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
June 6, 1917.

To Lighthouse Inspector, ..Ketchikan,..Alaska.....
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Acting Commissioner.

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Form 73 ABE-EHR.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 22 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT.

Ketchikan, Alaska, August 13, (Date.), 1917
(City.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer.

Name, William J. Pearson, Legal residence, Washington.

Position, Additional 1st Asst. Keeper, Lighthouse S. Salary, $900 A.

Location, Cape Sarichef Light Station, Aaa. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective Sept. 1, 1917. [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, First Asst. Keeper, Former salary, $900 A.

Location, Cape Sarichef Light Station, Alaska.

Rank on eligible list, Rating, Hydrog. Engr. Cons. Mar. Engr. Personnel Accounts. Contracts Chf. Clk. Dep. Comm. Percentage, , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, None. Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: This transfer is for the purpose of allowing Mr. Pearson to take his accumulated leave in accordance with regulations in force at this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.
R. R. TINKHAM

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 22 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
AUG 27 1917
HOUSES

August 24, 1917.

Mr. William J. Pearson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Additional First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Nine Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By change from first assistant keeper at $900 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Washington.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, OREG.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEP 5 1917 LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

August 31, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Herewith is transmitted appointment of William J. Pearson as Additional 1st Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, received from the Bureau this date.

Warrack,
Inspector.

Inc.

Copy for the information of the Bureau. The above appointment is marked "17" in the upper left hand corner but is undoubtedly intended for the 16th District.

Warrack
Inspector.

for remark
Sept 2. TSC 9/6

Hydrog.
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Mar. Engr.
~~Aeronaut~~
Accounts.
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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Nothing to show
who made error.
Have no recollection
of matter personally
MCL
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Prob. Mistake by some one in Pers
who marked it for mailing, as
carbon for Dept does not show
that appt was marked Insp
for whom intended

Rec file | TSC 9/12

DK not important
as kept going in same
direction
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KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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HOUSE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
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KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 10th, 1918.

Subject:- Charges against W.J.Pearson, 1st Asst. Keeper Cape Sarichef Lt. Sta.

Copy of the above charges preferred by the Inspector upon verbal information furnished by C.P.Mercer, keeper of the station, are forwarded herewith for the consideration of the Bureau, together with Mr. Pearson's reply. As a result of the charges Pearson has voluntarily presented his resignation, and the same is forwarded herewith recommended for acceptance.

Further information bearing upon the matter is submitted as follows:-

Verbal complaint was made against Pearson by the Keeper when the station was visited by the Inspector on August 5,1917. Notes were made in regard to the matter but owing to lack of time no hearing was had at the station and a written statement from the Keeper was not obtained. The general nature of the complaint was that Pearson was inefficient and could not be depended upon as to general work about the station, and that his presence at the station was objectionable on account of filthy habits. The Keeper was very emphatic in his criticisms and stated that he would prefer to resign than to have Pearson at the station. As an example of his objectionable habits the Keeper related how Pearson had emptied a spittoon into the kitchen sink and then washed it out with a dish cloth. Pearson left the station on the above date to take about nine month's accumulated leave.

On August 16,1917 a letter was addressed to Mr. Mercer through the mail directing him to submit a written report stating specifically and in detail his complaints against the First Assistant Keeper. No reply to this letter has been received to date, presumably owing to the fact that Cape Sarichef has been almost without mail service during the last nine months.

Pearson is an eccentric character, generally considered as mentally peculiar, but apparently not mentally unbalanced. His record as assistant keeper and acting keeper has not been very good. As a keeper he was a total failure; as an assistant keeper, average. In 1913 he was cautioned for killing, or ~~attempting~~ intending to kill fur bearing animals by means of poison. It is understood that at about the same time he had trouble with the Keeper, Mr. Ludescher. The latter resigned and left the station (Scotch Cap) without preferring charges and the details of the trouble are not known. On October 28,1916, with the approval of the Bureau and of the Department, Pearson was reprimanded by the Inspector for being found asleep while on duty at his station on July 19,1916.

Statements similar to that made by Mr. Mercer, as to Mr. Pearson's objectionable habits, have heretofore reached the Inspector from other persons with whom he has been associated at lightstations.

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Taking into consideration the past history of this employee in connection with the charges now being considered, the Inspector is of the opinion that Mr. Pearson is not a suitable person for Assistant Keeper, and hence the recommendation above made that his resignation be accepted. Acceptance of resignation instead of dismissal is recommended on the grounds that unsuitability for the position he holds, rather than punishment for some particular act committed, is the reason given for separation from the Service.

