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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Rhodes, Matthew, H.		

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew B Rhodes

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (MA)	1923	1924
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

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- Final Return:

MATTHEW H. RHODES.

Resigned June 30, 1923

MATTHEW H. RHODES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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3/8/23 Form 73 to Dept.

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Shf Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Comr.

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

March 5,1923

SUBJECT: Probationary appointment of Matthew H.Rhodes, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

REFERENCE: Form 73 of this date.

1. Referring to Form 73 forwarded to the Bureau this date through the District Secretary recommending the probationary appointment of Matthew H. Rhodes to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, effective March 3,1923. The Bureau is advised that the previous incumbent of this position resigned on Jan.31,1923. When it was ascertained this position was to become vacant steps were immediately taken to obtain another man for the position. Charles W. Robinson was selected and appointed to the position, but when given orders to report for duty he advised this office he was ill and would not be able to accept the position. His appointment was returned to the Bureau for cancellation. William J. Lyons was then selected and appointed to the position, but his appointment also was returned to the Bureau for cancellation on account of the fact he was not considered a suitable man for the position, he having become intoxicated and fallen in the street injuring his head so that it was necessary for him to be taken to the hospital. Romer Shoal being one of the most difficult stations in the District it is important that a full complement of keepers be available for the care of same, and in view of the fact the station had been short one man for the whole month of February, it was considered to the best interests of the service that the man selected be instructed to report for duty on March 3,1923. This action was necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

J. T. Yates

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 SEP 11 AM 8 57

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

September 9, 1924

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Second Assistant Keeper, The Graves Light Station, Separation.

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter from the Keeper of The Graves Light Station, reporting Matthew H. Rhodes, Second Assistant Keeper, for neglect of duty in that he has several times been caught asleep on watch in spite of the fact that he was warned not to do so.

2. Rhodes entered on duty on May 16, 1924 and has therefore not completed his probationary period. It is considered that he has shown himself an undesirable employee for this Service and his separation is therefore recommended at the close of September 8, 1924.

3. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations.

Eaton
Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 11 1924

Inclosure.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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Dep Comm
Comr.

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OK JSC Sept 11

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 132

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

	a		
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1. Rhodes (Surname) Matthew (Given name) H. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Light house Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Rower Shoal Light Station
   (c) City or town Staten Island State N.Y.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title 2nd Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day see 18a; per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed, per day ---; or per week ---
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From passed to Midnight or Midnight to Sunrise m. to --- m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
   During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation 720.00 annum 240.00
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 720.00 per "; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ --- per ---; bonus, $ --- per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☒ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☐ Fuel; ☐ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowance is made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum Subsistence $261.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment ---; annual cost, $ ---
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ---; number of lessons ---; number completed ---

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus and fog bell machine; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs.	100

18a. Not specified, stand watches, work equally divided, average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog bell machine only.

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

Works under the supervision of the Keeper.

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

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 4 months

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

JUN 20 1923, 1923. J. T. Yates Superintendent
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (Title)

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

Impracticable to obtain signature on account of delay that would be involved.

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent Lighthouse apparatus, boating, gasolene engines, oil engines, painting

Experience: If essential, kind and extent

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1260 to $1380

JUN 20 1923, 1923. J. T. Yates Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (Title)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 SEP 11 AM 8 57

SECOND DISTRICT

The Graves Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September 5, 1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Boston, Mass.

1. I do not think it advisable to keep Mr. M. H. Rhodes at this Station any longer and would respectfully ask that you furnish a new man to take his place when his present liberty expires on September 15, 1924. He persists in sleeping on his watch and is careless in working around the lens, resulting in several pieces being chipped from same.

2. When I returned from liberty on August 5 the First Assistant reported to me that he was sleeping on his watch and was disrespectful to him. I told him I would have a talk with Mr. Rhodes and if that did no good would take measures to have him removed. I talked it over with Mr. Rhodes and he said he would try and do better.

