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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, William, F.		1890 CT

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death: 1967 FL

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1911	To: 1925
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

E Rhodes

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Soundex: R 20

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Final Return:

William F. Rhodes

MR. WILLIAM F. RHODES

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Conn.

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
2nd Asst. Kpr. New London Ledge - Conn	456.	L H	Oct 26. 1911
1st " " , Meat Bank L.S. N.Y	$480	L. H.	Apr. 16, 1912.
Keeper. Roner Shoal L.S. N.Y	$624.	"	Feb. 5, 1914.
" " " " "	$648.	"	Jan. 1, 1916
" Execs Ledge L.S. Conn	$648.	"	April 16. 1916
" Increases "	1040	"	Nov 1, 1918
" " "	1080	"	Aug 16, 1919
Dismissed at close May 12, 1921			
Keeper (Prob) 3rd Asst Largs.	720	L.H.	Nov. 21, 1922
" trans Execution Rock L.H. N.Y.	840.	"	Mar 7, 1924
" Incr " " "	900	"	Mar 7, 1924
" Read. of Pay "	1140	"	JUL 1 1924
" " Readjustment of pay Act - Dec. 6, 1924	1500	"	FEB 1 1925
Employment June 1 - 10/25. Dismissed close May 31, 1925			

INACTIVE

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
NOV 1 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
NOV 8 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
October 31, 1911 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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NOV 8 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, probationary appointment

Name, William F. Rhodes Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, 2d Assistant Keeper Salary, $456 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light-Station, Conn.

Effective October 26, 1911 the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location, No. 2 of those available for this position.

Rank in list of eligibles, (4) Rating, Asst.Kpr. Percentage, 86.0

Other eligibles considered, James W. LeHane, declined.
Peter A. Frank, declined.

Letters of declination inclosed, LeHane and Frank.

Previous incumbent, Maynard F. Rush Services terminated, October 14,1911.

Reason, Entered on duty Oct.14,1911. After 19 hours service, left with no intention of returning, without permission, and without resigning. The matter of his separation from the Service will be submitted to the Bureau as soon as practicable.

Remarks:

No employee of the district desired transfer to the above position.
Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses."

C W Rhoades

Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 7, 1911

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
APPOINTMENT WRITTEN
NOV 14 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

TWO inclosures

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

A Lee Loover

ACTING COMMISSIONER.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
NOV 14 1911
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
Office of the Chief Clerk
Washington

November 14, 1911.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars per annum

from October 26, 1911

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

(Vice May[illegible] F. Rush.)

CHANGE REPORTED
NOV - - 1911
U. S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
NOV 15 1911
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Alvord Lummen
Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,
c/o the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.
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Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES NOV 28 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William F. 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.

William F. Rhodes
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] 18th day of November, A. D. 191 1.

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) Reginald M. Rowland

(Official title) Notary Public.

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
2d Asst. Keeper	$456 per an.	New London Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

CARDED.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. Nov 27, 1911
(Address.) (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Oct. 26, 1911.
(Date.)

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C. D. Stearns
(Signature, followed by title.)
Commander, U.S.N., 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.

[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.

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

DEC 16 1911

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE 3RD DIST. NOV 20 1912 RECEIVED ITHACA, N.Y.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES NOV 28 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED NOV 29 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

May 13, 1909.

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 information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

FORWARDED NOV 29 1911 APPOINTMENTS

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out 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 Fra. Rhodes.

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

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

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

✓ 5. Where were you born? Bridgeport Connecticut

✓ 6. When were you born? March (Month.) 29 (Day.) 1890 (Year.) see 2-1/29/13

✓ 7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

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

Mrs. J. Lordoff, 71 W. Booth St., Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Name. Number and street. City or town. State or Territory.

9. 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.
No	No.	No.	No	No.

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

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

No.

12. 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.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No	No	No	No	No	No.

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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 indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

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17. 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.)

Public School
Have past the eight Grade.

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

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

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20. 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

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filed. Nov. 18, 1911.

Witness:

(Signature) William F. Rhodes

P. O. Address: New London.
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

Number and street.

Connecticut
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Nov 27 1911, 19

(Signature) C. B. Stearns
C. B. Stearns
Commander, U. S. Navy,

(Official title) Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.

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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

L.H. Service (Bureau or Service.) New London Ledge, Lt. Sta. Conn. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Third (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Asst. Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Nov 14, 1911

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

October 26, 1911

5. State the date of the oath. Nov 18, 1911

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. October 26, 1911

7. What is his salary? $456. per ann.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers

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

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1911

11. In what manner did the 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.)

Local Civil Service Aug 30, 1911

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) C. D. Stearns

(Official title) Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.

Date: ——, 19

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 4 1912
FIFTH CONSTRUCTION DISTRICT

EFFICIENCY REPORT JAN 2 1912

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

1. Name William F. Rhodes. 2. Age 18 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position 2nd Asst. Keeper New London Ledge Light Station, New Lond.

5. Compensation $456 p.a. 6. Where employed New London Ledge Lt. Sta. New Lond. C

7. When appointed (*a*) Nov. 14, 1911 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service exam.

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

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

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

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Assisting keeping light, caring for station, cleaning, painting, etc. Light is 4th order, flashing. Fog-signal is 1st class compressed air siren.

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

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15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	85	2	170
Quality of work	85	3	255
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255
Attendance		x2	
Total		8	680
Average percentage			85

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

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

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

Takes good interest. ✓

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.)

Salary right, fair equivalent. ✓

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

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

20. Remarks: (e)

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

Oscar C. Luther
Asst. Supt. L.H.S.

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

C. V. Stearns,
Commander, U.S.N. Inspector.

G. T. Putnam Commissioner
Chief of Bureau or Office.

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES APR 3 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED APR 5 - 1912 DEPT OF COMMEROL AND LABOR

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
April 2nd, 1912 .191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED APR 5 - 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Action proposed, transfer and promotion

Name, William F. Rhodes 85% Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 1st assistant keeper Salary, $480 per annum

Location, West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

Effective on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, 2nd assistant keeper Former salary, $456 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light-Station, Conn.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Charles F. Colvill Services terminated, April 15, 1912

Reason, promoted effective on e.o.d.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"
Letter from Mr. Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.
The 2nd asst. Kpr. at West Bank has resigned

4/5/12 mcf

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO APR 5 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

In the absence and by direction
of the Inspector.
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One inclosure

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 3 1912

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

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN APR 5 - 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

C Hemmer
Acting Commissioner

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAR 30 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES ☆ APR 3 1912 ☆ DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

To Comdr C. D. Stuart
Inspector Third Dist
Tompkinsville N.Y.
March 29. 1912

Sir

Respectfully request the Inspector to consider me for transfer to Post Bank Light Station, either 1st or 2nd Asst Keeper. Should a vacancy occur at that Station in the near future, as I like to be with Mr. Busk and on that Station.

Respectfully
William F. Rhoades
2nd Asst Keeper
New London Ledge Lt. Sta
New London Conn

Through the Keeper.
George E. Hansen
Keeper.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

April 5, 1912.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

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 Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from second assistant keeper at $486 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED MAY - - 1912 C. S. COMMISSION.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED APR 8 - 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

F.
D.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles F. Colvill.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Form 111.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAY 3 1912
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

I, William F. Rhodes, do solemnly swear[1] (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 F. Rhodes
(Appointee signs here.)

CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
MAY 7 1912
APPTS.
COMMERCE AND LABOR

Sworn[2] (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] 17th day of

[illegible], A. D. 1912

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) Marcus B. Butler

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
1st assistant keeper	$480. p.a.	West Bank Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville,N.Y., May 2, 1912
(Address.) (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 16, 1912
(Date.)

STEARNS
(Signature, followed by title.)

CARDED
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

[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.

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

MAY 6 - 1912

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JAN 23 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Jan. 22, 1914 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION JAN 28 1914 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

CHIEF JAN 27 1914

Name, William F. Rhodes Ef 85.

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $624.00 per annum

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

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

APPOINTMENTS JAN 28 1914

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

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper

Former salary, $480. p.a.

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles F. Colvill Services terminated, ~~Jan. 31, 1914~~

Reason, Dismissal (Recommended)

Done 1-28-14 Ewg

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

Letter from Rhodes requesting transfer attached herewith.

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

J. Hyatt

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 26 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1-28-14

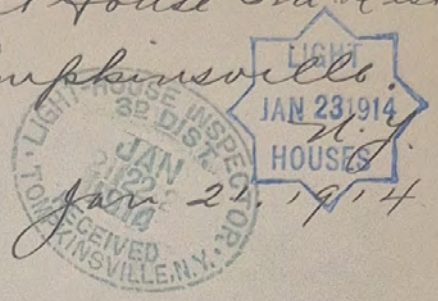
G. R. Putnam

Commissioner

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

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Light House 3rd Dist
Tompkinsville.
N.Y.



Jan 21, 1914

Inspector

Sir

I which to be considred for transfer at romer shoal light station, should a vacance occur at that station, I wish to be considred as keeper.

Respectfully
William F. Rhodes.
1st asst keeper
West Bank Lt. Sta.
Tompkinsville.
N.Y.

Romer Shoal Lt Sta. New York.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1914.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four 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 $480 per annum.)

WITHHELD.
CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
JAN 28 1914
NURSING CLERK
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary,

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

M
C

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles F. Colvill.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

CHANGE REPORTED
FEB 1914
U. S. COMMISSION.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT FEB 24 1914 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK MAR 10 1914

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William F. 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.

☞ William F. Rhodes
(Appointee signs here)

ASSISTANTS MAR 11 1914

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 10 9.05 day of July, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) [illegible]

(Official title) Noty Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper	$624 p.a.	Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.
Former[5] 1st Asst.Keeper	480 p.a.	West Bank Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT

Tompkinsville,N.Y. (Address), Feb 21-th 14 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 5th 1914 (Date)

William F. Rhodes
(Signature, followed by title)

CARDED.

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

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

[3] The oath may be taken any time 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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MAY 18 1916

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on May 9, 1915, to two men whose canoe was caught in a squall and capsized off Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, 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,

E. F. SWEET,

Acting Secretary.

Mr. William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station, N. Y.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by E. F. SWEET.

Mailed MAY 18 1916.

LIGHTS
SEP 30 1915
HOUSES

SEP 28 1915

APPOINTMENTS
SEP 30
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Sir:

Referring to report of the rescue by you on September 17, 1915, of two men, who were in danger of drowning, by reason of their boat having been caught in a squall and upset off Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, 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,

E. E. PRATT,

Secretary.

Mr. William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station, N. Y.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by E. E. PRATT.

Mailed SEP 28 1915 by A.J.S.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 1 1915

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

October 29, 1915

CHIEF CLERK NOV 5 1915

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APPOINTMENTS NOV 5 1915

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACKNOWLEDGED Answered NOV 6 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner:

The following correspondence re William F. Rhodes, keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, is inclosed for the Bureau's consideration:

1. Copy of letter of charges dated Oct.15th to Wm. F. Rhodes.
2. Letter dated Oct.20th from Wm. F. Rhodes.
3. Letter dated Oct.21st from Vernon H.Stanton, Asst.Keeper.
4. Copy of letter dated Oct.22nd to Wm. F. Rhodes.
5. Letter dated Oct.27th from Wm. F. Rhodes.

In addition to the requirements of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service re absences from stations for more than 48 consecutive hours by keepers, a circular letter was issued by this office under date of October 18,1912, which specifically requires that neither keeper at Romer Shoal Light Station shall be absent for more than two consecutive days without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the Inspector.

In view of the facts as shown in the attached correspondence that Mr.Rhodes violated the requirements of the Regulations, it is recommended that a letter of reprimand be addressed to him for such violation and warned that more drastic action will be taken should the offense be repeated.

J. O. Tarbell

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
November 5, 1915.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter to Rhodes, reprimanding him for the offense complained of by the Inspector and warning him that more drastic action will be taken in his case, should the offense be repeated, a copy of the reprimand to be submitted to the Department.

G. R. Putnam

COPY

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
NOV 1 1915
HOUSES

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville Post Office,
S.I., N.Y.

October 15,1915

You are hereby charged with violating the rules and regulations of the Lighthouse Service in that you left Romer Shoal Light Station on October 7th 1915 and had not returned to your station on October 14th 1915, the same being an absence of seven days for which you had obtained no permission or furnished no substitute, all of which is in violation of the rules and regulations. In this connection your attention is invited to sub-paragraph No.5 of paragraph 105 of Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service, to sub-paragraph 5 of paragraph 469 of the Regulations of the United States LighthouseService, also to letter from this office dated July 3rd 1912 relative to the leave to be taken by keepers in the Third Lighthouse District.

You are directed to submit to this office any statement you may desire to make through official channels within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement you will so state in writing.

(Sgd.) J. T. YATES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 22 1915 RECEIVED LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y.

LIGHT NOV 1 1915 HOUSES

Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.
Long Island City
October 20th 1915.

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To Inspector

Sir

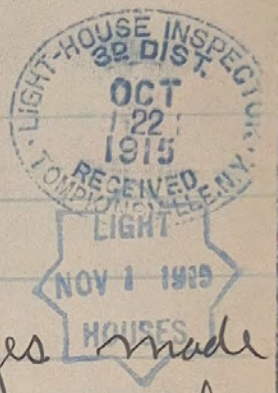
Referring to your letter of October 15th 1915. In a charge of violating the rules and regulations of the Light House sevice in which I left my station on Oct. 7th 1915. and did not returned to my station back on time, I wish to report to the Inspector that I left my station on Oct 7th 1915. as a mistake made by my Assistant Keeper saying I left my station on Oct 7th 1915. I wish to state. I did not leave my station ontill October 9th 1915. and reported back on duty the 15th.

Respectfully

Wm. F. Rhodes

Keeper.

Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.
Tompkinsville N.Y.
October 21/1915.



Inspector:

Sir:

In referring to the Charges made against my Keeper. William T. Rhodes. I wish to state that their was a mistake on my part. Saying that the Keeper left the station on the 7th inst. which he did not leave until the 9th inst. Saturday Afternoon about 4 P. M.

Until I look in the journal I notice my mistakes saying that the Keeper left this station on the 7th inst which I mark the Keeper leaving the station on the 9th inst.

I am very sorry that I made the mistake as he has always been strict living up to the regulations of this station.

Respectfully.
Vernon A. Stanton
Asst. Keeper.

COPY

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

LIGHT
NOV 1 1915
HOUSES

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville Post Office,
S.I., N.Y.

October 22,1915

Your letter of October 20th 1915 relative to charges preferred against you on account of absence from station has been received and contents noted.

You are directed to explain your absence from duty for more than forty-eight consecutive hours in this instance without furnishing a substitute, which is in violation of the regulations.

(Sgd.) J.T.YATES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 28 1915 RECEIVED TIMPKINSVILLE

Romer Shoal Light
Long Island Sound
Tompkinsville. N. Y.
October 27th 1915.

LIGHT NOV 1 1915 HOUSES

Inspector

Sir

Referring to your letter of October 22th 1915. asking for a explanation why I was absent from duty from this station, Romer shoal, for more than forty eight consecutive hours, my explanation is that we under stood in the rules and regulation that the isolated stations were allowed six days, but where two keepers are authoriged are allowed four days the rules and regulations stated for this station in your letter of Oct. 15th 1915. letter from this office July 3rd 1912 relative to the leave to be taken by the keepers, the only rules and regulations at this station are the regulations of 1911 and 1915. but on my charge of being over time is that my home is up in Connecticut as it takes a day to go and a day to report back for duty.

OCT 28 1915 RECEIVED

as for me being over my time I was up in Connecticut to my home which I was delay in reporting back on duty, Inspector Sir, we would like a little more time so in order we can report back on duty to are station, as my Assistant Keeper's home is on the East End of Long Island, and my home is in Connecticut,

Respectfully

William H. Rhodes.
Keeper.

November 6, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 29th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 5th instant, relative to the conduct of William F. Rhodes, keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, and approves the recommendation to the effect that Mr. Rhodes be reprimanded for his action in leaving the station from October 9 to 15, 1915, without furnishing a substitute, as required by the regulations, and warned that more drastic action will be taken in his case should the offense be repeated. It is noted that a copy of the letter of reprimand will be furnished the Department for its files.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES NOV 16 1915

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

CHIEF CLERK NOV 19 1915

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APPOINTMENTS NOV 19 1915

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Nov. 15,1915

Referring to letter of charges addressed to you under date of October 15,1915, and your replies thereto dated October 20th and 27th, 1915, re absence from your duties as keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, from October 9th to 15th, for which you had obtained no permission nor furnished a substitute.

You are hereby reprimanded for your action in remaining absent from your station from October 9th to 15th,1915, without furnishing a substitute, as required by the regulations, and warned that more drastic action will be taken in your case should the offense be repeated.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your record in the Lighthouse Service.

(Sgd) YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Nov.15,1915

Two copies forwarded to Bureau for information contained, in accordance with Bureau endorsement of November 10,1915.

J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 17 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.
See Department letter of Nov. 6, 1915, in this case.

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24, 1915 (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation.

Name, William F. Rhodes — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $648 p.a.

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

Effective January 1,1916 — {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $624 p.a.

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

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

Previous incumbent, William F. Rhodes — Services terminated, Dec.31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915

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

Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1915.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

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, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $624 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 29 1915 JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

OFFICE REPORTED JAN 1916 COMMISSION

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT JAN 191916 HOUSES

APPOINTMENTS JAN 21 1916

CHIEF CLERK JAN 21 1916

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William F. 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.

☞ William F. Rhodes

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 8th day of January, A. D. 191 6

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Wm. Schutzendorf

(Official title) Notary Public

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Keeper	$648 p.a.	Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N. Y.
Former[5]	"	$624 "	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) Jany 18 1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Jany 1, 1916 (Date)

CARDED

J. Tyler (Signature, followed by title)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydro.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

LIGHT
MAR 27 1916
HOUSES

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner:

March 25,1916

Referring to Form 73a forwarded to the Bureau to-day relative to transfer of William F.Rhodes from the position of Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station to the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

Attention is invited to the fact that it is proposed to transfer Mr.Rhodes to the position of keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station with pay at the rate of $648 per annum, the rate of pay authorized by Bureau letter of December 17,1915, notwithstanding the fact that the present keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station is paid at the rate of $624 per annum.

In explanation it may be stated that through the efforts of Mr. Rhodes the condition of Romer Shoal Light Station has been brought up to a satisfactory standard, and it is considered that he should receive the full rate of pay for the position of keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, as it is not considered just that he should be penalized on account of the unsatisfactory condition of Greens Ledge Light Station in the past for which he is not responsible.

J. T. Yates

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. NOV 5 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Romer Shoal Lt. Stn.
Long Island City N.Y.
November 2nd 1915.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. NOV 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT MAR 27 1916 HOUSES

Greens Ledge Light Station ✓ Rowayton Conn.,
New Haven " " New Haven "
" " Wharf " " " "
New London Ledge " " New London, "
Pecks Ledge " " Norwalk, "
Penfield Reef " " Bpoat, "
South West Ledge " " New Haven "

William F. Rhodes
Keeper

Wish to be consinder as Keeper

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., March 25, 1916

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 27 1916

CHIEF CLERK 191 MAR 28 1916

APPOINTMENTS MAR 28 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about April 16, 1916.

Name, William F. Rhodes — Position, Keeper $648.

From Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N. Y. — To Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Previous incumbent, August F. Biedermann

Services terminated, April 15, 1916 — Reason, Resigned

Letter from Mr. Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 29 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

CARDED.

J. T. Tyler

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

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2 JEL Inclosures.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 27 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.
See letter of March 25, 1916, from the Third Inspector, inclosed, in regard to this transfer, in which the Bureau concurs.

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

JHG

LIGHT APR 20 1916 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., March 25, 1916 191

CHIEF CLERK APR 22 1916

APPOINTMENTS APR 22 1916 10,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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Name, William F. Rhodes Position, Keeper $648

From Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N. Y. To Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Previous incumbent, August F. Biedermann

Services terminated, April 15,1916 Reason, Resigned

Letter from Mr. Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.

J T YATES

Tompkinsville, N. Y., April 19,1916, 191

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 22 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 16,1916.

J. T. Yates

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

APR 21 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Putnam Conway

Acting Commissioner.

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APPOINTMENTS
JAN 18 1917
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JAN 18 1917

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on the afternoon of December 30, 1916, in helping to extinguish the flames on an oyster boat which had caught afire near the light station, 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,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Acting Secretary.

Mr. William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed JAN 19 1917, by

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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
OCT 24 1916
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.)
   Rhodes, William Fredwith
2. Department:
   Commerce
3. Bureau, office, or service:
   3rd Lighthouse District
4. Designation of position:
   Keeper
5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):
   Lighthouse Keeper
6. Annual earnings:
   636
7. Kind of appropriation:
   LS
8. Present rate of pay:
   $ 648 PA
9. Initial rate of pay:
   $ 456
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:	Substitute— Months:	Regular— Years:	Regular— Months:
	4		9

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):
    Connecticut
12. Race:
    W
13. Sex:
    Male
14. Date of birth—
    Month: March
    Year: 1893
15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:
    E8;03(Commercial)
16. Marital condition:
    S
17. War veteran?
    No
18. Appointed from—
    Congressional district and State: 3Connecticut
    County: Fairfield
19. Civil service status:
    C
20. Method by which classified status was obtained:
    CE
21. Place of employment—
    City: Rowayton
    State: Connecticut

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 9, 1918.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $48 per annum to $1020 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hopkins.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner of Lighthouses: August 5,1919

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SUBJECT: Examination re operation of power fog signals.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement Feb.5,1919.

1. Referring to previous correspondence relative to examination of keepers re operation of power fog signal.

2. The Bureau is advised that on July 1,1919, William F. Rhodes, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, took the required examination to determine whether or not he was sufficiently familiar with the operation of power fog signals to entitle him to receive additional compensation at the rate of $5.00 per month while serving at a station having fog signal operated by oil engines.

3. Mr.Rhodes received a rating of 87.25% based on the written examination and actual performance of work at the station, and is accordingly entitled to receive the additional compensation of $5.00 per month. It is therefore recommended that his pay be increased from $1020 to $1080 per annum, effective August 16,1919, which rate of pay includes base pay of $960 per annum; longevity pay of $60 per annum; and $60 per annum additional compensation for practical knowledge of the operation of power fog signals.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst.Supt.

LOS 8/13/19.

DIVISION ACTION TAKEN AUG 13 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
AUG 8 1919

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval.

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Acting Commissioner.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1919.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1020. per annum to $ 1080. per annum, effective August 16, 1919. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED

3rd District

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 14 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

COPY:MBM.

JTY/JHG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED.

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

August 20, 1920.

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with violation of the Fishery Laws of the State of Connecticut, also with violation of paragraph 42 of Instructions to Employees of the Lighthouse Service, 1915, in that you have not conformed to the requirements of the permit issued for lobster fishermen by the State of Connecticut, by having your lobster traps and pots marked as required by law; also by selling short lobsters at a hotel at Roton Point, Connecticut, for which offence you were convicted and fined by Judge Vosburg at Norwalk, Conn., on the morning of August 11, 1920.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue.

3. If you desire to make no statment, you will so state in writing.

(signe.d) J. T. YATES.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Greens Ledge Light Station

Rowayton, Conn.

August 25,1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of August 20,1920 with charges against me for violating the fishery laws which for selling short lobsters at Roton Point Hotel for which I was convicted and fined by Judge Vosburg of Norwalk, Conn. on August 11,1920.

I respectfully wish to state that the charge against me for selling the short lobsters at Roton Point was a very doubtful charge to my knowledge, as I was very doubtful of those short lobsters being mine, as the proprieter of Roton Point had been receiving lobsters from different ones. The bookkeeper of Roton Point made the statement that he had been receiving lobsters from different parties, which I could repeal the charge against me, but I did not want to make trouble for any one else. So I took the responsibly for them all.

The Game Warden of Norwalk, Conn. found these short lobsters at Roton Point Hotel they were not in my possesion at the time. They had been getting there lobsters from the regular lobster men from the Rowayton, Conn.. River. I was unable at the time that the short lobsters were found at Roton Point to supply them regular, and had only a few pots set and were in the immediate vicinity of my station. There was only two times which Roton Point was supplied by me, which to me was very doubtful that there could of been mine, In the first lot consisted of Ninety four lbs, and the second lot consisted of Seventy one lbs, from which the Game Warden claimed to have found a few short lobsters in with the passable ones.

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Inregards to my name not being on the lobster cart I had only two days before made the cart and was about to put on my name and number when the Game Warden came to station, and noticed that there was no name or number on the cart, but at that time there was nothing in the cart.

I respectfully wish to say that I have disposed of all lobster pots and gearing, I am very sorry that this trouble has occured, and if you please consider the case on my part, I will be very careful in the future that it will not happen again.

Respectfully,

N. F. Rhodes.

Keeper.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 25/20, ~~191~~

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Sir:—

I respectifully wish to state that the charge against my Keeper, which to my knowledge seems infossible as I disposed of the first lot of lobsters, and as I was about to put my lobsters in the ice box I noticed that there were others, and the chief told me to take them out and to put mine in first which I did and the ones that I took out looked to me as being short lobsters but I did not say anything as they had came from some regular lobstermen. The second lot of lobsters were disposed of about a week later from which the Game Warden claimed to have found a few short lobsters but it seems infossible that there could of been as many as the "Game Warden" claimed as my Keeper was always very

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Carefull in measuring the lobsters before disposing of them.

Inclosed find letter recd by me from the "State Board of Fisheries" regarding my license for the lobster fishing. We have disposed of all lobster gearing in accordance with letter recd.

Respectifully,

Adam A. Emrigh Jr.
1 asst. Keeper.

State Board of Fisheries and Game

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Office of the Commission,
Room 64, State Capitol.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, Conn.
August 18.1920.

Mr. Adam Emeigh, Jr.
Greens Reef Light,
Norwalk, Conn.

Dear Sir :-

By power and authority vested in me under our statute law Chapter 148, Sec. 3338, I hereby revoke your lobster license and order you to take up all your traps, pots and cars and take them ashore, returning your permit to County Game Warden Wilbur F. Smith.

address S. Norwalk Ct.

John M. Crampton
Supt.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTION
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
So. Norwalk, Conn.

Aug. 17.20.

Superindent of Lightouses.
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Dear sir :-

I am in receipt of your inquiry for the facts connected with the arrest of Wm. Rhodes, keeper of the Greens Reef Light for violation of the lobster laws.

I would inform you, as you know, that it is a newspaper error in crediting Rhodes to the Pecks Ledge Light, he being stationed on Greens Reef Light.

Conditions have been bad here this season.

Over two hundred traps has been lost by having buoys cut, traps stolen and lobsters taken, and it was while working on these matters that I visited Rhodes on Aug. 5th to inspect his lobsters.

At this time he had no lobsters on hand, and claimed that he had but 25 traps set.

Asked why he did not have his name and permit number marked on his car, he said " he was going to do that" but that it " was a new car" though the growth on the car seemed to tell another story.

That afternoon I visited the resort known as Rom Roton Point to inspect their lobsters and found a number of short lobsters in their ice box.

This resort is just inshore from the Greens Reef Light.

The Chef, the head waiter, the book keeper and the manager all claimed that the lobsters in the ice box was all purchased from the light house keeper, that there was no other lobsters in the place

before and that they had purchased no lobsters from any other source since. On Aug. 6. I visited the light and again talked with Rhodes and asked him if he sold to Roton Point. He tried to evade the question by saying it was the market of one Johnson, but finally admitted that he had sold lobsters to them the Saturday night before" fifty pounds", though the books showed that he had sold them 71 pounds on that date and 80 pounds on the Monday previously.

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These facts was presented to the prosecuting attorney with the result that a complaint was drawn against him.

On the afternoon of Aug. 10th Rhodes was in town of his own accord and called into the office of the prosecuting attorney and questioned as to whether or not he had sold to the Points as they claimed. He admitted that he had sold to the Point 151 pounds of lobsters in the mentioned one week and made other statements that do not sound good to one knowing all the facts.

He told us that Adam Emeigh, Jr. was in it as much as he was, and it was not right that he should stand it alone" That he had " two sunken cars that he could put on the light" which might well explain why he could sell 151 pounds of lobsters in one week and not have any more in his large car in the next week.

He told us also that he " had the advantage over the other fishermen" . This can be interpreted in various ways.

Rhodes appeared before Judge Vosburg on his own recognizance on the morning of August 11th charged with taking, having in possession and selling short lobsters, each lobster being a separate offence. The Chef, heand waiter and book keeper from the Point testified to the facts as stated .

Rhodes would not take the stand in his own defence and said he was " ready to pay up" and was fined fifty dollars and cost which he paid. I am sending herwith a copy of the Connecticut lobster statutes and would also inform you that an applicant for a logster permit in this stae receives a for which he fills out, stating that he will respect and live up to the laws and on the back of his permit is printed the law, so that there is no excuse for one not knowing the law.

The statute provides that a person convicted of a violation of the lobster laws cannot fish for one year after, his permit being revoked.

The above isa plain statement of the case as I know it and which can be verified by numerous witnesses.

I am,

Yours Very Truly,

Wilbur F. Smith

Warden , Fish and Game.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. AUG 1920 RECEIVED CINCINNATI, O.

P.S. It seems strange to me that the Light keepers should go into the lobster business on such a scale as to compete with those fishermen who depend upon fishing for a business.

CHAPTER 184, GENERAL STATUTES.

SEC. 3337. **Permits for catching lobsters.** No person shall engage in lobster fishing in this state unless he shall have obtained a permit therefor, the fee for which shall be two dollars, from the commissioners of fisheries and game, which permit shall be non-transferable, shall be issued in such form, under such regulations consiste t with the provisions of this section as said commissioners shall from time to time establish, and to such person as said commissioners shall determine, and shall be valid until revoked by said commissioners or surrendered as hereinafter provided. Said commissioners shall use all money so received for the protection, preservation and propagation of lobsters in this state, and may receive and use said moneys in the manner and for the purposes herein before provided. The board may revoke any such permit for cause, and the permit held by any person convicted of a violation of section 3338 or any law concerning the taking or sale of lobsters shall be immediately surrendered by him to the board, and no permit shall be issued to said person within one year after the date of such surrender. Every person who neglects or refuses to surrender his permit as provided in this section shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars; and any boats, pots, tackle and apparatus used by any person in lobster fishing in violation of the provisions of this section, may be seized in the manner provided in section 3138. Any person violating this section by fishing without a permit shall be fined not less than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days o both.

obtained from the State Board of Fisheries and Game a license authorizing such person to catch lobsters, shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in this section. Such license shall bear the name, age, occupation and place of residence, and an identifying description of the licensee, and shall expire on the last day of December in the year issued, and shall not be transferable. For said license the person so licensed shall pay said board a fee of fifteen dollars, which money shall be used by said board for the protection and propagation of lobsters. The term "alien" as hereinbefore used shall not be so construed as to include any person who has resided continuously in this state for five years previous to the date of his application for such license. Violations of any of the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars, and the possession of each lobster in violation of the provisions of thi section shall constitute a separate offense.

SEC. 6262. **Unlawful taking of fish or lobsters from trap.** No person shall take any fish or lobsters from any trap, net, trawl, seine or pot set fo catching fish or lobsters without the consent of the owner thereof. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than five dollars.

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LIGHTHOUSES

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LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER SOLD SHORT LOBSTERS

SOUTH NORWALK, Aug. 11.—William Rhodes, keeper of the Pecks Ledge light house, off Norwalk, was fined $50 and costs this morning for selling short lobsters., A traffic in shorts has been going on in the waters around Norwalk for some time, according to Game Warden Wilbur Smith, who made the arrest.

Rhodes is Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt Sta

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

August 14th, 1920.

Mr. Wilbur Smith,
Game Warden,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Wm. F. Rhodes, Keeper, arrest a/c selling short lobsters.

1. It is noted from a newspaper article, that William F. Rhodes, keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station, was recently arrested and fined on account of selling short lobsters.

2. Will you have the kindness to furnish this office with all the facts connected with this matter?

(signed.). J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses: September 1,1920

SUBJECT: Charges against William F.Rhodes, Keeper, Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.
REFERENCE: Endorsement from this office August 25,1920.

1. The following correspondence re William F. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Newspaper clipping, dated Aug.11,1920.
b - Copy of our letter of Aug.14 to Game Warden Wilbur Smith.
c - Letter of August 17 from Warden Smith.
d - Copy of letter of charges dated Aug.20th to Keeper Rhodes.
e - Letter from Keeper Rhodes dated Aug.25th.
f - Letter from Asst.Keeper Emeigh dated Aug.25th.

2. Keeper Rhodes having been found guilty of violating the laws of the State of Connecticut concerning the matter of lobster fishing and fined on account of such violation, he should, in accordance with paragraph 42 of Instructions to Employees of this service, be dismissed. In view of the fact, however, that Mr.Rhodes' services have heretofore been satisfactory, he having kept a good station, and as at the present time it is impossible to obtain sufficient men to fill vacancies at light stations, it is considered to be to the interests of the service and it is recommended, that Mr.Rhodes be reprimanded on account of the occurrence referred to herein and ordered to remove from the light station all fishing gear of whatever character, and to discontinue indefinitely all fishing operations, the latter condition being applicable to all of the keepers at Greens Ledge Light Station. It is also recommended that the Board of Fisheries & Game of the State of Connecticut be advised of the action taken and requested to notify this service if at any time the Board referred to should find the keepers of this station engaged in fishing operations.

J. F. Yates

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Inclosures.

September 13, 1920.

Subject: 3d Supt's. report, Sept. 1, 1920, charges against William F. Rhodes.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, and with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter of reprimand to William F. Rhodes, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn., for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut, copy of such letter to be furnished the Department for its files. It is further recommended that the keeper of this station be ordered to remove all fishing gear and that all fishing operations by the keepers at this station be discontinued indefinitely, and also that the Board of Fisheries and Game of the State of Connecticut be advised by the Bureau of the action taken, in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation. Inclosed is letter dated August 15, 1920, from John M. Crampton, together with the 3d Superintendent's report of August 25, with reference to this matter, which it is requested be returned to the Bureau whentheir purpose shall have been served.

(Signed) E. T. Chamberlain

APPROVED:
J. W. Alexander, Sept. 14, 1920.
Secretary of Commerce.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
SEP 18 1920
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(COPY)

TSC:LON Sept. 29, 1920.

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William F. Rhodes,
Keeper, Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.)

1. Referring to charges preferred against you by the Superintendent of the Third Lighthouse District for violation of fishery laws.

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2. The Bureau hereby severely reprimands you for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut, which is contrary to instructions to Employees, 1915, Par. 42, and warns you that a repetition of this offense will result in more drastic action being taken. You are directed to remove from the light station all fishing gear of whatever character, and all keepers at Greens Ledge Ledge Light Station will discontinue indefinitely all fishing operations, and you will be guided accordingly. On account of your previous good record no action other than the above will be taken in your case at this time.

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

(Signed) L. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

TSC:LON 1 Encl. Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
Sept. 29, 1920.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for his information, guidance, and files. Inclosed is copy of Bureau letter of this date to the State Board of Fisheries and Game, Hartford, Conn. Be guided accordingly.

(Signed) J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

TSC:LON Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
Sept. 29, 1920.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

April 30, 1921.