In regard to Mr. Pearson's statement in his reply to the charges that if the Inspector had notified him in time he would not have come to Alaska, attention is called to accompanying copies of his letter of March 29,1918 and reply from this office of April 4,1918, which correspondence shows that he had been advised that he would not be returned to Cape Sarichef, and that if he should be given assignment elsewhere he would be furnished transportation to Alaska on the CEDAR.

W. C. Dierker

Inspector.

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4 inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
June 3, 1918.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that the services of Pearson be discontinued effective at the close of the date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

Acting Commissioner

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTION
MAY 3 1918
KETCHIKAN

Ketchikan, Alaska, May 3th 1918

LIGHT
MAY 22 1918
HOUSES

To Light House Inspector

Sir your letter of April 27th at hand this morning it has been laying in the P. O. unknown to me hence the delay.

In regards to the charges of lack in my duty I brand them as false. I always had charge of the Lense room down to the watch room. and my work was alwas done in a neat manner.

In regards to my person I alway took my bath Saturday night or Sunday morning and my clothes was always changed when I took my bath so what in the world does that man mean. he is trying to knock me behind my back for cause unknown to me.

I would have thanked you as a Gentleman had you spoken when you were at the station on your Annual Inspection your last august so that L P Mercer and my self were face to face. as it is we are hundreds of miles apart so that he can say

Ketchikan, Alaska, May 3 191 8

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then there was trouble. Mr Ankenson wanted me to talk behind the keepers back so I told him twice to get the three of us together. he would not and the third time I told him Mr Ankenson there is neither principal honour. or manhood in getting men to talk behind one anothers back as you do not give no man a chance to Deny or affirm charges made and preffered and you are no Gentleman. So I answear C. P. Mercers charges and brand them as false. but I am not going to talk behind his back. as you should have had us face to face when you were at the station. But my Dear Inspector if you have any grudge or spite against me then please speak like a Gentleman and I can respect you as one. and tender my Resignation and leave the service with a clear conscious. as I shall speak plain if I am sent to a station that dont suit me then I Resign as there is plenty of work and good pay outside. I dont want no station where I have to live on canned beef that is why I like it at Sarichef if a man is not too lazy to go out and kill a carriboa and pack it in then there is mostly a nice juicy steak or a pot of good soup. some times we have to

WCD-EHR.

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KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAY 22 1918
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

April 26th, 1918.

W.J.Pearson,
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

The Keeper at Cape Sarichef Light Station has made verbally unfavorable report in regard to yourself as First Assistant Keeper at that station. He charges that you are inefficient in the line of your duties and that your presence at the station is objectionable on account of your lack of cleanliness. The Keeper was requested, some months ago, to make specific written report in the matter but owing to almost entire lack of mail service at Cape Sarichef during the past winter no reply has yet been received.

You are requested to submit as promptly as practicable written reply to the above charges.

W. C. Dionne

Inspector.

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KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

April 4th, 1918.

Mr. W.J.Pearson,
3712-76th St. S.E.
PORTLAND, ORE.

Replying to your letter of March 29th, you are advised that at the present time it does not appear that it will be practicable to return you to Cape Sarichef for duty at that station.

If you are given an assignment at some other station, it will be satisfactory for you to return to Ketchikan in the latter part of May. One of the lighthouse tenders is expected to be in Seattle for repairs at that time. You will be further advised in the matter as soon as practicable.

(Signed) DIBRELL.

Inspector.

COPY-EHR.

Portland, Ore. March 29 1918

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HOUSES

To Lighthouse Inspector:

Sir:-

I hear the L.H.Tender CEDAR is coming to Seattle in April so I would like to ask you if I should be in Seattle when the tender leaves for Ketchikan if I could come up on the tender.

Also please inform me if I am going back to Cape Sarichef Light Station.

The reason I ask is that I want to get a (Ross Rifle) to take up with me as the Ross Rifle is supposed to be the most powerful rifle (also the range is supposed to be longer than the ordinary rifle).

So I want to get one if I am going to the same station (my preference is Cape Sarichef if I had any choice).

Most respectfully,

W.J.Pearson,
3712- 76 Street S.E.
Portland,Ore.

Hawthorne Ave.