3. After that he went to sleep on the night of the 19th of August as it was so quiet in the watchroom I decided he was asleep so I went up and saw him sitting in the arm chair with his eyes closed and head back against the wall, mouth open, sleeping. I stood on the stairs and watched him for a few minutes then went to cross the floor and he woke up. He said he was not asleep but I found the clock cord off about 6 or 7 turns from lower layer. I told him then that if it ever happened again he would have to get through at this Station. When I left the station on my last liberty the last thing I did was to tell him to do the best he could while I was away. When I returned on Sept. 5 the First Assistant reported that he visited the watchroom Sept. 3 and found Mr. Rhodes sleeping, the clock completely run down and the lens stopped. He has had three chances to do right and persists in sleeping on watch.

4. I respectfully ask you to send a new man in his place on September 15th as this is too important a station to have the lens stopped or to run the risk of a bad smoke up from the lamp, or the fog signal not in operation.

/s/ Reamy,

Keeper.

September 17, 1924.

Mr. Matthew H. Rhodes,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of a report to the effect that your services and conduct during the probationary period have been unsatisfactory, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, and in accordance with Paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, has discontinued your services as keeper at $1080 per annum, effective at the close of September 8, 1924.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

September 9, 1924

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 12 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Second Assistant Keeper, The Graves Light Station, separation.

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter from the Keeper of The Graves Light Station, reporting Matthew H. Rhodes, (Second Assistant) Keeper, for neglect of duty in that he has several times been caught asleep on watch in spite of the fact that he was warned not to do so.

2. Rhodes entered on duty on May 16, 1924 and has therefore not completed his probationary period. It is considered that he has shown himself an undesirable employee for this Service and his separation is therefore recommended at the close of September 8, 1924.

3. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations.

$1050.Pa

A Eaton
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 17 1924
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING DIVISION

Bureau of Lighthouses, Treasury Dept.
SEP 11 1924

Inclosure
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

9-12-24

Acting Commissioner

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Rhodes, Matthew L In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 1080, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated 7-15-1924 File No. 1095/21.

Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSES

1924 MAY 19 PM 4 03

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 2 1924
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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

The Graves

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Matthew H. Rhodes

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

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

4. Place of duty: The Graves Light Station, Mass.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $840 per annum

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

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From Examination for Asst. Lighthouse Keeper, October 10, 1923.

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

Mr Matthew Herwin Rhodes.

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

Matthew H Rhodes.

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

Mass	Bristol	New Bedford,	18
(State or Territory.)	(County.)	(City or town.)	(Congressional district.)

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

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

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6. Where were you born? New Bedford, Mass.

7. When were you born? July (Month.) 14 (Day.) 1901 (Year.)

8. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out None

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

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

Mrs Susan Rhodes (Name.) #57 West Rodney French Boulevard (Number and street.)

New Bedford (City or town.) Mass (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Co D. 36th Inf.	Aug 10 1920	Aug 9 1921	Honorable

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Commerce Department	Lighthouse Service	2nd Asst Keeper	$780	Mar 3, 1923	June 30, 1923

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

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

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Electrician Helper

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public School

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

None

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

One, U.S.L.H.S. 3rd District. on Jan 6, 1923

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

Date, May 16, 1924

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Matthew H Rhodes

(Present address) #57 West Rodney French Boulevard
(Number and street)
New Bedford, Mass
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 17, 1924.

(Signature) J. O. Calvin

(Official title) Superintendent.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHTHOUSES 1924 MAY 19 PM 4 03

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

MAY 20 AM 11 24

I, Matthew H. Rhodes

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.

Matthew H Rhodes

(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 16th day of May, A. D. 19 24

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Aquilla P Barnes

(Official title) Wachusett Lt Station

My commission expires _____

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$640 per annum	The Graves Light Station, Mass.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 2nd District

Boston, Mass. (Address), May 17, 1924. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 16, 1924. (Date)

U. S. [illegible]

F W Entrix

(Signature, followed by title)

Superintendent.

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1924.