Memorandum for the Secretary:

The accompanying case of William F. Rhodes is an undoubted case of falsification of records, violation of regulations, and malfeasance in office. In my opinion this dismissal is justified.

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses: April 27,1921

SUBJECT: Wm. F. Rhodes, Keeper, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter of charges dated April 22,1921, addressed to William F. Rhodes, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, together with his reply dated April 25,1921 in which he admits the charges preferred against him. There is also enclosed a folder containing correspondence, together with testimony of the Keeper, 1st Assistant Keeper and 2nd Assistant Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., which forms the basis of the charges preferred against the keeper. It is requested that this folder by returned to this office after it has served its purpose.

2. It is admitted by Keeper Rhodes that he as well as the assistant keepers have exceeded the authorized monthly allowance of leave on various occasions, false reports of leave have repeatedly been forwarded to this office, two of the keepers have on various occasions gone on leave at the same time leaving one man to operate the station for periods ranging from a few days to two weeks, and it has been the practice to maintain no watch at the station on nights when the weather was clear, notwithstanding the fact that three keepers are employed at this station. It is apparent from the testimony of the assistant keepers and that of the Keeper, that this keeper has at least on some occasions cashed the checks of the assistant keepers without the latters endorsement and delivering the proceeds of the checks to the assistant keepers less amounts deducted for subsistence and other purchases. It is also apparent that no regular watches are stood at the station and no systematic arrangement exists for carrying on the miscellaneous work of the station, such as cleaning, scaling, painting etc.

3. It is evident from the facts available that the keeper and 1st Assistant Keeper are on very intimate terms, and by mutual understanding the work of the station has been carried on,&leave of absence taken without any regard to the regulations of the service . The 2nd Assistant Keeper having objected to the conditions that existed at the station, is of course not on good terms with either of the other two keepers, and they naturally do not consider him to be a good man on the station.

4. The facts disclosed clearly show that Mr.Rhodes is unreliable and unfit for employment as keeper of a light station, since reliability is a very essential qualification if aids to navigation are to be maintained in an efficient and reliable manner.

CHIEF CLERK

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(Charges - Wm.F.Rhodes)

APPOINTMENTS APR 30 1921

5. It is recommended that William F. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of May 12, 1921.

6. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I.

7. Deduction will be made from salary due Mr.Rhodes for excess leave taken by him.

8. In this connection attention is invited to Bureau letter of September 29,1920 reprimanding Mr.Rhodes for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut.

J. A. Yates

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 29 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval. Inclosed is folder from the 3d Superintendent's office and it is requested that same be returned to the Bureau when its purpose shall have been served.

H. R. Putnam
Commissioner

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAY 4 1921

APPROVED:
Herbert Hoover
Secretary of Commerce.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED.

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

April 22,1921.

W. H. Rhodes, Keeper.
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Charges re neglect of duty.

1. You are hereby charged with gross neglect of duty, violation of the regulations of the Lighthouse Service and submitting false reports in that:

1. You have on various occasions exceeded the monthly allowance of leave (8 days) instances being when you were absent from the station, together with the First Assistant Keeper for two weeks during December 1920 and from February 18th to February 29th, 1921 as verbally admitted by you on April 20.

2. You have, as verbally admitted by you on April 20th, repeatedly submitted false reports to this office of absences of keepers, in that your report for December 1920 states your absence to be from December 24th to December 28th and the first Assistant Keeper's absence to be from December 12th to December 18th, whereas you were both absent at the same time for a period of two weeks; your report for February 1921 states your absence to be from February 18th to February 25th, whereas you were on Staten Island on February 11th which date is not shown in your report; your report for March 1921 states the absence of the First Assistant Keeper to be from March 1st to March 6th, whereas the First Assistant Keeper claims and you verbally admitted on April 20th that the First Assistant Keeper was not absent from the station on leave during the entire month of March; you reported by letter of March 2, 1921 that First Assistant Keeper Emeigh was absent at that time, when as a matter of fact he was at the station.

3. You have failed to keep a continuous watch at Greens Ledge Light Station, during the night, it being the practice for all three keepers to retire at night when the weather is clear and fog not likely to come up, as verbally admitted by you on April 20th.

4. You have repeatedly gone on leave together with the First

Assistant Keeper, leaving the Second Assistant Keeper alone to operate the station for periods ranging from a few days to two weeks, as verbally admitted by you on April 20th.

5. You transmitted to this office without any comment whatever, a report dated March 7th from the First Assistant Keeper stating that he was absent from the station on leave on March 4th, 1931, which the First Assistant Keeper as well as yourself subsequently admitted was false, as the First Assistant Keeper was not absent on leave during the month of March.

6. You permitted your wife to reside at Greens Ledge Light Station during the summer of 1930, as admitted by you on April 20th, 1931, in direct violation of paragraph 135 of Instructions to Employees.

8. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from counter-charges and confined to the point at issue.

9. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J.F.YATES.

W. F. Rhodes Keeper Sheps Ledge Light Fla

RETURN RECEIPT.

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

W. F. Rhodes

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, ----------, *19*

Form 3811

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POSTMASTER,

Per ----------

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Form 3806.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 28 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

April 25,1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

Reference to your letter of April 22,1921. charges with gross neglect of duty and violation of the rules and regulations of the Light House Service, and submitting false reports.

I respectfully wish to admit as charges stated in your letter of neglect of duty at Greens Ledge Light Station, that I have no coment to make on said charges, and hope that these charges can be over looked, and will assure you that as long as I am in the service I will never violate the rules and regulations of the charges prefered against me agan, and would like to ask to be giving another chance, and I promise I will live up to the rules and regulations and due repect to you and your office.

I am sincerely yours,

Respectfully,

W. T. Rhodes.
Keeper.

May 4, 1921.

Sir:

Charges of falsification of records, violation of regulations, and malfeasance in office having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $1080 per annum, effective at the close of May 12, 1921.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) OLIVER BASKINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 4 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

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Staten Island, N. Y., (City.) Nov. 4, 1922 (Date.) 19

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 13 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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

Name, William F. Rhodes

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, (Additional) Keeper

Salary, $720.00 p.a.

Location, At Large, 3rd Lighthouse Dist.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 13, 1922

~~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, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.8 , Other eligibles considered:
John A. Strout C. Louis F. Schlitt C.

Previous incumbent, James F. Mulvey Services terminated, Jan. 17, 1922

Reason, Transferred and promoted.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: After appointment this employe will be detailed temporarily to Watch Hill Lt. Sta., R.I. When the position of assistant keeper at that station is permanently filled he will be assigned to duty at an off shore station where no quarters are provided for families of keepers.
No. 3 on eligible list is eligible for employment at light stations on Lake Champlain or Rivers only.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, November 8, , 1922

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Assistant Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. NOV 10 1922

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1922.

Mr. William F. 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 Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 14 1922 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: James F. Mulvey

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 27 1922 NOV 28 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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I, William F. 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.

William F. Rhodes

(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 20th day of November, A. D. 1922

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Chester L. Guild

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1925

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$720.00 p.a.	At Large, 3d L.H.Dist. - Assigned to Watch Hill Light Station, R.I.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Staten Island, N. Y. (Address), Nov. 25-1922 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov. 21-1922 (Date)

CARDED

J. F. Pleasants

(Signature of Officer) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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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 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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November 29, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the personal question sheet executed by William F. Rhodes, under his probationary appointment as Keeper (additional), in the Lighthouse Service, and notes that he gives the date of his birth as March 29, 1890. Inasmuch as he stated in a personal question sheet executed under a previous appointment that he was born on March 29, 1886, the Department requests to be advised as to which is the correct date. In the event that the date on the first personal question sheet is incorrect, satisfactory documentary evidence should be submitted.

By direction of the Secretary:

Chief of Appointment Division.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Jan. 24, 1923.

DEPT OF COMMERCE
JAN 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: Date of birth, William F.Rhodes, keeper.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement Jan. 5,1923.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. Transmitted herewith is certified copy of the Certificate of Birth of Frederick W.Bond, born March 29,1890.

3. There is also enclosed certified copy of Judgment issued by the Superior Court of Fairfield County, Connecticut, authorizdng Frederick William Bond to change his name to William Frederick Rhodes.

4. Mr.Rhodes has requested these documents be returned to him when they have served their purpose.

J. Rhodes

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 29 1923
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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., January 25, 1923.
Inclosures.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Department letter of November 29, 1922 in this matter. It is requested that the inclosed documents be returned to the Bureau when their purpose shall have been served.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APPROVED:
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

January 29, 1923.

Gentlemen:

The Department has to state, for the Commission's information, that it has amended its records so as to show that William F. Rhodes, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, was born on March 29, 1890 instead of March 29, 1886 as heretofore claimed by Mr. Rhodes. This change has been made at his request and is supported by a certificate of birth furnished by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State of Connecticut. The certificate of birth gives his name as Frederick W. Bond, which he had changed to William Frederick Rhodes by judgment of the Superior Court of Fairfield County, Connecticut, on January 30, 1920. A copy of the judgment and the copy of certificate of birth are enclosed for the Commission's information, with the request that they be returned when they have served their purpose.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Civil Service Commission.
Enclosure 1481.
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January 29, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Upon consideration of the evidence transmitted with the Third Superintendent's letter of January 24, 1923, and forwarded by the Bureau's endorsement of January 25, 1923, the Department has amended its records so as to show that William F. Rhodes, Keeper, was born in 1890 instead of 1886 as originally stated in his personal question sheet, and the Civil Service Commission has been notified in order that its records may be amended accordingly. The papers forwarded with the Bureau's endorsement were sent to the Commission with the request that they be returned when they have served their purpose.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Being corrected

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 22 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS, U.S.A.

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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.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: William F. Rhodes

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper (Additional)

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

4. Place of duty: At Large, 3d L.H.Dist. (Assigned to Watch Hill L.S.,R.I.)
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $720.00 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).

By selection from eligible list of keepers dated Sept.1,1922

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

William Frederick Rhodes

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

W. F. Rhodes

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

Connecticut, Fairfield, Bridgeport 4th Dist.
(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? Bridgeport, Conn.

7. When were you born? March 29 1890
(Month.) (Day.) (Year.)

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

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

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

Mrs. W. F. Rhodes 64 Winter St.
(Name.) (Number and street.)

Bridgeport. Conn
(City or town.) (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		
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		Department or office		
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		Department or office		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Commerce	Light House	Keeper	$756 456	Oct. 1911	May 1921.
New London Ledge Lt Sta	"	"	480		
West Bank Light	"	"	624		
Race Rock	"	"	648		
Greens Ledge	"	"	708 840		
		"	1020		

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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.)

Foreman painter

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.)

Business college. received my degrees and diploma International Codrespondence Schools Scranton Penn.

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.")

Machinist and toolmaker,

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

Light House Service, Aug. 25 1922
" " " Oct. 16. 1911
"

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, Nov 18, 1922.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) William F. Rhodes.

(Present address) 64 Winter St.
(Number and street.)

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

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Nov. 25, 1922

(Signature) J. F. Yates

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

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COMMISSIONERS
_____, PRESIDENT
GEORGE R. WALES
HELEN H. GARDENER
HERBERT A. FILER, CHIEF EXAMINER
JOHN T. DOYLE, SECRETARY

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE B:EDB
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

February 5, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 5 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

The Commission has changed its records to indicate that the date of birth of William F. Rhodes, keeper in the Lighthouse Service, is March 29, 1890, such date having been established by a copy of the Vital Statistics of the State of Connecticut. The decree of the court changing his name from Frederick W. Bond to William F. Rhodes has also been noted, although he appears on the records of this office only under the name of Rhodes.

The papers transmitted by you are returned herewith.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

/s/ John T. Doyle.

Secretary.

Inclosure No. 8255.

February 6, 1923.

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Lighthouses. The papers referred to are returned as requested in the Bureau's endorsement of January 25, on the Third Superintendent's letter of January 24.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

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

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEB 24 1924 APPOINTMENT

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, William F. Rhodes — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840.00 per annum

Location, Execution Rocks Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 1,1924 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Additional) — Former salary, $720.00 p.a.

Location, At Large, 3d L.H.Dist. (Had been assigned to Watch Hill L.S., R.I.)

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

Previous incumbent, Clinton H. Durfee — Services terminated, Feb. 29,1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto. Mr. Rhodes has been assigned to duty as Additional Keeper at Watch Hill Lt.Sta., R.I., since Nov. 21,1922.

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

For & in the absence of the Supt.

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

FEB 20 1924

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

February 16,1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

In reference to your letter of February 15,1924.

I respectfully wish to state that I prefer to accept the position of 1st. Assistant Keeper at Execution Rocks Light Station in preference to Assistant at Watch Hill Station.

Respectfully,
H. F. Rhodes.
Keeper.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 21, 1924.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 720 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective March 1, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. T. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

In replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter and file No.

April 4, 1924.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 4 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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Inclosure.

SUBJECT: 3rd Supt's. letter, April 2, 1924, increase in pay of Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st. Asst. keeper, Execution Rocks L.S.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that notice of change in salary be issued to Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st. Asst. Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station for the reasons stated by the Superintendent in his attached letter, which is in accordance with the existing schedule of pay of keepers.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACTION TAKEN APR - 7 1924

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LIGHTHOUSES

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.

Commissioner of Lighthouses

April 2,1924

SUBJECT: Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper,Execution Rocks Lt.Sta., increase in pay on account of operation of power fog signal.

1. The Bureau is advised that on July 1,1919, William F.Rhodes, then keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.,took the required examination to determine whether or not he was sufficiently familiar with the operation of power fog signals to entitle him to receive additional compensation at the rate of $5.00 per month while serving at a station having fog signal operated by oil engines.

2. By letter of Aug.5,1919 this office recommended to the Bureau that Mr.Rhodes be granted additional compensation of $5.00 per month for his practical knowledge of the operation of fog signals, effective Aug.16,1919, which recommendation was approved by Department letter of August 14,1919.

3. Mr. Rhodes was separated from the service on May 12,1921, and was again appointed to the service as Additional Keeper on Nov.21,1922, at which time he was detailed to Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.,which position he continued to hold until March 6,1924. On March 7,1924 he was transferred and promoted to the position of 1st assistant keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.,N.Y.,with base pay at the rate of $840 per annum.

4. During Mr.Rhodes' employment as Additional Keeper at Watch Hill Lt.Sta. no recommendation was made for the payment to him of increase in pay of $5.00 per month on account of his knowledge of the operation of power fog signals, for the reason he was only temporarily assigned to duty at that station.

5. In view of the fact that Mr.Rhodes has now been transferred to and permanently appointed to the position of 1st assistant keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.,where there is a power fog signal, it is recommended that his pay be increased from $840 per annum to $900 per annum, which rate of pay includes base pay of $840 per annum and $60 per annum additional compensation for practical knowledge of the operation of power fog signals, effective March 7,1924, the date on which he entered on duty as 1st assistant keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 4, 1924.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective March 7, 1924.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JOHN T. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Wm. F. Rhode Keeper $ 840 Trans Let. 2/21/24 Eff. 3/7/24

See file Samuel L. Fuller.

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Rhodes Anne F. In accordance with authority

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

adjusted to $ 1140, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated AUG 2 0 1924 File No. 1095/21.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1500.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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CROSS REFERENCE

Letter dated May 23, 1925 from the Bureau of Lighthouses requests the loan of the folders for W.J. Trainor and W.F.Rhodes.

These files were returned on the 25th of current month.

See file of W.J.Trainor

May 25, 1925.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence from duty without permission having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station, New York, at $1500 per annum, effective at the close of business on May 31, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

JUN 2 1925

Chief of Appointment Division.

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 5/23/25
IN FILE W. J. Trainor

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For further correspondence in re dismissal see W. J. Trainor

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D #1

NAME Rhodes, Hom. F.

POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

STATION 3rd Dist

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
720	240	960	XCR	404.25	1364.25	LHS	1	1140			

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

approv. $1140

GRADE RECOMMENDED 4

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $900 TO $1200

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

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Sheet No. ____

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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1. Rhodes (Surname) William (Given name) F. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Watch Hill Light Station
   (c) City or town Westerly State R.I.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Additional 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 ____; per week ____
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Sunset 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 ____
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 720.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ ____ 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 allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum Subsistence $240.00 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 None.; 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 signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order; including painting and minor repairs; care for grounds.	100

18a. Not specified, stand watches, work equally divided; average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines 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. (Date)

J. T. Yates (Signature of Preparing Officer)

Superintendent. (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)	X		
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 ma-
[illegible], kind and extent
paratus, boating, gasoline engines, oil engines, painting.

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 $ 1200 to $ 1320

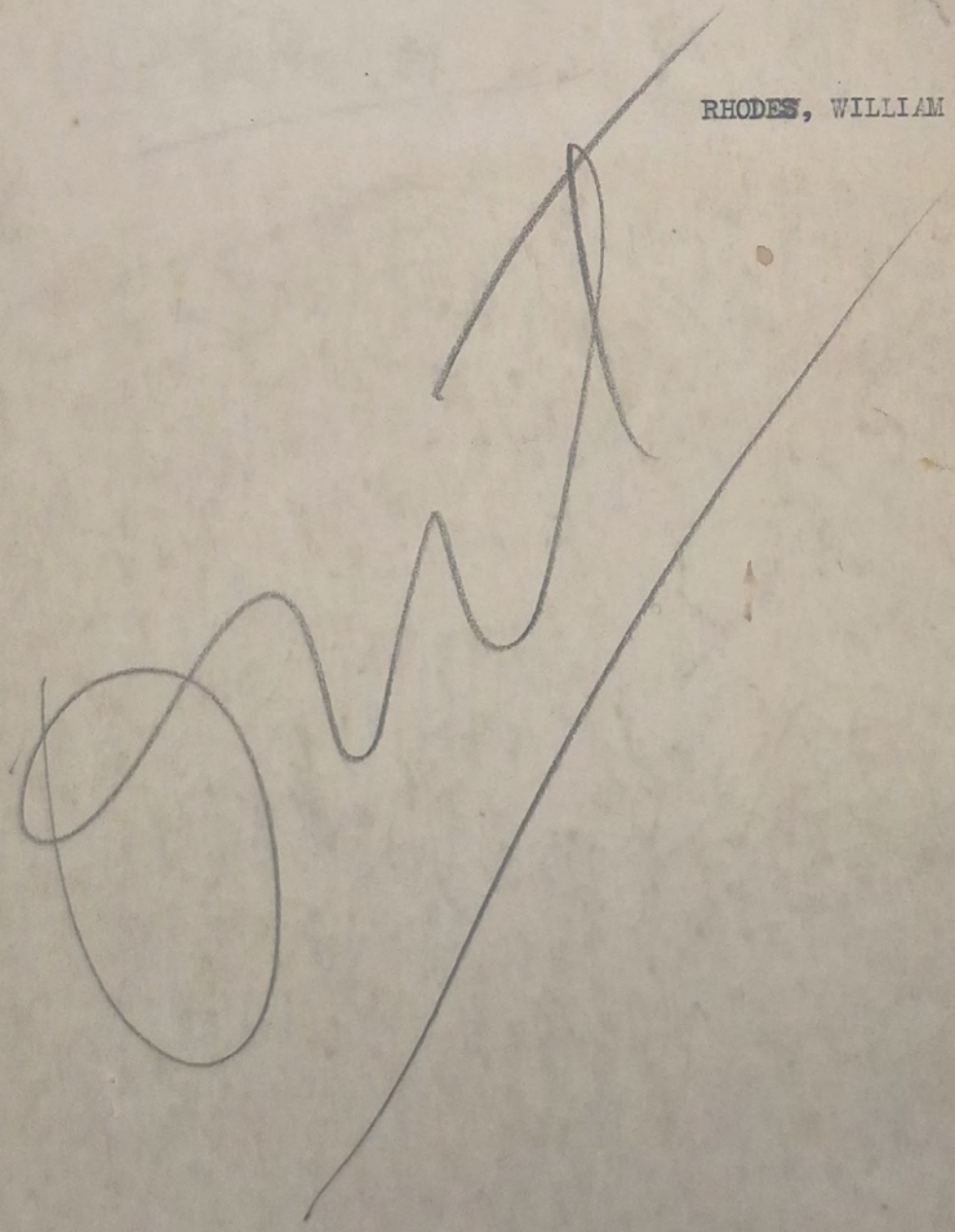
JUN 20 1923, 1923. (Date)

J. T. Yates (Signature of head of field office or station)

Superintendent. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

RHODES, WILLIAM F.



Wm. F. Rhodes

Form 73

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ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

NOV 1 1911

DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
October 31, 1911 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, probationary appointment

Name, William F. Rhodes Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, 2d Assistant Keeper Salary, $456 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light-Station, Conn.

Effective October 26, 1911 the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 4 Rating, Asst.Kpr. Percentage, 86.0

Other eligibles considered, James W. LeHane, declined.
Peter A. Frank, declined.

Letters of declination inclosed, LeHane and Frank.

Previous incumbent, Maynard F. Rush Services terminated, October 14,1911.

Reason, Entered on duty Oct.14,1911. After 19 hours service, left with no intention of returning, without permission, and without resigning. The matter of his separation from the Service will be submitted to the Bureau as soon as practicable.

Remarks:

No employee of the district desired transfer to the above position.
Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses."

C. D. STEARNS
Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

TWO inclosures WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 7, 1911.

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

11—2314.

ACTING COMMISSIONER.

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

November 14, 1911.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective

beginning October 26, 1911, on and after which date you have

continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

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

(Vice Maynard F. Rush.)
(Civil-service certificate No. .....)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON CUMMING
Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Form 73 4 JHG

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
April 2nd, 1912

EASTERN DIST. OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 3 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, transfer and promotion

Name, William F. Rhodes Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 1st assistant keeper Salary, $480 per annum

Location, West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

Effective on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, 2nd assistant keeper Former salary, $456 per annum

Location New London Ledge Light-Station, Conn.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Charles F. Colvill ✓ Services terminated, April 15, 1912

Reason, promoted

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"
Letter from Mr. Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.

In the absence and by direction
of the Inspector.
Sgd Yates

One inclosure

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 3 1912

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

11—2314

Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

April 5, 1912.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

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 Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Geo W Lilly

Chief of Appointment Division.

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April 6 1912
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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles F. Colvill.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JAN 23 1914 HOUSES

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

1-29-14 Telegram 2d

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Jan. 22, 1914 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, William F. Rhodes — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $624.00 per annum

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

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

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480. p.a.

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles F. Colvill — Services terminated, ~~Jan. 31, 1914~~

Reason, Dismissal (Recommended)

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

Letter from Rhodes requesting transfer attached herewith.

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

YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 26 1914

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

January 28, 1914.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four 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 $480 per annum.)

COD Feb 5-1914.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles F. Colvill.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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JAN 29 1914

COPY

315 E 18th St.,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 18 1915

May 18 1915
Commended.

Light House Inspector,

Dear Sir:

I want to write you concerning Mr.W.Rhodes, light house keeper at Romer Shoal, and Mr.Vernon H.Stanton, his assistant, to whom I am deeply indebted.

On Sunday, May ninth, my partner and I were caught in a squall, which broke our paddles and capsized our canoe about 100 yards off the lighthouse.

If it had not been for the timely assistance of Mr.Rhodes and Mr. Vernon, who first dragged us into the boat, and then rescued our valuables, I feel sure that we could not have made land.

I want to extend to you my sincerest thanks in behalf of the lighthouse service.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) Wm. E. Skillman

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

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Notice ser May 13.

Office of Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., May 12,1915

Copy forwarded to Commissioner with recommendation that William F. Rhodes, Keeper, and Vernon H.Stanton, assistant keeper, of Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y.,be commended for their action in rendering assistance to Messrs Skillman and Batterson, whose canoe had capsized near Romer Shoal Light Station.

YATES

COPY

LIGHT
MAY 18 1915
HOUSES

Corona Ave.,

Elmhurst, N.Y.

Mr.Yates,
Inspector of Light Houses
3rd District

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend the timely assistance rendered us by Mr.Rhodes and his assistant Mr.Vernon.

A friend and myself were paddling our canoe from Keansburg on our way to Sheepshead Bay. When passing Romer Shoal a heavy squall struck us and broke my friends paddle which caused us to lose control of the canoe, when a large wave caught us sideways and overturned the canoe.

Mr.Rhodes and Mr.Vernon saw our plight and helped us ashore and saved our valuables.

Thanking you for the assistance rendered through your office, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Wm. A. Batterson

May 9,1915

LIGHT MAY 19 1915 HOUSES

MAY 18 1915

May 9

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on May 9, 1915, to two men whose canoe was caught in a squall and capsized off Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, 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,

E. F. SWEET
Acting Secretary.

Mr. William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station, N. Y.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Exact copy as signed by E. F. SWEET
Mailed MAY 18 1915 by

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

Inclosure

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N. Y.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: Similar letter to Assistant Keeper Vernon H. Stanton is inclosed. See your recommendation of May 12, 1915. T S C
Chief Clerk.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF JAN 5 1912

EFFICIENCY REPORT JAN 2 1912

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

1. Name William F. Rhodes, 2. Age 18 (Last birthday.)
3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position 2nd Asst. Keeper New London Ledge Light Station, New Lond.
5. Compensation $456 p.a. 6. Where employed New London Ledge Lt. Sta. New Lond. C
7. When appointed (*a*) Nov. 14, 1911 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service exam.
9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive
10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount
12. Other Government service None
13. Duties (describe fully) Assisting keeping light, caring for station, cleaning, painting, etc. Light is 4th order, flashing. Fog-signal is 1st class compressed air siren.
14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them
15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	85	2	170	
Quality of work	85	3	255	
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255	
Attendance		½		
Total		8½	680	
Average percentage			85	

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

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

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

Takes good interest.

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.)

Salary right, fair equivalent.

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

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

20. Remarks: (*e*)

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

Oscar C. Luther

Asst. Supt. L.H.S.

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

C. D. Stearns,
Commander, U.S.N. Inspector.

Chief of Bureau or Office.

LIGHT
AUG 31 1915
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

JHG LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Inspector of
Third Lighthouse District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Chemist
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Commas.

August 30,1915

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

OK: This a good case as promptly handled after this Kpr left Aug 31

Referring to the recent inspection of the Light-Station at which you are employed.

The exceptional condition of the station as to cleanliness, orderliness and operation is commendable, and the fact will be entered on your record.

YATES

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

J. T. Yates

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Sept 28 1915
Commended.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons
Mar. Engr
Personnel
Accounts
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dept Clerk
Commr.

Dept commend 28th Sept 1915

LIGHT SEP 21 1915 HOUSES

LIGHT SEP 30 1915 HOUSES

September 21,1915.

Subject:
Copies of letters of September 18th 1915 from Messrs Heaney & Leland re their lives being saved by Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station.

Copies forwarded to Commissioner with the recommendation that the keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station be commended for the action taken by him in rendering assistance to Messrs.Leland and Heaney.

Yates

Copy WJL

LIGHT
SEP 21 1915
HOUSES

Sept.18,1915
Thomas F.Leland,
Seaside Road
South Beach
Staten Island

To the Inspector

Dear Sir:

I wish to report that coming out fishing in a row boat yesterday, we were caught in a squall and were driving out to sea, my friend Mr.Heaney fell overboard and attempting to assist him, I upset the boat, we were both in the water and would have lost our lives, if not for the prompt way in which the Captain of the Romer Shoal Lighthouse came to our rescue and brought us to the Lighthouse safely. He hauled our boat to safety also.

We feel very gratefull for the kindness shown us by the Captain there, he took great pains to save our boat from damage by the high seas, at the time of the squall and his courteous treatment to us after we were safe. He furnished us with dry clothes and a nice warm supper and a very comfortable bed. In the morning he again fed us, and as we were both too weak to row he towed us ashore in his power boat.

We wish to show our gratitude to the Lighthouse department, and again thank both the Department and the Captain of the Romer Shoal Lighthouse,

Very Gratefully Yours,

sgd Thomas F.Leland.

Copy WJL

LIGHT
SEP 21 1915
HOUSES

Underwoods Cafe,
Midland Beach,
Staten Island,
Sept.18,1915.

To the Inspector,

Dear Sir:

I wish to report to you while coming out fishing we just got out side West Bank Lighthouse when a squall came up and as we could not row back we had to drift out to sea. When we got passed Romer Shoal Lighthouse I got excited and upset our boat and my pal trying to rescue me but we were both helpless in the water when the Captain from Romer Shoals came out in time to our assistant.

I wish to show my gratitude to the Captain of the lighthouse there for his kindness which he had shown to us as I was exhausted from the exposure and my efforts to hold on the over turned boat until the Captain came to our assistance and pulled us both from the water with his power boat to his station in safety.

I wish again to thank the Lighthouse Department and also the Captain of the Romer Light as he had a very difficult time in rescuing us.

Respectfully yours,
sgd Mr.James Heaney

LIGHT
SEP 30 1915
HOUSES

SEP 28 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of the rescue by you on September 17, 1915, of two men, who were in danger of drowning, by reason of their boat having been caught in a squall and upset off Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, 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,

E. E. PRATT.

Secretary.

Mr. William P. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station, N. Y.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

E. E. PRATT.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Exact copy as signed by.....

Mailed SEP 28 1915 by.....

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N. Y.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See your report of September 21, 1915.

Chief Clerk.

McC-ABH.

September 30, 1915.

Memorandum for the Chief, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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On September 28, 1915, the Secretary of Commerce commended Mr. William F. Rhodes, keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, for rescuing, on September 17, 1915, two men whose boat had capsized off the station referred to.

Commissioner

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William F. Rhodes, Keeper.

Commended by 3d District Circular 91, quarter ending September 30, 1915, for exceptionally efficient condition of station.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
NOV 1 1915
HOUSES

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

October 29,1915

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Commissioner:

The following correspondence re William F. Rhodes, keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, is inclosed for the Bureau's consideration:

1. Copy of letter of charges dated Oct.15th to Wm. F. Rhodes.
2. Letter dated Oct.20th from Wm. F. Rhodes.
3. Letter dated Oct.21st from Vernon H.Stanton, Asst.Keeper.
4. Copy of letter dated Oct.22nd to Wm. F. Rhodes.
5. Letter dated Oct.27th from Wm. F. Rhodes.

In addition to the requirements of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service re absences from stations for more than 48 consecutive hours by keepers, a circular letter was issued by this office under date of October 18,1912, which specifically requires that neither keeper at Romer Shoal Light Station shall be absent for more than two consecutive days without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the Inspector.

In view of the facts as shown in the attached correspondence that Mr.Rhodes violated the requirements of the Regulations, it is recommended that a letter of reprimand be addressed to him for such violation and warned that more drastic action will be taken should the offense be repeated.

YATES

McC-AEH.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
November 3, 1915.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter to Rhodes, reprimanding him for the offense complained of by the Inspector and warning him that more drastic action will be taken in his case, should the offense be repeated, a copy of the reprimand to be submitted to the Department.

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LIGHT
NOV 6 1915
HOUSES

Hydrog.
Engr. Com.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm'r.
Comm'r.

November 6, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 29th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 5th instant, relative to the conduct of William F. Rhodes, keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, and approves the recommendation to the effect that Mr. Rhodes be reprimanded for his action in leaving the station from October 9 to 15, 1915, without furnishing a substitute, as required by the regulations, and warned that more drastic action will be taken in his case should the offense be repeated. It is noted that a copy of the letter of reprimand will be furnished the Department for its files.

(SIGNED) E. F. WILLETT

Acting Secretary.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
NOV 10 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Address letter of reprimand to Rhodes in accordance with the Department's instructions, forwarding two copies thereof to the Bureau.

Acting Commissioner.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

LIGHT NOV 16 1915 HOUSES

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Supvsg.
Engr. Corps
Mar. Engr
Personnel
Accounts
Contracts
Opr. Clk.
Dep Comms.
Stores.

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Nov. 15,1915

Referring to letter of charges addressed to you under date of October 15,1915, and your replies thereto dated October 20th and 27th, 1915, re absence from your duties as keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, from October 9th to 15th, for which you had obtained no permission nor furnished a substitute.

You are hereby reprimanded for your action in remaining absent from your station from October 9th to 15th,1915, without furnishing a substitute, as required by the regulations, and warned that more drastic action will be taken in your case should the offense be repeated.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your record in the Lighthouse Service.

(Sgd) YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Nov.15,1915

Two copies forwarded to Bureau for information contained, in accordance with Bureau endorsement of November 10,1915.

YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 17 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.
See Department letter of Nov. 6, 1915, in this case.

Commissioner.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 27 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation.

Name, William F. Rhodes — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $648 p.a.

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

Effective January 1,1916 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $624 p.a.

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

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

Previous incumbent, William F. Rhodes — Services terminated, Dec.31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915

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

YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 27 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 30 1915

December 29, 1915.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

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, ~~Keeper~~, in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~, at a salary of ~~Six Hundred and Forty-eight~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $624 per annum.)

EDS June 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT MAR 27 1916 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., March 25, 1916 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about April 16, 1916.

Name, William F. Rhodes Position, Keeper

From Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N. Y. To Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Previous incumbent, August F. Biedermann

Services terminated, April 15, 1916 Reason, Resigned

Letter from Mr. Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.

J T YATES

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

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2 Inclosures.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 27 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.
See letter of March 25, 1916, from the Third Inspector, inclosed, in regard to this transfer., in which the Bureau concurs.

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

JHG

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 20 1916 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., March 25, 1916 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about April 16, 1916.

Name, William F. Rhodes Position, Keeper

From Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N. Y. To Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Previous incumbent, August F. Biedermann

Services terminated, April 15, 1916 Reason, Resigned

Letter from Mr. Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.

J T YATES

Tompkinsville, N. Y., April 19, 1916, 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 16, 1916.

J T YATES

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

APR 21 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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Memorandum for the Chief, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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On January 18, 1917, the ~~acting~~ Secretary of Commerce commended William F. Rhodes, keeper, and Frank L. Thompson, assistant keeper, of Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn., for assistance rendered in extinguishing the flames on an oyster boat which had caught afire near the light station.

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Commended Keeper & Asst Keeper Jan 1917

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Inspector

Green's Ledge Light Station

Rowayton, Conn.

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Noted Jan 3

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Sir

I wish to report that on Saturday after noon December 30th, 1916, about 2.30 P.M. oyster boat was opproching this station coming out from South Norwalk, when she just got S.W. of this station about a quarter of mile, when she caught fire and was in full flame,

My assistant Keeper and my self were working out side scaling when we took notice of the oyster boat in flame, may assistant and I immediatly lower life boat and went to there assistance, and took along two tanks fire extinguishers and four hand grenades, and took along two pails and fought to the extreme limit, and stood by in case of emergency to take off crew, when also the the Lewis R. of Bridgeport, oyster boat came along and took hold of here, and also the Captain and here crew fought to get here under control, In which we finely got here under control, and the Captain of the Lewis R. of Bridgeport, tow here back in to South Norwalk in to here port,

And my assistant I return immediatly back to are station and change are wet clothing, and continue on are work scaling,

Respectfully,

sgd William F. Rhodes
Keeper

sgd
Frank L Thompson
Asst Keeper

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Office of Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., January 2, 1917.

As it is not considered that the assistance rendered in this instance is such as to warrant commendation by the Secretary, it is recommended that no further cation be taken in the matter.