S. C. Form No. 11

Signal Corps, United States Army

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

RADIOGRAM

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KETCHIKAN ALASKA N F T JULY 26TH 1930

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON DC

WILLIAM J A PERSON LABORER KETCHIKAN DEPOT AT FOUR EIGHTY PER DAY WILL REACH AGE SEVENTY YEARS ON JULY TWENTY NINTH STOP RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST FIRST RECOMMEND TOTAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO JULY TWENTY EIGHT INCLUSIVE TWENTY NINE AND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THREE HUNDRED SIXTIETHS YEARS AVERAGE PAY LAST FIVE YEARS ACTUAL SERVICE THIRTEEN HUNDRED FORTY TWO DOLLARS SEVENTY ONE CENTS RETIREMENT PAY ONE THOUSAND SIX DOLLARS FORTY SEVEN CENTS PER ANNUM

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OK apx 7/26

Rec to Dept with advice that Dept has 405 form + been directed to sub on regular form + advise 6th accord this give a detailed description of duties R/ 7-A

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SIGNAL CORPS UNITED STATES ARMY

RADIOGRAM

KETCHIKAN ALSAKA JULY 26 1930

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON DC

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RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., July 29, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with statement that the Bureau has advised the 16th Superintendent by radiogram to submit recommendation to the above effect on the regular form provided.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Acting Lighthouse Commissioner

DESPATCH PLEASE SEND

VIA SIGNAL CORPS WAR

Washington DC July 29 1930

USLHE Ketchikan Alaska

Submit recommendation for retirement william j pearson on regular form provided for this purpose stop also include detailed statement of duties and whether or not the duties involve pearsons continuous employment in shops or offices

~~KEMG~~ Putnam

CONFIRMATION:

RP WPSH

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KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES

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Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

July 29, 1930.

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D. C.

Inclosed herewith is regular form covering proposed compulsory retirement of William J. Pearson, Laborer, in the 16th Lighthouse District, as requested by Bureau telegram dated July 29, 1930, and Bureau letter of May 29, 1930, file RLC:EMF.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Asst. Superintendent.

Inclosure:
Record of Government Service.

Received

RG:LRF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., September 2, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce recommending Mr. Pearson's retirement effective beginning September 1, 1930, at the rate of $1006.47 per annum as shown in the attached computation, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of July 29, submitting the Superintendent's radiographic recommendation in this case.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Incl.

RLC:LHF

ACTING LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON D C SEPTEMBER 22 1930

USLHE KETCHIKAN ALASKA

IN CONNECTION PENDING RECOMMENDATION RETIREMENT LABORER WILLIAM J PEARSON DEPARTMENT RECORDS SHOW HIS BIRTH DATE JULY TWENTY TWO EIGHTEEN SIXTY FOUR INSTEAD JULY TWENTY NINE EIGHTEEN SIXTY AS GIVEN IN RETIREMENT APPLICATION REQUEST PEARSON SUBMIT CERTIFIED COPY BIRTH OR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE OR OTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Sept. 23, 1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Retirement William J. Pearson.
Reference: Bureau telegram of Sept. 22, 1930, and letter from this office dated July 29, 1930.

Inclosed herewith is certified copy of birth certificate issued by the registrar of the District of Bristol, Bristol, England, covering William J. Pearson, as requested by telegram referred to above.

W. T. Palmer

Superintendent

Inclosure
Certified copy
birth certificate

Received

let to Dept 10-8-30

Airways
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Mar. Engr
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Chief Clerk
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH PURUSANT TO THE
BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACTS 1836 to 187[illegible]

1930 SEP 30

Registration District - Bristol, England
City and county of Bristol, "

No.	When and where born	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father	Name and maiden name of mother	Signature, Description and residence of informant
249	July 29, 1860, Dair's Court, Redcliff Hill	William John	Boy	William Pearson	Emily Pearson, formerly Woolley	X The mark of William Pearson, father, Dair's Court, Redcliff Hill Bristol

Rank or Profession of father	When Registered	Signature of Registrar
Japanner, (Journeyman)	August 30, 1860	Josiah Harwood

I, Albert Dodge, Superintendent Registrar for the District of Bristol, in the County of Bristol, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 249 in the Register Book of Births No. 24 for the above-named Sub-district, and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

October 25, 1922
/s/ Albert Dodge
Superintendent Registrar

(COPY)

October 8, 1930.

Secretary of Commerce.

There is resubmitted herewith Bureau recommendation of September 2, 1930 for the compulsory retirement of William J. Pearson, a laborer in the Sixteenth Lighthouse District, together with a certified copy of the birth certificate of this employee, which shows his date of birth as July 29, 1860. It is recommended that Department records be adjusted to show July 29, 1860 as the correct date of birth of this employee and his retirement approved, effective beginning August 1, 1930, attention in this connection being invited to the Superintendent's telegraphic recommendation for his retirement, which was submitted by Bureau indorsement of July 29. The Bureau in its indorsement of September 2 recommended Mr. Pearson's retirement effective beginning September 1, 1930, but it appears that this was in error, as the effective date was given as August 1 in the Superintendent's telegram of July 26, and since this employee reaches the compulsory retirement age on July 29.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UNITED STATES LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, as amended.
(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on page 3.