M F. Matthew H. Rhodes,

Through the Commission of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter (May 16, 1924) upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

MAY 22 1924

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Harry L. Mayo.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

(See reverse side.)

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C.T.R.D.D. U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 21 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass. (City.) May 17 (Date) 1924.

First Civil Service District MAY 19 1924 Secretary

CHIEF CLERK

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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1924 MAY 21 PM 3 26

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Matthew H. Rhodes — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840 per annum

Location, The Graves Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective May 16, 1924. — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

Former position, -- — Former salary, --

Location, --

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, 2nd Asst. Light house Keeper (includes M.P.A.) Percentage, 93, Other eligibles considered:

G.S.Murphy,FR; G.W.McCafferty,C; S.M.Fisher,C.

Previous incumbent, Harry L. Mayo Services terminated, May 15, 1924.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, July 14, 1901.

Remarks: Mr. Rhodes entered on duty prior to receipt of Department's authority, as this was considered an emergency involving the protection of life and property. He has served as 2nd Asst. Keeper in the 3rd District at Romer Shoal Light Station,N.Y., from Mar.3,1923,to June 30,1923, when he resigned. He was not required to appear at this office owing to distance, but his vouchers showed clear record in previous employment. Mr.Rhodes served in the U.S. Army from Aug.10,1920 to Aug. 9,1921. Quarters are not provided for families of keepers at this station.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission~~, MAY 19 1924, 19

5/21/24

Secretary, First Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 21 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

No Papers

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. FPX

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1923.

Mr. Matthew H. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on June 30, 1923.

Bureau.....Lighthouse Service.

Station.....Romer Shoal Light Station, New York.

Position.....Keeper.

Salary.....$780 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

JUN 6

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 6 - 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES, JUN 1 1923 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
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THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoals Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May. 31, 1923, 19

Supt. of Lighthouses.

Sir.—

Please except my resignation as second asst, Romer Shoals Lt Sta. to take effect at the closeing of June 30, 1923

I like the Lighthouse Service O.K. but the the row is too much.

Oblige

Matthew H Rhodes.

Silke Murray
1 asst Keeper in Charge

Form 93

LIGHTHOUSES

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. June 2, 1923

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 191
JUN 6 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Matthew H. Rhodes Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Massachusetts Station, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $780.00 p.per

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 30, 1923

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

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECOMMENDED
ACTION TAKEN
JUN 6 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

6-6-23.

J. T. Yates
Date

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 4 - 1923

Inclosure

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1923.

Mr. Matthew H. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on June 30, 1923.

Bureau.....Lighthouse Service.

Station.....Romer Shoal Light Station, New York.

Position.....Keeper.

Salary.....$780 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
JUN 6

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 6 - 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES JUN 1923 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.
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THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoals Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May. 31, 1923, 19

Supt. of Lighthouses.

Sir.—

Please except my resignation as second asst, Romer Shoals Lt Sta. to take effect at the closeing of June 30, 1923

I like the Lighthouse Service O.K. but the the row is too much.

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Matthew H Rhodes.

Silke Murray
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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUN 4 - 1923

Inclosure

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHIEF CLERK

Carded in Disbursing Office

I, Matthew H. Rhodes

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.

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Matthew H Rhodes

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 23rd day of March, A. D. 1923

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Rae Livingston Ebert

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 31/1924

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$780.00 p.a.	Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Staten Island, N. Y. (Address), March 24-1923 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 3, 1923 (Date)

CARDED

(Signature followed by title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

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

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

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CHIEF CLERK

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LIGHTHOUSES

Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1923 MAR 26 AM 9 04

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Matthew H. Rhodes

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

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

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

5. Salary: $780.00 p.a.

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

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———." stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From eligible list of keepers dated Feb. 23, 1923

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

Mr. Matthew Herwin Rhodes.

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

Mr. Matthew H. Rhodes.

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

Mass. (State or Territory.) Bristol (County.) Fall River Bedford (City or town.) 19th (Congressional district.)