J T Yates

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Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on the afternoon of December 30, 1916, in helping to extinguish the flames on an oyster boat which had caught afire near the light station, 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,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Acting Secretary.

Mr. William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Mailed JAN 19 1917 by

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

2-Inclosures

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N. Y.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:
Inclosed are the original and one copy of similar letter addressed to the asst keeper.
See your indorsement of Jan 21 1917

Chief Clerk

JEH-Hol.

August 20, 1920.

Mr. John M. Crampton,
State Board of Fisheries and Game,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of August 15, 1920, with reference to violation of lobster laws by Keeper Rhodes of Greens Ledge Light Station.

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is under consideration and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES

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

9/13/20 State Dept.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

September 1,1920

Rec to Dept rec Ofl

SUBJECT: Charges against William F.Rhodes, Keeper, Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.

REFERENCE: Endorsement from this office August 25,1920.

1. The following correspondence re William F. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Newspaper clipping, dated Aug.11,1920.
b - Copy of our letter of Aug.14 to Game Warden Wilbur Smith.
c - Letter of August 17 from Warden Smith.
d - Copy of letter of charges dated Aug.20th to Keeper Rhodes.
e - Letter from Keeper Rhodes dated Aug.25th.
f - Letter from Asst.Keeper Emeigh dated Aug.25th.

2. Keeper Rhodes having been found guilty of violating the laws of the State of Connecticut concerning the matter of lobster fishing and fined on account of such violation, he should, in accordance with paragraph 42 of Instructions to Employees of this service, be dismissed. In view of the fact, however, that Mr.Rhodes' services have heretofore been satisfactory, he having kept a good station, and as at the present time it is impossible to obtain sufficient men to fill vacancies at light stations, it is considered to be to the interests of the service and it is recommended, that Mr.Rhodes be reprimanded on account of the occurrence referred to herein and ordered to remove from the light station all fishing gear of whatever character, and to discontinue indefinitely all fishing operations, the latter condition being applicable to all of the keepers at Greens Ledge Light Station. It is also recommended that the Board of Fisheries & Game of the State of Connecticut be advised of the action taken and requested to notify this service if at any time the Board referred to should find the keepers of this station engaged in fishing operations.

J. T. YATES.

JEH-Hol.
Inclosures.

September 13, 1920.

Subject: 3d Supt's. report, Sept. 1, 1920,
charges against William F. Rhodes.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, and with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter of reprimand to William F. Rhodes, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn., for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut, copy of such letter to be furnished the Department for its files. It is further recommended that the keeper of this station be ordered to remove all fishing gear and that all fishing operations by the keepers at this station be discontinued indefinitely, and also that the Board of Fisheries and Game of the State of Connecticut be advised by the Bureau of the action taken, in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation. Inclosed is letter dated August 15, 1920, from John M. Crampton, together with the 3d Superintendent's report of August 25, with reference to this matter, which it is requested be returned to the Bureau whentheir purpose shall have been served.

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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9/29/20 Wrote Rhodes, State Bd Fisheries & Game Office & 3d Supt.

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APPROVED:

Secretary of Commerce.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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LIGHTHOUSES

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OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

August 25th, 1920.

LIGHTHOUSES

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SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement August 20th, 1920 forwarding letter August 15th, 1920 from John M. Crampton.

Returned to Commissioner.

This office first obtained information relative to this matter through a notice in the newspaper, copy of which is enclosed. Enclosed also for the information of the Bureau is copy of letter dated August 17th, 1920 received from the State Board of Fisheries and Game and copy of charges dated August 20th, 1920 against the keeper. Further report will be made to the Bureau as soon as reply to charges has been received from the keeper.

J. O. Yates

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COPY:SS

STATE BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME

So. Norwalk, Conn.
August 17th, 1920.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your inquiry for the facts connected with the arrest of Wm. Rhodes, keeper of the Greens Reef Light for violation of the lobster laws.

I would inform you, as you know, that it is a newspaper error in crediting Rhodes to the Pecks Ledge Light, he being stationed on Greens Reef Light.

Conditions have been bad here this season. Over two hundred traps has been lost by having buoys cut, traps stolen and lobsters taken, and it was while working on these matters that I visited Rhodes on Aug. 5th to inspect his lobsters.

At this time he had no lobsters on hand and claimed that he had but 25 traps set.

Asked why he did not have his name and permit number marked on his car, he said, "he was going to do that" but that it "was a new car" though the marine growth on the car seemed to tell another story.

That afternoon I visited the resort known as Roton Point to inspect their lobsters and found a number of short lobsters in their ice box.

This resort is just inshore from the Greens Reef Light. The chef, the head waiter, the bookkeeper and the manager all claimed that the lobsters in the ice box was all purchased from the lighthouse keeper, that there was no other lobsters in the place, before and that they had purchased no lobsters from any other source since.

On Aug. 6th, I visited the light and again talked with Rhodes and asked him if he sold the Roton Point. He tried to evade the question by saying it was the market of one Johnson, but finally admitted that he sold lobsters to them the Saturday night before "fifty pounds", though, the books showed that he had sold them 71 pounds on that date and 80 pounds on the Monday previously.

These facts was presented to the prosecuting attorney with the result that a complaint was drawn against him.

On the afternoon of Aug. 10th Rhodes was in town of his own accord and called into the office of the prosecuting attorney and questioned as to whether or not he had sold to the Points as they claimed

He admitted that he had sold to the Point 151 pounds of lobsters in the mentioned one week and made other statements that do not sound good to one knowing all the facts.

He told us that Adam Emeigh, Jr. was in it as much as he was and it was not right that he should stand it alone. That he had "two sunken cars that he could pull on the light" which might well explain why he could sell 151 pounds of lobsters in one week and not have any more in his large car in the next week. He told us also that he "had the advantage over the other fishermen". This can be interpreted in various ways.

Rhodes appeared before Judge Vosburg on his own recognizance on the morning of August 11th charged with taking, having in possession and selling short lobsters each lobster being a separate offence. The Chef, head waiter and bookkeeper from the Point testified to the facts as stated.

Rhodes would not take the stand in his own defence and said he was "ready to pay up" and was fined fifty dollars and cost which he paid. I am sending herewith a copy of the Connecticut lobster statutes and would also inform you that an applicant for a lobster permit in this stae receives a form which he fills out, stating that he will respect and live up to the laws and on the back of his permit is printed the law, so that there is no excuse for one not knowing the law.

The Statute provides that a person convicted of a violation of the lobster laws cannot fish for one year after, his permit being revoked.

The above is a plain statement of the case as I know it and which can be verified by numerous witnesses.

I am
Yours very truly,
(Signed) Wilbur F. Smith.
Warden, Fish and Game.

P.S. It seems strange to me that the Light keepers should go into the lobster business on such a scale as to compete with those fishermen who depend upon fishing for a business.

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NEWSPAPER CLIPPING.

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Lighthouse Keeper Sold Short Lobsters.

South Norwalk, Aug. 11. William Rhodes, keeper of the Pecks Ledge Lighthouse, off Norwalk, was fined $50 and costs this morning for selling short lobsters. A traffic in shorts has been going on in the waters around Norwalk for some time, according to Game Warden Wilbur Smith, who made the arrest.

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REGISTERED MAIL
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

August 20,1920

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with violation of the Fishery Laws of the State of Connecticut, also with violation of paragraph 42 of Instructions to Employees of the Lighthouse Service,1915, in that you have not conformed to the requirements of the permit issued for lobster fishermen by the State of Connecticut, by having your lobster traps and pots marked as required by law; also by selling short lobsters at a hotel at Roton Point, Connecticut, for which offence you were convicted and fined by Judge Veeburg at Norwalk, Conn., on the morning of August 11,1920.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate labguage, free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES.

Hartford Conn.,
Aug. 15, 1920.

U. S. Board of Lighthouses
Washington D.C.

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My dear Com. Putnam:

8/20/20 Ack.

I am writing you with reference to one Mr. Rhodes keeper of the South Norwalk light who has been convicted in the court for violations of our lobster laws.

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He was very reticent to give the court any information, but admitted his guilt; very numerous buoys of other fishermen, amounting to hundreds of dollars, have been cut adrift, traps robbed, short lobsters taken, and retained in sunken cars; he was arrested by our deputy, H. F. Smith, who has had him under suspicion for many weeks. I have recalled his license, also Mr. Maninge, his assistants

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whom we have every reason to believe was in league with him.

South Norwalk people are very much exercised over this matter, and it does not strike me that he is a suitable man for a U. S. officer.

Trusting you will give this matter your immediate attention, and write me at an early date,

I remain,

John M. Crampton

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 20 1920

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
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for ~~remark~~ and return.

Acting Commissioner.

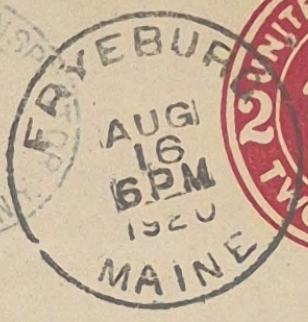
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

State Board of Fisheries and Game



Return to
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HARTFORD, CONN.







U. S. Board of Lighthouses,
Washington,
D. C.

Attention Com. Putnam

LIGHTHOUSES

File this
to the
Secretary from
Lt. Crumpton

TSC:LON

Sept. 29, 1920.

State Board of Fisheries and Game,
Hartford, Conn.

Gentlemen:

1. Referring to letter of August 17, 1920, addressed to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y., by Warden Wilbur F. Smith, and to letter of August 15, 1920, to this office from John M. Crampton, relative to violation of the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut by William F. Rhodes, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.

2. I beg to advise you that Mr. Rhodes has been reprimanded for his actions, and has been directed to remove all fishing gear from the light station, and instructions have also been issued for all keepers at this light station to discontinue indefinitely all fishing operations. The Bureau thanks you for the information furnished and would be pleased to be notified should it appear that the keepers at this station be found to engage in fishing operations in violation of the instructions herein referred to.

Respectfully,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

TSC:LON Sept. 29, 1920.

William F. Rhodes,
Keeper, Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.)

1. Referring to charges preferred against you by the Superintendent of the Third Lighthouse District for violation of fishery laws.

2. The Bureau hereby severely reprimands you for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut, which is contrary to instructions to Employees, 1915, Par. 42, and warns you that a repetition of this offense will result in more drastic action being taken. You are directed to remove from the light station all fishing gear of whatever character, and all keepers at Greens Ledge Ledge Light Station will discontinue indefinitely all fishing operations, and you will be guided accordingly. On account of your previous good record no action other than the above will be taken in your case at this time.

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

TSC:LON Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
Sept. 29, 1920.

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Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for his information, guidance, and files. Inclosed is copy of Bureau letter of this date to the State Board of Fisheries and Game, Hartford, Conn. Be guided accordingly.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

TSC:LON Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
Sept. 29, 1920.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

4/29/21, ind to Dept (Rec'd Dept)

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

April 27,1921

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Recd OK par 5 HM 4/29/21

5/5/21 Dept letter returned to Rhodes sent to 3d Dist. and folder returned to 3d Dist. with Dept letter

SUBJECT: Wm. F. Rhodes, Keeper, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

(Copy not retained in bureau)

1. Enclosed is copy of letter of charges dated April 22,1921, addressed to William F. Rhodes, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, together with his reply dated April 25,1921 in which he admits the charges preferred against him. There is also enclosed a folder containing correspondence, together with testimony of the Keeper, 1st Assistant Keeper and 2nd Assistant Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., which forms the basis of the charges preferred against the keeper. It is requested that this folder by returned to this office after it has served its purpose.

(Copy not retained in Bureau.)

2. It is admitted by Keeper Rhodes that he as well as the assistant keepers have exceeded the authorized monthly allowance of leave on various occasions, false reports of leave have repeatedly been forwarded to this office, two of the keepers have on various occasions gone on leave at the same time leaving one man to operate the station for periods ranging from a few days to two weeks, and it has been the practice to maintain no watch at the station on nights when the weather was clear, notwithstanding the fact that three keepers are employed at this station. It is apparent from the testimony of the assistant keepers and that of the Keeper, that this keeper has at least on some occasions cashed the checks of the assistant keepers without the latters endorsement and delivering the proceeds of the checks to the assistant keepers less amounts deducted for subsistence and other purchases. It is also apparent that no regular watches are stood at the station and no systematic arrangement exists for carrying on the miscellaneous work of the station, such as cleaning, scaling, painting etc.

3. It is evident from the facts available that the keeper and 1st Assistant Keeper are on very intimate terms, and by mutual understanding the work of the station has been carried on,&leave of absence taken without any regard to the regulations of the service . The 2nd Assistant Keeper having objected to the conditions that existed at the station, is of course not on good terms with either of the other two keepers, and they naturally do not consider him to be a good man on the station.

4. The facts disclosed clearly show that Mr.Rhodes is unreliable and unfit for employment as keeper of a light station, since reliability is a very essential qualification if aids to navigation to be maintained in an efficient and reliable manner.

(Charges - Wm.F.Rhodes)

5. It is recommended that William F. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of May 12,1921.

6. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I.

7. Deduction will be made from salary due Mr.Rhodes for excess leave taken by him.

8. In this connection attention is invited to Bureau letter of September 29,1920 reprimanding Mr.Rhodes for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut.

J. T. YATES.

Inclosures

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 29 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Inclosed is folder from the 3d Superintendent's office and it is requested that same be returned to the Bureau when its purpose shall have been served.

Commissioner

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May 13, 1921.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of May 12, 1921, inclosing telegram from Judge Nehemiah Candee, on behalf of William F. Rhodes, formerly keeper of Greens Reef (Ledge) Light Station, Conn.

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is under consideration and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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6/9/21 write Merritt copy sent

Rec'd to Dept in corr. otte P/P 5/18

May 17, 1921.

SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes, former Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement May 13, 1921.

Noted for reply 3rd ind May 18 RJ

Returned to Commissioner.

1. Mr. Rhodes verbally admitted he was guilty of neglect of duty and submitting false reports and subsequently admitted in writing the charges preferred against him. He, as well as the assistant keeper employed under his direction had repeatedly exceeded the authorized allowance of leave and reports of absences were falsified to cover up the excess leave taken. The Second Assistant Keeper was on numerous occasions left alone to operate the station for periods ranging from a few days to two weeks, whereas at least two men should have been on the station at all times. No regular watches were stood at the station and no systematic arrangement existed for carrying on the miscellaneous work of the station. In view of these conditions and the importance of maintaining aids to navigation in an efficient and dependable manner, there was no alternative but to arrange for the removal of Mr. Rhodes at the earliest possible date, from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

Reply of 5/24 read (thank) PC 5/25

2. In view of Mr. Rhodes admitted misconduct and the circumstances connected with the case, this office can see no reason for reopening or taking any further action in the matter.

3. Mr. Rhodes's dismissal was effective May 12, 1921, which was his last day of service.

4. In this connection attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Rhodes was reprimanded by Bureau letter of Sept. 29, 1920 for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut at which time it is quite likely that he would have been dismissed from the service, had it not been for the shortage of men available for keepers at that time.

Forand in the absence of the Supt.

F. T. OCKEY, U.S.

1st. Asst. Supt.

SCHUYLER MERRITT
4TH DIST. CONNECTICUT

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

May 12, 1921.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Department of Commerce,

Washington, D.C.

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Supervisor
Insp. Dist.
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Very strong case against him - See 3rds Apr 27 + Hastings memo: Apr 30. Ack: 30 3rds Apr acpd + recondn HHM May 13/21

My dear Sir:

Referring to my telephone conversation with your office this morning, I now inclose the telegram which I received from Judge Nehemiah Candee regarding William F. Rhodes, keeper of the Green Reef Light at Norwalk, Connecticut, and which explains itself.

While I am not acquainted with Mr. Rhodes, I do know Judge Candee very well and know that his statements are entitled to great consideration, and I trust, therefore, that this case may be reopened in order to give Mr. Rhodes a further chance to be heard.

Awaiting the favor of your prompt reply, I am,

Very respectfully,

S. Merritt

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 13 1921

Inclosure

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
for report and return,

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Wm F Rhodes keeper greens reef light norwalk under suspension for overstaying furlough | likely to lose position may twelfth | can you get department to extend time so he can get case opened for another hearing | his record here is excellent.

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Nehemiah Candee

Recd. May 12-1921

Room 814
Commerce Bldg.
19th & Penn. Ave.

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May 18, 1921.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

Referring to your letter of May 14, 1921, together with its inclosures, on behalf of William F. Rhodes, formerly a keeper in the Lighthouse Service, I have to state that this matter will receive my careful personal attention, and that you will be later advised in regard thereto.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

May 24, 1921.

SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes, former Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement May 18, 1921.

1. Returned to Commissioner, contents having been noted.

2. Charges were preferred against Mr. Rhodes on six counts all of which were admitted by Mr. Rhodes both verbally and in writing, any one of the charges alone being sufficient to warrant dismissal. As a matter of fact, information was available to warrant charges in addition to those preferred against Mr. Rhodes, but it was considered that the charges preferred would be ample to satisfy the Bureau and the Department of the misconduct on the part of Mr. Rhodes.

3. Mr. Rhodes' intentional disregard of the regulations, deliberately submitting false reports, and improper management of station affairs, are not matters that can be countenanced without impairing the efficiency of the service.

4. Any person who is employed in the capacity of a lighthouse keeper who is placed in charge of a station to represent the Government and this service, to manage the affairs of a light station, to properly direct the subordinates employed under him, and receives salary for the performance of such duties, and notwithstanding his oath to "well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office", admits such disregard for duty, truth, and regulations, as shown in the case of Mr. Rhodes, cannot in the opinion of this office be considered a fit person to occupy the important position of lighthouse keeper, an essential qualification for which is dependability, if aids to navigation are to be reliable and serve the purpose for which they are intended.

5. While as stated in the attached letter no loss of life or damage to commerce has occurred, that conditions is due far more to good fortune rather than to effort and faithful performance of duty on the part of Mr. Rhodes.

6. Mr. Rhodes' regard for facts and the truth is demonstrated in the attached affidavit in which his first statement, following his service record, is a misstatement of fact, as under date of August 20,1920, charges were preferred against Mr. Rhodes for violation of the Fishery Laws of the State of Connecticut and paragraph 42 of Instructions to Employees. As Mr. Rhodes had kept a good station, and as at that time it was impossible to obtain sufficient men to fill vacancies at Light Stations, he was reprimanded by Bureau Letter of Sept. 29,1920. The attached affidavit makes reference to the keepers wife visiting the station on three or four occasions during the summer of 1920, whereas in his testimony taken at this office on April 20th,1921, Mr. Rhodes stated his wife was at the station practically all summer.

7. It is recommended that no action be taken toward the reinstatement of Mr. Rhodes.

J.T.YATES.

SCHUYLER MERRITT
4TH DIST. CONNECTICUT

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

May 14, 1921.

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Hon. George R. Putnam, Commissioner,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

Referring to my letter of May 12th, I inclose herewith an affidavit of William F. Rhodes, who is or lately has been keeper of the Greens Ledge light in Norwalk Harbor, Connecticut. I believe that certain charges have been made against him and that some decision adverse to him has been made on these charges. Whether or not he has yet been dismissed, I do not know.

Apparently he has heretofore had an excellent record, and with his affidavit he presents some letters of approval of various things that he has done. I hope that this previous good record may serve him at this time, when he may have been somewhat remiss, although apparently no loss of life or damage to commerce resulted from anything which he has done.

I do not know whether it is your custom to look into these things personally, but this man is so well spoken of by a number of men whom I know and esteem highly that I hope you will give it your personal attention, and temper justice with mercy.

Yours faithfully,

S. Merritt

(Eleven inclosures)

Inclosures

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 18 1921

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Third District, Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
for report and return. See previous report.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD } Ss. Town of Norwalk, May 13, 1921.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. MAY 20 1921

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM F. RHODES.

I, WILLIAM F. RHODES, residing at 65 Eagle Street, Bridgeport, Conn., Post Office address, Rowayton, Conn., being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That since April 16, 1916, I have been keeper of the Greens Ledge light in the Norwalk Harbor. Prior to that date I was for a period of two years keeper of the light at Romer Shoals, in New York Harbor.

And I further depose and say that for a period of nine months I was second assistant keeper of the South West Ledge light in New London Harbor, New London, Conn., and for a period of two years I was first assistant keeper of the light at West Bank, lower bay, New York Harbor, and from this place I was promoted to become keeper at Romer Shoals light, New York Harbor, as above stated.

Amd I further depose and say that with the exception of the charges now standing against me I have had no other charges of any kind preferred against me.

And I further depose and say that I am thirty (30) years of age, married, and have one child, of the age of thirteen months.

And I further depose and say that I am attaching hereto communications from the Department of Commerce, Light House Service, relative to my examinations, and commending my record as keeper of the various lights of which I have had charge during my ten years service.

And I further depose and say that in explanation of and in mitigation of the charges preferred against me in letter of the Department of Commerce, dated April 22, 1921, to which

I replied on April 25, 1921, I would say that as to the charge Number Six, referred to in letter of the Department of April 22, 1921, to the effect that I had permitted my wife to reside at Greens Ledge light station during the summer of 1920, I would say that the actual fact is that during the summer of 1920 my wife visited me at Greens Ledge light on three or four different occasions, and during that summer, and on four different occasions she actually stayed over, in violation of the regulations, and the reason she stayed over was because the weather would not permit her to get ashore.

And I further depose and say that while it is true that I have violated the regulations, to some extent, as set forth in Paragraphs one, two, three, four, and five of the charges in letter of the Department of Commerce, dated April 23, 1921, I can truthfully say that at no time while I have been in charge of the Greens Ledge light, has navigation been endangered as a result of these violations, nor has there been any loss of life or property as a result of such violations.

And I further depose and say that as to charge Number Three relative to failure to keep continuous watch at Greens Ledge light station during the night, I would say that some one of the keepers was always actually on watch at all times, but occasionally one of the assistants or myself would lie down on a sofa in the kitchen, but at no times did any of us actually retire, and the watch was in fact continuously kept.

And I further depose and say that if I am re-inmtated, I will faithfully promise to keep all the regulations of the service, and give the Department full assurance that this trouble will not occur again.

William F. Rhodes

Subscribed and sworn
to before me, this 13th
day of May, 1921.

Nathaniel Rhodes
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Inclosures.

June 9, 1921.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

1. Referring again to your letters of May 12 and 14, 1921, together with their inclosures, in behalf of William F. Rhodes, formerly keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.

2. You are respectfully informed that charges were preferred against Mr. Rhodes for neglect of duty, and for submitting false reports, he having exceeded the authorized monthly allowance of leave, submitted false reports of absences, and failed to keep a continuous watch at the station during the night, all in violation of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service. These charges were sustained in a degree to warrant his dismissal, and he was dismissed from the Service by the Secretary of Commerce, effective at the close of May 12, 1921. The charges preferred were admitted by Mr. Rhodes both verbally and in writing. The Bureau has given careful consideration to your request in Mr. Rhodes' behalf, but does not feel warranted in recommending his restoration to duty, as dependability is one of the essential qualification of a lighthouse keeper, in order to properly safeguard life and property carried upon the waters of this country.

3. Correspondence from Mr. Rhodes which accompanied your letter of May 14, 1921, is inclosed.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

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August 15, 1921.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

1. Referring to your letter of August 11, 1921, together with its inclosures, relative to the reemployment of William F. Rhodes in the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are respectfully informed that the matter is under consideration and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

August 19, 1921.

SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes.

REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement Aug.15, 1921.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. There is no new information or evidence in the attached correspondence that would warrant further action in this matter. One of the causes of Mr.Rhodes' dismissal - lack of regard for facts and the truth - is apparent in his letter of August 2nd in his denials and attempt to show that the 2nd assistant keeper "framed" charges against him, whereas the charges preferred against Mr. Rhodes were admitted by him. The last sentence of the fourth paragraph of his letter of August 2nd apparently denies, at least by inference, that two keepers went ashore at the same time, whereas on April 20th when the 1st assistant keeper was at this office it was discovered that Mr. Rhodes was out in the street near this office, and was called in and his testimony taken.

2. The charges against Mr. Rhodes were not of a trivial nature, were proven by his own admissions, and his reemployment would not be to the best interests of the service, and it is recommended that no action be taken in regard to reemployment of Mr. Rhodes until the expiration of one year from his dismissal from the service, in accordance with paragraph 4 of rule 5, page 41, of the Civil Service Act Rules, Statutes and Executive Orders amended to December 1, 1919.

J.T. Yates.

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Hon. George R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Wash., D.C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

Referring again to the case of William F. Rhodes, who was formerly keeper of the light in Norwalk Harbor, Connecticut, and who was dismissed, I had a personal interview with Deputy Commissioner Conway, who went over the case with much care and showed me the grounds for the Bureau's action, which seemed to me sound.

Mr. Conway suggested that Mr. Yates, the superintendent of that district, might help Rhodes to get a job somewhere else. I inclose a letter from Superintendent Yates to Rhodes, and it appears from this that all Rhodes asked of him was to get him back in the Lighthouse service.

I also inclose a letter addressed to Judge Candee, of South Norwalk, by Rhodes which relates to his delinquencies, and which I transmit for your inspection so that you may judge whether the letter contains anything which might make it seem desirable now or later to give Rhodes further opportunity in the Service.

Awaiting your advices, I am,

Very truly yours,

S. Merritt

Inclosures

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 15 1921

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
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E. C. GILLETTE
Acting Commissioner

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49 Smith Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

August 2,1921.

Hon. N. Candee,
South Norwalk,
Conn.

Dear Judge Candee,

Received your letter of July 14th, with letter inclose from Congressman Merritt, and sorry to hear that Congressman Merritt was not successful with his interview with Mr.Putnam Commissioner of Lighthouses.

I notice in Congressman Merritts letter that the charge of violating the Connecticut Fishing laws, I was not all together responsible for that violation, as my Assistants were in the business as well as my self, but instead of making any trouble with the Assistants I takes the responsibility on my own shoulder, as I thought it was better for one then three, and I played the good fellow for them, I should of mind my own business, and not been the good fellow for some one elses mistakes, I took the responsibility my self so as not to have the Assistants brought into it.

And on another occasion was for cashing the Assistant check, yes I did with his permmssion whom had frame this on me, this was last winter when I cash his check, he told me to cash his check and take out what he owe me, and give him the balance when I got back to the station, which I did, but instead of him telling the truth he tells the department a deferent story, I told them in the office the truth that the Assistant ask me to do so, and I did not think the department held it against me, until I read it in Congressman Merritts letter.

Another occasion as it was stated in Congressman Merritts letter that the station was left with out any occupants whatever in clear weather, I respectfully wish to state while I was keeper of that station, I solemnly swear that it was never left alone, one man was on the station at all times, even when it was only two men The charge as I under stand it was when they appointed another man making it a three man station, that two of us went a shore together, And not sending in report for all shore liberty taken, which stated in the letter you have on hand with the charges against me stated in writing.

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I also wish to state that the 2rd, Assistant keeper whom double cross me, and to frame these charges against me, and also went a shore with me as well as the 1st, Assistant keeper, and to think he had nerve to violate the rules and regulations him self when he was staying over his leave, and at the same time he was framing what he could to get me out of the service, and when he was doing this he was violating the rules him self, and for the reason he was doing this, was because I had correct mistakes he had made while on the station in his work, and he diding like that, so he watch his chance to come back at me with all sorts of lies.

I would of like to had the 2rd, Assistant keeper made his charges in front of me, which would of been more then fair, but instead they forward me a letter through the keeper for the 2rd, Assistant keeper, to report at the office for an interview not knowing what it was about, and he was doing this while I did not know nothing about these charges, until they called upon the 1st, Assistant keeper to explain, and he was very much supprise when they ask him questions he knew nothing about.

I went down with the 1st, Assistant keeper, and when they got through with him, they called on me to come into the office to answer the questions they put before me, and to give them the true facts, which I did, but when I came into the office Mr. Occansfel 1st, Asst, Superintendent told me that some one was lieing, so I told them the truth, which cause the 1st, Assistant keeper his dismissal from the service for lieing, and no doubt that the 2rd, Assistant keeper been doing the same thing and got away with it.

And on the other hand, what did he do, but resign his position, as he knew he was as much in the wrong as I was in the charges of falsification, in lieing in his charges etc, but still he was wise to resign by sending in his resignation, when he knew I was going to investigate the matter, he knew he was as much in the wrong as the 1st, Assistant keeper by violating the rules and regulations of the Light House Service, so he took no chances so he send in his resignation.

I respectfully would like to state, that I am not all together responsible for what has happen, as for some things are absolutely not so, as it was press against me, while I have been in the service I have always work and lived up to the rules and regulations until these few months I violate the rules and regulations, I wish to state that two or three statements are not true, (1) Leaving the station alone, and cashing a Assistant check without indosement and then mine, the charges against me were in writing which you have on hand, other facts are not so.

all charges admitted.

I also communicate with Mr. Yates, Superintendent of Lighthouses, and in personal, and he was sorry to hear that I violate the rules and regulations in the Lighthouse Service, he said it was impossible for him to do anything just now, I would have to wait at the expiration of one from the time of my dismissal from the Service, and maybe then he would see what he could do to have me appointed in the Service again.

Mr. Yates said I had a good record, and being a good worker on the stations which I have been keeper of, and was to bad I made that mistake in the Lighthouse Service, I am inclosing the letter I received from Mr. Yates, Superintendent of Lighthouses, I dont know of anything else Mr.Candee in order to clear my record just now.

I can not understand when I have been in the Service for such a long time, have taken chances and risk my life in rescue so many from drowning, and saving Government property, and with a good record, the department press it against me, I knew of cases in the Service of keepers that violate a more serious mistake of being intoxicated while on duty, but with his years of Services, he was disrate from keeper to Assistant keeper for his deportment.

Mr. Candee I want to thank you highly, and for your appreciation what you have done for me, I dont think I could take the examination for letter carrier in the Government Service just now, I am very much disapointed, as I was prepare to take the examination for the position, I am still out of a position, and it makes it hard for me, especially for my wife and child, so many little things were press against me that were not so, I have admitted the charges I violate which were in writing, also the fishing violation,

I certainly have learned a lesson from this, and not to take any one elses side, as I have done in the past, but to look out for my own self, and if I ever get into the Service or any other branch of the Service, I will live strict up to the rules and regulations.

If they had only disrate me from keeper to Assistant keeper it would of given me a chance to make good my mistake, but if there is anything else I can do in my case, I would be glad to, thanking you agan for your highly appreciations.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Rhodes

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

July 28th, 1921.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,
49 Smith Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Employment in the Lighthouse Service.

REFERENCE: Your letter of July 25th, 1921.

Sir:

Under the rules and regulations of the Lighthouse Service and Civil Service Commission, it will be permissible for you to submit application for employment at the expiration of one year from the time of your dismissal from the Service. No assurance can be given you of employment at that time for same will depend upon the existing vacancies and need of employees but if you care to submit application at the proper time, same will be given consideration.

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

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August 29, 1921.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt,

1. Referring again to your letter of August 11, 1921, with its inclosures, relative to the reemployment of William F. Rhodes in the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter has been given careful consideration, and in view of the circumstances connected with his separation from the Lighthouse Service, the Bureau does not deem it advisable, in the interests of the Service, to take any action looking to Mr. Rhodes' reemployment until after the expiration of one year from the effective date of his dismissal, in accordance with Civil Service Rules.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

JEH-EK

May 23, 1922.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

1. Referring to your letter of May 19, 1922, in regard to the appointment of William F. Rhodes as keeper in the Lighthouse Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is under consideration and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses;

May 25,1922

SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement of May 23,1922.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. Mr. Rhodes filed an application for examination for Lighthouse Keeper or Assistant Keeper on May 17,1922. His application will be rated when the next examination is held, the date for which has not yet been set.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

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Hon. George R. Putnam, Commissioner,
Bureau of Lighthouses, Dept. of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

Last year I had considerable correspondence with you concerning the case of William F. Rhodes, formerly keeper of the light in Norwalk Harbor, Connecticut, who was dismissed for an infraction of the rules. I believe that a year has now passed since his dismissal, and I am advised that he has made or is about to make application for reinstatement. A leading citizen of Norwalk, who writes me, states that Rhodes has had a very good record during the past year, and he hopes, (as I do.) that in view of that and his previous long service with the Lighthouse Bureau you may be able to give favorable consideration to his application for reinstatement.

Will you kindly let me know what action is taken in the matter.

Yours very truly,

S. Merritt

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
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To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y.
for report and return.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner.

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May 27, 1922.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

1. Referring again to your letter of May 19, 1922, in regard to the appointment of William F. Rhodes as keeper in the Lighthouse Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that Mr. Rhodes filed application for examination for the position of keeper in the third lighthouse district, with headquarters at Staten Island, N. Y. When the next examination is held, the date for which has not yet been set, Mr. Rhodes' application will be rated, in accordance with Civil Service Rules.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 34 Supt.

CJL-EK

July 11, 1922.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

1. Referring to your letter of July 3, 1922, relative to the reappointment of William F. Rhodes as keeper in the Lighthouse Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is under consideration and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; July 13,1922

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SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement July 11,1922.

1. Returned to Commissioner with the information that Mr.Rhodes has filed an application for the position of keeper, which is in proper form. His application will be rated at the next examination which will probably be held about October 1st,1922.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

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Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I inclose a further letter which I have received from Judge Nehemiah Candee, of South Norwalk, Connecticut, with reference to the case of William F. Rhodes, formerly a keeper of the light in Norwalk Harbor, Connecticut, and which explains itself.

It was my understanding from your letter of May 27th last that Rhodes would not be eligible for reappointment until he had passed a Civil Service examination. Will you kindly advise me if my understanding was correct, and also just what the situation is at this time so far as his appointment is concerned.

Sincerely yours,

S. Merritt.

Please return the inclosed letter.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 11 1922

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

for report and return. In case you make a copy for your files of the inclosure herewith, furnish Bureau for its files a duplicate thereof.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

COPY

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

KEOGH & CANDEE
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law
United Bank Building,
South Norwalk, Conn.

John Keogh
Nehemiah Candee

June 29,1922

Hon. Schuyler Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Re. William F. Rhodes

My Dear Mr.Merritt:

Mr.Rhodes has written me again in regard to his application for a Light-House appointment. You will doubtlessly recall that on June 1st, you send me a letter from the Commissioner of Lighthouses, in reference to this matter, and which I forwarded to Mr.Rhodes, but apparently he did not receive it.

He is very anxious about the matter, and if you can do anything to move it along, it will be very much appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, and regretting that I have to trouble you so much about it, I remain with best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) N. Candee

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1 inclosure.

July 26, 1922.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

1. Referring again to your letter of July 3, 1922, with reference to reappointment of William F. Rhodes as keeper in the Lighthouse Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that, as stated in Bureau letter, dated May 27, 1922, application for the position of Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been received from Mr. Rhodes. This application will be rated at the next examination, which will probably be held about October 1, 1922, and should he receive an eligible rating and be within reach for appointment, the Bureau will be glad to give consideration to his appointment, as vacancies may occur, in accordance with Civil Service Rules. It may be further stated that selections for appointment are made from those who stand among the highest on the eligible list.