Name William J. Pearson Date of birth July 29, 1860

Designation Laborer, Ketchikan Lighthouse Depot.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE
(Including military, naval and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity. should be listed separately).

Civilian Employment:	Beginning Month	Day	Year	Ending Month	Day	Year	Remarks
17th L.H.Dist., Seaman	6	12	1900	5	5	1907	6 Yrs. 1 M 24D.
" " Asst. Kpr.	5	6	1907	9	3	1908	1 " 5 " 28 "
16th L.H.Dist., 1st " "	9	4	1908	6	24	1913	4 " 9 " 21 "
" " " " "	6	25	1913	7	16	1913	0 " 0 " 22"
" " 3rd " "	7	17	1913	4	30	1914	0 " 99 " 14"
" " 2nd " "	5	1	1914	8	30	1917	3 " 3 " 30"
" " 1st " "	9	1	1917	5	16	1918	0 " 8 " 16"
" " " " "	5	17	1918	5	17	1918	0 " 0 " 0"
" " Laborer	5	18	1918	3	24	1926	7 " 10 " 7"
" "	3	25	1926	5	16	1926	on furlough without pay.
" " "	5	17	1926	6	30	1928	2 Yrs. 1 M 14D
" " "	7	1	1928	7	28	1930	2 " 0 " 28"
Total Period of Government Service							25 " 55 "204" or 29 " 11" 24 "

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT.
(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters or other allowance).

Designation	Beginning Month	Day	Year	Ending Month	Day	Year	Rate of pay	Pay Received
~~Fiscal year, 1925~~	~~7~~	~~29~~	~~1925~~	~~6~~	~~30~~	~~1926~~	~~4.50~~	~~$1,059.75~~
~~1926~~	~~7~~	~~1~~	~~1926~~	~~6~~	~~30~~	~~1927~~	~~4.50~~	~~1,413.00~~
~~1927~~	~~7~~	~~1~~	~~1927~~	~~6~~	~~30~~	~~1928~~	~~4.50~~	~~1,296.00~~
~~1928~~	~~7~~	~~1~~	~~1928~~	~~6~~	~~30~~	~~1929~~	~~4.80~~	~~1,188.00~~
~~1929~~	~~7~~	~~1~~	~~1929~~	~~6~~	~~30~~	~~1930~~	~~4.80~~	~~1,641.60~~
~~1930~~	~~7~~	~~1~~	~~1930~~	~~7~~	~~28~~	~~1930~~	~~4.80~~	~~115.20~~

Total compensation for last five years of active service $6,713.55
Average compensation for last five years of active service 5)1342.71
Annual rate of retired pay ($ X years /40)= $1,006.47
(Not exceeding 30)

$1342.71 X 29-354/360 yrs. /40=/

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UNITED STATES LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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(Including military, naval and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity. should be listed separately).

	Beginning			Ending			
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Remarks
Army	—	—	—				
Navy	—	—	—				
Marine Corps	—	—	—				
Civilian employment:	Ref slips attached						
Total Service							

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the government under any law? no If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim —
Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? — If so, give number of claim —
Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? — If so, state the compensation received —

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Form 2770
May, 1929

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

LBP:EMC

Washington, D. C.

October 23, 1930.

Chief, Division of Appointments,

Department of Commerce.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated October 16, 1930,

relative to the date of birth of William J. Pearson, laborer, Lighthouse Service, Sixteenth Lighthouse District,

who furnishes a certified copy of birth certificate

showing that July 29, 1860 is the correct date of birth.

Notation accordingly is being made on the records of this office.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

JOHN T. DOYLE,
Secretary.

OCT 24 1930

Copy transmitted to the Bureau

Chief of Appointment Division

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

Out 173

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
1931 AUG 27 PM 12:06
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Ketchikan, Alaska:

Page 42, Annual Report, 1931.

It is noted from Page 42 of your 1931 Annual Report that the name of Wm. J. Pearson does not appear thereon and since the Bureau records indicate that this party is still on the retirement payroll at $1,006.47 per annum further report is requested. It is also noted that you show the amount of retired pay of C. B. Bohm as $1001.13 whereas Bureau records indicate $1000.13.

Submit report promptly.

For the Commissioner:

J. F. PLOCHARCZYK
Acting Chief, Financial Division

OLC:JAB

LAF:RM

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses
16th District, Ketchikan, Alaska.

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with statement that William J. Pearson is still on the retirement payroll, but was inadvertently omitted from Page 42 of A.R. 1931. His rate of retired pay is $1006.47 per annum, effective August 1, 1930.