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

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

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6. Where were you born? New Bedford, Mass.

7. When were you born? July. (Month.) 14 (Day.) 1901 (Year.)

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

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

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

Mrs Susan Rhodes. (Name.) #57 West French Ave. (Number and street.)

New Bedford. (City or town.) Mass. (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Co. I. 36th Infantry.	Aug 1, 1920	Aug 10, 1921.	Expiration term of service

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

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

17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

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

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Mill Hand and Electrician

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public School 6th.

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Public School 6A.

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

None

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

Lighthouse Service ~~Dec 13, 1922~~
Keepers—1/23/23

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

Date, Mar 22, 1923

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Matthew H. Rhodes.

(Present address) Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.
(Number and street.)
Staten Island, N. Y.
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded March 24, 1923

(Signature) J. F. Yates

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1923.

Mr. Matthew H. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (March 5, 1923)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION MAR 10 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS MAR 10 sd

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Alexander Graham.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

(See reverse side.)

CARDED

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES 1923 MAR 7 AM 9 22

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses; March 5,1923

SUBJECT: Probationary appointment of Matthew H.Rhodes, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Form 73 of this date.

1. Referring to Form 73 forwarded to the Bureau this date through the District Secretary recommending the probationary appointment of Matthew H. Rhodes to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, effective March 3,1923. The Bureau is advised that the previous incumbent of this position resigned on Jan.31,1923. When it was ascertained this position was to become vacant steps were immediately taken to obtain another man for the position. Charles W. Robinson was selected and appointed to the position, but when given orders to report for duty he advised this office he was ill and would not be able to accept the position. His appointment was returned to the Bureau for cancellation. William J. Lyons was then selected and appointed to the position, but his appointment also was returned to the Bureau for cancellation on account of the fact he was not considered a suitable man for the position, he having become intoxicated and fallen in the street injuring his head so that it was necessary for him to be taken to the hospital. Romer Shoal being one of the most difficult stations in the District it is important that a full complament of keepers be available for the care of same, and in view of the fact the station had been short one man for the whole month of February, it was considered to the best interests of the service that the man selected be instructed to report for duty on March 3,1923. This action was necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

J. Peterson

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., March 5, 1923
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Matthew H. Rhodes — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, Keeper — Salary, $780.00 p.a.

Location, Romer Shoal Lt. Sta., N. Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lightheuses

Effective March 3,1923 — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, xx / as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.6, Other eligibles considered:
Joseph M. Parker C. Benedict M. Anderson C.

Previous incumbent, Alexander Graham — Services terminated, Jan. 31, 1923

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Assignment to duty March 3,1923 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

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

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, MAR 7 1923 191

Asstant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

J. T. Yates Actg.

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Inclosure.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1923.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to inclosed letter of March 5, 1923 from the Third Superintendent, stating that the prior date appointment of Rhodes as 2nd Assistant Keeper at this light station was necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Matthew H. Rhodes

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Massachusetts

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Prob Keeper Pomer Shoal L.S. N.Y.	780.	L.H.	March 3, 1923.
RESIGNED CLOSE OF June 30, 1923			
Keeper Prob. Pt. Reyes L. Mass	$40 1080	L.H.	May 16 1924 July 1, 1924.
" Readj. 7 pay		"	
SERVICES DISCONTINUED Sept. 8, 1924. (For Cause)			

Matthew H. Rhodes

Form A–16

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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PART I.

1. Name of employee: Matthew H. Rhodes
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: 3rd
4. Place of duty: Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y. (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $780.00 p.a.
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———." stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From eligible list of keepers dated Feb. 28, 1923

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

Mr Matthew Hedwin Rhodes.

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

Mr Matthew H. Rhodes.

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

Mass. (State or Territory.) Bristol (County.) New Bedford (City or town.) 19th (Congressional district.)

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

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

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6. Where were you born? New Bedford, Mass

7. When were you born? July (Month.) 14 (Day.) 1901 (Year.)

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

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

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

Mrs Susan Rhodes (Name.) #57 West French Ave. (Number and street.)