3. Mr. Candee's letter is returned as requested.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to. 3rd Dupt.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

November 29, 1922

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the personal question sheet executed by William F. Rhodes, under his probationary appointment as Keeper (additional), in the Lighthouse Service, and notes that he gives the date of his birth as March 29, 1890. Inasmuch as he stated in a personal question sheet executed under a previous appointment that he was born on March 29, 1886, the Department requests to be advised as to which is the correct date. In the event that the date on the first personal question sheet is incorrect, satisfactory documentary evidence should be submitted.

By direction of the Secretary:

Lolyford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

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To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y.,

for report and return.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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December 21st, 1922.

SUBJECT : Correct year of birth of William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement of December 4th, 1922 forwarding letter of November 29th, 1922 addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses by Appointment Division.

Returned to Commissioner.

The correct date of birth of William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station is March 29th, 1890.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Assistant Supt.

CJL Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
Jan. 5, 1923.

Returned to Supt. of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y., for documentary evidence requested in last sentence of Dept. letter. See in this connection Bureau letter July 14, 1920, relative to changing age records. The Department desires that documentary evidence be submitted in all such cases, whether covered by general retirement act or Lighthouse Service retirement act.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dep. Comr.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Jan. 24,1923

SUBJECT: Date of birth, William F.Rhodes, keeper.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement Jan. 5,1923.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. Transmitted herewith is certified copy of the Certificate of Birth of Frederick W.Bond, born March 29,1890.

3. There is also enclosed certified copy of Judgment issued by the Superior Court of Fairfield County, Connecticut, authorising Frederick William Bond to change his name to William Frederick Rhodes.

4. Mr.Rhodes has requested these documents be returned to him when they have served their purpose.

J. T. Yates

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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. January 25, 1923.
Inclosures.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Department letter of November 29, 1922 in this matter. It is requested that the inclosed documents be returned to the Bureau when their purpose shall have been served.

Approved
returned to 3d
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J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 29, 1923.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Upon consideration of the evidence transmitted with the Third Superintendent's letter of January 24, 1923, and forwarded by the Bureau's endorsement of January 25, 1923, the Department has amended its records so as to show that William F. Rhodes, Keeper, was born in 1890 instead of 1886 as originally stated in his personal question sheet, and the Civil Service Commission has been notified in order that its records may be amended accordingly. The papers forwarded with the Bureau's endorsement were sent to the Commission with the request that they be returned when they have served their purpose.

By direction of the Secretary:

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Clifford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

April 2,1924

APR 4 1924

SUBJECT: Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper,Execution Rocks Lt.Sta., increase in pay on account of operation of power fog signal.

1. The Bureau is advised that on July 1,1919, William F.Rhodes, then keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn., took the required examination to determine whether or not he was sufficiently familiar with the operation of power fog signals to entitle him to receive additional compensation at the rate of $5.00 per month while serving at a station having fog signal operated by oil engines.

2. By letter of Aug.5,1919 this office recommended to the Bureau that Mr.Rhodes be granted additional compensation of $5.00 per month for his practical knowledge of the operation of fog signals, effective Aug.16,1919, which recommendation was approved by Department letter of August 14,1919.

3. Mr. Rhodes was separated from the service on May 12,1921, and was again appointed to the service as Additional Keeper on Nov.21,1922, at which time he was detailed to Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I., which position he continued to hold until March 6,1924. On March 7,1924 he was transferred and promoted to the position of 1st assistant keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.,N.Y.,with base pay at the rate of $840 per annum.

4. During Mr.Rhodes' employment as Additional Keeper at Watch Hill Lt.Sta. no recommendation was made for the payment to him of increase in pay of $5.00 per month on account of his knowledge of the operation of power fog signals, for the reason he was only temporarily assigned to duty at that station.

5. In view of the fact that Mr.Rhodes has now been transferred and permanently appointed to the position of 1st assistant keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.,where there is a power fog signal, it is recommended that his pay be increased from $840 per annum to $900 per annum, which rate of pay includes base pay of $840 per annum and $60 per annum additional compensation for practical knowledge of the operation of power fog signals, effective March 7,1924, the date on which he entered on duty as 1st assistant keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.

J. T. Yates

April 4, 1924.

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Inclosure.

SUBJECT: 3rd Supt's. letter, April 2, 1924, increase in pay of Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st. Asst. keeper, Execution Rocks L.S.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that notice of change in salary be issued to Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st. Asst. Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station for the reasons stated by the Superintendent in his attached letter, which is in accordance with the existing schedule of pay of keepers.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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copy in file
in file of W. J. Trainor

May 25, 1925.

SUBJECT: 3d Supt's. letter, May 20, 1925, and incls., dismissal Keepers William J. Trainor $1680 p.a., and William F. Rhodes, $1500 p.a.

1. Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval, the Bureau concurring in the views of the Superintendent.

2. Keeper Trainor entered the Service December 1, 1922, and the record does not indicate previous disciplinary action or commendation. His present pay is $1680 per annum.

3. Keeper Rhodes entered the Service October 26, 1911, was dismissed May 12, 1921, for offenses similar to those in the present instance, and again entered the Service by probational appointment November 21, 1922; he was commended by the Department on May 18, 1915 for assisting two men whose canoe had capsized, again commended September 28, 1915 for similar assistance, was reprimanded November 15, 1915 for absence from station in violation of regulations, was commended January 18, 1917 for assisting in putting out a fire on an oyster boat, was reprimanded September 29, 1920 for violation of fishing laws.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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See other papers in file of William J. Trainor (ret)

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Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George N Y

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Dismissal Trainor and Rhodes approved

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

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 information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

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PART I.

(Part I should be filled out 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 Farnsworth Rhodes.

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

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)
Bridgeport (City or town.) Connecticut (State or Territory.) [illegible] (County.) 3rd. District (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Bridgeport, Connecticut

6. When were you born? March (Month.) 29 (Day.) 1890 (Year.)

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

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

Mrs. J. Todd, 11 Booth St

Name. Number and street.

City or town. State or Territory.

9. 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.
No.	No	No	No	No

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

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

No.

12. 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.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No	No	No	No	No	No.

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

14. 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.

15. 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

16. 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 indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

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To the SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR:

SIR: I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 215, of August 2, 1910, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

A. J. Rhodes
(Name.)

2nd Asst. Keeper
(Position.)

Light House Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Nov. 18. 1911.

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

Light House Service

20. 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.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Nov. 18, 19 11.

(Signature) Milligan J. Rhodes

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Lieo Loudoun
City or town.

Number and street.

Connecticut
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Nov 27, 19 11

(Signature) C. D. Stearns, Commander, U. S. Navy,
Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.

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(Official title)

17. 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.)

Public School
I have past the eight Grade

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

Machinist

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

Light House Service

20. 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

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Nov 18, 19 11.

(Signature) Milligan F. Rhodes

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Deep Landing
City or town.

Number and street.

Connecticut
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Nov 27, 19 11

(Signature) C. D. Stearns, Commander, U. S. Navy,
Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.

(Official title)

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

LH. Service (Bureau or Service.) New London Ledge, Lt. Sta. Conn. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Third (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Asst. Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Nov 14, 1911

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

October 26, 1911

5. State the date of the oath. Nov 18, 1911

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. October 26, 1911

7. What is his salary? $456; per ann.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers

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

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1911

11. In what manner did the 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.)

Local Civil Service Aug 30, 1911

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) C. D. Stearns

(Official title) Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.

Date: ....., 19

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

PART I.

1. Name of employee: William F. Rhodes
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper (Additional)
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Third
4. Place of duty: At Large, 3d L.H.Dist. (Assigned to Watch Hill L.S.,R.I.)
   (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $720.00 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).

   By selection from eligible list of keepers dated Sept.1,1922

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

   William Frederick Rhodes

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

   W. F. Rhodes

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

   Connecticut, Fairfield, Bridgeport, 4th. Dist.
   (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? Bridgeport. Conn

7. When were you born? March 29 1890
(Month.) (Day.) (Year.)

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

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

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

Mrs. N. F. Rhodes (Name.) 64 Winter St (Number and street.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Commerce	Light House	Keeper	~~456~~ $480	Oct 1911	May 1921.
New London Ledge Lt Sta	"	"	480		
West Bank	"	"	624		
Rowen Shoal	"	"	648		
Greens Ledge	"	"	708		
			840		
			1020		
			1080		

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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.

William F. Rhodes
(Name.)

Assistant Keeper
(Position.)

Light House Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Nov. 18, 1922.

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

Correspondence, Schools, Scranton, Pen

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.")

Machinist and Tool Maker

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

Light House Service Aug. 25. 1922.
" " " Oct. 16. 1911

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, Nov. 18, 1922.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) William F. Rhodes

(Present address) 64 Winter St.
(Number and street.)

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

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Nov. 25, 1922

J. E. YATES
(Signature)

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

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Department or office ..... } .....
Position .....
Department or office ..... } .....

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes 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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		"	1080		

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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.)

Foreman Painter

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.)

Business College, received my degrees and diploma, International Correspondence Schools Scranton, Penn

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.")

Machinist and Tool Maker

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

Light House Service Aug. 25. 1922
" " " Oct. 16. 1911

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, Nov. 18, 1922.

Witness (in case signature is by mark): .....

(Signature) William F. Rhodes.

(Present address) 64 Winter St. Bridgeport. Conn.
(Number and street.) (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 Nov. 25, 1922.

J. F. YATES
(Signature)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Commerce	Light House	Keeper	~~$480~~ 456	Oct 1911.	May 1921.
New London Ledge Lt Sta	"	"	480		
West Bank	"	"	624		
Rowen Shoal	"	"	648		
Greens Ledge	"	"	708		
		"	840		
		"	1020		
		"	1080		

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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.

William F. Rhodes
(Name.)

Assistant Keeper
(Position.)

Light House Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Nov. 18, 1922.

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

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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.")
Machinist and Tool Maker

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Light House Service Aug. 25. 1922
" " " Oct. 16, 1911

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Date, Nov. 18, 1922.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) William F. Rhodes

(Present address) 64 Winter St.
(Number and street.)

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Nov. 25, 1922

J. F. YATES
(Signature)

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

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William F. Rhodes ,
40 Rockland Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

May 20,1935

SUBJECT: Application for position of Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 16,1935.

1. A record has been made of your name and address, and an application for examination for the position of keeper or assistant keeper, will be sent you the next time an examination is announced, the date for which has not yet been set.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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40 Rockland Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

May 16, 1935.

Superintendent of Lighthouse,
Tompkinsville, S.I.
New York.

Mr. Yates;

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully W.F.Rhodes former keeper in the light house service, would like to know if I could be considered for application for the position of keeper or assistant keeper in the light house service.

Hoping with your consideration I could be given a chance to come back into the service.

Yours very truly,

W. F. Rhodes.

97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 3,1929.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville,
New York.

Sir:-

In reference to your letter March 19,1929. in reply to my request being rated and eligible for employment as keeper or assistant keeper in the light house service.

I respectfully wish to thank you and this office, and I assure you I will ne more careful and strict to my duties, so I am asking you superintendent if you will give me this one more chance to be reappointed, so with your consideration I hope you will give me this one chance to come back into the service.

Thanking you and this office,

Respectfully,

W. F. Rhodes

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W. F. Rhodes.
97 Palisade Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dec. 14, 1928

SUBJECT: Employment as Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec. 12, 1928.

1. You are advised there has been no examination for the position of keeper or assistant keeper since the receipt of your application, and at the present time it is not known when the next examination will be held. As your name is not now on the eligible register, it would, of course, not be practicable to consider your for employment at the present time. If your name is again placed on the eligible register, you will be given consideration for employment when your name is within reach and there are any vacancies.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

December 12,1928.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, S.I.
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully would like to ask if you will please take me into consideration, and please give me this one more chance to come back into the service. I'll assure you that if appointed I will be strict and faithful to my duties in the service.

I am willing to go any where you would send me, and I'll prove to you and this office that I'll make good, hoping you will please give me this one chance.

Respectfully,

W. F. Rhodes.

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97 Palisade Ave.
Bridgeport, Conn.

December 4,1928.
Dec. 6,1928

W. F. Rhodes,
97 Palisade Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Employment as Machinist.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.4,1928.

Dear Sir:-

1. You are advised your name was removed from the eligible list of Machinists on June 4,1928, your eligibility having expired. There is no vacancy in this position at the present time, and it is not known when the next examination will be held.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

Respectfully,

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

December 4,1928.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have been on the eligible list for some time, and have been rated No.1 on the list with the percentage of 83.3 for the position of machinist, I would please like to know if there is any chance of me being considered for that position in the near future, as I am anixous to get on Staten Island.

Respectfully,

W. F. Rhodes

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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

November 15,1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully would like to know how the appointments for machinists are chosen in regards to numbers on the eligible list. On October 4,1927 I received word that I was No.1 on the list with percentage of 81.2.

Having had no further word wondered if all vacancies for machinist are filled from this list or is it that there have been no vacancies since ? Thanking you for the same.

Respectfully,
O. F. Rhodes

FWO-JHG

William F. Rhodes,
97 Palisade Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Nov.17,1927

SUBJECT: Eligible List of Machinists.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.15,1927.

1. You are advised that no selections have been made from the eligible list of Machinists since information furnished you on October 4,1927, and it is not expected any selections will be made for some time to come.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Secretary, 2nd C. S. District,
Customhouse,
New York N. Y.

Feb. 7,1927

SUBJECT: Eligible List of Keepers & Asst.Keepers.

1. Referring to eligible list of keepers and assistant keepers forwarded to you to-day, and to name of William F. Rhodes which appears on Page 4. Mr.Rhodes' name was No.1 on Page 3 of eligible list dated Oct.21,1926, and was removed from the register on Nov. 22,1926, three considerations having been charged against him.

2. The name of Mr.Rhodes originally appeared on eligible list dated Sept.8,1926 with a "(1)" in front of it, signifying that he would accept employment in any part of District, whereas there should have been a "**" in front of his name signifying that he would accept employment only at light stations where family quarters were provided.

3. One of the considerations charged against Mr.Rhodes was in connection with the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., for which position Clinton H.Durfee was nominated on Nov. 5,1926. As there are no family quarters at this station no consideration should have been charged against Mr.Rhodes, but there should have been a consideration charged against James B.Dryden,Jr., whose name was removed from the eligible list on Nov.22,1926 on account of failure to reply to letter sent him re position of Assistant Keeper of Barnegat Light Station, to which position Horace B. Durfee was appointed. The consideration charged against Mr.Rhodes re position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta. has therefore been removed, and his name restored to the list with two considerations charged against him.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Secretary, 2nd C. S. Dist.,
Customhouse,
New York, N. Y.

Jan. 21,1927

SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.19,1927

1. In reply to your letter of January 19,1927 stating William F. Rhodes has filed an application for examination in your office, and requesting information as to his employment in this District; you are advised that Mr. Rhodes was employed as keeper and assistant keeper as follows:-

Oct. 26,1911 to May 12,1921 - Dismissed from service.
Nov. 21,1922 to June 10,1925 - Dismissed from service.

2. Mr. Rhodes was dismissed from the service on May 12,1921 for falsification of records, violation of regulations, and malfeasance in office. His dismissal from the service on June 10,1925 was for absence from duty without permission.

3. This office would not be willing to consider Mr.Rhodes if certified to this office for appointment.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

SECOND UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
NEW YORK.

JAN 19 1927

Superintendent,

Lighthouse Service,

Tomkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:

William F. Rhodes has filed an application for examination in which he states that he was formerly employed under the jurisdiction of your office as a Lighthouse Keeper and was discharged on June 1925.

Please advise what your records show as to the date of his employment and discharge and the reasons for his separation from the service, in order to assist this office in determining the question of the acceptance of his application.

In case this applicant passes the examination and his name is placed on the eligible register, please advise whether in view of his record you would be willing to consider him if he should be certified for appointment in your office.

Respectfully,

H. C. COLES
District Secretary.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

January 19,1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, New York.

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to state that I received your letter stating that my two charges were Fire Island and Barnegat and that you received no reply from me concerning Fire Island.

Respectfully wish to say I never received an offer for Fire Island if I had I would surely accepted.

Thanking you very much for looking my charges up and the correction you found.

Respectfully,
H. F. Rhodes.

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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

January 13,1927.

William F. Rhodes,
97 Palisade Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Jan. 17,1927

SUBJECT: Application for position of Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.13,1927.

1. You are advised that two of the considerations charged against you were Fire Island and Barnegat. As it has been found that the third consideration charged against you was for employment at a station without quarters, this consideration has been cancelled and you are therefore entitled to one more consideration on account of your application on file in this office. For your information it may be stated that a reply was not received from you concerning Fire Island. It may be further stated for your information that applicants charged with considerations are not necessarily written to , for if the applicants name is one of the group of three under consideration and another applicant is selected the other two applicants of the group of three must be charged with a consideration.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

January 13,1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, New York.

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to say that in your letter of December 9,1927 you say three considerations were charged against me and in the letter January 12,1927 you state that if you ask for family quarters on your application and are sent letters where no family quarters are provided no consideration will be charged.

Therefore I do not see where the first offer I had of Stratford Shoals which I declined could be called a charge. Then I was offered New Haven Ledge and accepted, then Sandy Hook the only station I was offered with family quarters and I accepted it, then I was offered Romer Shoals which I declined, then Orient Point and I accepted that, last Barnegat, New Jersey, and that I declined so out of six I accepted three and declined three but I dont see how you can call my first offer a consideration charge as I had on my application family quarters only or one man station with quarters in any part of the district.

In the letter of January 7,1927 you also state that only three considerations were charged against me and they were not off shore stations as I only had two shore stations offered and accepted one of them How could I have three charges that were not off shore?

I respectfully if possible would like to know what the three considerations could have been that were charged against me.

Respectfully,
H. F. Rhodes

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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

January 11,1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, New York.

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to say I have your reply to my letter of January 6,1927 and can not understand answer (b) Although you may have been written to about six different positions, only three considerations were charged against you, and those were not off shore stations. I wish to say the ones offered me were as follows,

Stratford Shoals, Conn.	Oct, 12,1926.
New Haven Ledge, "	Oct, 28, "
Romer Shoals New York,	Nov, 2 , "
Sandy Hook, New Jersey,	Nov, 5 , "
Orient Point, " "	Nov, 12, "
Barnegat, New Jersey,	Nov, 16, "

Only two were on shore only one had family quarters. Would like to know as I will soon make out another application, then if offered off shore instead as I was this time would like to know if they are declined they will count as charges, I thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

W. F. Rhodes

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

W. F. Rhodes

Staten Island, N. Y. Nov. 11, 1926 , 19

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

Total Compensation: $ 1320.00 per annum (~~which includes: Salary, $ per annum; bonus, $ per annum; and subsistence,~~ cents per day.)

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

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

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

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

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 72 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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

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) W. F. Rhodes

Date

(Post-office address) 97 Palisade Ave. Bridgeport, Conn.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

November 2,1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

In reference to your letter of inquiry as to whether I would accept the position of 2rd,Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station.

I respectfully wish to say that it would be almost impossible for me to accept this offer as it is so far from my home the expense would be to much as my family would remain in Bridgeport.

Would gladly accept any other station east of Execution Rocks, N.Y. or west of New London Ledge Conn.

Thanking you for the same.

Respectfully,

W. F. Rhodes,

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

W. F. Rhodes

Staten Island, N. Y. NOV - 1 1926, 19

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

of Romer Shoal Lt. Sta., located off shore in New York Lower Bay, N. Y.

Total Compensation: $ 1320.00 per annum (~~which includes: Salary, $ per annum; bonus, $ per annum; and subsistence~~, cents per day.)

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

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 2 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 all 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.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes, if in the location stated.

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:

The distance and expense are to much as my family would have to remain in Bridgeport. Conn.

(Signature) W. F. Rhodes

Date ____

(Post-office address) 97 Palisade Ave, Bridgeport, Conn

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William F. Rhodes,
97 Palisade Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

June 24,1925

SUBJECT: Dismissal from position of 1st Asst.Keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office June 3,1925.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated June 3,1925 advising you of your dismissal from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station, effective at the close of June 10,1925; enclosed is Department letter dated May 25,1925, dismissing you from said position. While this letter states that the action taken was effective at the close of business on May 31,1925, your continued employment up to the close of June 10th,1925 was subsequently authorized. Therefore the amended effective date is at the close of business on June 10,1925.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

See Vol 160 30
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Chief Clerk

June 12,1925

Voucher Clerk

Payment may be made William F.Rhodes, former 1st Asst.Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station, for period from June 1st to 10th,1925, inclusive. He was dismissed from the service effective at the close of June 10th.

1st Asst.Supt.

Paid 6/15/25
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CheckNo.74693-4167

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; June 12,1925

SUBJECT: Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office May 20,1925.

1. Department letters, each dated May 25,1925, dismissing William J. Trainor from the position of Keeper, and William F. Rhodes from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper, of Execution Rocks Light Station, New York, effective at the close of business on May 31,1925, are herewith returned with recommendation that the effective date be amended to read at the close of June 10,1925, which was the actual time of the termination of their services. The Bureau's telegram of June 1st advising that the dismissal of Trainor and Rhodes had been approved, was not received until 6:30 P.M. June 1st, and the Department letters were not received until June 3rd, and it was of course then impossible to make the dismissal of these two employees effective at the close of May 31st,1925. These two men were advised by letters of June 3rd of action taken in their cases, and their last day of service was June 10,1925.

J. T. Yates

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

June 11,1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

In reference to your letter of June 3,1925 of charges of obsence from duty without permission, having been preferred against me, and dismissed me from the position of Assistant Keeper at Execution Rocks Light Station at the close of June 10th,

I respectfully wish to state that it was not my fault for leaving Mr. Sherwing alone while Mr. Trainor was over due. Mr. Trainor knew I went on my leave the 10th.

I am inclosing the letter that he sent me informing me to go as he would surely be back on the 10th, I was very much surprised that he did not report back to duty as he wrote he would. If I knew that I would never have left the station.

Mr. Sherwing saw the letter I received from Mr. Trainor with orders to go on my leave May 10th, that he would be back the same day.

Please forward back the enclosed letter.

Respectfully,
Wm. F. Rhodes

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REGISTERED MAIL
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William F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
59 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

June 3,1925

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office May 14,1925.

1. Charges of absence from duty without permission having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department has, by letter dated May 25,1925, dismissed you from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station, effective at the close of June 10,1925, which will be your last day of service.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Chief Clerk

June 2,1925

Voucher Clerk

Re hold-up on pay of Wm.J.Trainor, Keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.- Payment of salary for month of May may now be paid him except that five days pay must be deducted for absence ~~from~~ leave from May 11th to 15th, inclusive.

William F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper of Execution Rocks may be paid full time for the month of May.

1st Asst.Supt.

June 2,1925

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Do not make final payment of salary for the month of June to Wm. J. Trainor, Keeper, and Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper, until receipt of further orders.

1st Asst.Supt.

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May 25, 1925.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence from duty without permission having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station, New York, at $1500 per annum, effective at the close of business on May 31, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

See Dept letter 6-20-25 amending effective date to close of business June 10-1925.

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Supt. Be guided accordingly.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash. Copy to----------

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Execution Rocks

Supt. of Lighthouses

May 16,1925

Sir:-

In reply to first part of charges marked (a) Mr.Trainor wrote me from New Haven to start my leave on the 10th as he would surely return on that date. He wanted three of us together for the end of month for some job he had in view.

As for signing book May 10th it was carelesness on my part as I signed the book when taking the watch early in the morning instead of after the watch.

On April 21st I stood watch on the same day that I returned as we had done on most months,after 12:00 midnight I signed for both watches as usual.

Respt.

W. F. Rhodes,

Asst.Keeper

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

William F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper, May 14,1925
Through the Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
59 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with neglect of duty, absence without leave or proper authority, and making false entries in the official station records, in that:-

a - You left Execution Rocks Light Station on the afternoon of May 10,1925, knowing that the keeper was absent from duty, with the result that the important station then in your charge as 1st Assistant Keeper and for which you were temporarily responsible, was left with the 2nd Assistant Keeper alone to operate the station from May 10th to May 12th,1925; you also failed as 1st Assistant Keeper in charge of the station to notify this office that the keeper was absent from duty and that you had left the station on May 10th, leaving the 2nd Assistant Keeper alone on the station, this notwithstanding the fact that you are well aware, from your extended experience as keeper and assistant keeper, that at stations where three keepers are employed it is required that at least two keepers be on the station at all times.

b - You left the station on the afternoon of May 10,1925, and had not returned up to noon May 12,1925, such absence being obviously without leave or authority as required by the regulations of this service, as the Keeper had been absent since May 2nd, and no application for leave has been received from you by this office.

c - You signed the station watch book as having been on watch during the entire 24 hours on May 10,1925, whereas it appears that you were out fishing during that date, and subsequently went ashore during the afternoon of May 10th.

d - You signed the station watch book as having been on watch during the entire 24 hours on April 21,1925, whereas according to the station records you were absent from 3.30 P.M. on April 13th to 4 P.M. on April 21st,1925.

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2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

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Execution Rocks Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 8, 1924. 7th, 1924.

Supt. of Lighthouses.

William F. Rhodes,
1st Asst. Keeper,
Through Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Sta.,
59 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Pay Due - Month of April, 1924.

REFERENCE: Your letter of May 7, 1924.

Pay check #60818, May 8, 1924, for salary due Month of April, 1924 will be mailed under separate cover to-day.

J. T. Yates,
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

Respectfully
W. F. Rhodes
1st Asst. Keeper.

I respectfully wish to state that I have not recieved my check for the month of April. I thought on account of my illness it was over looked.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Execution Rocks Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 7th, 1924.

Supt of Lighthouses.

Sir.

I respectfully wish to state that I have not recieved my check fos the mouth of April. I thought on account of my illness it was over looked.

Respectfully
H. F. Rhodes
1st. Asst. Keeper.

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Rhodes, 1st Asst Executive

Rocks Lt-

Pay for April =

Apr 1 to 9th inc 9 days

Apr 16th to ——— 1 "

10 "

(absent during rest of month)

Rhodes —

Absent		worked	
1st	1.30 to 2d 1.30 pm 1 day	1st	1 day
8th	2.20 pm to 15th 1.30 pm 7 "	2d to 8th	6
16th	11.20 am to 30th 14 "	16th	1
	22		8

+ 2 days leave
2d & 9th 2

10 days

Pay for

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FWO:CFG

May 7, 1924.

U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission,
The Interior Building,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT : William F. Rhodes, 1st Asst. Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station, New York.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated May 2, 1924 - File LF 7920 - addressed to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Bridgeport, Conn.

1. In reply to your letter referred to above you are advised that under date of April 16, 1924 the Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station reported that 1st Asst. Keeper Rhodes had been taken ill and had gone to his home at Bridgeport, Conn. Under date of April 17, 1924 Mr. Rhodes forwarded to this office a letter, copy enclosed, stating that he had been taken very sick at Execution Rocks Light Station, he stating "I was taken very sick at Execution Rocks Light Station. I had been drinking so much water from the cistern which contains a great deal of salt water". On April 30, 1924, Mr. Rhodes having failed to return to duty, this office forwarded inquiry to Dr. D. M. Trecartin, Bridgeport, Conn. to ascertain the nature of Mr. Rhodes' illness and copy of report from Dr. Trecartin dated May 3, 1924 is enclosed for your information.

2. There is no good reason to believe that the water at this station is contaminated with salt water or otherwise as the roof from which the water is caught is not even painted, but is an asbestos single roof and this office, therefore, doubts very much if Mr. Rhodes' illness was caused by the water, as alleged. Mr. Rhodes has been employed at this light station only since March 7, 1924 and has been absent from the station approximately half of the time since that date. The keeper of the station has been employed at this station for the past year and since Mr. Rhodes raised the question in regard to the water the keeper recently stated that he had not detected salt in the water, nor has he suffered any ill effects from using the water. Other assistant keepers have been employed at this station for various periods of time prior to Mr. Rhodes' appointment and in no case have they found any salt in the water or suffered any ill effects from its use, although they all were employed at the station for a much longer period of time than Mr. Rhodes.

3. In view of the period of service of Mr. Rhodes, conditions at the station at which he is employed, and in the absence of proof of Mr. Rhodes' contention, this office doubts very much whether his illness was caused by the water or any other conditions at the light station and it would, therefore, not appear to be warranted to report his case as an injury matter or one of disability due to conditions at the station where he is employed.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

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Assistant Keeper, leaving the Second Assistant Keeper alone to operate the station for periods ranging from a few days to two weeks, as verbally admitted by you on April 20th.

5. You transmitted to this office without any comment whatever, a report dated March 7th from the First Assistant Keeper stating that he was absent from the station on leave on March 4th, 1921, which the First Assistant Keeper as well as yourself subsequently admitted was false, as the First Assistant Keeper was not absent on leave during the month of March.

6. You permitted your wife to reside at Greens Ledge Light Station during the summer of 1920, as admitted by you on April 20th, 1921, in direct violation of paragraph 185 of Instructions to Employees.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J.T.YATES.

FWO:CFG

May 7, 1924.

Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
59 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, New York.

SUBJECT : Absence from duty from April 16, 1924 to May 2, 1924.

REFERENCE: Application for leave, Form 76, dated May 2, 1924.

1. You are advised that your application for leave will be granted without pay from April 16, 1924 to April 30, 1924 and with pay for May 1st, 1924 and May 2nd, 1924 with the understanding that this absence in May will be deducted from the monthly allowance of eight days for the month of May. If, during future months, you do not take the maximum amount of leave allowed and the excess leave taken in April is made up consideration will then be given to the matter of paying you salary for leave in April which is now granted without pay.

2. During the month of April you were absent from April 1st to April 2nd, from April 8th to April 15th and from April 16th to April 30th, a total of twenty-two days, you having rendered service for only eight days during the month. As the monthly allowance of leave is based on service rendered during the month, eight days would entitle you to two days leave, therefore, you will receive salary for April 1st to April 9th inclusive and for April 16th.

Superintendent.

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May 8, 1928.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bill:-

Received your letter O. K. Glad to hear everything on station is fine. If you get a chance, and the weather is all right you better try and get one of those new windows in the tower. I will put the other one in when I return.

Come ashore on Sunday, the 10th, already to go home as I will surely return on that date.

This will give us a few days at the end of the month when the three of us will be together. Am going to try and put over mission from the office to tear up my bedroom floor and see if we can't clean out the rats.

Sincerely,
Bill W.

P. S. Don't wait for me. Go right along as I will surely be back.

Bill.

FWO:CFG

June 15, 1925.

Wm. F. Rhodes.
97 Palisade Ave..
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT : Dismissal from position of First Assistant Keeper.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated June 11, 1925.

Sir:-

The contents of your letter referred to above have been noted. The letter dated May 5, 1925 enclosed with your letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

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D. M. TRECARTIN, M. D.
PROFESSIONAL BUILDING, 681 LAFAYETTE STREET
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
1339 Main Street

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May 3, 1924.

Mr. J. T. Yates, Superintendent,
Light House Service,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Re: William F. Rhodes, Asst. Keeper.

In reply to your inquiry of April 30th, the above captioned claimant suffered from an attack of cholecystitis. He reported for first treatment April 16 at 3 p.m. He has returned to work.

Respectfully,

Inflamation of the gall bladder.

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D. M. Trecartin, M.D.

Dismissed 6-10-23

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Execution Rocks Light Station,
New Rochelle, New York.
59 Drake Avenue,

May 2, 1924.

Keeper

Black Rock,	Light Station,		Black Rock,	Conneticut.
Coney Island,	"	"	Coney Island,	New York.
Elm Tree Beacon,	"	"	New Dorp,	Staten Island.
Fort Wadsworth,	"	"	Rose Bank,	" "
Greens Ledge,	"	"	Rowayton,	Conneticut.
Penfield Reef,	"	"	Fairfield,	"
Pecks Ledge,	"	"	South Norwalk,	"
South West Ledge,	"	"	New Haven,	"
Stratford Point,	"	"	Stratford,	"
Watch Hill	"	"	Westerly,	Rhode Island.

Respectfully
H. F. Rhodes.
1st Asst, Keeper.

S. L. Fuller
Keeper

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Execution Rocks Light Station,
New Rochelle, New York.
59 Drake Avenue,

May 2,1924.

Black Rock,	Light Station,	Black Rock,	Conneticut.
Coney Island,	" "	Coney Island,	New York.
Elm Tree Beacon,	" "	New Dorp,	Staten Island.
Fort Wadsworth,	" "	Rose Bank,	" "
Greens Ledge,	" "	Rowayton,	Conneticut.
Penfield Reef,	" "	Fairfield,	"
Pecks Ledge,	" "	South Norwalk,	"
South west Ledge,	" "	New Haven,	"
Stratford Point,	" "	Stratford,	"
Watch Hill,	" "	Westerly,	Rhode Island.

Respectfully
H. F. Rhodes.
1st Asst, Keeper.

L. L. Fuller
1st Asst

MAY 1924 RECEIVED

Execution Rocks Light Station,
New Rochelle, New York.
59 Drake Avenue,

May 2,1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully would like to be considered for a transfer, and in case a vacancy occur at the following name stations on my list, I would please like to be considered for Keeper.

Respectfully
W. F. Rhodes.
1st Asst, Keeper.

S. L. Fuller
Keeper

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1st Time in appr without pay
" " May with pay and 1st
be deducted in leave
allow for may
Add 5/6.

Miss Seigel

REQUEST

Execution Rocks Lt. May 2, 1924.
(Station.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 14 days of shore liberty or leave, from April 16th to May 2nd, inclusive, 1924 I have had 16 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

97 Palisade Ave, Bridgeport, Conn
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper in charge.

1st Asst. Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 3rd DISTRICT, May 7, 1924, 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 17 days, from April 16th to May 2nd, inclusive, 1924.

Substitute should have been (should have been) furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

Leave approved for April 16th and May 1st and 2nd with pay; and for April 17th to April 30th inclusive without pay. See letter dated May 7, 1924.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent, 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 11:30 A.M. April 16 24
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 12:30 P.M. May 2, 1924.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ~~14~~ 16½ days.

Period charged: ~~14~~ 16½ days.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst. Keeper
(Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

L. L. Fuller
Keeper in charge.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 6 1924 RECEIVED

THIRD DISTRICT

Rocke
Execution Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 2, 1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd District.

I wish to state that, William F. Rhodes, first assistant keeper, has reported back to this station for duty on May 2 1924, at 12 30 P M

Respectfully
Samuel L. Fuller Keeper

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May 1, 1924

Samuel L. Fuller, Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
59 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Absence of 1st Asst. Keeper, William F. Rhodes.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 29, 1924.

You are advised that Mr. Rhodes has notified this office that he will return to duty on Friday, May 2nd.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

Execution Rock Light Station

April 30, 1924

Sup. of Lighthouses,
Third District.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 28th wish to say that Mr. William F. Rhodes, first assistant keeper has not yet returned to the station and it is not known when he will.

Respectfully yours,

S. L. Fuller

Kpr.

97 Palisade Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 30,1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

In reply to your letter April 28,1924. to advise this office by return mail of the date I expect to report back to duty at Execution Light Station.

I respectfully will be able to return back on duty Friday May 2,1924.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes.

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Dr. D. M. Trecartin,
Palace Building,
Main Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

April 30,1924

SUBJECT: Wm. F.Rhodes, Asst.Keeper.

1. This office understands that you are treating William F. Rhodes, 1st Assistant Keeper at Execution Rocks Light Station, who reported ill on April 16,1924. Will you have the kindness to advise this office of the nature of his illness and when it is expected he will be able to resume his duties.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent

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Execution Rocks Lt. Station
April 29, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd District.