2. The amount of retired pay of C. B. Bohm is $1000.13.

3. It is requested that Annual Report, 1931, Page 42 be corrected as to C. B. Bohm's retired pay and to include William J. Pearson. Records of this office has been corrected accordingly.

Superintendent.

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date: 16 January, 1940

Name: Pearson, William J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard
(BUREAU OR OFFICE)

Nature of Recommendation

Death, Notice of

	FROM	TO
Position	Laborer (retired)	
Grade		
Salary	Retired Pay $1006.47	
Bureau	U. S. Coast Guard	
Office	Ketchikan, Alaska	
Unit		
Division		
Section		
Sub-Section		
Headquarters	Juneau, Alaska	
Post of Duty		
Appropriation	Retired Pay	
Allotment		

EFFECTIVE: FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

Died on: 1 January, 1940.

Remarks:

BUREAU OR DIVISION NO.

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-29-60

LEGAL RESIDENCE:

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE

NATURE OF POSITION
NEW:

ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL

VICE VACANCY:

VICE:

CIVIL SERVICE AUTHORITY:

DATE OF EFFECT:

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT:
Lighthouse Act
6-20-18

Justification:

Consideration given all other eligible employees.
Certified as to Sufficiency of Appropriated Funds.

C. H. JONES,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief Personnel Officer.

Bureau or Division Head

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, TREASURY DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

DATE

Form No. 2661A
Form approved by
Comptroller General U. S.
April 13, 1934

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

2-12-40

(To be retained by payee, and when payment is made by check, to be used as mailing copy)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, U. S. COAST GUARD

Appropriation: 2001255 Retired Pay, Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1940.

Unit HEADQUARTERS Lighthouse Retired Roll

THE UNITED STATES, *Dr.*,

To William J. Pearson, Keeper, Retired, Deceased.
(Name)

(Designation), *U. S. Coast Guard*

(Address)

Total years of service

Pay period, duty, or grade

Monthly rate of pay $ 83.87
(Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances—

From 12/1, 19 39 *to* 1/1, 19 40
(Inclusive)

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance $		
Rental or quarters allowance		
Pay	86.66	
Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS $	86.66	
CHARGES:		
Allotment $		
Clothing		
Forfeited		
Sundry charges and adjustments		
TOTAL CHARGES $	None	

		NOTATIONS
Total Credits $	86.66	
Less—Total Charges, $		
Amt. retained		
TOTAL $	None	
Net amount to be paid on this voucher $	86.66	

REMARKS: Died 1-1-40. Last paid for the period 1-30 November, 1939, on Vou. No. 816,160. Tr. U.S.Cks.Nos. 3,644,719 and 3,765,350 covering retired pay for the months of December, 1939, and January, 1940, on Vou. Nos. 950,467 and 1,090,809 settled in the December, 1939, and January, 1940, accounts of G. F. Allen, 101-100, cancelled. See Schedule of Cancellations No. 382 dated 2-1-40

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences

Account verified; correct for $ 86.66

(Signature or initials)

I certify that the foregoing account is true and correct and that payment therefor has not been received; that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed I was not assigned adequate quarters at my permanent station; that, if without dependents, I was not on field or sea duty during the period for which rental allowance is claimed; that, if with dependents, I did not occupy with them any public quarters assigned to me without charge at any station, nor did any of them occupy public quarters assigned to them or to any other officer or his dependents except for brief visits; that the increased allowances for dependents are claimed because of (Here state whether lawful wife, unmarried child or children under 21 years, mother dependent upon officer for support, giving names and addresses of dependents, also ages of minor children)

and that, in case of dependent mother, I have contributed to her support during the current period for which allowances are claimed the sum of $, in cash or its equivalent, without any consideration in return, which contribution is her *chief support*, and each and every statement as set forth in her affidavit dated , 19 { attached hereto / filed with voucher } for (Month), 19 is true and correct, and so remains at this time, except (Here state fully changes occurring between date of last affidavit and signing of this voucher)

(Date), 19 (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) William J. Pearson, Keeper, Retired, Deceased.
(Name) (Official designation)

I certify that I have examined the foregoing account; that the statements contained therein have been compared with the records of the United States Coast Guard and found correct except as otherwise indicated; that the officer named is entitled to the amount of pay and allowances herein approved; and that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed on this voucher, the above-named officer was not assigned adequate quarters at his permanent station.