New Bedford (City or town.) Mass. (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Co D. 36th Infantry	Aug 10, 1920	Aug 10. 1921	Expiration term of service

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

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

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

Matthew H Rhodes.
(Name.)

Keeper
(Position.)

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

Date, Mar 22, 1923.

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

17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

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

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Mill Hand and Electrician

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public School 6 Q.

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

None.

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

Lighthouse Service Dec 13 1922
Keepers 2/23/23

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

Date, Mar. 22, 1923

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Matthew H Rhodes.

(Present address) Romer Shoals Lt. Sta. (Number and street.)
Staten Island (City or town.) N Y. (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded March 24, 1923

(Signature) H. T. YATES

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

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UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

OFFICE OF REGIONAL MANAGER

February 8, 1929

THIS LETTER REFERS TO YOUR FILE NUMBER:

IN REPLY REFER TO: Ms-1-5
RHODES, Matthew
C-1,409,142

U. S. Light House Service,
Staten Island,
New York.

Gentlemen:

We are interested in the above named ex-service man. We understand he was employed by you from March 1923 to July 1923. We would appreciate it if you would advise us of the exact dates of employment, type of work performed and salary received, whether or not services were satisfactory and reason for leaving. We would also appreciate any information which you may have regarding claimant's physical condition.

By direction,

L. A. Normandin

L. A. NORMANDIN, M. D.,
Acting Regional Medical Officer
Providence, R. I.

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United States Veterans Bureau,
Providence,
Rhode Island.

Feb. 9,1929

SUBJECT: Matthew Rhodes.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb.8,1929, Ms-1-5, RHODES,Matthew C-1,409,142.

1. In reply to your letter of February 8,1929 you are advised that Matthew H. Rhodes was employed as Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, located off shore in New York Lower Bay, from March 3,1923 to June 30, 1923, when he resigned. His salary was $780.00 per annum. Mr.Rhodes gave as his reason for resigning that the rowing to and from the station was too much for him. During the period of his employment his services were satisfactory. This office has no information in regard to his physical condition with the exception of the medical certificate of his own physician on his application for employment, which stated that he had no physical defects. This certificate was executed on Jan.2,1922.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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#57 West French Ave
New Bedford.
Mass.

July 9, 1913

Subject - Check on Last Month pay
Supt. of Lighthouses

Sir -

Having not recieved last month pay which I need as soon as possible. Will you please forward my check to #57 West French Ave New Bedford. Mass.

Obligeing Youre.
Matthew H Rhodes.
Former 2nd asst
Romer Shoals Lt Sta.

Complied with 8/7/13

P.S. Will you also send the address.

JL-PS

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July 12, 1923.

Mr. M. H. Rhodes,
257 West French Avenue,
New Bedford, Mass.

SUBJECT: Salary check-Month of June, 1923.

REFERENCE: Your letter of July 9, 1923.

SIR:

1. In reply to yours of above date, you are hereby informed that same will be forwarded to you by this office under separate cover within the next few days.

2. Reference to notation, "postscript" on aforementioned letter, would state that address of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 2nd Dist, is Boston, Mass.

Respectfully,
J. T. Yates,
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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June 6, 1923.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1923 JUN 7 AM 9 22

Mr. Matthew H. Rhodes,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Matthew H. Rhodes

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on June 30, 1923.

Bureau.....Lighthouse Service.
Station.....Romer Shoal Light Station, New York.
Position.....Keeper.
Salary.....$780 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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3rd.

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Form 93

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. June 2, 1923 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Matthew H. Rhodes Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Massachusetts Station, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $720.00 p.a. per

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 30, 1923

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

Remarks:

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J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 93

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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ROMER SHOAL Lt.Sta.

May 31,1923

Supt. of Lighthouses

Sir:-

Please except my resignation as second asst. Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., to take effect at the close of June 30,1923.