I wish to say that Mr. Shering second assistant keeper at this station, asked me to write in to the office, and see if you would send a man to substitute for Mr. Rhodes. As it seems he will not return to the station for some time. Mr Shering has missed his leave, this month, and would like to be sure to have his leave next month. Mr Rhodes has not yet let me know when he would return.

Respectfully
Samuel. L. Fuller, Keeper.

FWO-JHG

William F. Rhodes,
97 Palisade Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

April 26,1924

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 17,1924.

1. Referring to your absence from duty as 1st Asst.Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station; advise this office by return mail of the date on which you expect to return to duty.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

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FWO-JHG April 28,1924

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not Rhodes has as yet returned to duty, and if so, the date he returned. If he has not yet returned, but returns later, report to this office promptly by letter the date of his return.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

April 28,1924

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Pay no salary to William F.Rhodes, 1st Asst. Keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta. beyond April 16,1924, until matter of absence from station is settled.

1st Asst. Supt.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Execution Rocks Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd District

In reference to your letter of April 17, 1924, of William F. Rhodes 1st Assistant Keeper, being ill. I wish to say that, Mr Rhodes left this station at 11.30 a.m. April 16th 1924.

Respectfully

Samuel L. Fuller Keeper.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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97 Palisade Ave,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 17,1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to report that I was taken very sick at Execution Rocks Light Station, I had been drinking so much water from the cistern which contains a great deal of salt water.

I will report back for duty as soon as possible, the U.S. Public Health Service Doctor D.M.Trecartin is treating me, Palace Building, Main Street, Bridgeport, Conn.

Respectfully,
H. F. Rhodes
1st, Asst, Keeper,
Execution Rocks Lt, Sta.

FWO:CFG

April 17, 1924.

Samuel L. Fuller, Keeper,
Execution Rocks Lt. Sta.,
64 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

SUBJECT : Illness of Assistant Keeper Rhodes.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated April 16, 1924.

Your report, concerning the illness of Assistant Keeper Rhodes, has been received and noted. Advise this office b by letter of the date on which he left the station.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:CFG

April 17, 1924.

Wm. F. Rhodes,
97 Palisade Ave.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty on account of illness.

The keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station reports that on account of being ill you have gone to your home at Bridgeport. Advise this office of the nature of your illness and, if practicable, the probable date when you will return to duty. Should it be necessary for you to be absent from duty in excess of the monthly authorized allowance for leave, application for leave should be submitted on Form 76.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Execution Rocks Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 16, 1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd District

I wish to state that William F. Rhodes entered on watch at twelve o'clock midnight april 15th, and was taken ill and had to call mr Scherwing to stand his watch. I was on leave at the time, so Mr Scherwing came ashore and got me. When I got back to the light, I took Mr. Rhodes ashore and gave him a list of the doctors addresses, in New Rochelle and Bridgeport. He said he would report home at #97 Palisade Ave. Bridgeport Conn. and be treated there. He had a high fever when he left the station, he said he did not know when he would return for duty.

Respectfully
Samuel L Fuller, Keeper.

Execution Rocks Lt. Sta
New Rochelle N.Y.
59 Drake Ave.
April 15, 1924.

Supt of Lighthouses.

Sir.

In reference to your letter of April 8th. in regards to information recieved from Keeper Mr. Fuller of this station, there is mis understanding of the information which indicates that I apparently not disposed to readily comply with orders and instructions from the Keeper.

I respectfully wish to state as 1st Assistant Keeper of this station I have always comply with the orders from the Keeper at all times. as Mr. Fuller informed me that I have always comply with his orders as Keeper of this station.

I am right, by showing him the letter

The mis-understanding was that when I first reported for duty at this station was only the watches. He told me we stand twenty four hour watch from Mid night to Mid night, as Mr. Fuller asked me how I stood watch at Watch Hill, and told him eight hour shift, and I merrily said that twenty four hour watch from Mid night to Mid night was to long especially if the fogsignal was in operation for one man to be in the engine room, but other wise I have not refused to stand that watch.

And in reference to leave at this station, I had the last three days in the month of March, I reported back the 31st of March.

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as the keeper came a shore for me. as we have to take one another a shore on leave on account of one boat at this station, and he told me the evening he came in for me that he was not going in on his leave first of April, and I could go in on leave if I wish. but would have to come back to the station and stand a watch. but I did not care to at that time. so at that point of view I asked him as long as he did not care to go in on his leave first. I merrily thought I could of stay in and complete my leave of eight days in the following manner, I went a shore on leave March 20th and reported back March 31st. I thought I could

I am right, by showing him the letter

continued my leave of eight days from March 27th. to April 4th. which would complete my leave for the month of April.

I respectfully wish to state that there has been no argument between me and the Keeper. as I have strictly comply with the orders from the Keeper in all repects and there has been no obedience of orders. while I been at this station Keeper has informed me that he made no report that orders were disobey

Respectfully.
H. F. Rhodes.
1st asst. Kpr.
S. L. Fuller
Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Execution Rocks St. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 16, 1912

Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd district

In regards to Mr. Rhodes' letter april the 15th in which he states he had no arguments with me, I will say, we did have arguments about the watches and the leave at this station. But I did not say that he refused to carry out my orders, but he thought twenty four hours watches were too long, and told me that I couldn't hold him responsible, if he fell asleep on watch. I told him he would be responsible. He said the office would not back me up in this. That is the reason I wrote the letter to find out whether he was right or wrong. When I got the letter from the office, I told him he would be responsible for his watch. I also told him he couldn't leave the station and take the last four days of one month and additional four in the next. Now he admits I am right, by showing him the letter

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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I received from the office

Respectfully

Samuel L. Fuller Keeper

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Execution Rocks St. Station
April 7, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd District.-

I wish to say that William F. Rhodes, 1st assistant, and I have had several arguments concerning leave at this station. The fact is, he thinks he can leave the station, taking the last eight days in one month and the first eight in the next without returning to the station to stand a watch. We have also had arguments about twenty-four hour watches. We go on at twelve o'clock midnight and stay until twelve o'clock the next midnight. I have been standing these watches for seventeen months, and the records at this station show that the watches have been this way for several years past. The second assistant and I are perfectly satisfied with the watches and would like them to continue as they are.

Kindly advise me if he can leave this station and stay sixteen days without coming back to stand a watch after the first eight.

also please let me know, if it is not satisfactory to have the watches continue as they are. I would also like to know if it isn't up to me to set the leave. He thinks he can go off any time he gets ready, after I return to the station. Sometimes it is necessary for him to stay a couple of days and help me with the work.

Respectfully
Samuel L. Fuller, Keeper.

FWO:CFG

April 8, 1924.

Samuel L. Fuller, Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
64 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

SUBJECT : Questions raised by 1st Asst. Keeper Rhodes.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated April 7, 1924.

1. The information requested by your letter is furnished below:-

(1) There is no occasion for argument between yourself and 1st Asst. Keeper Rhodes, as it is his plain duty to comply, without argument or question, with the orders which you, as keeper of the station, give him.

(2) In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that a keeper cannot take eight days leave during the last days of one month, and also, without returning to the station, take an additional eight days during the first days of the following month. Any keeper who takes shore liberty during the latter part of one month should not be again granted shore liberty until the latter part of the following month.

(3) The schedule for shore liberty for the keeper and assistant keepers should be prepared by you, as keeper of the station, and must be adhered to by the assistant keepers. Assistant keepers may be granted shore liberty within the limits of the authorized monthly allowance at such time as their services can best be spared from the station. In this connection, it may be stated that at stations where three keepers are employed, at least two keepers must be on the station at all times.

(4) A schedule of watches, and also a schedule of working hours for cleaning, painting, and general maintenance of the station should be prepared by the keeper, and such schedules are to be followed by the assistant keepers. Failure to do so will be just cause for charges of neglect of duty and disobedience of proper orders.

2. In this connection you are advised that you, as keeper of the station, are in full charge of the operation and upkeep of the station and the first and second assistant keepers are expected to comply with your orders and instructions at all times without question or argument. If Mr. Rhodes is not disposed to perform the duties of his position and to readily comply with the orders you give him in reference to watches, work at the station, or leave without offering argument, you will report the facts to this office in full and in definite form, giving time, date or dates, and definite instances where he has declined to comply with orders you give him or to perform work allotted to him.

J. T. Yates

:CFG

April 8, 1924.

Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
64 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Obedience of orders.

1. This office has received information which indicates that you are apparently not disposed to readily comply with orders and instructions given you by the keeper of the station, without question and argument. For your information and guidance, it may be stated that if such is found to be the case, prompt and drastic disciplinary measures will be taken. It is hoped, however, that you will perform the duties of your position and comply strictly with the orders of the keeper, as well as the regulations of this service in order that there may be no possible occasion for criticism or further action.

2. In this connection your attention is invited to the verbal instructions given you by this office before you entered on duty at Execution Rocks Light Station.

J.T. Yates

Superintendent.

Form A-21

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 4, 1924.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective March 7, 1924.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Execution Rocks Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 2nd, 1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd District.

I am sending form # 76 as Williams F. Rhodes was storm-bound twice, once in the month of March, and April 1st. As I havent enough stationery to write a letter for each absence, I am writing them both in this one.

Respectfully
S. L. Fuller, Keeper.

REQUEST

Execution Lt. Sta., April 2nd, 1924
(Station.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted one days of shore liberty or leave, from April 1st to April 2nd, inclusive, 1924 I have had 4 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Wm F. Rhodes, 59 Drake Ave. New Rochelle, N.Y.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

97 Palisade Ave, Bridgeport, Conn
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

L. L. Fuller
Keeper in charge.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst. Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, ... DISTRICT, ..., 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 19 .

Substitute ..... be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

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Superintendent, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1 P. M. Apr. 1st, 1924
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At ..... M. Apr. 2nd, 1924
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 1 days.

Period charged: 1 days.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

L. L. Fuller
Keeper in charge.

1st Asst. Keeper
(Title.)

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REQUEST

Execution Lt. Sta., April 2nd, 1924.
(Station.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted one days of shore liberty or leave, from April 1st. to April 2nd, inclusive, 1924 I have had 4 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

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Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

S. L. Fuller
Keeper in charge.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst. Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, ... DISTRICT, ..., 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 19 .

Substitute ..... be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

.....

Superintendent, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1 P. M. Apr. 1st, 1924.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 1 P. M. Apr 2nd 24
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 1 days.

Period charged: 1 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

S. L. Fuller
Keeper in charge.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst. Keeper.
(Title.)

11—882

REQUEST

Execution Lt. Sta, Mar. 31st, 1924
(Station.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 1 days of shore liberty or leave, from Mar. 21st to Mar. 22nd, inclusive, 1924 I have had 4 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

W. F. Rhodes (Name.), 59 Drake Ave New Rochelle N.Y. (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

97 Palisade Ave (Street or R. D. Route.), Bridgeport (City.), Conn (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

S. L. Fuller
Keeper in charge.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst. Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, ... DISTRICT, ..., 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 19 .

Substitute ..... be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

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Superintendent, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1.30 P.M. Mar. 21st, 1924
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 10 A.M. Mar. 22nd, 1924
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 7/8 days.

Period charged: 7/8 days.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

S. L. Fuller
Keeper in charge.

1st Asst. Keeper.
(Title.)

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REQUEST

Execution Lt. Sta. Mar 31st, 1924.
(Station.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 1 days of shore liberty or leave, from Mar. 21st to Mar 22nd, inclusive, 1924 I have had 4 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

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97 Palisade Ave, Bridgeport, Conn.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

S. L. Fuller
Keeper in charge.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, ... DISTRICT, ..., 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 19 .

Substitute ..... be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

.....

Superintendent, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 11 30 A. M. Mar 21st, 1924
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 10 00 A. M. Mar 22nd, 1924
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... days.

Period charged: ..... days.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

1st. Asst Keeper.
(Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

S. L. Fuller
Keeper in charge.

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April 8,1924

Samuel L. Fuller, Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
59 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report and absence from duty of Wm.F.Rhodes.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 2,1924.

1. Referring to your letter dated April 2,1924 stating Wm. F.Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper, was storm bound on March 21st and again on April 2nd, and forwarding Form 76 requesting authority for this leave; your attention is invited to the fact that the monthly allowance of leave for Execution Rocks Light Station is eight days and it is therefore not necessary to submit Form 76 unless this allowance is exceeded. If Rhodes has exceeded the station allowance, you are directed to see that the amount of excess leave taken by him is deducted from his leave for the month of April.

2. In this connection your attention is invited to the fact that the absence of Rhodes on March 21st and 22nd is not reported by you on your monthly report on Form 65. This report is herewith returned for correction and explanation as to why the leave referred to was not noted on same. Your attention is also called to the fact that all absences, of whatever nature, must be reported on the monthly report on Form 65.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Execution Rocks Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 4, 1924

Per

Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd District.

In reply to your letter of April the 3rd I am sending form 65 which I have corrected, of William F. Rhodes being storm bound. The reason for not putting this on the form, I did not know that when a keeper, or assistant keeper was storm bounds, the time had to come out of his leave.

Respectfully

L. L. Fuller, Keeper.

As Par 104 of Instr & Empl
plainly requires that absence of over 6 hrs in daytime & any absence at night shall be noted in Journal and reported on form 65

FWC-JHB

Samuel L. Fuller, Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
59 Drake Ave.,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

April 7,1924

SUBJECT: Leave of absence, etc.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 4,1924.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated April 3,1924 and your reply of April 4th, relative to monthly report and absence from duty of 1st assistant keeper Rhodes; your attention is called to Paragraph 104 of Instructions to Employees, which plainly requires that absences of over six hours in the daytime and any absences at night, shall be noted in journal and reported on Form 65. These instructions should be complied with in the future.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Execution Rocks Lt Sta.
New Rochelle N.Y.
59 Drake Ave.
April 4. 1924.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 7 1924
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Supt. of Lighthouses.

Sir,

I respectfully wish to report that on April 4th. I fetch Keeper Mr. Fuller a shore to go on leave. And a N. East snow storm came up while we were going in, and made it impossible for me to get back, so I proceeded to my home until the following morning.

Keeper Fuller has informed me that he made an explanation that I was storm bound, and so doing made out Form 76.

I respectfully would like to be informed if that day I was storm bound is to be counted on my monthly leave.

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April 7, 1924.

Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
64 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

SUBJECT : Absence on April 1, 1924.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated April 4, 1924.

You are advised that the one day referred to, April 1st, which is claimed to be due to stormy weather is chargeable to leave, for the reason that keepers or assistant keepers are not expected to leave their station when it is questionable as to whether or not they will be able to return to the station.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent.

My intention was not to go d shore on leave, but was requested for one of us to take Keeper Mr. Fuller a shore on his leave. as we were both caught in the N. East snow storm on are way in to shore.

Respectfully.
W. F. Rhodes
1st. Asst. Keeper.
S. L. Fuller

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FWC-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses April 2,1924

SUBJECT: Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper,Execution Rocks Lt.Sta., increase in pay on account of operation of power fog signal.

1. The Bureau is advised that on July 1,1919, William F.Rhodes, then keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.,took the required examination to determine whether or not he was sufficiently familiar with the operation of power fog signals to entitle him to receive additional compensation at the rate of $5.00 per month while serving at a station having fog signal operated by oil engines.

2. By letter of Aug.5,1919 this office recommended to the Bureau that Mr.Rhodes be granted additional compensation of $5.00 per month for his practical knowledge of the operation of fog signals, effective Aug.16,1919, which recommendation was approved by Department letter of August 14,1919.

3. Mr. Rhodes was separated from the service on May 12,1921, and was again appointed to the service as Additional Keeper on Nov.21,1922, at which time he was detailed to Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.,which position he continued to hold until March 6,1924. On March 7,1924 he was transferred and promoted to the position of 1st assistant keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.,N.Y.,with base pay at the rate of $840 per annum.

4. During Mr.Rhodes' employment as Additional Keeper at Watch Hill Lt.Sta. no recommendation was made for the payment to him of increase in pay of $5.00 per month on account of his knowledge of the operation of power fog signals, for the reason he was only temporarily assigned to duty at that station.

5. In view of the fact that Mr.Rhodes has now been transferred and permanently appointed to the position of 1st assistant keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.,where there is a power fog signal, it is recommended that his pay be increased from $840 per annum to $900 per annum, which rate of pay includes base pay of $840 per annum and $60 per annum additional compensation for practical knowledge of the operation of power fog signals, effective March 7,1924, the date on which he entered on duty as 1st assistant keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.

J. F. Yates

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 1 1924
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Execution Light Station,
New Rochelle, N.Y.

March 31,1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

In reference to your letter dated January 11,1923: that I was advised when I was permanently assigned to a station the matter of increase in pay of $5.00 per month on account of oil engine examination would be considered.

I have now been assigned permanently at Execution Light Station, after being temporarily assigned at Watch Hill Light Station.

I respectfully would like to know if same could be considered now.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes
1st, Asst, Keeper.

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S. L. Fuller

W. F. Rhodes 75

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FWO-JHG

William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Feb. 15,1924

SUBJECT: Transfer, etc.

1. You are advised that steps have been taken to permanently fill the position of Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station by the transfer of a keeper from another station. This makes it necessary that you be assigned to duty at some other position or station, and information is requested as to whether you prefer assignment to duty as assistant keeper at Watch Hill, or as 1st assistant Keeper at Execution Rocks Lt.Sta. The pay of the latter position is $70 per month, in addition to which there is the bonus of $20 per month and the usual ration allowance of 45 cents per day.

2. A prompt reply is desired.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

COPY

Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island

February 16,1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sir:-

In reference to your letter of February 15,1924.

I respectfully wish to state that I prefer to accept the position of 1st assistant keeper at Execution Rocks Light Station in preference to Assistant at Watch Hill Station.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) W. F. Rhodes,

Keeper

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Staten Island, N. Y. Feb. 18, 1924 19

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, William F. Rhodes Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper Salary, $840.00 per annum

Location, Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.,N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 1,1924 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Additional) Former salary, $720.00 p.a.

Location, At Large,3d L.H.Dist. (Had been assigned to Watch Hill L.S.,R.I.)

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

Previous incumbent, Clinton H. Durfee Services terminated, Feb. 29,1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth, Letter from Mr.Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto. Mr. Rhodes has been assigned to duty as Additional Keeper at Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.,since Nov. 21,1922.

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19 For & in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

Secretary, Civil Service District. 1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 2/20/24

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[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply. 11—2314

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Staten Island (City.), N. Y. Feb. 19 1924 (Date.) 19

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, William F. Rhodes

Position, Keeper

Location, Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective March 1,1924

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $840.00 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

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

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Former salary, $720.00 p.a.

Location, At Large,3d L.H.Dist. (Had been assigned to Watch Hill L.S.,R.I.)

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

Previous incumbent, Clinton H. Durfee Services terminated, Feb. 29,1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth, Letter from Mr.Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto. Mr. Rhodes has been assigned to duty as Additional

Remarks: Keeper at Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.,since Nov. 21,1922.

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

For & in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockentels

1st Asst.Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 3/1/24

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1924 FEB 21 PM 3 55

William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Feb. 19,1924

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 21, 1924.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb. 16,1924

1. Referring to your letter dated Feb.16,1924 stating you were willing to accept the position of 1st Asst.Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty at that station as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your transfer will be effective about March 1,1924.

2. Three copies of Form 30 are enclosed herewith. Fill out same to show all the Government property under your charge at Watch Hill Lt.Sta. Hold the forms at the station until further orders are sent you re turning station over to your successor.

3. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Chief of Appointment Division
F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

FWC-JHC

William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Feb. 25,1924

SUEJECT: Transfer to Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Feb.19,1924.

1. You are advised that Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper of Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta., has been appointed to the position of Keeper of Watch Hill Lt.Sta. Mr.Congdon will report at Watch Hill Lt.Sta. within the next few days, and upon his arrival you will turn over to him the station and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 were sent you Feb.19,1924. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which you turn the station over to Mr.Congdon.

2. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Feb.21,1924 appointing you to the position of 1st Asst.Keeper of Execution Rocks Lt. Sta., and as soon as the new assistant keeper reports for duty at Watch Hill you will proceed to Execution Rocks Lt.Sta. where you will continue as Additional Keeper until March 6th, your appointment as 1st Asst.Keeper at that station being effective beginning March 7,1924. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. The name and address of the Keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta. is Samuel L. Fuller, 64 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

3. After leaving Watch Hill and before reporting at Execution Rocks Light Station for duty, it is desired that you call at this office for interview.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

Samuel L. Fuller, Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
64 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Feb. 25,1924

SUBJECT: New 1st Asst.Keeper.

1. You are advised that William F. Rhodes, who is at present assigned to duty as Additional Keeper at Watch Hill Lt.Sta., has been appointed to the position of 1st Asst.Keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta., and orders have been given him to-day to report at your station in the near future. Should Mr.Rhodes arrive at Execution Rocks Lt.Sta. before March 7th, he will be taken up as an Additional Keeper until the close of March 6th, as his appointment as 1st Asst.Keeper is not effective until March 7th, the day following that on which the resignation of Clinton H. Durfee is effective.

2. You will report to this office, by separate letters, the date on which Mr.Durfee leaves the station, and the date on which Mr.Rhodes arrives at the station.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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64 Drake Ave
New Rochelle N.Y.
Mar. 8. 1924

Superintendent
of Lighthouses.

Sir.

I respectfully wish to report that it has been impossible for me to report for duty to Execution Light Station on account of high winds.

Respectfully.
H. F. Rhodes.

FWO-JHG

THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 11th, 1924

Samuel L. Fuller, Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
64 Drake Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

March 13, 1924

SUBJECT: 1st Asst. Keeper Rhodes.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Feb. 25, 1924.

1. Advise this office by return mail of the date on which William F. Rhodes reported for duty as 1st Asst. Keeper of Execution Rocks Light Station, as directed by letter from this office dated Feb. 25, 1924.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

THIRD DISTRICT

...utions Rocks St. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 11th, 1924

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...r of Feb. 25th,
... reported to this
...r on the ninth

...ler Keeper.

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Rhodes left Watch Hill
at 12:45 P. M. March 6-1924
See letter from Keeper Congdon
dated March 7 attached to
papers of Leo. R. Roode.

JWG

COD at Execution Rocks March 7th, 1924

(Left Watch Hill Mar. 6 - Was here at office on Mar. 7th. Could not get out to station on 8th on a/c of weather. Arrived at station on 9th)

THIRD DISTRICT

Execution Rocks St. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 11th, 1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd District

In reference to your letter of Feb. 25th, I will say that Wm. F. Rhodes reported to this station as 1st assistant keeper on the ninth of March at 1.30 P.M.

Respectfully,
Samuel L. Fuller Keeper.

Entd PL 3/15/24

E O D at Execution Rocks March 7th, 1924

(Left Watch Hill Mar. 6- Was here at office on Mar. 7th. Could not get out to station on 8th on a/c of weather. Arrived at station on 9th)

SUPERINTENDENT of LIGHTHOUSES
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Watch Hill Light Station
Westerly, Rhode Island.

May 25,1923.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

Respectfully would like to ask if I could be given an idea as how long I may be stationed here as temporary Keeper at large.

I have been here now six months as temporary additional keeper, and at the same time am keeping my appartment in Bridgeport, Conn. the rent of which is $20.00 a month.

If I could be given an idea I would then be able to place my furniture in storage, but if I am to be transfered in a short period, I would like to keep my home.

Hoping with your kindness you can advise me in this case.

Respectfully,
H. F. Rhodes
Additional Keeper At Large.

FWO:JHG

May 29th, 1923.

W. F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT : Transfer.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated May 25th, 1923.

1. You are advised that this office is unable to state definitely as to how long you may be stationed at Watch Hill Light Station but you probably will not be there a longer period than six months.

2. Your attention is called to regulations, which require that all official correspondence must be forwarded through the keeper.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper, May 17,1923
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Position of keeper of Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 16,1923.

1. In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that the position of keeper of Watch Hill Light Station will be filled by transfer, in accordance with the regulations re transfers and promotions.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Watch Hill Light Station
Westerly, Rhode Island.

May 16,1923.

Mr. F.W.Ockenfel,

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Anderson my Keeper of this station Watch Hill has showed me a letter in which he is going to be transfered to Block-Island Light Station.

I respectfully would like to asked you if there is any possible chance for me to put in an application for the Keepership of this station. Will you please advised me if so in my case, I will appreciate it very much,

I remain

Respectfully,

H. F. Rhodes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Watch Hill Light Station
Westerly, Rhode Island.

April 26,1923.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully would like to ask when I am considered for a transfer to a station permanently as stated in your letter January 2,1923.

If I could please be considered for a transfer near my home Bridgeport,Conn. as my family is there, and it is an expense to me to be far away from my family.

Respectfully hope I can be considered as near as possible to a station near my home Bridgeport,Conn. Thanking you for the same.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes.
Additional Keeper.

John F. Anderson
Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 21 th, 1923

Superintendent.

I respectfully wish to report that the Additional Keeper Wm F. Rhodes, in my opinion, is competent for a position as his present.

Respectfully
John F. Anderson
Keeper

FWC-JHG

John F. Anderson, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

April 19,1923

SUBJECT: Probation of Wm. F. Rhodes, additional keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of William F. Rhodes, additional keeper, assigned to Watch Hill Light Station, will expire on May 20,1923. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Respectfully a. R. H. 4/13/23.

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Watch Hill Light Station
Westerly, Rhode Island.

April 12,1923.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I wish to report while visiting my home in Bridgeport, Conn. on my forty-eight hours leave, it was impossible for me to get back on time, in which I was four hours over my time.

My reason for being late was on account of connection with train and with trolley from Westerly to Watch Hill, as the car runs but twice a day from Westerly to Watch Hill and it was impossible to make connection.

I left station April 9,1923 hour 12.30 PM and reported back April 11,1923. hour 4.30 PM

Respectfully
W. F. Rhodes.
Additional Keeper.

John F. Anderson
Keeper

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William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper, Feb. 23,1923
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Physical Examination.

1. Form 206 - record of your physical examination - is returned herewith, a copy of same having been made for the files of this office.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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William F. Rhodes, Assistant Keeper, Feb. 8,1923
(Through the Keeper)
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Birth Certificate, etc.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.19,1923.

1. The copy of your birth certificate and copy of court decree changing your name from Frederick W.Bond to William F.Rhodes, forwarded with your letter of January 19,1923, are returned herewith.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

COMMISSIONERS
_____, PRESIDENT
GEORGE R. WALES
HELEN H. GARDENER
HERBERT A. FILER, CHIEF EXAMINER
JOHN T. DOYLE, SECRETARY

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

February 5, 1923.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

The Commission has changed its records to indicate that the date of birth of William F. Rhodes, keeper in the Lighthouse Service, is March 29, 1890, such date having been established by a copy of the Vital Statistics of the State of Connecticut. The decree of the court changing his name from Frederick W. Bond to William F. Rhodes has also been noted, although he appears on the records of this office only under the name of Rhodes.

The papers transmitted by you are returned herewith.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

/s/ John T. Doyle,

Secretary.

Inclosure No. 8255.

February 6, 1923.

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Lighthouses. The papers referred to are returned as requested in the Bureau's endorsement of January 25, on the Third Superintendent's letter of January 24.

By direction of the Secretary:

Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

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Jan. 24,1923

SUBJECT: Date of birth, William F.Rhodes, keeper.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement Jan. 5,1923.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. Transmitted herewith is certified copy of the Certificate of Birth of Frederick W.Bond, born March 29,1890.

3. There is also enclosed certified copy of Judgment issued by the Superior Court of Fairfield County, Connecticut, authorising Frederick William Bond to change his name to William Frederick Rhodes.

4. Mr.Rhodes has requested these documents be returned to him when they have served their purpose.

J. T. Yates

Watch Hill Light Station
Westerly, Rhode Island.

January 19,1923.

SUPERINTENDENT of LIGHTHOUSES
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Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Subject: Birth certificate, & final judgement papers.

Sir:-

In reference to my letter dated January 11,1923. I am respectfully forwarding you my birth certificate as requested in your letter dated January 8,1923. Also with certificate of change of name from my adapted mother after death.

If not for any reason explained on the fore-going document papers, I will be glad to give you what ever information you may request.

Will you please be kind after you have recorded my birth certificate, and my final judgement papers register same back to me. I thank you for the same.

Respectfully,
William F. Rhodes.
Asst. Keeper

John H. Anderson
Keeper

FWO-JHG

William F. Rhodes, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Jan. 11,1923

SUBJECT: Increase in pay on a/cof operation of fog signal.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.8,1923.

1. You are advised that your present appointment is as an Additional Keeper with temporary assignment to duty at Watch Hill Light Station. When you are permanently assigned to a light station the matter of increase in pay of $5.00 per month on account of oil engine examination will be further considered.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

January 8,1923.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

In reference to my check for the month of December 1922 $93.95. I respectfully would like to know if I am entiled to the five dollars extra for passing the examination for the oil engines and Fogsignal Apparatus and if so does that include it in my check.

I passed the examination previous while in the service at Greens Ledge Light Station, Rowayton, Conn. if my check does not include it, I respectfully would like to ask if it is necessary for me to pass the examination again in order to receive the extra five dollars. Thanking you for the same.

Respectfully,
William F. Rhodes
Asst. Keeper

John F. Anderson
Keeper

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Watch Hill Light Station
Westerly, Rhode Island.

January 10,1923.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

Referring to your letter dated January 8,1923. directed to furnish this office a certificate from the proper authorities showing the correct date of my birth.

I respectfully wish to state as soon I receive my birth certificate from my home in Bridgeport, Conn. I will forward you the same at once.

Respectfully,
William H. Rhodes.
Asst. Keeper.
John F. Anderson
Keeper

FWO-JHG

January 8,1923

William F. Rhodes, Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Date of birth.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.16,1922.

1. Referring to your letter dated Dec.16,1922 stating the correct date of your birth was 1890; you are directed to furnish this office a certificate from the proper authorities showing the correct date of your birth.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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William F. Rhodes, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dec. 27,1922

SUBJECT: Physical examination.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec. 25,1922.

1. If Dr.Lewis of Westerly, R.I. has an official seal of the U. S. Public Health Service, it will be satisfactory for you to be examined by him. If he has no official seal it will be necessary for you to be examined by the officials of the U.S.Public Health Service at Providence, as directed by letter from this office dated Nov.27,1922.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

Per

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Watch Hill Light Station
Westerly, R.I.

December 25,1922.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

In reference to your letter November 27,1922, requesting that I be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not I am entitled to medical relief with out charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service.

I respectfully would like to be informed if I could be examined by Doctor Lewis of Westerly R.I. as he is a United State Public Health Service Doctor for the division of Providence,R.I.

It will save me the expense and time going to Providence.

Respectfully,
William F. Rhodes
Asst Keeper.

John F. Anderson
Keeper

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December 21st, 1922.

SUBJECT : Correct year of birth of William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement of December 4th, 1922 forwarding letter of November 29th, 1922 addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses by Appointment Division.

Returned to Commissioner.

The correct date of birth of William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station is March 29th, 1890.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Assistant Supt.

CJL

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
Jan. 5,1923

Returned to Supt.of Lighthouses, Staten Island,N.Y. for documentary evidence requested in last sentence of Dept.letter. See in this connection Bureau letter July 14,1920, relative to changing age records. The Department desires that documentary evidence be submitted in all such cases, whether covered by general retirement act or Lighthouse Service retirement act.

(Sgd.) H. B. Bowerman,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Watch Hill Light Station
Westerly, R.I.

December 16,1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

In reference to your letter dated December 13,1922. pertaining to my date of birth, I respectfully wish to state that the last date given, 1890 is correct.

Through some mistake on my part the first date was given.

Respectfully,
William F. Rhodes.
Asst. Keeper

John F. Anderson
Keeper

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December 13, 1922

William F. Rhodes,
Additional Keeper At Large,
Through Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R.I.

SUBJECT: Correct Year of Birth.

REFERENCE: Personal Question Sheet-Nov. 27, 1911
" " " -Nov. 25, 1922
Dept. letter dated November 29th, 1922
Bureau endorsement, December 4th, 1922

1. The year in which you were born as stated on aforementioned personal question sheets does not correspond, the former indicating 1886 and the latter 1890.

2. In view of the above, you are hereby requested to inform this office as soon as practicable which is correct.

J. J. T. Yates,
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
Appointment Division
Washington

November 29th, 1922.

Commiswioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the personal question sheet executed by William F. Rhoades, under his probationary appointment as Keeper(additional), in the Lighthouse Service, and notes that he gives the date of his birth as March 29th, 1890. Inasmuch as he stated in a personal question sheet executed under a previous appointment that he was born on March 29th, 1886, the Department requests to be advised as to which is the correct date. In the event that the date on the first personal question sheet is incorrect, satisfactory documentary evidence should be submitted.

By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief, of Appointment Division.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, 12/4/22.
to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for report and return.

J. S. CONWAY,

Acting Commissioner.

Form 206 File No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District,

Place, Staten Island, N. Y.

Date, Nov. 27, 1922, 191

To the Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Providence

Sir:

Please examine William F. Rhodes, Additional Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 32; height, 5 feet, 8 inches;

weight, 148 pounds; color of hair, light; color of eyes, blue

distinguishing marks, None

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.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Respectfully,

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt., 3d L.H.Dist. ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~.

A

(Signature of applicant:) William F. Rhodes

(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 John F. Anderson Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Place, Providence, R. I.

Date, Feb.12,1923, 191

To Lighthouse Inspector,

Sir: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of William F. Rhodes, 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.

W. A. Korn

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Providence, R. I.

DATE, Feb. 12, 1923, 191

Name of applicant, William F. Rhodes

Eyes: Color, Blue; exophthalmus, None

chronic inflammation, None; other anbormality, None

Eyelids: Ptosis, None; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions, None

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, ____

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, ____

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses ____

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Woolen skeins

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, None

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 25 feet; left ear, 25 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 10 feet; left ear, 10 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

Varicocele left side scrotum.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Wm. F. Rhodes, Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island

Nov. 27,1922

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 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property; and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

Inspector.

P.S. - Assistant Keeper to sign Form 206 where marked "A" - Keeper to sign Form 206 where marked "B".

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.

Nov 23-22

John F. Anderson
.....Keeper
Watch Hill
.....Light Station
Westerly, R. I.
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1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to ~~Assistant~~ Additional Keeper William F. Rhodes, and return this sheet to this office:-

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

Born in (Country or State)..U. S.....
Age.....32 years.....
Height...5...feet...8...inches.
Weight.....148.....pounds.
Color of hair...Light.....
Color of eyes...Blew.....
Distinguishing marks.....None.....
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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT W. F. Rhodes Number 75

Letter from

Date Nov 21 1922

Subject R/E Reporting for duty @ Watch Hill

Original filed under

Unit Watch Hill Number 601

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

64 Winter Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

November 19,1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Reply to your letter November 16,1922. received November 18,1922. appointing me to the position of Additional Keeper at Watch Hill Light Station Rhode Island, and to acknowledge the receipt of that letter.

I respectfully wish to state I am proceeding to the above named station Monday November 20,1922. Thanking you for same.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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3RD DISTRICT

64 Winter Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

November 16,1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Mr. J. T, Yates,

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated November 4,1922. stating that I was nominated for the position of temporary Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station. And was advised to hold myself in readiness as soon as definite orders were sent me, my services probably being required November 13,1922.