Approved for $

Date , 19

(MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN)

Commanding, District Commander.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934 2—895a

FA5-75

17 February, 1940.

Mr. M. S. Dobbs,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

Sir:

In reply to inquiry in your letter of 7 February, 1940, relative to Check No. 3,644,719, issued to William J. Pearson, Laborer, retired, Lighthouse Service, who died 1 January, 1940, you are advised that said check covered the December, 1939, retired pay of the above named deceased, and has been canceled. The amount of said check, $83.87, plus one day's retired pay for 1 January, 1940, $2.79, covers all retired pay due in this case.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

W. H. WEBB,
Chief, Audit and Payroll Section,
Division of Finance.

MAILED
FEB 17 1940
MAIL DIV.

U. S. COAST GUARD
RECD FEB 12 1940

FA5-75

Ketchikan, Alaska, Feb. 7, 1940

14 February, 1940.

Chief, Audit & Payroll Section,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. M. S. Dobbs,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of completed papers covering your claim for final retired pay of $86.66 due the estate of William J. Pearson, Laborer, retired, Lighthouse Service, who died 1 January, 1940.

This claim appears to be in proper form and has accordingly been approved by this office and forwarded to the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D. C., for appropriate action.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

W. H. WEBB,
Chief, Audit and Payroll Section,
Division of Finance.

MAILED
FEB 14 1940
MAIL DESK

COAST GUARD
REC'D FEB 12 1940

75

Ketchikan, Alaska, Feb. 7, 1940

Chief, Audit & Payroll Section,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of January 22nd, 1940 (your No. FA5-75) I have completed and return to you herewith Standard Form No. 1055 and Voucher Form No. 2661, along with a certified copy of death certificate and certified copy of Letters of Administration issued to me as administrator of the Estate of William John Pearson, Deceased.

In this connection, I would appreciate it if you will kindly advise me whether Treasury Check No. 3,644,719 issued to Mr. Pearson and covering his retired pay for the period from November 1 to 30, 1939, has been cashed and returned to your office.

According to your data on Form No. 2661, such check was apparently issued to Mr. Pearson, but I can find no record to indicate that he ever received or cashed it.

Yours very truly,

M. S. Dobbs,
Administrator, Estate
of William John Pearson,
Deceased.

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

75

DATE

FROM 18 JANUARY, 1940.

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

TO (FOR ACTION)

	CODE
	CIPHER
	ACKNOWLEDGE
	PRIORITY
	ROUTINE

E. W. LAIRD ACTING SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES KETCHIKAN ALASKA

UNLESS DESIGNATED OTHERWISE TRANSMIT THIS DISPATCH AS NITE.

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

	ACKNOWLEDGE
	PRIORITY
	ROUTINE

MAIL TO

TELEPHONE TO

MESSENGER TO

OUTGOING HEADING

TEXT

REFERENCE YOUR FORM 93 ADVISING OF DEATH OF WILLIAM J PEARSON LABORER RETIRED LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE FURNISH INFO RE WHO CLAIMED BODY AND INCURRED FUNERAL EXPENSES AND WHETHER SAME PAID

MAILED
JAN 23 1940
MAIL DESK

INITIALS OF "RELEASING" OFFICER. L.H.E.

OPERATOR'S RECORD.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—15417

FA5-75

22 January, 1940.

Mr. Milton S. Dobbs,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

Sir:

Headquarters has been advised that you have been appointed administrator of the estate of Keeper William J. Pearson, (Lighthouse Service, retired), U. S. Coast Guard, who died 1 January, 1940. There is accordingly forwarded Standard Form No. 1055 and voucher on Form 2661, which should be completed as indicated and returned to Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., together with a certified copy of death certificate and a short certificate of letters testamentary or letters of administration, showing your appointment as legal representative of the estate of the deceased.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

W. H. WEBB,
Chief, Audit and Payroll Section,
Division of Finance.

Two inclosures.

MAILED
JAN 23 1940
MAIL DESK

SRDOKETCHIKAN ALASKA NR CK 89 GOVT TRSY ~~XXXXXXXX~~

TWIENTIETH 1035

FROM: SUPT LH KETCHIKAN ALS

ACTION: COMDT

INFORM:

Asst. Comdt.	Law
~~Aviation~~	Mail & Files
Civil Engineer	Operations
Comdt's Office	Maritime Training
Communications	Ordnance
~~Const. & Repair~~	Permanent Board
Engineering	Personnel
Finance	Proc. & Supplies
Inspector	Public Relations
Intelligence	

TEXT

GOVT TRSY COMMANDANT US COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON DC