I like the Lighthouse Service O.K., but the row is too much.

Oblige,

Matthew H. Rhodes

Luke Murray,

1st Asst.Keeper in charge

(75)

FWC-JHG

June 2,1923

Matthew H. Rhodes, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 31,1923.

1. Your letter dated May 31,1923 resigning your position as 2nd Asst.Keeper at Romer Shoal Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of June 30,1923, your

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 206 FILE No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWC-JHG

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, March 24, 1923, 191

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

SIR:

Please examine Matthew H. Rhodes, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 21; height, 5 feet, 9½ inches;

weight, 115 pounds; color of hair, light; color of eyes, blue

distinguishing marks, Crooked forefinger on left hand.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates

Supt., 3d L. H. District *Lighthouse Inspector.*

A

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

B

Witnessed by Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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Resigned

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

March 24,1923

Matthew H. Rhodes, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Staten Island, N. Y.

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

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

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

J. T. YATES

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

March 9, 1923

James H. Bentley, ...Keeper,
Romer Shoal .....Lt.Sta.
Staten Island, N. Y.

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper Matthew H. Rhodes, and return this sheet to this office:-

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

Born in (Country or State) M.S.
Age 21
Height 5 feet 3½ inches.
Weight 111 pounds.
Color of hair Light
Color of eyes Blue
Distinguishing marks
Lacerated fore finger on left hand

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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

James H. Bentley Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoals Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New York, Mar 10, 1923

Superintendent

Matthew H. Rhodes reported for duty as 2nd Asst Keeper, March 3rd 1923. 980. Ann by tender

Yours Respect
James H. Bentley Keeper

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1923.

Mr. Matthew H. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES

Sir:

1923 MAR 10 PM 2 00

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (March 3, 1923)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

3rd.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Alexander Graham.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWC-JHB

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. (City.) March 5, 1923 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.) Probationary appointment.

Name, Matthew H. Rhodes — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, Keeper — Salary, $780.00 p.a.

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

Effective March 3, 1923 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.6, Other eligibles considered:
Joseph M. Parker C. Benedict M. Anderson C.

Previous incumbent, Alexander Graham — Services terminated, Jan. 31, 1923

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Assignment to duty March 3, 1923 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

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

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

3/24/23

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHB

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. (City.) March 5, 1923 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(The Sec'y and C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Matthew H. Rhodes

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, Keeper

Salary, $720.00 p.a.

Location, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 3,1923 { 'the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.6, Other eligibles considered:

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Members of family in Government Service, None.

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

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; March 5,1923

SUBJECT: Probationary appointment of Matthew H.Rhodes, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Form 73 of this date.

1. Referring to Form 73 forwarded to the Bureau this date through the District Secretary recommending the probationary appointment of Matthew H. Rhodes to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, effective March 3,1923. The Bureau is advised that the previous incumbent of this position resigned on Jan.31,1923. When it was ascertained this position was to become vacant steps were immediately taken to obtain another man for the position. Charles W. Robinson was selected and appointed to the position, but when given orders to report for duty he advised this office he was ill and would not be able to accept the position. His appointment was returned to the Bureau for cancellation. William J. Lyons was then selected and appointed to the position, but his appointment also was returned to the Bureau for cancellation on account of the fact he was not considered a suitable man for the position, he having become intoxicated and fallen in the street injuring his head so that it was necessary for him to be taken to the hospital. Romer Shoal being one of the most difficult stations in the District it is important that a full complement of keepers be available for the care of same, and in view of the fact the station had been short one man for the whole month of February, it was considered to the best interests of the service that the man selected be instructed to report for duty on March 3,1923. This action was necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

J. T. Yates

Feb. 28. 1923
New Bedford,
Mass.



Supt. of Lighthouses
Sir. —,

Recieved your letter Feb. 27, 1923. Will report for duty at 7. A.M. Saturday. March 3, 1923. for Romer Shoal Light Sta.

Yours Truly.
Matthew H Rhodes.
#57 West French Ave
New Bedford.
Mass.