Having not received word, I am anxious to hear about how soon I will receive my appointment, as I have given up my present employment.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes.

FWO-JHG

William F. Rhodes,
64 Winter Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

November 16, 1922

SUBJECT: Appointment as Additional Keeper.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Nov. 2, 1922.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Nov. 13, 1922, appointing you to the position of Additional Keeper in the Third Lighthouse District, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for temporary duty as assistant keeper at Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island, at the earliest practicable date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The Keeper's name and address is John F. Anderson, Westerly, Rhode Island.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Nov. 16, 1922

1. Copy forwarded to Keeper of Watch Hill Lt. Sta., for his information. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Rhodes reports for duty.

2. As soon as Rhodes reports for duty you will direct Laborer Eichenbacher to return to this Depot.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1922 NOV 15 AM 11 19

November 13, 1922.

Mr. William F. 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 Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

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C Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: James F. Mulvey

Legal Residence: Connecticut.
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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BUFFALO, N.Y.

64 Winter Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

November 10,1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated November 4,1922. stating that I was nominated for the position of Additional Keeper with temporary assignment to the position of Assistant Keeper at Watch Hill Lt,Sta.

And accordance hereby to hold my self in readiness to report for duty at that station, as soon as definite orders are sent me, and that my services will probably be required November 13,1922.

I kindly wish to state that I am ready to move to the above named station as soon as I receive definite orders. I kindly wish to thank you for the same.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes.

FWO-JHG

William F. Rhodes,
64 Winter Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Nov. 4,1922

SUBJECTL Position of Additional Keeper.
REFERENCE: Our letter Nov.2nd and your reply Nov.3,1922.

1. Referring to your letter dated Nov.3,1922 stating you were willing to accept the position of Additional Keeper with temporary assignment to the position of assistant keeper at Watch Hill Lt.Sta.; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty at that station as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your services will probably be required about November 13,1922.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1922, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William F. Rhodes — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Additional Keeper — Salary, $720.00 p.a.

Location, At Large, 3rd Lighthouse Dist. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 13,1922 — {[1]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, 3 — Rating, Keeper — Percentage, 83.9 — , Other eligibles considered:

John A. Strout C. — Louis F. Schlitt C.

Previous incumbent, James F. Mulvey — Services terminated, Jan.17,1922

Reason, Transferred and promoted.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: After appointment this employe will be detailed temporarily to Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I. When the position of assistant keeper at that station is permanently filled he will be assigned to duty at an off shore station where no quarters are provided for families of keepers.
No.3 on eligible list is eligible for employment at light stations on Lake Champlain or Rivers only.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1922, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Tar.Sec'y 2nd C. G. Dist.) Probationary appointment.

Name, William P. Rhodes

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Additional Keeper

Salary, $720.00 p.a.

Location, At Large, 3rd Lighthouse Dist.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 13,1922 { [1]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, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.8 , Other eligibles considered:

John A. Strout C. Louis F. Schlitt C.

Previous incumbent, James F. Mulvey Services terminated, Jan.17,1922

Reason, Transferred and promoted.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: After appointment this employe will be detailed temporarily to Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I. When the position of assistant Keeper at that station is permanently filled he will be assigned to duty at an off shore station where no quarters are provided for families of keepers.
No.3 on eligible list is eligible for employment at light stations on Lake Champlain or rivers only.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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[redacted] ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SU[redacted]NDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 23 1922
TENTH DISTRICT

THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill 75
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 21st, 1922

Superintendent.

I respectfully report that Mr W. F. Rhodes reported for duty here at 8 Am.

Respectfully
John F. Anderson
Keeper

COD Nov. 21-1922

64 Winter Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

November 3,1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Dear Sir:

Refering to your letter of November 2,1922. for the position of temporary Assistant Keeper at Watch Hill Light Station.

I wish to state that I am willing to except the position, and ready to report for duty at your orders, thanking you for same.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes

FWO-JHG

William F. Rhodes,
64 Winter Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Nov. 2,1922

SUBJECT: Position of assistant keeper at Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letters from this office of Oct.20th and 25th,1922.

1. You are informed that the matter of obtaining a temporary assistant keeper for Watch Hill Light Station, as referred to in letter from this office dated October 25,1922, stands cancelled.

2. The position of assistant keeper at Watch Hill Light Station, however, will be filled temporarily for a limited period by assigning an Additional Keeper to the position referred to, which will later be filled by transfer of a person already in the service. If you desire to accept the position of Additional Keeper as referred to in letter from this office of October 20,1922 with the understanding that you will at first be assigned to temporary duty at Watch Hill Light Station and later on to Stratford Shoal Light Station or such other station as may require the services of an Additional Keeper, so advise this office.

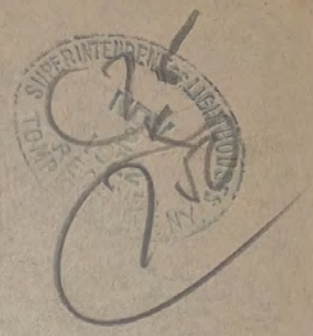
3. As stated above, this position will be permanently filled at a later date by transfer and there is no likelyhood whatever that the Additional Keeper assigned to duty at that station will be permanently retained there.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Letter
Per



64 Winter Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

October 31,1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter October 25,1922. for the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island. Which I have not heard if I was considered for the position.

I have already resigned my present employment, thinking I would be considered for one of the few stations I have been offered. Will you kindly inform me if there is any hope for the above appointment at the present time. I respectfully hope with your approval I can be considered for appointment, thanking you for same.

Respectfully,
W. J. Rhodes.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

W. F. Rhodes

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

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It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

Staten Island, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1922 19

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

Watch Hill Lt.Sta., located on shore at Watch Hill, R.I. (See attached letter)

Total Compensation: $ 1002.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ **600.00** 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 keepers at this station.** (State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

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

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

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

This 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.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Similar letter to W. F. Rhodes	A			
S. L. Fuller	A	Position.....		
W. J. Trainor	A	Department or office.....		
A. Graham		Position.....		
M. F. Gilmore	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:

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(Signature).....

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

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

W. F. Rhodes

Staten Island, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1922

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Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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If selected, I can report for duty in 1 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:

(Signature) W. F. Rhodes

Date Oct. 26, 1922.

(Post-office address) 64 Winter St.
Bridgeport, Conn.

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

Oct. 25, 1922

SUBJECT: Position of Assistant Keeper at Watch Hill Light Station, R.I.

1. Referring to the attached Form 201 relative to the position of Assistant Keeper at Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island, you are advised that while the appointment to this position will be temporary - probably a matter of from one to six months or possibly more - it is expected that it will cover an extended period. When the services of the assistant keeper pf this station are terminated, he will, if there is a suitable vacancy, be transferred to another station.

2. Return the attached Form 201 promptly.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

64 Winter Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

October 27,1922.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Superintendent
of Lighthouses,

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter October 25,1922. for being considered for the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island.

I respectfully hope I can be considered for that above position, as being family quarters. I would be very pleased if I could be considered for that position. Thanking you.

Respectfully,

W. F. 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.

Oct. 25,1922

SUBJECT: Position of Assistant Keeper at Watch Hill Light Station, R.I.

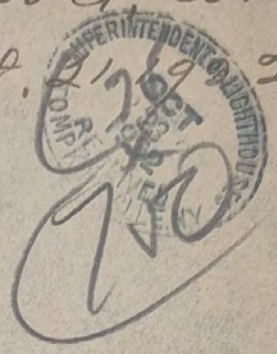
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J. T. YATES

Superintendent

64 Winter St.
Bridgeport Conn.
Oct. 21 1902.



Superintendent
of Lighthouses.

Dear Sir.

I would be pleased to accept the position of Additional Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, Long Island Sound.

And I am ready to report for duty at once, thanking you.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.
Staten Island, N. Y.
Oct. 20, 1922 19

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W. F. Rhodes

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of **Additional Keeper for assignment to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., located off shore in Long Island Sound or to such other station as you may be detailed to.**
(State position, location, and whether station is shore or float.)

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

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

Quarters and Fuel: **No quarters are provided for keepers at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.**
(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 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 at once 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:

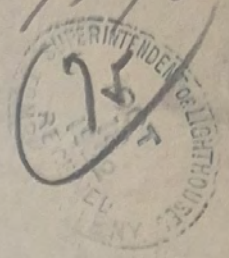
(Signature) W. F. Rhodes

Date Oct. 21. 1922

(Post-office address) 64 Winter St, Bridgeport, Conn.

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64 Hinter St.
Bridgeport, Conn.
Oct. 17, 1922.



Superintendent
of Lighthouses,

Dear Sir.

I received my third consideration for 2nd. Assistant Keeper of Roner Shoal Light Station,

I hope I'll be considered for this position. I am ready to report for duty immediately. thanking you for the same.

Respectfully,
H. F. Rhodes.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, DIST..

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It is important that this letter be answered promptly

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
Third District.
Tompkinsville, N.Y. Oct. 16, 1922

Mr. Wm. F. Rhodes

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.**

TOTAL COMPENSATION: $ per annum, (which includes: Salary $ per annum; bonus, $240.00 1182.00 annum; and subsistence 45 cents per day 780.00
LONGEVITY PAY: In addition to the above keepers receive $60.00 perannum, after five years of continuous service, as longevity pay.
QUARTERS AND FUEL: **No quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island.**
FURNITURE: **Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.**
PROMOTION: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.
SHORE LIBERTY: Not exceeding days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.
returning this communication at the earliest date practicable. 26

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 1 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:

(Signature) William F. Rhodes

Date Oct. 17, 1922. (Post-office address) 64 Hunter St.
Bridgeport, Conn.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, DIST. 74

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Third District.
Tompkinsville, N.Y. Oct. 10, 1922

W. F. Rhodes

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of **2nd Asst. Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., located off shore in New York Lower Bay**

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TOTAL COMPENSATION: $ 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 perannum, after five 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.**

Necessary furniture will be supplied 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.

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 2 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:

(Signature) William F. Rhodes

Date Oct. 12. 1922. (Post-office address) 64 Hunter St. Bridgeport. Conn.

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In replying address the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, and refer to date of this letter and file No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1922.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 31 1922
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

1. Referring again to your letter of May 19, 1922, in regard to the appointment of William F. Rhodes as keeper in the Lighthouse Service;

2. You are respectfully informed that Mr. Rhodes filed application for examination for the position of keeper in the third lighthouse district, with headquarters at Staten Island, N. Y. When the next examination is held, the date for which has not yet been set, Mr. Rhodes' application will be rated, in accordance with Civil Service Rules.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. E. Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

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House of Representatives

Wm. F. Rhodes

Washington, D. C.

May 19,1922

Hon. George R. Putnam, Commissioner
Bureau of Lighthouses, Dept. of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Putnam

Last year I had considerable correspondence with you concerning the case of William F. Rhodes, formerly keeper of the light in Norwalk Harbor, Connecticut, who was dismissed for an infraction of the rules. I believe that a year has now passed since his dismissal, and I am advised that he has made or is about to make application for reinstatement. A leading citizen of Norwalk, who writes me, states that Rhodes has had a very good record during the past year, and he hopes (as I do) that in view of that and his previous long service with the Lighthouse Bureau you may be able to give favorable consideration to his application for reinstatement.

Will you kindly let me know what action is taken in the matter.

Yours very truly,

S. Merritt

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
May 23,1922

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y. for report and return.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

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SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes. May 25,1922
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement of May 23,1922.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. Mr. Rhodes filed an application for examination for Light-house Keeper or Assistant Keeper on May 17,1922. His application will be rated when the next examination is held, the date for which has not yet been set.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

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#69 Eagle Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

November 27,1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, S.I. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Yates:-

I respectfully wish to state, that I am looking forward to the expiration of one year when I will make an application for reinstatement to get back in the Light House Service.

If you will only give me another chance I assure you I will live up to the rules and regulations of the Light House Service accordinly, and I will make good in every respect to you and the office, for I have learned my lesson.

Hoping sincerely with your approval that you will give me another chance.

Thanking you in advance.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes.

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UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

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September 13th, 1921.

In reply refer to File No. 92344

Mr. W. F. Rhodes,
Lighthouse Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The Commission regrets its inability to pay the bill of Dr. W. C. Watson, $8.00, for services rendered in connection with your injury of March 22nd, 1921.

The manner in which medical and hospital services and supplies shall be furnished to injured employees is stated in Section 9 of the Compensation Act, which reads as follows:

> "That immediately after an injury sustained by an employee while in the performance of his duty, whether or not disability had arisen, and for a reasonable time thereafter, the United States shall furnish to such employee reasonable medical, surgical, and hospital services and supplies unless he refuses to accept them. Such services and supplies shall be furnished by United States medical officers and hospitals, but where this is not practicable shall be furnished by private physicians and hospitals designated or approved by the Commission and paid from the employees' compensation fund. If necessary for the securing of proper medical, surgical, and hospital treatment, the employee, in the discretion of the Commission, may be furnished transportation at the expense of the employees' compensation fund."

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.
UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

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Official copy forwarded to Superintendent, Lighthouse Service,
Tomplinsville, N. Y.

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September 8, 1921.

United States Employees' Compensation Commission,
F Building, Seventh & B Streets,
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: W.F. Rhodes, Keeper Greens Ledge Lt. Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated Sept. 7, 1921, file #92344.

Sirs:-

Mr. Rhodes as well as all other employees of the Third Lighthouse District were notified on February 21, 1921 as to how and where to obtain medical treatment in the event of injury. This notification specifically covered Bridgeport, Conn., and stated the medical officer in charge, U.S. Public Health Service, together with addresses, also the designated physicians at Bridgeport with addresses.

Respectfully,

J.T.Yates.

Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSION

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

F BUILDING, SEVENTH AND B STREETS

WASHINGTON

COMMISSIONERS

JNO. J. KEEGAN, CHAIRMAN

CHAS. H. VERRILL

S. R. GOLIBART, JR.
SECRETARY

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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In reply refer to File No. 92344

September 7, 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, New York

Dear Sir:

The Commission has received a receipted bill in the amount of $8.00 from Dr. W. C. Watson, Bridgeport, Conn., covering professional services rendered W. F. Rhodes, Keeper, Lighthouse, Greens Ledge Lt. Station, Rowayton, Connecticut, on account of injury sustained by him March 22, 1921. In order that this bill may be taken up for consideration for reimbursement to Mr. Rhodes, kindly advise the Commission whether this employee was advised either before or at the time of his injury of how and where to obtain medical treatment,(with special reference to Bridgeport, Conn.) for the result of a personal injury sustained while in the performance of official duty for the government under Section 9 of the Compensation Act, at the expense of this Commission.

Very truly yours,

Chas H Verrill

Commissioner

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In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 29, 1921.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt,

1. Referring again to your letter of August 11, 1921, with its inclosures, relative to the reemployment of William F. Rhodes in the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter has been given careful consideration, and in view of the circumstances connected with his separation from the Lighthouse Service, the Bureau does not deem it advisable, in the interests of the Service, to take any action looking to Mr. Rhodes' reemployment until after the expiration of one year from the effective date of his dismissal, in accordance with Civil Service Rules.

Very truly yours,

L. R. Putnam

(Signed)
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

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August 19, 1921.

SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes.

REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement Aug.15, 1921.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. There is no new information or evidence in the attached correspondence that would warrant further action in this matter. One of the causes of Mr.Rhodes' dismissal - lack of regard for facts and the truth - is apparent in his letter of August 2nd in his denials and attempt to show that the 2nd assistant keeper "framed" charges against him, whereas the charges preferred against Mr. Rhodes were admitted by him. The last sentence of the fourth paragraph of his letter of August 2nd apparently denies, at least by inference, that two keepers went ashore at the same time, whereas on April 20th when the 1st assistant keeper was at this office it was discovered that Mr. Rhodes was out in the street near this office, and was called in and his testimony taken.

2. The charges against Mr. Rhodes were not of a trivial nature, were proven by his own admissions, and his reemployment would not be to the best interests of the service, and it is recommended that no action be taken in regard to reemployment of Mr. Rhodes until the expiration of one year from his dismissal from the service, in accordance with paragraph 4 of rule 5, page 41, of the Civil Service Act Rules, Statutes and Executive Orders amended to December 1, 1919.

J.T. Yates.

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House of Representatives, U. S.

Washington, D. C.

Hon George R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Wash., D. C.

August 11,1921

My Dear Mr. Putnam

Referring again to the case of William F. Rhodes, who was formerly keeper of the light in Norwalk Harbor, Connecticut, and who was dismissed, I had a personal interview with Deputy Commissioner Conway, who went over the ~~xxx~~ case with much care and showed me the grounds for the Bureau's action, which seemed to me sound.

Mr. Conway suggested that Mr. Yates, the superintendent of that district, might help Rhodes to get a job somewhere else. I enclose a letter from Superintendent Yates to Rhodes, and it appears from this that all Rhodes asked of him was to get him back in the Lighthouse Service.

I also enclose a letter addressed to Judge Candee, of South Norwalk, by Rhodes which relates to his delinquencies, and which I transmit for your inspection so that you may judge whether the letter contains anything which might make it seem desirable now or later to give Rhodes further opportunity in the Service.

Awaiting your advices, I am,

Very truly yours,
L. Merritt

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
August 15,1921

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for report and return.

E. C. Gillette,
Acting Commissioner.

3650, 1921 file

49 Smith St.,
Bridgeport, Conn.,

August 2,1921

Hon. N. Candee,
South Norwalk,
Conn. .

Dear Judge Candee

Received your letter of July 14th, with letter inclosed from Congressman Merritt, and sorry to hear that Congressman Merritt was not successful with his interview with Mr.Putnam Commissioner of Lighthouses.

I notice in Congressman Merritts letter that the charge of violating the Connecticut Fishing Laws, I was not altogether responsible for that violation, as my Assistants were in the business as well as myself, but instead of making any trouble with the Assistants I takes the responsibility on my own shoulder, as I thought it was better for one than three, and I played the good fellow for them, I should of mind my own business, and not been the good fellow for some one elses mistakes, I took the responsibility myself so as not to have the Assistants brought into it.

And on another occasion was for cashing the Assistant check, yes I did with his permission whom had frame this on me, this was last winter when I cash his check, he told me to cash his check and take out what he owe me, and give him the balance when I got back to the station, which I did, but instead of him telling the truth he tells the department a different story, I told them in the office the truth that the Assistant ask me to do so, and I did not think the department held it against me, until I read it in Congressman Merritts letter.

Another occasion as it was stated in Congressman Merritts letter that the station was left without any occupants whatever in clear weather, I respectfully wish to state that while I was keeper of that station, I solemnly swear that it was never left alone, one man was on the station at all times even when it was only two men. The charge as I understand it was when they appointed another man making it a three man station, that two of us went ashore together, And not sending in report for all shore liberty taken, which stated in the letter you have on hand with the charges against me stated in writing.

I also wish to state that the 2nd assistant keeper whom double cross me, and to frame these charges against me and also went ashore with me as well as the 1st assistant keeper, and to think he had nerve to violate the rules and regulations himself when he was staying over his leave, and at the same time he was framing what he could to get me out of the service, and when he was doing this he was violating the rules himself, and for thenreason he was doing this, <u>was because</u>, I

ing like that, so he watch his chance to come back at me with all sorts of lies.

I would have like to had the 2nd Assistant keeper make his charges in front of me, which would of been more than fair, but instead they forward me a letter through the keeper for the 2nd assistant keeper, to report at the office for an interview not knowing what it was about, and he was doing this while I did not know nothing about these charges, until the called upon the 1st assistant keeper to explain, and he was very much surprise when they ask him questions he knew nothing about.

I went down with the 1st assistant keeper, and when they got through with him, they called on me to come into the office to answer the questions they put before me, and to give them the true facts, which I did, but when I came into the office Mr.Occansfel, 1st Asst.Superintendent told me that someone was lieing, so I told them the truth, which cause the 1st assistant k keeper his dismissal from the service for lieing, and no doubt that the 2nd assistant keeper been doing the same thing and got away with it.

And on the other hand, what did he do, but resign his position, as he knew he was as much in the wrong as I was in the charges of falsification, in lieing in his charges etc., but still he was wise to resign by sending in his resignation, when he knew I was going to intestigate the matter, he knew he was as much in the wrong as the 1st assistant keeper by violating the rules and regulations of the lighthouse service, so he took no chances so he send in his resignation.

I respectfully would like to state, that I am not all together responsible for what has happen, as for some things are absolutely not so, as it was press against me, while I have been in the service I have always work and lived up to the rules and regulations until these few months I violate the rules and regulations. I wish to state that 2 or 3 statements are not true, (1) Leaving the station alone, and cashing a assistant check without indorsement and then mine, the charges against me were in writing which you have on hand, other facts are no so.

I also communicate with Mr. Yates, Superintendent of Lighthouses, and in personal, and he was sorry to hear that I violate the rules and regulations in the Lighthouse Service, he said it was impossible for him to do anything just now, I would have to wait at the expiration of one from the time of my dismissal from the service and maybe then he would see what he could do to have me appointed in the service again.

(COPY)

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

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Inclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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June 9, 1921.

Hon. S. Merritt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

1. Referring again to your letters of May 12 and 14, 1921, together with their inclosures, in behalf of William F. Rhodes, formerly keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.

2. You are respectfully informed that charges were preferred against Mr. Rhodes for neglect of duty, and for submitting false reports, he having exceeded the authorized monthly allowance of leave, submitted false reports of absences, and failed to keep a continuous watch at the station during the night, all in violation of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service. These charges were sustained in a degree to warrant his dismissal, and he was dismissed from the Service by the Secretary of Commerce, effective at the close of May 12, 1921. The charges preferred were admitted by Mr. Rhodes both verbally and in writing. The Bureau has given careful consideration to your request in Mr. Rhodes' behalf, but does not feel warranted in recommending his restoration to duty, as dependability is one of the essential qualification of a lighthouse keeper, in order to properly safeguard life and property carried upon the waters of this country.

3. Correspondence from Mr. Rhodes which accompanied your letter of May 14, 1921, is inclosed.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) G R Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

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FWO:MBM.

May 24,1921.

SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes, former Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement May 18,1921.

1. Returned to Commissioner, contents having been noted.

2. Charges were preferred against Mr. Rhodes on six counts all of which were admitted by Mr. Rhodes both verbally and in writing, any one of the charges alone being sufficient to warrant dismissal. As a matter of fact, information was available to warrant charges in addition to those preferred against Mr. Rhodes, but it was considered that the charges preferred would be ample to satisfy the Bureau and the Department of the misconduct on the part of Mr. Rhodes.

3. Mr. Rhodes' intentional disregard of the regulations, deliberately submitting false reports, and improper management of station affairs, are not matters that can be countenanced without impairing the efficiency of the service.

4. Any person who is employed in thecapacity of a lighthouse keeper who is placed in charge of a station to represent the Government and this service, to manage the affairs of a light station, to properly direct the subordinates employed under him, and receives salary for the performance of such duties, and notwithstanding his oath to "well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office", admits such disregard for duty, truth, and regulations, as shown in the case of Mr. Rhodes, cannot in the opinion of this office be considered a fit person to occupy the important position of lighthouse keeper, an essential qualification for which is dependability, if aids to navigation are to be reliable and serve the purpose for which they are intended.

5. While as stated in the attached letter no loss of life or damage to commerce has occurred, that conditions is due far more to good fortune rather than to effort and faithful performance of duty on the part of Mr. Rhodes.

See 5650 these files for charges

6. Mr. Rhodes' regard for facts and the truth is demonstrated in the attached affidavit in which his first statement, following his service record, is a misstatement of fact, as under date of August 20,1920, charges were preferred against Mr. Rhodes for violation of the Fishery Laws of the State of Connecticut and paragraph 42 of Instructions to Employees. As Mr. Rhodes had kept a good station, and as at that time it was impossible to obtain sufficient men to fill vacancies at Light Stations, he was reprimanded by Bureau Letter of Sept. 29,1920. The attached affidavit makes reference to the keepers wife visiting the station on three or four occasions during the summer of 1920, whereas in his testimony taken at this office on April 20th,1921, Mr. Rhodes stated his wife was at the station practically all summer.

7. It is recommended that no action be taken toward the reinstatement of Mr. Rhodes.

J.T.YATES.

COPY:MBM.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 14,1921.

Hon. George R. Putnam, Commissioner.
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:-

Referring to my letter of May 12th, I inclose herewith an affidavit of William F. Rhodes, who is or lately has been keeper of the Greens Ledge Light in Norwalk Harbor, Connecticut. I believe that certain charges have been made against him and that some decision adverse to him has been made on these charges. Whether or not he has yet been dismissed, I do not know.

Apparently he has heretofore had an excellent record, and with his affidavit he presents some letters of approval of various things that he has done. I hope that this previous good record may serve him at this time, when he may have been somewhat remiss, although apparently no loss of life or damage to commerce resulted from anything which he has done.

I do not know whether it is your custom to look into these things personally, but this man is so well spoken of by a number of men whom I know and esteem highly that I hope you will give it your personal attention, and temper justice with mercy.

Yours faithfully.

S. MERRITT.

11 enclosrues.
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washingon, May 18,1921.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y. for report and return. See previous report.

J W. CONWAY.

Acting Commissioner.

COPY:MBM.

Rowayton, Conn.
May 13th, 1921.

Hon. Schuyler Merritt,
Member of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have known William F. Rhodes for the past six or seven years/ I have had occasion to use the Greens Ledge Light in allkinds of weather, and especially at night by reason of my continuoys employment with the Stevens Oyster Company, as Captain of steamers, and I have never failed to find the Greens Ledge Light in perfect condition, either light or fog signals.

I have also known Captain Rhodes to be industrious, and at all times honest and capable of taking care of his station.

If necessary, I can get the prominent captains navigating the Long Island Sound to sign a petition in regard to his service and character, and asking for his reinstatement.

Inwould personally appreciate it very much it you would do whatever you cna to get Capt. Rhodes reinstated.

(SGD.) CAPT. WILLIAM I. STEVENS.

MANAGER STEVENS OYSTER CO.

result these violations, nor has there been any lossof life or property as a result of such violations.

And I further depose and saythat as to charge number three relative to failure to keep continuous watch at Greens Ledge Light station during the night, I would say that some one of the keepers was always actually on watch at all times, but occasionally one of the assistants or myself would lie down on a sofa in the kitchen, but at no times did any of us actually retire, and the watch was in fact continuously kept.

And I further depose and say that I f I am reinstated, I will faithfully promise to keep all the regulations of the service, and give the Department full assurance that this trouble will not occur again.

(SGD.) WILLIAM F. RHODES.

Subscribed and sworn
to beforem e, this 13th
day of May 1921.

(SGD.) NEHEMIAH CANDEE.

Notary Public.

(SEAL.)

May 23, 1921.

V.C.-

Pay W. F. Rhodes, Keeper-Greens Ledge L.S.

2/3 of a Day on March 22nd, 1921
5/12 " " " " March 29th, "

Injured March 22nd, 1921-4:00 P.M. 16
Pay from 12 Mid. to 4:00 P.M.-16 Hrs-24 or 2/3

Mar.22to 22 - 2/3 day

Absent-1/3 day
4:00 P.M. Mar.
22nd to Midnight

Returned to Duty at 2:00 P.M. March 29, 1921
Pay from 2:00 P.M. to Midnight March 29th-10 Hrs
10
or24 or 5/12 day

Mar. 29-30-1 5/12 days

Absent Midnight
Mar.28th to 2:00
P.M. Mar. 29th.

Paid Mar. 22nd 4:00 P.M. to March 29th 2:00 P.M.
by Compensation Committee

FWO:MBM.

May 17,1921.

SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes, former Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement May 13,1921.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. Mr. Rhodes verbally admitted he was guilty of neglect of duty and submitting false reports and subsequently admitted in writing the charges preferred against him. He, as well as the assistant keeper employed under his direction had repeatedly exceeded the authorized allowance of leave and reports of absences were falsified to cover up the excess leave taken. The Second Assistant Keeper was on numerous occasions left alone to operate the station for periods ranging from a few days to two weeks, whereas at least two men should have been on the station at all times. No regular watches were stood at the station and no systematic arrangement existed for carrying on the miscellaneous work of the station. In view of these conditions and the importance of maintaining aids to navigation in an efficient and dependable manner, there was no alternative but to arrange for the removal of Mr. Rhodes at the earliest possible date, from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

2. In view of Mr. Rhodes admitted misconduct and the circumstances connected with the case, this office can see no reason for reopening or taking any further action in the matter.

3. Mr. Rhodes's dismissal was effective May 12,1921, which was his last day of service.

4. In this connection attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Rhodes was reprimanded by Bureau letter of Sept.29, 1920 for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut at which time it is quite likely that he would have been dismissed from the service, had it not been for the shortage of men available for keepers at that time.

Forand in the absence of the Supt.

F.W.OCKELS.

1st. Asst. Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT L.H.
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1st Dist
Pers

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 14th, 1921

To. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Subject:

Report of absences and shore Leave from May 1st to May 12th 1921

May 7th	Keeper	Rhodes	Left Station	1.00	PM
" 8th	"	"	Returned	3.00	"
" 8th	"	"	Left Station	5.30	"
" 9th	"	"	Returned	12.	Noon
" 12th	"	"	Left Station	1.00	PM
" 13th	"	"	Returned	1.00	"

There is no record of absences of 1st asst Keeper.

Harry C. Fox. Keeper
Greens Ledge Lt Sta
So Norwalk
Conn

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

May 13,1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to report that I left my station also Mr.Adam A.Emeigh, 1st, Assistant keeper on May 13,1921. 8.00 P.M. showing the leave of obsences I had taken for the month of May 1,1921. to May 12,1921.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes.

May 7, 1921.	Left station,	1.00 P.M.	
" 8, "	Returned,	3.00 P.M.	
" 8, "	Left station,	5.30 P.M.	Removing my personal
" 9, "	Returned,	12.00 P.M.	property from station
" 12, "	Left station	1.00 P.M.	
" 13. "	Returned,	1.30 P.M.	

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

May 13,1921.

Superintendnent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to report that I left the station May 12,1921. to get information if the 1st,Assistant Keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station was a shore, so I could bring him off to the station, but on account of the rough weather it was impossible for him to leave his own station on May 12th, I reported back to my station on May 13,1921. Mr.Harry C.Fox was there when I got back the following morning May 13,1921.

Respectfully,
H. F. Rhodes.

COPY:MRM.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
May 12, 1921.

Comm ssioner of Lighthouses.
Department of Commerce.
Washington, D.C.
My dear Sir:-

Referringto my telephone conversation with your office this morning, I now enclose the telegram whichI received from Judge Nehemiah Candee regarding William F. Rhodes, keeper of the Green Reef Light at Norwalk, Connecticut and which explains itself.

While I am not acquainted with Mr. Rhodes, I do know Judge Candaa very wll and know that his statements are entitled to great consideration and I trust, therefore, that this case may be reopened in order to give Mr. Rhodes a further chance to be heard.

Awaiting the favor of your prompt reply, I am.

Very trulyS.

(SGD.) S. MERRITT.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, May 13,1921.
To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
for report and retum.

H.B. BOWERMAN.

Acting Commssioner.

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut.

May 6,1921

SUBJECT: Dismissal as Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Previous correspondence re charges.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated May 4,1921 addressed to you, dismissing you from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, effective at the close of May 12,1921.

2. Harry C. Fox, 1st assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station has been selected for the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, and has to-day been directed to relieve you and take charge of ~~Pecks~~ Ledge Light Station at the close of May 12,1921. You will therefore turn over to Mr.Fox on that date, the station and all Government property for which you have been responsible, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 are enclosed herewith.

3. Letter has been forwarded from this office to-day to Adam A. Emeigh Jr., 1st Asst.Keeper, dismissing him from the Service, effective at the close of April 12th.

4. You are directed to advise this office, by separate letters, the date on which you turn the station over to Mr.Fox, and also the date on which you and Mr.Emeigh leave Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.

5. Also forward with above report a record showing the absences of yourself and Emeigh from the station between May 1st and May 12th.

J. T. YATES.

Dismissed - W T Rhodes
Keeper - Green Ly
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May 4, 1921.

Sir:

Charges of falsification of records, violation of regulations, and malfeasance in office having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $1080 per annum, effective at the close of May 12, 1921.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William E. Rhodes,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: April 27,1921

SUBJECT: Wm. F. Rhodes, Keeper, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter of charges dated April 22,1921, addressed to William F. Rhodes, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, together with his reply dated April 25,1921 in which he admits the charges preferred against him. There is also enclosed a folder containing correspondence, together with testimony of the Keeper, 1st Assistant Keeper and 2nd Assistant Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., which forms the basis of the charges preferred against the keeper. It is requested that this folder by returned to this office after it has served its purpose.

2. It is admitted by Keeper Rhodes that he as well as the assistant keepers have exceeded the authorised monthly allowance of leave on various occasions, false reports of leave have repeatedly been forwarded to this office, two of the keepers have on various occasions gone on leave at the same time leaving one man to operate the station for periods ranging from a few days to two weeks, and it has been the practice to maintain no watch at the station on nights when the weather was clear, notwithstanding the fact that three keepers are employed at this station. It is apparent from the testimony of the assistant keepers and that of the Keeper, that this keeper has at least on some occasions cashed the checks of the assistant keepers without the latters endorsement and delivering the proceeds of the checks to the assistant keepers less amounts deducted for subsistence and other purchases. It is also apparent that no regular watches are stood at the station and no systematic arrangement exists for carrying on the miscellaneous work of the station, such as cleaning, scaling, painting etc.

3. It is evident from the facts available that the keeper and 1st Assistant Keeper are on very intimate terms, and by mutual understanding the work of the station has been carried on,&leave of absence taken without any regard to the regulations of the service . The 2nd Assistant Keeper having objected to the conditions that existed at the station, is of course not on good terms with either of the other two keepers, and they naturally do not consider him to be a good man on the station.

4. The facts disclosed clearly show that Mr.Rhodes is unreliable and unfit for employment as keeper of a light station, since reliability is a very essential qualification for aids to navigation to be maintained in an efficient and reliable manner.

(Charges - Wm.F.Rhodes)

5. It is recommended that William F. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of May 12,1921.

6. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I.

7. Deduction will be made from salary due Mr.Rhodes for excess leave taken by him.

8. In this connection attention is invited to Bureau letter of September 29,1920 reprimanding Mr.Rhodes for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut.

J. T. YATES.

COPY:MBM.

GREENS LEDGE LIGHT STATION.
ROWAYTON, CONNECTICUT.

APRIL 25,1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

Reference to your letter of April 22,1921, charges with gross neglect of duty and violation of the rules and regulations of the Lighthouse Service, and submitting false reports.

I respectfully wish to admit ascharges stated in your letter of neglect of duty at Greens Ledge Light Station, that I have no comment to make on said charges, and hope that these charges can be overlooked, and will assure you that as long as I am in the service I will never violate the rules and regulations of the charges prefered against me again, and would like to ask to be giving another chance, and I promise I will live up to the rules and regulations and due respect to you and your office.

I am sincerely yours,

Respectfully,

(SGD.) W. F. RHODES.

KEEPER.

FWO:MBM.

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED.

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April 22,1921.