REURTEL EIGHTEENTH JANUARY BODY WILLIAM J PEARSON DECEASED CLAIMED BY SISTERS MRS EMILY SMITH NINE KING WILLIAM STREET NORTH STREET BEDMINISTER BRISTOL THREE MRS MARY DRAKE NINETY THREE A WARWICK GARDENS KETSINGTON LONDON W FOURTEEN MRS ELIZABETH WEBB SUNMYSIDE BEACH ROAD PORTISHEAD (50) NORTH BRISTOL ALL IN ENGLAND WHO ADVISED THAT BURIAL BE AT ~~KETICHAN~~ KETCHIKAN ALASKA FUNERAL EXPENSES OF THREE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID BUT WILL BE PAID FROM ESTATE BY MILTON S DOBBS ~~KETICHAN~~ KETCHIKAN ALASKA ADMINISTRATOR

SUPT LIGHTHOUSES

OPERATOR'S RECORD AND DATE: OR 2119 20 JAN NM WB ITS KETCHIKAN IN 8TH AND BEEN IN 8TH ER
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OFFICIAL INITIALS

DATE APPROVED

DATE

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

BUREAU SUSPENSE AND FILE COPY

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

75

Form 93

HL:FT

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D JAN 12 1940

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska 3 January , 19 40

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted ~~the resignation~~ notice of death of the following-named employee:

Name, William J. Pearson Position, Laborer, retired.

Legal residence, Ketchikan, Alaska Station, Formerly Lighthouse Depot, Ketchikan, Alaska

Salary, $1,006.47 per annum, retired pay.

Mr. Pearson died January 1, 1940.

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of -~~

~~This employee has - - - taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.-~~

Remarks:

Mr. Pearson's total Government service, all of which was in Lighthouse Service, totalled 29 years, 11 months, 24 days. He was retired July 29, 1930, at the age of 70.

His next of kin is a sister, Mrs. Emily Smith, 7 Lombard St., Bedminister, Bristol, England.

FORWARDED
JAN 4 - 1939
(date)

Born 7-29-60

Commander, Juneau District

E. W. Laird

E. W. Laird, Acting Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

Copy sent to ATP Hdqrs 1/12/40

File 19
PB

United States of America,
Territory of Alaska,
Division No. 1 } ss.

U. S. Commissioner Ex-Officio Probate Judge
Ketchikan Recording District No.8

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, Division No. One, do hereby Certify that the hereto attached is a full, true and correct copy of the original Death Certificate of William J. Pearson Keeper (retired) Lt Service
Who died Jan 1,1940,Ketchikan,Alaska

on file and of record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at Ketchikan, Alaska, this 31st day of January, 1940.

E. C. Austin
U.S. Commissioner ~~Clerk~~

By Muriel Russell
Clerk ~~Deputy~~

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

N. B.—Every item of information both on the face and reverse side of this form must be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY, and the PARTICULARS, such as the HEIGHT, WEIGHT, etc., should be given accurately. An exact statement of OCCUPATION is important. PHYSICIANS should state DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. This certificate must be FILED AT ONCE, with the nearest United States Commissioner of the District the death occurred, as required by law. The fees for filing and recording this certificate are paid by the Territory. (For further particulars see other side.)

Town Ketchikan (No. Ketchikan Gen. Hospital St. Number.)

(If in remote section, give distance and direction from town)

2 FULL NAME William J. Pearson

PERSONAL and STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX: male

4 COLOR or RACE: white

5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED or DIVORCED (Write the Word): Single

6 DATE OF BIRTH: July 29th (Month) (Day), 1860 (Year)

7 AGE: 79 yrs. 6 mos. 4 ds. If less than 1 day ..... hrs. or ..... min.

8 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work: Retired
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): W.S.S. Light House

9 BIRTHPLACE (Territory, State or Country): England

PARENTS

10 Name of Father: Unknown

11 Birthplace of Father (Territory, State or Country): ------

12 Maiden Name of Mother: Unknown

13 Birthplace of Mother (Territory, State or Country): -----

See the information called for on back of this form and use the same care in supplying it.

14 THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

(Informant) Wm. H. Caswell

(Address) Ketchikan

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH: January (Month) 1, (Day) 1940 (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from April, 1922 to Jan 1st, 1940, that I last saw him alive on Jan 1st, 1940, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:50 P. M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* was, as follows:

Cardiac Insufficiency

(Duration) ..... Yrs. ..... Mos. 3 Ds.

Contributory (Secondary) Bronchial Asthona

(Duration) 15 Yrs. ..... Mos. ..... Ds.

Signed R. V. Ellis, M. D.

Jan 4, 1940 (Address) Ketchikan

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in death from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for further description of diseases.)

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE: (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.)

At place of death ..... yrs. ..... mos. ..... ds.

In the Territory ..... yrs. ..... mos. ..... ds.

Where was the disease contracted if not at place of death? .....

Former or Usual Residence .....