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Matthew H. Rhodes,
57 West French Avenue,
New Bedford, Mass.

Feb. 27,1923

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal L.S.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb. 23,1923.

1. Referring to your letter dated Feb. 23,1923 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station; you are advised you have been selected for this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report at this Depot, prepared to enter on duty, before 7:00 o'clock A.M., Saturday, March 3, 1923. Upon your arrival here you will be taken to the light station by tender. Transportation charges to this Depot will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The keeper's name and address is James H.Bentley, Staten Island, N. Y.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

1. Copy forwarded, for his information, to the keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Rhodes enters on duty as 2nd asst.keeper.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Staten Island, N. Y. Feb. 21, 1923 19

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

Total Compensation: $ 1182.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 340.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

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

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

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State whether or not furniture is to be furnished by the Government.)

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

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 26 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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

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

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

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

.....

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

Similar letter to

Name	Post-office address	Where employed	Relationship.	Married or single.
M. N. Rhodes	A	O Keefe 1/27		
B. M. Anderson		Position.....		
R. H. Lyons	D	Department or office.....		
T. N. Nilsen	7R	Position.....		
H W Kierstead	A	Department or office.....		

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

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

.....

.....

(Signature).....

Date..... (Post-office address).....

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Staten Island, N.Y., Feb. 21, 1923

M. H. Rhodes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 8 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?

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

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

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

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

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

(Signature) Matthew H Rhodes

Date Feb 23, 1923

(Post-office address) #57 West French Ave
New Bedford
Mass

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

per

M. H. Rhodes

Staten Island, N. Y. Feb. 21, 1923 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper of Fire Island Lt. Sta., located on Fire Island, N.Y.
(State position, location, and whether station is shore or afloat.)

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 1923
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Total Compensation: $ 1062.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 660.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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

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

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

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

.....

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

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

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

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

I am a single man and do not want a place with (where) family quarters. Would prefer to be stationed off

(Signature) Matthew H. Rhodes

Date Feb. 26, 1923

(Post-office address) #57 West French Ave
New Bedford
Mass.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

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It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,. 3rd DIST.,

Matthew H. Rhodes

Staten Island, N. Y. Feb. 20, 1923

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 8 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

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

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

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

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

(Signature) Matthew H Rhodes

Date Feb. 24, 1923

(Post-office address) #57 West Rhenyck Ave
New Bedford Mass.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

M. H. RHODES JSD

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

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Staten Island, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1923

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

Total Compensation: $1188.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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

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

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

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

.....

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

Name	Post-office address	Where employed	Relationship	Married or single
E. M. Whitford	A	OKeefe 1/23		
C. W. Robinson	A	Position..... Department or office.....		
J. Westman	A			
E. F. Merry		Position..... Department or office.....		
J. C. Miner	A			

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

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

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(Signature).....

Date..... (Post-office address).....

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TAUNTON STATE HOSPITAL

TRAININGSCHOOL FOR NURSES

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Taunton, Mass., Sept., 7, 1923.

Mr. Matthew H. Rhodes has applied for a position as attendant in this Hospital, and gives your name as reference.

In order that a fair opinion may be formed as to the fitness of the applicant will you kindly answer the following questions regarding him? Your communication will be considered strictly confidentail.

Please address your reply to Ransom A. Greene, MD. Superintendent Taunton State Hospital, Taunton, Mass.

Very respectfully,
Ransom A. Greene, M..D(Sgd)
Superintendent.

1. How long have you known him and what have been your opportunities for personal acquantance? March 3, 1923 to June 30,1923 - official capacity only.
2. What has been his previous history (especially for the past three or four years) in regard to health? unknown.
3. Habits? Good so far as known.
4. Disposition? Not known
5. Temper? Not known
6. Manner? Not known
7. Education and intelligence? Average.
8. Moral character? Good so far as known.
9. What are his faults? Unknown
10. General Remarks.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels (Sgd)

1st Asst. Supt.