W. H. Rhodes, Keeper.
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Charges re neglect of duty.

1. You are hereby charged with gross neglect of duty, violation of the regulations of the Lighthouse Service and submitting false reports in that:

1. You have on various occasions exceeded the monthly allowance of leave (8 days) instances being when you were absent from the station, together with the First Assistant Keeper for two weeks during December 1920 and from February 18th to February 29th, 1921 as verbally admitted by you on April 20.

2. You have, as verbally admitted by you on April 20th, repeatedly submitted false reports to this office of absences of keepers, in that your report for December 1920 states your absence to be from December 24th to December 28th and the first Assistant Keeper's absence to be from December 12th to December 18th, whereas you were both absent at the same time for a period of two weeks; your report for February 1921 states your absence to be from February 18th to February 25th, whereas you were on Staten Island on February 11th which date is not shown in your report; your report for March 1921 states the absence of the First Assistant Keeper to be from March 1st to March 6th, whereas the First Assistant Keeper claims and you verbally admitted on April 20th that the First Assistant Keeper was not absent from the station on leave during the entire month of March; you reported by letter of March 2, 1921 that First Assistant Keeper Emeigh was absent at that time, when as a matter of fact he was at the station.

3. You have failed to keep a continuous watch at Greens Ledge Light Station, during the night, it being the practice for all three keepers to retire at night when the weather is clear and fog not likely to come up, as verbally admitted by you on April 20th.

4. You have repeatedly gone on leave together with the First

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TESTIMONY OF W. F. RHODES, KEEPER GREENS LEDGE LIGHT STATION IN REFERENCE TO ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES AT THAT STATION, DATED APRIL 20, 1921.

F. W. Ockenfels, 1st. Ass't. Supt. Chairman.

H. E. Litchfield, Ass't. Supt. Member.

Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

April 15,1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Subject: Reference to letter addressed to 1st Asst, Keeper.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of April 14,1921. stating that this office forward a letter endorsement to me on March 21,1921.

Respectfully state I receive no letter of March 21,1921. addressed to my 1st Assistant Keeper Adam Emeigh Jr. to my knowledge.

Respectfully,
W. H. Rhodes.
Keeper.

FWO-JHG

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William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

April 14,1921

SUBJECT: Letters addressed to 1st Asst.Keeper Emeigh.
REFERENCE: Endorsement addressed to Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. dated March 21,1921.

1. You are directed to make reply by return mail to endorsement of March 21,1921, and also explain why you failed to answer that endorsement promptly.

E. T. YATES

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Letter of 4-14-21 to Lidam & Ingraham
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Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

April 12,1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Subject: Absence from station and short in pay for month of March.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of April 11,1921. that I was directed to advise this office by return mail of the date on which I expect to return to my duties as keeper, reference to letter under date of April 5,1921.

Respectfully wish to state that I received letter of March 24,1921. to advise this office by return mail as to when I expect to resume my duties as keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, in which I did answered that I would report back to my station in a few days.

I reported back on duty to my station on March 29, 1921. when I also received a letter of April 5,1921. but I was on duty at that time, so I thought it not necessary to answer letter of April 5,1921. which I had all ready answered.

Respectfully,
H. F. Rhodes
Keeper.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 24 1921
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MAR 24 1921

Rhodes, Keeper Gremo Ledge

Lt-injured at station on

March 22, 1921—

Do not pay salary beyond

Mar 22 as Injury Compensation

may be paid

Mar 22 - 4 PM
" 29 - 2 PM

Pay Mar 30 - 1
" April 30 - 30
" May 1 - 12 - ~~13~~

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Bridgeport. Conn.
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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of Feb 1/1921.

This is a complete information that I got from John R Manning 2nd assistant keeper at Greens Ledge Lighthouse. Who told me to write to you about this matter. For he said that he could not write to you unless the head lighthouse keeper seen the letter and put his indorsement on it.

John R Manning joined the Lighthouse Service in April 1920. From that time to this date he received his pay by Check (3) Three time. The rest times he got his Pay in Cash from the head lighthouse keeper Mr. W Rhodes.

Mr Rhodes also keeps out the Ration money due for each Months Board. the amount he keeps out is Twenty-five ($25.00) Dollars a Month.

Mr Rhodes and the 1st assistant keeper leves the lighthouse in charge of Mr Manning week at a time. at the present time you will find Mr Manning all lone at the lighthouse

In accordment to your statedment that a Check is drawn to the order of and mailed to each individual employee. It look to me if this matter needed looking into.

Enclosed find John R Manning Signature.

If I can be of any other help to you in this matter let me know.

I beg to Remain yours truley

J.R.

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT ..... Number 75

Letter from .....

Date 2-2-21

Subject W. Rhodes Complaint that he is cashing the pay checks sent to John R. Manning & paying him in cash instead of giving him his check

Original filed under

Unit JOHN R. MANNING Number 75

Greens Ledge Light Station
Newtown, Conn.

January 6, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to state we have not received our checks for the month of December.

Respectfully,

D. F. Rhodes,
Lt.

Mailed 1/7/21

Copy of record taken from Monthly Reports
of Greens Ledge Light Sta.

Of absences of Keeper Rhodes and 1st Asst. Keeper Emeigh.

1921

Wm. F. Rhodes, Keeper							Adam A. Emeigh, Jr., 1st Asst. Kpr.						
Month	Left Sta.		Retd. to Sta.		Elapsed time		Month	Left Sta.		Retd. to Sta.		Elapsed time	
Jan	1	12 A	8	11 A	7	0	Jan	10	9 A	10	4 P.	0	7
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Changes on account of testimony of Rhodes and Emeigh at office on April 20th.

Deductions							Deductions						
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					28	17						10	1

Additions							Additions						
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Mr. W. F. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, called and questioned as follows:

Q. Mr. Rhodes what seems to be the trouble at Greens Ledge Light Station?

A. This first assistant and myself get along very well together especially when it was a two man station. Ever since this man Manning has been appointed he has been very disagreeable and of course I scolded him and this he did'nt like. I have been going ashore each month and of course stayed over my time. The men would naturally go ashore and stay over their time the same way, and in order to keep harmony at the station I did not stop it. I know that this man Manning has been trying to frame up something on me and I intended to come down to this office before hand and tell you, which I am sorry I did not do, and I have been hearing it from different ones that this man Manning has been trying to frame me.

Q. What do you mean Mr. Rhodes by saying that the second assistant keeper has been trying to frame you?

A. He has been trying to make trouble by saying that I went ashore and overstayed my leave and that he has had no time off, but he has often went on leave and came back late.

Q. How much shore leave do you usually take per month?

A. I generally take my allowance and may be I would take two or three days over, 10 or 12 days at the most.

Q. This not withstanding that your allowance is 8 days a month?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do each of the assistant keepers take about the same time?

A. They take the same amount of time exactly.

Q. Have you ever told them that their allowance is 8 days per month?

A. I certainly have.

Q. Why did you set the bad example oftaking more than 8 days per month?

A. Because I would overstay my leave the other men would turn around and do the same thing and in order to keep harmony on the station I allowed it.

Q. Do you remember between what dates you were ashore in March?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Do you remember what time you took off in February?

A.- I don't remember.

Q. Do you remember if both the assistant keepers were off on leave in February?

A. Yes both of them were off.

Q. Do you remember particularly whether the first assistant keeper was ashore during February?

A. Yes he was ashore in February, but I don't just know what dates.

Q. The first assistant was not on leave during March, is that correct?

A. That is right, yes sir.

Q. Not withstanding your statement as well as the statement of the first assistant that he was not absent during March, and forwarded a letter of March 7th, which was endorsed by you, stating that he was absent on or about March 4th, on which date he was ordered to report here, the fact that he was absent being his explanation for not reporting here, have you anything to say as to that discrepancy?

A. He was absent.

Q. You have just stated that he was not absent during the entire month of March, Mr. Emeigh also stated the same fact?

A. No he has not been absent during March as reported.

Q. Then his letter is a false one?

A. Yes, according to that it is.

Q. Do you recall what part of February the first assistant was on leave?

A. Around the 25th I think.

Q. The first assistant stated that he was absent from the 18th to the 29th, of February, and that you were ashore during the same time?

A. Yes we both were ashore together, that is correct.

Q. How do you account for your monthly report of February showing

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them after which I generally endorsed them.

Q. Therefore, there has been cases where you cashed the checks without their endorsing them?

A. Once or twice I have signed their names to their pay checks but I always had their permission to go ahead and do it.

Q. Both assistant keepers have asked you to do that?

A. Yes they both asked me to do that.

Q. Don't you know that you have no right to sign another man's name to his pay check?

A. No I did not know that it was wrong as long as I endorsed my own name also.

Q. How many checks of the first assistant's do you suppose you have signed his name to?

A. About three or four to my knowledge.

Q. How many of the second assistant keeper's checks have you signed his name to?

A. One or two, Manning always cashed his own checks.

Q. What was your reason for cashing the assistant keepers checks?

A. I always went ashore first and they always told me to take out what was coming to me for rations, so I always did it.

Q. What was the arrangement at your station for paying for subsistence?

A. About $25.00 or $30.00 per month, when we had company the bills would be a little larger.

Q. What do you mean by having company and the bills would be larger?

A. We would have visitors.

Q. Who visited at the station.

A. Relatives and friends.

Q. Men, women and children?

A. Yes sir.

Q. You have had men, women and children visiting at the station, is that correct?

s sir, that is correct.

Don't you understand that that is contrary to the regulations of the Lighthouse Service?

. No sir.

Q. When did you have visitors at the station?

A. Only in the summer time.

Q. How long did the visitors remain at the station?

A. A couple of days, my wife was out practically all summer.

Q. Have the services of the first assistant keeper been satisfactory so far as the performance of his duties are concerned?

A. Yes sir, they have.

Q. Have the services ofthe second assistant keeper been satisfactory so far as the performance of his duties are concerned?

A. I would not recommended that man anywhere.

Q. In what way have his services been unsatisfactory?

A. He does not do anything right.

Q. What do you mean he does'nt do anything right?

A. He is unsatisfactory in his work on the station, with the engines he always has trouble and never can start them. Whenever he is working on them he always has to call me or the first assistant keeper to assist him with them, he never can take care of them and does'nt bother about them, and the first assistant tells me that he has put emery in the cock for spite.

Q. Then the second assistant has been unable to repair the engines when they are out of commission, is that correct?

A. Yes sir.

Q. In what other respects is he unsatisfactory?

A. He always has trouble with the light and if I try to tell him how to handle it he will always go about it in his own way, when I am on the station everything is alright, but when I am off, there is always trouble. He has absolutely no experience in handling engines or automatics.

Q. Some months back Mr. Rhodes you were fined on account of illegal

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lobster fishing , do you recall that?

A. Yes sir, I recall that time.

Q. The assistant keepers both state that they contributed toward your fine, is that correct?

A. That is right, yes sir.

Q. Was their contribution toward your fine voluntarily?

A. Yes sir, it was.

Q. Did you not ask them to assist you in paying your fine?

A, No I did not, they thought it was no more than right, since I was a married man and they were in the business with me.

Q. How much did the first assistant keeper contribute toward the fine?

A. I do not recall.

Q. How much did the second assistant pay toward the fine?

A. I do not remember.

Q. How much was the fine about?

A. About $65.00 or $70.00

Q. How much did you pay toward the fine yourself?

A. I paid the same amount as they did, because I got into trouble and took the responsibility for it all, they felt that they should pay for it all, but I only allowed them to pay their share.

Q. Did the assistant keepers pay you in cash for their contribution toward the fine?

A. No, I deducted that from the pay check from each one of the assistants .

Q. Wasthat arrangement fully understood and agreeable to both keepers before you took the money out of the checks?

A. Yes sir, it was.

Q. When you were in the lobster business, were the profits equally divided among the three of you?

A. Yes they were.

Q. How long were you in the fishing business?

A.- All summer, but we never sold anything.

Q. What did the profits amount to from the fishing business?

A. They did not amountto anything.

Q. Were the assistant keepers ever asked to contribute toward any articles purchased by you?

A. Not Manning, but the first assistant keeper did.- We always worked together and it was understood that whatever he paid toward anything he would get when he left the station.

Q. What was purchased with that understanding?

A. A Power Boat.

Q. Did you not buy a wireless that the assistant keepers were called upon to contribute toward the cost?

A. I asked them if they wished to but the Assistant Keeper Manning had absolutely nothing to do with that as he said he did'nt wish to go into it.

Q. Did the second assistant make any payment toward the wireless outfit?

A. Yes he paid part.

Q. Have you not made other purchases where the assistant keepers have paid part of the cost of same?

A. When anything was broken on the station we would replace it, as when the hatch was broken the Assistant Keeper Manning paid to have the straps repaired.

Q. Did you not buy an ice box for which the assistant keepers paid part of the cost?

A. Yes sir.

Q. And a pool table?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Also stove parts and various other articles?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you not also purchase waste?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What was the occasion for you buying stove parts and waste for the station?

A. The stove parts had been broken and could not wait until we received them from the office.

Q. Did you not receive an annual supply of waste?

A. Yes but we used it all up carelessly.

Q. Have you paid back either of the assistant keepers all of the money they paid toward the purchase of these various articles?

A. Yes, the second assistant keeper, I have.

Q. What has he been paid back for?

A. For the wireless, the ice box and I don't owe him anything.

Q. What system have you at Greens Ledge Light Station Mr. Rhodes of standing watches during the night?

A. On a clear night I always took the watch and let the assistants turn in, if it looked as through fog would come up, we stood our regular watches.

Q. What are your regular watches?

A. From sunset to midnight and from midnight to sunrise, generally I did the cooking and they took the watches.

Q. If these are the regular and understood hours of watches from sunset to midnight and from midnight to sunrise, why is it that both the assistant keepers don't understand that such watches are maintained at the station?

A. They do know it, because they have stood regular watches.

Q. On a clear night when the weather looks good, is the watch maintained throughout the night as on foggy nights?

A. No sir.

Q. What is the practice on a clear night?

A. When I am there, I always stand the watch myself and let them turn in.

Q. What do you mean you stand the watch yourself?

A. I would watch bymyself and would lay down but would not go to

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sleep . I would keep an eye peeled out.

Q. Then there are nights when there are no continuous watches?

A. There is.

Q. Is the watch book signed by each keeper upon the termination of his watch?

A. Yes sir, it is.

Q. When the keeper or assistant keeper sign the watch book for a certain period, does that represent that he stood the watch for the period for which he signed?

A. Yes sir, it does.

Q. When two keepers go away at one time and exceed the authorized leave, how is the watch book entered up and signed for the excess period of leave involved?

A. The man who is on station always signs up for the watches while he is onthe station. No one ever signs for any watches while he is off the station.

Q. Then there are no entries in your watch book that bear the signature of a keeper for any time during which he was absent from the station?

A. No sir, there is not.

Q. Has the journal been kept up to date?

A. Yes sir, it has.

Q. Has the required record of absences actually been kept in the back of the journal as required by the regulations?

A. No sir, I have them in another book.

Q. Why is the record not keep in the journal as the regulations stipulate?

A. I generally kept a special book for that record.

Q. You understand that the regulations require that record of all absences must be kept in the back of the journal?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Still you failed to do it?

A. Yessir.

What was your arrangement of accomplishing the miscellaneous work at the station so each keeper did his equal share?

A. We all generally chipped right into the work.

Q. You have no regular working hours for carrying on thegeneral work of the station?

A. No we have not, the men practically never got up until twelve o'clock andthen we would work in the afternoon and would work until dark, we have never at any time had any regular time for our work.

Q.uestions by Mr. Litchfield.

Q. You endorse at least one check a month don't you?

A. Generally the first assistant's, but John Manning always endorses his own.

Q. When you were away from Feb. 18th to the 29th when the second assistant was alone on the station, did he have any trouble with thefog signal?

A. Yes he did have trouble with one of the engines, he claimed that the journal bearing run hot and the first assistant told me that when he started the engine it ran alright. When I returned I took the engine apart and found that the valve seats needed grinding, packing on the side had burned out, for which I had to get new packing as what I had was too thick and it threw the blocks out of line with the levers.

Q. Has the fog signal ever failed at your station since last year?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q. Then the second assistant keeper has operated the fog signal during yours and the first assistant's absence?

A. Yes sir.

Q. You state that the second assistant put emery in the pet cock, which pet cock did he put it in?

A. In the primer.

Q. How long ago was that?

A. I was just told it coming down on the train by the 1st assistant.

Q. When did you examine the cylinder?

A. During the week of April 11,1921.

How long ago was it that emery was alleged to have been put in the engine, before you made the examination?

Do not know.

Q. Did you find any evidence of emery being in the cylinder?

A No sir.

Q. Then the second assistant keeper is practically left alone on the station every month?

A. Not every month, I only take two or three days some months.

Q. You state that the second assistant keeper was paid all the money that he contributed toward the wireless and the ice box? How much did the wireless cost?

A. Altogether about $30.00

Q. How much did the 2nd assistant contribute toward the wireless?

A. About $3.00

Q. How much did the ice box cost?

A. $32.50

Q. How much did the second assistant contribute toward the ice box?

A. The second assistant paid $10,00 the first assistant $10.00 and I paid $12.50.

Q. Are you sure he gave no more?

A. Yessir.

Q. How much did you pay the second assistant back for his share in these two articles?

A. In January or February he paid no rations.

Q. During the month previous to the month that you deducted the money received for the ice box, you deducted $50.00 for rations?

A. Yessir.

Q. He still paid his meal bill the next month, so that he was $25.00 ahead of the game?

A. Yessir.

Q. So you really did not pay him anything back because you charged

am double subsistence the previous month?

Yessir.

Q. At the time you were fined did you not take the second assistant's check and deduct $50.00 ?

A. Yes I did.

Q.-You state that the fine was $65.00 or $70.00 while the second assistantstates that it was $84.00, how much did you contribute toward the fine?

A. The same amount that they did.

Q.-How much did they contribute?

A. About $30.00, the second assistant contributed $25.00

Q. If the first assistant contributed $30.00, the second $25.00, then you paid only the balance of $10.00 or $15.00, is that correct?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Around Christmas time there were some christmas presents exchanged, is that correct?

A. Yes sir.

Q. When Mr. Manning got the proceeds of his december check, more than $25.00 was duducted, is that correct?

A. That is not correct.

Q. Did he not ask you why you deducted additionalmoney?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you tell the assistant keepers that you would like a banjo for Christmas?

A. Manning bought me that for Christmas.

Q. Who bought it and how did Manning pay for it?

A. I bought it and it came out of Manning's check.

Q. You just stated that there wasno amount deducted out of his pay check for December except his subsistence of $25.00, then you did deduct the present from his december check?

A. Yes sir.

Mr. Rhodes was the first assistant absent for two weeks the latter part of December 1920.

A. Yes sir.

Q. Were you absent at the same time that he was?

A. Yes sir.

Q. During these two weeks the second assistant was on the station alone?

A. Yes he was.

Q. Why did you permit two keepersto be absent from the station at any onetime?

A. That was always our agreement that the three of us work together.

Q. Dont you know that at a three man station, not more than one man should be absent at any one time?

A. Yes sir, I do.

Q. How long has the second assistant keeper Manning been at Greens Ledge Light Station?

A. One year.

Q. Did you not report after he had beenthere five or six months that his services were satisfactory?

A. I did then.

Q. How do you account for the fact that he has apparently become inefficient in the work of station and handling apparatus in the meantime?

A. He wasalright up to that period of time and could operate the engines and care for the light.

Q. Is there any further statement that you would liketo make in reference to this matter?

A. There is really nothing further to say. I realize I went over my bound and I know I should have been different. I realize that I violated the rules and regulations in trying to keep harmony at the station.

Q. Were there any times when the first assistant was leftalone at the station?

A. Yes he has.

.For two days time?

A.Yes sir.

Q.Have you ever been alone on the station for any period?

A.No sir.

Q. How is it that Manning is alone on the station all the time when you two go on leave.

A. Because the first assistant and myself always go on leave together. We had always worked together and he did all he could for me.

Q. If you have such confidence in the first assistant and practically none at all in Manning, why did you leave him alone on the station for extended periods, if you had any interest in the proper operation of the station under your charge?

A. I practically took the chance.

Q. You admit that you falsified the records in regard to leave of absences and watches stood at the station?

A. Only the leave of absences, the watch book is correct.

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

TSC:LON Sept. 29, 1920.

William F. Rhodes,
Keeper, Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.)

1. Referring to charges preferred against you by the Superintendent of the Third Lighthouse District for violation of fishery laws.

2. The Bureau hereby severely reprimands you for violating the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut, which is contrary to instructions to Employees, 1915, Par. 42, and warns you that a repetition of this offense will result in more drastic action being taken. You are directed to remove from the light station all fishing gear of whatever character, and all keepers at Greens Ledge Ledge Light Station will discontinue indefinitely all fishing operations, and you will be guided accordingly. On account of your previous good record no action other than the above will be taken in your case at this time.

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

(Signed) G. J. Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

TSC:LON Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
1 Incls Sept. 29, 1920.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for his information, guidance, and files. Inclosed is copy of Bureau letter of this date to the State Board of Fisheries and Game, Hartford, Conn. Be guided accordingly.

Acting Commissioner of L[illegible]

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No. 230:LON

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 2 1920 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Sept. 29, 1920.

State Board of Fisheries and Game,
Hartford, Conn.

Gentlemen:

1. Referring to letter of August 17, 1920, addressed to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y., by Warden Wilbur F. Smith, and to letter of August 15, 1920, to this office from John M. Crampton, relative to violation of the fishery laws of the State of Connecticut by William F. Rhodes, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.

2. I beg to advise you that Mr. Rhodes has been reprimanded for his actions, and has been directed to remove all fishing gear from the light station, and instructions have also been issued for all keepers at this light station to discontinue indefinitely all fishing operations. The Bureau thanks you for the information furnished and would be pleased to be notified should it appear that the keepers at this station engage in fishing operations in violation of the instructions herein referred to.

Respectfully,

(Signed) G. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: September 1,1920

SUBJECT: Charges against William F.Rhodes, Keeper, Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.
REFERENCE: Endorsement from this office August 25,1920.

1. The following correspondence re William F. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Newspaper clipping, dated Aug.11,1920.
b - Copy of our letter of Aug.14 to Game Warden Wilbur Smith.
c - Letter of August 17 from Warden Smith.
d - Copy of letter of charges dated Aug.20th to Keeper Rhodes.
e - Letter from Keeper Rhodes dated Aug.25th.
f - Letter from Asst.Keeper Emeigh dated Aug.25th.

2. Keeper Rhodes having been found guilty of violating the laws of the State of Connecticut concerning the matter of lobster fishing and fined on account of such violation, he should, in accordance with paragraph 42 of Instructions to Employees of this service, be dismissed. In view of the fact, however, that Mr.Rhodes' services have heretofore been satisfactory, he having kept a good station, and as at the present time it is impossible to obtain sufficient men to fill vacancies at light stations, it is considered to be to the interests of the service and it is recommended, that Mr.Rhodes be reprimanded on account of the occurrence referred to herein and ordered to remove from the light station all fishing gear of whatever character, and to discontinue indefinitely all fishing operations, the latter condition being applicable to all of the keepers at Greens Ledge Light Station. It is also recommended that the Board of Fisheries & Game of the State of Connecticut be advised of the action taken and requested to notify this service if at any time the Board referred to should find the keepers of this station engaged in fishing operations.

J. T. YATES.

Sept. 27.

#65 Eagle St.

Bridgeport Ct.

Aug. 24, 1920.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. AUG 27 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Mr. Yates,

Dear Sir:-

In regards to my husband having sold short lobsters to Roton Point Hotel, I wish to say that others had sold lobsters at the same time but rather than making a fuss to prove it he pleaded guilty.

He is very sorry that

such a thing has
happened but I can
assure you he will
never do it again as
he has disposed of
all lobster rigging.

He has been sincerely
looking forward to
getting a shore sta-
tion as he has
been in the service
nine years and
has worked faithful.

Hoping you will
overlook this mistake.
I remain,
Very truly
Mrs. W. F. Rhodes.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

THIRD DISTRICT.

GREENS LEDGE LIGHT STATION.
AUGUST 25, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to state that the charge against my keeper which to my knowledge seems impossible, as I disposed of the first lot of lobsters, and as I was about to put my lobsters in the ice box, I noticed that there were others, and the chef told me to take them out and to put mine in first which I did and the ones that I took out looked to me as being short lobsters but I did not say anything as they had came from some regular lobstermen.
The second lot of lobsters wer dispoed of about a week later from which the Game Warden claimed to have found a few short lobsters but it seems impossible that there could of been as many as the "Game Warden" claimed as my Keeper was always very careful in measuring the lobsters before disposing of them.

Enclosed find letter recd by me from the "State Board of Fisheries" regarding my license for the lobster fishing. We have disposed of all lobster gearing in accordance with letter recd.

Respectfully,

(signed.) ADAM A. EMEIGH, Jr.

1 Asst. Keeper.

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Greens Ledge Light Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

August 25, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 20, 1920, with charges against me for violating the fishery laws which for selling short lobsters at Roton Point Hotel for which I was convicted and fined by Judge Vosburg of Norwalk, Conn. on August 11, 1920.

I respectfully wish to state that the charge against me for selling the short lobsters at Roton Point was a very doubtgul charge to my knowledge, as I was very doubtful of those short lobsters being mine, as the proprieter of Roton Point has been receiving lobsters from different ones. The bookkeeper of Roton Point made the statement that he had been receiving lobsters from diferent parties, which I could repeal the charge against me, but I did not want to make trouble for any one else. So I took the resposibility for them all.

The Game Warden of Norwalk, Conn. found these short lobsters at Roton Point Hotel they were not in my possess ion at the time. They had been getting there lobsters from the regular lobster men from the Rowayton, Conn. River. I was unable at the time that the short lobsters were found at Roton Point to supply them regular, and had only a few pots set and were in the immediate vicinity of my station. There was only two times which Roton Point was supplied by me, which to me was very doubtful that there could of been mine. In the first lot consisted of Ninety four lbs. and the second lot consisted of Seventy one lbs, from which the Game Warden claimed to have found a few short lobsters in with the possable ones.

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STATE BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME.

Superintendent's Office.

Hartford, Conn.
August 18, 1920.

Mr. Adam Emeigh, Jr.

Greens Reef Light.

Norwalk, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

By power and authority vested in me under our statute law Chapter 148, Sec. 3338, I hereby revoke your lobster license and order you to take up all traps, and cars and take them ashore, returning your permit to County Game Warden Wilbur F. Smith.
Address, So. Norwalk. Ct.

(signed.) JOHN M. CRAMPTON,

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In regards to my name not being on the lobster cart I had only two days before made the cart and was about to put on my name and number when the Game Warden came to Station, and noticed that there was no name or number on the cart, but at that time there was nothing in the cart.

I respectfully wish to say that I have disposed of all lobster pots and gearing. I am very sorry that this trouble has occured, and if you please consider the case on my part, I will be very careful in the future that it will not happen again.

Respectfully,

(signed.) W. F. RHODES.

Keeper.

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3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES.

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 25th, 1920.

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,

SUBJECT: William F. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement August 20th, 1920 forwarding letter August 15th, 1920 from John M. Crampton.

Returned to Commissioner.

This office first obtained information relative to this matter through a notice in the newspaper, copy of which is enclosed. Enclosed also for the information of the Bureau is copy of letter dated August 17th, 1920 received from the State Board of Fisheries and Game and copy of charges dated August 20th, 1920 against the keeper. Further report will be made to the Bureau as soon as reply to charges has been received from the keeper.

J. T. YATES

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

August 20,1920

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with violation of the Fishery Laws of the State of Connecticut, also with violation of paragraph 42 of Instructions to Employees of the Lighthouse Service,1915, in that you have not conformed to the requirements of the permit issued for lobster fishermen by the State of Connecticut, by having your lobster traps and pots marked as required by law; also by selling short lobsters at a hotel at Roton Point, Connecticut, for which offence you were convicted and fined by Judge Vosburg at Norwalk, Conn., on the morning of August 11,1920.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate labguage, free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES.

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STATE BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME

So. Norwalk, Conn.
August 17th, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your inquiry for the facts connected with the arrest of Wm. Rhodes, keeper of the Greens Reef Light for violation of the lobster laws.

I would inform you, as you know, that it is a newspaper error in crediting Rhodes to the Pecks Ledge Light, he being stationed on Greens Reef Light.

Conditions have been bad here this season. Over two hundred traps has been lost by having buoys cut, traps stolen and lobsters taken, and it was while working on these matters that I visited Rhodes on Aug. 5th to inspect his lobsters.

At this time he had no lobsters on hand and claimed that he had but 25 traps set.

Asked why he did not have his name and permit number marked on his car, he said, "he was going to do that" but that it"was a new car"though the marine growth on the car seemed to tell another story.

That afternoon I visited the resort known as Roton Point to inspect their lobsters and found a number of short lobsters in their ice box.

This resort is just inshore from the Greens Reef Light. The chef, the head waiter, the bookkeeper and the manager all claimed that the lobsters in the ice box was all purchased from the lighthouse keeper, that there was no other lobsters in the place, before and that they had purchased no lobsters from any other source since.

On Aug. 6th, I visited the light and again talked with Rhodes and asked him if he sold the Roton Point. He tried to evade the questi by saying it was the market of one Johnson, but finally admitted that he sold lobsters to them the Saturday night before"fifty pounds", thoug the books showed that he had sold them 71 pounds on that date and 80 pounds on the Monday previously.

These facts was presented to the prosecuting attorney with th result that a complaint was drawn against him.

On the afternoon of Aug. 10th Rhodes was in town of his own accord and called into the office of the prosecuting attorney and questioned as to whether or not he had sold to the Points as they claim

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He admitted that he had sold to the Point 151 pounds of lobsters in the mentioned one week and made other statements that do not sound good to one knowing all the facts.

He told us that Adam Eneigh, Jr. was in it as much as he was and it was not right that he should stand it alone. That he had "two sunken cars that he could pull on the light" which might well explain why he could sell 151 pounds of lobsters in one week and not have any more in his large car in the next week. He told hs also that he "had the advantage over the other fishermen". This can be interpreted in various ways.

Rhodes appeared before Judge Vosburg on his own recognizance on the morning of August 11th charged with taking, having in possession and selling short lobsters each lobster being a separate offence. The Chef, head waiter and bookkeeper from the Point testified to the facts as stated.

Rhodes would not take the stand in his own defence and said he was "ready to pay up" and was fined fifty dollars and cost which he paid. I am sending herewith a copy of the Connecticut lobster statutes and would also inform you that an applicant for a lobster permit in this stae receives a form which he fills out, stating that he will respect and live up to the laws and on the back of his permit is printed the law, so that there is no excuse for one not knowing the law.

The Statute provides that a person convicted of a violation of the lobster laws cannot fish for one year after, his permit being revoked.

The above is a plain statement of the case as I know it and which can be verified by numerous witnesses.

I am
Yours very truly,
(Signed) Wilbur F. Smith.
Warden, Fish and Game.

P.S. It seems strange to me that the Light keepers should go into the lobster business on such a scale as to compete with those fishermen who depend upon fishing for a business.

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COPY: SS

Hartford, Conn.
August 15th, 1920.

U.S.Board of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Com.Putnam.

Am writing you with reference to one Mr. Rhodes keeper of the South Norwalk Light who has been convicted in the court for violation of our lobster laws.

He was very reticent to give the court any information but admitted his guilt; very numerous buoys of other fisherman, amounting to hundreds of dollars have been cut adrift, traps robbed, short lobsters taken and retained in sunken cars; he was arrested by our deputy W.F.Smith who has had him under suspicion for many weeks. I have recalled his license, also Mr. Maning's his assistants whom we have every reason to believe was in league with him.

South Norwalk people are very much exercised over this matter, and it does not strke me that he is a suitable man for a U.S.Officer.

Trusting you will give this matter your immediate attention and write me at an early date,

I remain
JonnM.Crampton.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
August 20th, 1920.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
for report and return.

Gillette
Acting Commissioner.

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August 14,1920

Mr. Wilbur Smith,
Game Warden,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Wm.F.Rhodes, keeper, arrest a/c selling short lobsters.

1. It is noted from a newspaper article, that William F.Rhodes, keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station, was recently arrested and fined on account of selling short lobsters.

2. Will you have the kindness to furnish this office with all of the facts connected with this matter?

J. T. YATES.
Superintendent

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of Greens Ledge Lt Sta

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NEWSPAPER CLIPPING.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER.
SOLD SHORT LOBSTERS.

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South Norwalk, Aug. 11,---------
William Rhodes, keeper of the Pecks Ledge Lighthouse, off Norwalk, was fined $50. and costs this morning for selling short lobsters. A traffic in shorts has been going on in the waters around Norwalk for some time, according to Game Warden Wilbur Smith, who made the arrest.

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William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rewayton, Conn.

June 15,1920

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Transfer asked

SUBJECT: Transfer to shore station.
REFERENCE: Your letter June 2,1920.

1. You are advised that at the present time there is a vacancy in the position of assistant keeper of Staten Island Light Station, located on shore on Staten Island, N.Y. Family quarters are provided for the two keepers. The light is a 2nd order oil vapor. There is no fog signal. In your case the total pay of this position would be $88.50 per month, consisting of base pay of $50 per month, ration allowance of 45 cents per day. $5.00 per month longevity pay and temporary increase of $20.00 per month. It is thought possibly you may be interested in this position, and information is requested as to whether or not you would care to be considered for transfer to same.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

Form 8AFR

Grosse Isle Light Station
Wyandotte, Mich.
June 18, 1880.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Reference: Your letter June 16, 1880.

Sir:

I respectfully wish to state I can not accept the position of Assistant Keeper of Hinton Island Light Station As for my salary I am now getting an keeper, I could not expect to accept the position of Assistant Keeper, I wish to thank you just the same for the offering of same.

Respectfully

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Dismissed 4-28-21 from Service.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Greens Ledge Light Station

Rowayton, Conn.

June 2, 1920.

Superintendnent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully would like to ask if I could be considered for a shore station for my self and family. I wish to say that I have lost my mother, so as for my wife and child and my self would be very please to be considered for a shore station for the future.

Should a vacancy occur at the following stations on my list I would please like to be considered for the position as keeper, thanking you for same.

Respectfully,

W. F. Rhodes.
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Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.
June 2, 1920.

X Elm Tree Light Station, New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y.
X Richmond Light Station, Richmond, Staten Island, N.Y.
X Stratford Point Light Station, Stratford, Conn.

Respectfully,

H. A. Rhodes
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Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.
June 2, 1920.

Elm Tree Light Station, New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y.
Richmond Light Station, Richmond, Staten Island, N.Y.
Stratford Point Light Station, Stratford, Conn.

Respectfully,

H. A. Rhodes
Kpr.

#14184.

At a Superior Court, holden at Bridgeport, within and for the County of Fairfield, on the 30th day of January, 1920.

Present, Hon JOHN E. KELLER Judge

FREDERICK WILLIAM BOND)
Of Bridgeport, said County,) Fairfield County,
APPLICATION OF FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO) Superior Court,
WILLIAM FREDERICK RHODES.) January 30th, 1920

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J U D G M E N T

This application dated January 19, 1920, praying for a change of name, came to this Court on the 21st day of January, 1920, and thence to the present time when the said applicant appeared and was fully heard thereon, no one appearing in opposition thereto. The Court found the allegations of said application to be proved and true and that the applicant is entitled to the relief prayed for.