19 Place of Burial or Removal: Ketchikan — Date of Burial: Jan 7, 1940

20 Undertaker (Signature) R.T.Graham — Address: Ketchikan

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED ON REVERSE SIDE

15 (Below this line is reserved for official purposes.)

The above original CERTIFICATE OF DEATH was filed for record in my office on the 3rd day of January, 1940, and has been duly recorded by me in Book No. 12, RECORD OF CERTIFICATES OF DEATHS, at page 214.

Ketchikan Precinct, Ketchikan (Town), Division No. One, Alaska. Registered No. .....

F. C Auston
U. S. Commissioner.

TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU, ALASKA

This CERTIFICATE OF DEATH received ....., Entered in Record of Deaths.

Clerk to Registrar.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE AS CAREFULLY SUPPLIED AS THAT ON THE FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE:

21 Height of Deceased	22 Weight	23 Complexion	24 Color of Hair
5 ft. 3 in.	160 lbs.	Dark	Gray

25 If married, give full name and residence of surviving husband or wife in space below.

Name .....

Address .....

26 NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LIVING CHILDREN:

Name .....

Address .....

Name .....

Address .....

Name .....

Address .....

27 NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OTHER LIVING RELATIVES:

Name .....

Address .....

Name .....

Address .....

Name .....

Address .....

Name .....

Address .....

28 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Was accident or injury work-connected? Name and address of employer? Name of insurance company or companies, and for what amounts?

Name of Company ..... ; $.....

Name of Company ..... ; $.....

29 GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF TWO OR MORE PERSONS WHO WERE ACQUAINTED WITH DECEDENT DURING HIS LIFETIME:

Name W. C. Dibrell

Address Ketchikan, Alaska

Name Geo. Woodruff

Address Ketchikan, Alaska

Name Wm. H. Caswell

Address Ketchikan, Alaska

Name M. S. Dobbs

Address Ketchikan, Alaska

30 Furnish such additional information or remarks as will be of assistance in identifying the deceased: .....

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION FOR ANY ITEM ABOVE, THE QUESTION SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE WORD "UNKNOWN."

31 The above stated particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Informant Wm. H. Caswell

Address Ketchikan, Alaska

EXTRACT FROM CHAPTER 35 OF THE 1915 SESSION LAWS

Under the law it is the duty of the physician, nurse or other person attending or assisting in the last illness of a deceased person, or the undertaker, sexton or other person having charge or in any way assisting or directing in the burial of any corpse, to file this certificate with the United States Commissioner of the precinct in which death occurred. It is a misdemeanor for undertakers, sextons or other persons to inter or remove a body of a deceased person before a certificate containing the cause of death signed by the attending physician, is filed and a permit issued by the Commissioner for interment or removal; and the Commissioners will in no case issue a permit until such completed certificate is filed.

STATEMENT OF CAUSE OF DEATH:—Name first the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: Cerebrospinal fever (the only definite synonym is "Epidermic cerebrospinal meningitis"); Diphtheria (avoid use of "Croup"); Typhoid fever (never report "Typhoid Pneumonia," Lobar Pneumonia; Bronchopneumonia ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); Tuberculosis of lungs meninges, peritonaeum, etc., Carcinoma, Sarcoma, etc., of ..... (name origin: "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms); Measles; Whooping Cough; Chronic Valvular Heart Disease; Chronic interstital nephritis, etc. The contributory (secondary or intercurrent) affection need not be stated unless important. Example: Measles (disease causing death), 29 ds.; Bronchopneumonia (secondary), 10 ds. Never report mere symptoms of terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "Anaemia," (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility," ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.) "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart Failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old Age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "Puerperal Septicaemia," "Puerperal Peritonitis," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For VIOLENT DEATHS state MEANS OF INJURY and qualify as ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL, or as probably such, if possible to determine definitely. Examples: Accidental drowning; Struck by railway train—accident; Revolver wound of head—homicide; Poisoned by carbolic acid—probably suicide. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences, (e. g., sepsis, Tetanus) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

D. C. Form No. 30

United States of America

..... DISTRICT OF ..... } ss:

I, E. C. Austin, U. S. Commissioner & Recorder ~~Clerk of the United States District Court~~ in and for the 1st District of Ketchikan, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing is a true and full copy of the original Death Certificate of William J. Pearson. Who died Jan. 1,1940,Ketchikan,Alaska.

now remaining among the records of the said Court in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the aforesaid Court at Ketchikan this 31st day of January, A. D. 1940

.....
~~Clerk~~
U.S.Commissioner

~~By~~ .....
~~Deputy Clerk~~

7—1550