WHEREUPON IT IS ADJUDGED that the name of the applicant be and it is hereby changed from Frederick William Bond to William Frederick Rhodes, by which name he shall hereafter be known and called, with all the rights and privileges heretofore pertaining to the aforesaid applicant under the aforesaid name and subject to all the duties and obligations resting upon him under said former name.

By the Court,

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Asst. Clerk.

No. 14184)
FREDERICK WILLIAM BOND) STATE OF CONNECTICUT
vs.)
APPLICATION OF FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO) Fairfield County ss. Superior Court
WILLIAM FREDERICK RHODES.)

I, FRED W. TRACY, Clerk of said Court, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true copy of the original JUDGMENT in said cause, as on file and of record appears.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the SEAL. Seal of said Court, at Bridgeport, in said County, this 31st day of January, 1920.

Fred W. Tracy Clerk.
By Michael J. Flanagan Assistant Clerk.

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Form 76.

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. MAR 6 1920 RECEIVED

REQUEST

Greens Ledge Light Station January 17, 1920
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3 rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 9 days of shore liberty or leave, from January 2,1920 to January 10,1920, inclusive, 1920 I have had ~~40~~ 0 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Substitute impossible account of my Mothers death.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

360 Nichols Street (Street or R. D. Route.), Bridgeport (City.), Connecticut (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

W. F. Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Feb. 7,1920, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 9 days, from Jan. 2nd to Jan. 10th, inclusive, 1920.

Substitute must * be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

*Substitute should have been furnished.

J. T. YATES
Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 11 A. M. Jan. 2, 1920.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 5 P. M. Jan. 10, 1920.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 8 1/4 days.

Period charged: 8 1/4 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

W. F. Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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Form 76.

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED MAR 6 1920

REQUEST

Greens Ledge Light Station January 17, 1920
(Station.)

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~~Inspector~~ Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

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Keeper
(Title.)

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
) SS.
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD,)

Bridgeport, Conn., January 7, 1920

I, Walter H. Brown, M.D. of the Town of Bridgeport in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, Registrar duly chosen to keep the Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths in said Town of Bridgeport, hereby certify that the following is a true extract from the record of births in said town:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
Certificate of Birth

1. Name of Child-Frederick W. Bond. 2. Sex - Male
3. Place of birth, Town - Bridgeport No. 163 Main Street
4. Date of birth - 29 day of March 1890
5. Full name of Father- F. J. Bond
6. Age of Father - 24 Years.
7. Color of Father - White
8. Residence of Father - Town - Bridgeport State Conn.
9. Birthplace of Father-England
10. Occupation of Father - Insurance
11. Maiden name of Mother-Martha Zimmerman
12. Age of Mother - 18 Years.
13. Color of Mother - White.
14. Residence of Mother - Town Bridgeport State Conn.
15. Birthplace of Mother - Germany
16. Number of Children of Mother 1 No. Living 1

I certify the above from the best information I can obtain.

Dated 19 Name Andrew Watt
M.D.

Attest Walter H. Brown M.D. Registrar.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,)
) SS.
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD,)

Bridgeport, January 7 A.D. 1920

Personally appeared the above named Walter H. Brown M.D. Registrar of the Town of Bridgeport, and made solemn oath to the truth of the foregoing certificate by him subscribed.

, Cora L. Freyler
Notary Public

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Form 1204

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Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSE

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AM HOME ON ACCOUNT OF MY MOTHERS DEATH

W F RHOADES

GREEN LEDGE LT STA ROWAYTON CONN

415 PM

Rec'd 5 1/4 PM
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Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

November 8,1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully and my Assisant Keeper have not yet received our salary checks for the month of October. On account of the weather it was impossible to mail the reports on time.

Respectfully,

W. F. Rhodes.
Keeper.

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William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

Feb. 24,1919

SUBJECT: Position, keeper, Isle La Motte.

1. Advise this office by return mail, whether or not, in the event of a vacancy, you would be willing to accept the position of keeper of Isle La Mote Light Station, located on an island in Lake Champlain, Vermont. The salary is $720 per annum in addition to which you would receive the usual ration allowance of 45 cents per day, and the temporary increase of $10 per month for the period up to June 30,1919. You will also continue to receive the longevity pay of $60 per annum. The light is a 6th order oil and there is no fog signal. There is no assistant keeper. Quarters are provided for family of keeper.

J. T. YATES

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William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

Jan. 21,1919

SUBJECT: Position, keeper, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you consider Assistant Keeper Emeigh, capable and a suitable man to be transferred and promoted to the position of keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station.

J. T. YATES.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSP.
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.
1/20/19.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Cancel Transfer of Great Captain Island Lt.Sta.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter January 18th,1919. inregards of transfer to Great Captain Island Light Station.

I respectfully wish to decline the offering of Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station. My reason for decline the same, my wife is not in the position to go there at the present time. Thanking you for the same.

Respectfully.

H. F. Rhodes
Keeper.

Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.
1/18/19

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Position of Keeper of Great Captain Island Lt.Sta.

Sir:-

Reply to your letter January 13,1919. asking if I would like to be considered for transfer to the position of Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.

I respectfully would like to be considered for the position of Keeper of Great Captain Light Station.

Thanking you for same.

Respectfully.

H. F. Rhodes
Keeper

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W.F.Rhodes,Keeper,
Greens Ledge Lt.Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

November 13th, 1918.

SUBJECT: Pay for October of Keeper and Asst.Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

REFERENCE: Keeper's letter of Nov.9,1918.

You are informed that your pay for October will be sent you as soon as your sick leave is settled.

The pay of the Assistant Keeper will be sent him as soon as his oath and personal question sheets are returned duly executed.

J.F.YATES

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William F. Rhodes, Keeper, Nov. 12,1918

Greene Ledge Light Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Form 76, leave of absence.

Form 76, in duplicate, requesting authority for your absence from duty from October 25th to Nov.8th, is returned herewith. As you are requesting the leave, the "REQUEST" must be signed by you. The Assistant Keeper must not sign his name to this form, unless he makes request for leave for himself. Forward two copies of form properly signed.

J. T. YATES.

Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.
11/9/18.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to state I have not received my check for the month of October. And also the assistant keeper. I have not received check for voucher which was signed and forward for payment for the meals charged for Barney Murphy Machinist.

Respectfully,

W. F. Rhodes
Keeper

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 9, 1918.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 648 per annum to $ 1020 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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FINAL REPORT

Keeper in charge.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTION SERVICE
NOV 15 1918
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Greens Ledge Lt Sta Nov 8, 1918.
(Station.)

Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District:

I respectfully request that I be granted 14 days of shore liberty or leave, from Oct 25 to Nov 8, inclusive, 1918. I have had 13 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Impossible, Address.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

153 South Main St., Norwalk, Conn.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

W. F. Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

Office of Inspector, 3rd District, Nov. 16, 1918, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 14 days, from Oct. 25th to Nov. 8th, inclusive, 1918.

Substitute should have been ~~be~~ furnished during this absence. (Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. T. YATES,

~~Inspector~~, Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1.00 P. M. Oct 25, 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 1.00 P. M. Nov 8, 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 14 days.

Period charged: days.

W. F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

W. F. Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

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William F. Rhodes, Keeper,

Greens Ledge Light Station,

South Norwalk, Conn.

Oct. 29, 1918

SUBJECT: Absence from duty a/c illness.

REFERENCE: Letter from Mrs. Rhodes dated Oct. 26, 1918.

Sir:

Referring to your absence from duty on account of illness; you are directed to report to this office when you return to your station, and to submit Form 76 to cover the period of your absence.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

103 So. Main St.
So. Norwalk Ct.
Oct. 26, 1918.

Superintendent
of Light houses.

Dear Sir

I am sorry to report that my husband, Mr. W. Rhodes, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station was taken very ill and brought ashore, but am glad to say he is improving, and will able to report to duty in a few days.

Mr. Adam Emeigh, Assistant keeper is capable and willing

Oct 26/18

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Keeper Adam H. Emeigh JR

Sept 27
1st [illegible]

#153 So. Main St.,
So. Norwalk Ct.,
Oct. 26, 1918.

Supt. write for
husband when he
returns up

Superintendent
of Light-houses.

Dear Sir -

I am sorry
to report that my
husband, Mr. W. Rhodes,
Keeper of Greens Ledge
Light Station was
taken very ill and
brought ashore, but
am glad to say he
is improving, and
will able to report
to duty in a few days.

Mr. Adam Emeigh,
Assistant-keeper is
capable and willing

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTION
3D DIST.
OCT 28 1918
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DUNKIRK, N.Y.

to operate station until my husband returns.

Respectfully
Mrs. Wm. F. Rhodes.

Reg. No. 923

H. C. SHERER, M. D.
1 WASHINGTON ST., SO. NORWALK, CONN.
TELEPHONE 6

OFFICE HOURS:
UNTIL 9.30 A. M.
1 TO 3 P. M.
6 TO 8 P. M.

DATE .....

PATIENT'S NAME ..... ADDRESS .....

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Oct. 25, 1918.

To whom this may concern:—

This is to certify that Wm. F. Rhodes is ill with influenza. He is under my professional care.

Henry C. Sherer M. D.

PLAISTED'S DRUG STORE
G. F. MOULTON, Prop.
43 Washington St., So. Norwalk, Conn.

..... M. D.

LIGHT HOUSE DIST. OCT 29 1918 SO. NORWALK CONN.

Sept 26/18

Superintendent of Light-House Service

Sir:—

I Wish to Report that my Keeper Mr Rhodes Was taken ill at the Station and I immediately had to be taken a Shor[t]

I Wish to Say that I Will operate said Untill he is able to Return for Duty.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTION
2D DIST.
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RESpectifully

1 assistant Keeper Adam T. Enneight JR

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.
4/26/18.

Inspector,

Sir.

I respectfully report that John P. Ross reported for duty for this station as Assistant Keeper. Reported on duty to this station Saturday April 27,1918. Hour, 8.00 A.M.

Respectfully,

William F. Rhodes.
Keeper.

EOD April 27-1918

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Execs Ledge Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 11th, 1917

Inspector

Sir

I wish to inform you that I went ashore on Dec 6th on my forty-eight hours and could not get back until Dec 12th on account of ice in the river and stormy weather

Respectfully.
Frank L Thompson
Asst Keeper

William F. Rhodes
Keeper

Form 1204

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

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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

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BRIDGEPORT CONN 955 AM DEC 1 1917

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR

TOMPKINSVILLE

WISH TO EXPRESS TO THE INSPECTOR MY BELOVING FATHER PASSED AWAY WILL REPORT BACK TO DUTY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS SOON AS MY FATHER IS LAID AT REST

WM F RHODES

KEEPER

1040 AM

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. DEC 1 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

FWO-WJL

William F.Rhodes,Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

December 1,1917.

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of this date concerning your absence from duty on account of the death of your father.

Upon your return to duty you will submit application for leave on the proper form to cover the period of your absence.

J T Yates

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. DEC 7 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

REQUEST

Greens Ledge Lt, Sta Nov 30, 1917.
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3d DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 3 days of shore liberty or leave, from Dec 1 1917 to Dec 4 1917, inclusive, 1917. I have had 38 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Substitute could not be required at that time
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

360 Nichol St, Bridgeport, Conn.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

William F Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

William F Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Dec. 14, 1917, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for four days, from Dec. 1, 1917 to Dec. 4, 1917, inclusive, 1917.

Substitute must * be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

*Should have been

J. T. YATES

Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 5 P.M. Nov 30, 1917.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 1 P.M. Dec 4, 1917.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ~~3 3/4~~ 3-5/6 days.

Period charged: ~~3 3/4~~ 3-5/6 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

William F Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

William F Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. NOV 7 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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REQUEST

Greens Ledge, Lt Sta, 1917
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT:

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. NOV 22 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

I respectfully request that I be granted 9 days of shore liberty or leave, from Nov 10, 1917 to Nov 19, 1917, inclusive, 191 . I have had 29 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Willis Steele (Name.), Milford Conn. (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

360 Nichol Street (Street or R. D. Route.), Bridgeport (City.), Conn. (State.)

William F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

William F. Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Nov. 7, 1917, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for nine days, from Nov. 10th to Nov. 18th, inclusive, 1917.

Substitute must be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. T. YATES

Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 4.00 P.M. 11/10, 1917.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 10.00 A.M. 11/19, 1917.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ~~9~~ 2 ~~3~~ 8 3/4 days.

Period charged: ~~9~~ ~~3~~ 8 3/4 days.

William F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

William F. Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
OCT
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1917
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TOMPKINSVILLE

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Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

10/26/17.

Inspector,

Sir.

I wish to report my self that it was impossible for me to report back to duty to my station, October,24th, and 25th, on account of blowing a hurricane,

I was a shore on my forty eight hours leave, I left my station October,22th, but could not report back to my station till Friday morning, October,26th,

Respectfully,

William F. Rhodes
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTORS OFFICE
JUN 21 1917
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 19th, 1917

Inspector

Sir

I wish to inform the office that the report concerning liberty is not so and that the keeper has not taken more than is due him as he is very anxious to get the station done. As to his conduct he has always been a gentleman in every respect and is very particular as to the company he associats with. He has always treated me like a brother and has done more for me than any other man I have ever came in contact with. and I have never met a finer man. He has a room at my house and has helped me out in a good many ways as I have had sickness in my family and have had a hard winter. I also wish to state that I take my regular liberty when the work will permit and the keeper has never refused me since I have been on the station. There is one or two partys in Rowaytow that have tried to make trouble for the keeper and I here in rowaytow and now they are doing the same to him but I can swear that the report is false in every respect. I am willing to face the party that made this report and I hope to do so in the near future. as I am going to look them up.

THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 11th, 1917

The log book will show all the liberty to date that we have taken since I came here and that it does not exceed the rules and regulations. As far as liberty is concerned I am satisfyed with the rules and regulations and can not understand why such a report could be made when I have never complained to any one and try to live up to them in every way.

Respectfully
Frank L Thompson
Asst Keeper

Frank L Thompson Keeper

7391

Greens Ledge ~~Light~~ Station
Rowayton, Conn.

6/18/17.

Inspector,

Sir

Referring to your letter June 12th, 1917. concerning of some personal party making a report against me, in Rowayton, Conn. I wish to state to the Inspector that such complaint is a falsehood, and I can not understand why that personal party mention my conduct, I am willing to furnish any require reference concerning my character, and would very much like to come in contact with that personal party who is trying to make a false charge on my part,

And concerning the liberty at this station, my Assistant Keeper and my self do not take the excess leave that is granted this station in some months according to the rules and regulations, except when we go in for mail, my Assistant Keeper, Mr. Frank L. Thompson takes his regular leave every month, Forty eight hours at a time, as well as through the week Mr. Thompson takes a few hours to see his people while he is a shore for mail, but in some weeks we do not take any leave on account of the work being done at this station, the log book shows how much leave we have been taken right up to the date,

I wish to state I live strict to my knowledge up to the rules and regulations for this station, but under all consideration I would like to bring the matter up to the Inspector, when he visit this station, as I could explain it more definite,

Respectfully,

William H. Rhodes.
Keeper.

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JTY-WJL

June 12,1917.

William F.Rhodes,Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

This office has received a letter from a resident of Rowayton, Conn., to the effect that your conduct while ashore is not such as to be of credit to an employee of the Lighthouse Service, also that you are taking an excessive amount of shore liberty and that the assistant keeper is not being permitted to take the liberty that is rightfully due him.

This office does not see fit to investigate this report at this time, but desires to advise you in regard to same in this manner. Under these conditions it is not known whether or not there are any foundations for the report, if there are not, this letter to you need not be given any further consideration, if there are, you are to at once see that your conduct for all future time is such that cannot be criticized by any one, and such that will be of credit to an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

In connection with this matter your attention is invited to Paragraph 8, page 8, of the Instructions to Employees, U.S. Lighthouse Service, 1915.

J T Yates

South Norwalk

June 7th 1917

Dear Sir

I have the Honor to write calling your attention to the way the first Keeper Rhodes of Greens reef Light off Rotton Point So Norwalk Conn is conducting himself in our Neighborhood at Rotton Point. He lives next door to 2nd Keeper Thompson lives with his wife and 2 Children a boy 6 years old and a girl 3 years. Sunday May the 20th last month he came over from the Light and stayed till 2 at the 26th in the house with Thompsons wife then went back and let Thompson come over and stay with his family just 24 hours he went then over to them Fence. Rhodes comes

Rhodes is doing with his wife it about a rank a deal ever pulled off around here the talk of the place I Mine here in Rowayton now 23 years and never see the like I think Something ought to be done in regard to Rhodes we all think so that why I write to you

very Respt Yours

Lieut Charles H. Oakes
Rowayton Conn

Comes away from the light with the Boat Leaving thompson allone for days on the light and no boat there it was the cause last winter of thompson being Caught in the ice of Rhodes Chaseing his wife he Leaves as I Say thompson all alone for days that aint right this week tuesday Eve 9 P.M he Comes to see her pounding on the door to make her up most Sickley he will stay there the rest of the week with here the husband I know dont know not what he is doing he Could not get away to see no boat there its the talk of the Neighborhood we Cant help but See what Rhodes is doing as I Say we live next to thompsons and see it all but we think Rhodes aught to Let thompson Come home to his family once and a while one Let him know what

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NDW

JAN 18 1917

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on the afternoon of December 30, 1916, in helping to extinguish the flames on an oyster boat which had caught afire near the light station, 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,

(Signed) William C. Redfield

Secretary.

Mr. William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

2-Inclosures

Jan. 19, 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N.Y.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:
Inclosed are original and one copy of similar letter addressed to the asstkpr.
See your indorsement of Jan. 2, 1917. Clark
Chief Clerk



Green's Ledge Light Station

Rowayton, Conn.

1/12/17.

Inspector

Sir

I wish to report that I left my station on December 18th,1916. 4.00 P.M.

And reported back on duty on Decmber 20th,1916. 1.30 P.M.

Respectfully

William F. Rhodes.

Keeper.

COPY.

C. A.—1B
REVISED AUG. 1, 1913

REPORT OF INJURY

[To be submitted to the Secretary of Labor, through official channels, as soon as practicable after an injury to a civilian Government employee in the course of employment, causing incapacity for work for one day or longer.]

LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

Rec'd at this office Jan 9, 1917

1. Department Light House Service [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or Office ____ [Engineer, Reclamation, etc.]

3. Place of employment Greens Ledge [Navy Yard, Arsenal, Project, etc.] Rowayton, [City.] Conn. [State.]

4. Reporting office Tompkinsville, N.Y. [Location of reporting office, division headquarters, etc.]

5. Name of injured employee William F. Rhodes. [Give first name in full.] 6. Age ____ 7. Sex Male

8. ~~Married~~, single, ~~widowed~~. [Cross out two words.] 9. Race White 10. Occupation Keeper

11. Rate of pay, $ 624. per annum and subsistence valued at $ ____ per ____

12. Employee begins work at 8:00 a m. [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] 13. Hours worked per day 8 14. Days worked per week 6

15. Time of accidental injury Dec. 18th [Date.], 1916 Monday [Day of week.] 10:00 a m. [Hour, a. m. or p. m.]

16. Cause of injury Working on scaffold. [Character of work, tool or machine used, motive power, etc., and how injury occurred.]

Working on scaffold while scaling off old paint under upper gallery, when I slip from my hold and fall off.

17. Nature and extent of injury causing disability Shocking up, bruise and sprain wrist.

18. Witnesses to accident None

19. Incapacity for work began Dec. 20th [Date.], 1916 Wednesday [Day of week.] 1.30 p m. [Hour, a. m. or p. m.]

20. Remarks ____

The above report is made this ____ day of ____, 191 , in accordance with the provisions of the compensation act of May 30, 1908.

____
[Signature of reporting officer.]

____
[Title.]

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(All forwarding indorsements should be made on the back of this sheet.)

SW

January 9th 1917.

William F.Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

Herewith is returned your report of injury.

Use the attached blank for submitting a new report, consideration to be given to the following criticisms of your former report.

1. Commerce.
2. Lighthouses.
3. Greens Ledge Light Station, Rowayton, Conn.
4. Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
6. Insert age.
11. Subsistence allowance is .30 per day.
16. Amplify reply, stating distance you fell and on what you landed.
19. Refers to date of beginning of inability to perform your duties.

Also date and sign your report, and send same to this office as soon as practicable.

J.T.Yates

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JAN 9 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

April
No check ever
awaiting settlement
of account
Inspector check or cert
to day 1/9/17

Greens Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 8th, 1917.

Sir

I wish to state that I have not yet received my check for the month of December.

Will you please look the same up.

Respectfully

William F. Rhodes.
Keeper.

SW

January 8th 1917.

William F.Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

On December 19th 1916, this office sent you form C.A.-1B, "Report of Injury", to be filled out in regards to the injury you sustained on December 18,1916,and returned to this office, but to date it has not been received.

Enclosed is another "Report of Injury", in case you did not receive the last, which you will fill out and return to this office as soon as practicable.

You will also inform this office the date and hour you left the station, and the date and hour you returned to duty, using separate sheet.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Haskell

SW

C. A.—2b
REVISED JUNE 15, 1913

LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

REPORT OF TERMINATION OF DISABILITY

[To be forwarded to the Secretary of Labor, through official channels, as soon as disability from injury terminates.]

1. Department of Commerce. [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or Office Lighthouses. [Engineer, Reclamation, etc.]

3. Name of injured employee William F. Rhodes. [Give first name in full.]

4. Time of injury December 18th, 1916 [Date.] Monday [Day of week.] 10:00a m. [Hour, a.m. or p.m.]

5. Time employee stopped work December 18th, 1916 [Date.] Monday [Day of week.] 10:00a m. [Hour, a.m. or p.m.]

6. First day employee was able to work December 20th, 1916 [Date.] Wednesday [Day of week.] 1:30p m. [Hour, a.m. or p.m.]

7. Did employee return to work after termination of disability? Yes.

If so, when? December 20th 1916.

8. Actual time disabled (Sundays and holidays included) 2 days, 3-1/2 hours ~~days~~

9. Working days disabled (actual working time) 2 days, 3-1/2 hours ~~days~~

10. Remarks

The above report is made this 16th day of January, 1917, in accordance with the provisions of the compensation act of May 30, 1908.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector. Haskell

[Signature of reporting officer.]

Superintendent.

[Title.]

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(All forwarding indorsements should be made on the back of this sheet.)

Surgeon's Certificate
Approved
Served



Green's Ledge Light Station

Rowayton, Conn.

12/20/16.

Inspector

Sir

Referring to my accident on December 18,1916. I wish to state that I report back on duty December 20,1916.

On December 18th, I was working alone out side on the stage when I slip from my hold and fell off, I was helpless for the time being, as I was quite shocking up from the fall, and at the same time I was alone on the station, My assistant keeper was a shore on his leave,

But I started the signal to have him come right off, as my assistant keeper Mr. Thompson lives right in the five mile river Rowayton, Conn. and at the same time a oyster boat came over to see if he could be any assistance In which I thank him very much for his kindness,

And at the same time my assistant keeper was on his way out to report for duty, and I manage to get a shore, and I went straight home for treatment, to fine out I was only bruise up and a sprain wrist,

Respectfully

William H. Rhodes
Keeper

FWO/EJC.

William F.Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut.

December 19th, 1916.

Referring to your telegram of December 18th, reporting that you fell off the stage while working, from which it is understood that you have been injured.

Please fill out and return at your earliest convenience, the enclosed report of injury.

J.T.YATES,

C. A.—1b
REVISED AUG. 1, 1913

LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

REPORT OF INJURY

[To be submitted to the Secretary of Labor, through official channels, as soon as practicable after an injury to a civilian Government employee in the course of employment, causing incapacity for work for one day or longer.]

1. Department Commerce [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or Office Light House. [Engineer, Reclamation, etc.]

3. Place of employment Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Rowayton, Conn. [Navy Yard, Arsenal, Project, etc.] [City.] [State.]

4. Reporting office Light House Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y. [Location of reporting office, division headquarters, etc.]

5. Name of injured employee William F. Rhodes [Give first name in full.] 6. Age 26 7. Sex Male

8. ~~Married~~, single, ~~widowed~~. [Cross out two words.] 9. Race White 10. Occupation Keeper

11. Rate of pay, $ 624. per annum and subsistence valued at $ .30 per day

12. Employee begins work at 8:00 a m. [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] 13. Hours worked per day 8 14. Days worked per week 6

15. Time of accidental injury December 18th [Date.], 1916 Monday [Day of week.] 10. a m. [Hour, a. m. or p. m.]

16. Cause of injury Fell 20 ft. landed on gallery roof. [Character of work, tool or machine used, motive power, etc., and how injury occurred.]

Was working on scaffold scaling when I slip from my hold and fell off.

17. Nature and extent of injury causing disability Sprain wrist, bruise and shocking up.

18. Witnesses to accident None

19. Incapacity for work began December 18th [Date.], 1916 Monday [Day of week.] 10:00 A m. [Hour, a. m. or p. m.]

20. Remarks

The above report is made this Friday day of January 12th, 1917, in accordance with the provisions of the compensation act of May 30, 1908.

Sgd- William F. Rhodes [Signature of reporting officer.]

Keeper. [Title.]

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(All forwarding indorsements should be made on the back of this sheet.)

Form 1864

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT ST. GEORGE, S. I., N. Y.

57NY RO 31 3 EX

SOUTH NORWALK DEPOT CONN 645PM DEC 18 1916

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR

TOMPKINSVILLE NY

I WISH TO REPORT TO THE INSPECTOR THAT I FELL

OFF THE STAGE WHILE WORKING BUT IS NOT SERIOUS WILL

REPORT ON DUTY IN A DAY OR SO

WOLLIAM F RHODES GREENSLEDGE LIGHT STATION

828P

Rec'd 10 03 pm 12-18-16 F.F.Y

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Phone Mess

Aspul Service

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P. M.
12-18-16

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. DEC 18 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

Rydal Oyster Co. report their boat when passing Green Ledge light today was requested by the keeper to notify the Insp. He had been hurt — asked for further particulars, and all he could tell me was he understood he fell off a scaffold, and the keeper had said "he didn't know how long he could stand it"

No. 205
Ed. 10-26-15—500,000

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY. FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS. 8—4789-2

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)
Rhodes, William Fredwith

2. Department:
Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:
3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:
Keeper

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

6. Annual earnings: **636**

7. Kind of appropriation: **LS**

8. Present rate of pay: $ **648 PA**

9. Initial rate of pay: $ **456**

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:	Months:
	4		9

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

12. Race: **W**

13. Sex: **Male**

14. Date of birth— Month: **March** Year: **1893**

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:
E8;C3(Commercial)

16. Marital condition: **S**

17. War veteran? **No**

18. Appointed from— Congressional district and State: **3Connecticut** County: **Fairfield**

19. Civil service status:
C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:
CE

21. Place of employment— City: **Rowayton** State: **Connecticut**

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. OCT 19 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

t of Commerce

August 24, 1916.

ent of Commerce:

ain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in con-
s of the probable cost of retirement of civil
rtment requests that you give to the best of
nd return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.
t practicable date. Please give this matter

E. F. [illegible]
Acting Secretary.

Rhodes

ial hours: Study

ed from the Government during the year ended
in service less than one year, state num-
nd total amount of compensation received,

civil establishment of the United States. If

	From (date)	To (date)

ntry into the Government service: $ 624.00

Eight
Three
Commercial

Special courses of study, [illegible]
(e.g. law, architecture, business, political science, technical, etc.)
Degrees taken Four years mechanic.

7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) Single.

8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement _____. If none so state _____.

9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged.
Congressional District, 3rd; State, Conn.; County, Richmond.

10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, Yes. Non-competitive examination, Yes. Individual Executive order specifying you by name, Yes. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, Yes. Classified by Act of Congress, Yes. Reinstated under individual Executive order No. Reinstated under blanket Executive order, No. Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, No. Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, No.

Form A.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
OCT 19 1917
RECEIVED
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

Department of Commerce

August 24, 1916.

To Officers and Employees of the Department of Commerce:

In order to be able to furnish certain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in connection with the preparation of estimates of the probable cost of retirement of civil employees of the United States, the Department requests that you give to the best of your ability the following information and return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist. at the earliest practicable date. Please give this matter immediate attention.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

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1. Name: William H. Rhodes.
2. Character of your work during official hours: Study.
3. Total amount of compensation received from the Government during the year ended June 30, 1916; $ 744.00. If in service less than one year, state number of months served, _____, and total amount of compensation received, $ _____.
4. Service in any other department or civil establishment of the United States. If none, so state.

Department or establishment	Bureau	From (date)	To (date)
None			

5. Rate of compensation at original entry into the Government service: $ 624.00
6. Educational training:
   Elementary school, years Eight
   High school, years None
   College or University, years Three
   Special courses of study, years Commercial
   (e.g. law, architecture, business, political science, technical, etc.)
   Degrees taken Four years mechanic
7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) Single.
8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement _____. If none so state _____.
9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged.
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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
OCT
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RECEIVED
PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

Green's Ledge Light Station

Rowayton, Conn.

10/10/16.

Inspector

Sir

Referring to your letter of October 6th 1916. that on September 12th 1916. a form similar to the one attach was forward to me with the instructions that same to be answered promptly, which, to date, I failed to do,
I wish to state that I fill out that form A. which was send to me on September 12th 1916. and was mail the same time when my assistant keeper send his in.

Respectfully

William R Rhodes
Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST. N.Y. APR 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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

April 16th, 1916.

Inspector

Sir

I this day April 16th. relieve the present keeper Mr. Biedermann and took charge.

Respectfully

William H. Rhodes
Keeper.

E O D April 16-1916 (Note new rate of pay at Greens Ledge Lt Sta)

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT Civilian Employees Number 75

Letter from Stanton, Vernon H. Ass't. Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.

Date April 15, 1916.

Subject Rhodes, William F.

Stanton, Vernon H. Ass't. Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt. Sta. reports relieving Rhodes, William F. Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.

Original filed under

Unit Civilian Employees Number 75

Stanton, Vernon H.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

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

April 15th, 1916.

Inspector

Sir

I wish to report that I left Romer Shoal light station april 15th to proceed and take charge of Green's Ledge light station.

Respectfully

William R. Rhodes.
Keeper

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JHG

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

April 6,1916

Form 76 requesting leave of absence from April 7th to 8th is returned herewith, and your attention is invited to District Circular No.108, dated February 29,1916, copy of which was sent you, which states that after March 1,1916 Form 76 need not be submitted provided leave taken is not in excess of the station allowance, except in cases where the Regulations require that a substitute be furnished. You are directed to familiarise yourself with the instructions in regard to leave of absence, and thus avoid unnecessary correspondence in future such as this.

J T YATES

Inspector

JHG

William F. Rhodes, Keeper, March 31,1916

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Referring to letter from this office dated March 25th re your appointment to the position of keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. You are informed that you have been selected for this position, and are hereby directed to proceed to the station named and relieve the present keeper Mr. Biedermann, without fail, on the close of April 15,1916, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property for which he has been responsible, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Inform this office promptly by letter when you have relieved Mr.Biedermann and taken charge of Greens Ledge Light Sta.

Vernon H. Stanton, assistant keeper at Romer Shoal, has been appointed to relieve you at the close of April 15th and take charge of the station. You will turn over to Mr.Stanton on that date, the station and all Government property for which you have been responsible, taking receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 were sent you March 25th. Advise this office promptly by letter when you have turned the station over to Mr.Stanton.

J T YATES

Inspector

Form 73a

JHC

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., March 25,1916 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about April 16,1916.

Name, William F. Rhodes

Position, Keeper

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

To Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Previous incumbent, August F. Biedermann

Services terminated, April 15,1916

Reason, Resigned

Letter from Mr. Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.

J T YATES

Tompkinsville, N. Y., April 19,1916, 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 16,1916.

J T YATES

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GAVIGAN

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., March 25,1916 191

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From Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N. Y. To Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Previous incumbent, August F. Biedermann

Services terminated, April 15,1916 Reason, Resigned

Letter from Mr.Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.

T YATES

N. Y., April 19,1916 , 191

pril 16,1916.

J T YATES

Acting Commissioner.

William F.Rhodes,Keeper,
Greens Ledge Lt. Station,
Rowayton,Conn.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

JHC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., March 25,1916 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about April 16,1916.

Name, William F. Rhodes Position, Keeper

From Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N. Y. To Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Previous incumbent, August F. Biedermann

Services terminated, April 15,1916 Reason, Resigned

Letter from Mr.Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.

J T YATES

N. Y., April 19,1916 , 191

April 16,1916.

J T YATES

William F.Rhodes
Keeper, Greens Ledge,
Light Station.

$648.a.

Acting Commissioner.

JHG

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Commissioner: March 25,1916

Referring to Form 73a forwarded to the Bureau to-day relative to transfer of William F.Rhodes from the position of Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station to the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

Attention is invited to the fact that it is proposed to transfer Mr.Rhodes to the position of keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station with pay at the rate of $648 per annum, the rate of pay authorized by Bureau letter of December 17,1915, notwithstanding the fact that the present keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station is paid at the rate of $624 per annum.

In explanation it may be stated that through the efforts of Mr. Rhodes the condition of Romer Shoal Light Station has been brought up to a satisfactory standard, and it is considered that he should receive the full rate of pay for the position of keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, as it is not considered just that he should be penalized on account of the unsatisfactory condition of Greens Ledge Light Station in the past for which he is not responsible.

J T YATES

JHG

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William F. Rhodes, Keeper, March 25,1916

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

You are informed that you have to-day been nominated for appointment to the position of keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station,Conn., and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to enter on duty in that position as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will be required at that station on April 16th.

Enclosed are three copies of Form 30 which you will fill out to show all the Government property in your charge at Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., so that you may obtain the necessary receipts for same from your successor.

J T YATES

Inspector

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAR 13 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAR 22 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Romer Shoal Mar 6, 1916
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3d DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 7 days of shore liberty or leave, from March 13th to March 19th, inclusive, 1916 I have had none days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Frank Oberly, Stapleton S. I. N.Y.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

11 Booth St., Bpt., Conn.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

William H. Rhodes
Vernon H. Stanton
Keeper in charge.

William H. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, March 13, 1916

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for seven days, from March 13th to March 19th, inclusive, 1916.

Substitute must be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

As you are the Keeper in Charge, the approval of request should have been signed by you. Sign same above Stanton's signature when returning form. In the future do not write anything under the heading of "Authority".

Joseph T. Yates
Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 6 A.M. Mar. 13, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 8 A.M. Mar. 17, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 5 14/24 days.

Period charged: 5 14/24 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

William H. Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

William H. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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Romer Shoal Lt. Sta
Longbranville N.J.
Jan 14, 1916.

Inspector

Sir

Referring your letter dated January 14th 1916. in regards of my report of Leave of absent I send in last month of December 1915, showing I was on Leave of absent during the month of December 1915, I wish to State that I reported my self to the office to the Inspector befor I reported back to my station December 28th 1915. that I was sick and unable to report back to my station.

Respectfully

William F. Rhodes
Keeper.

JHG

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

January 21,1916

Referring to your letter dated January 14,1916 relative to leave of absence taken by you during the month of December,1915.

Your attention is invited to paragraph 3 of Instructions on back of Form 76, which states that Form 76 shall be submitted for all the absence which is chargeable against the allowance of shore liberty or leave at the station. The only absence not chargeable against the allowance is that mentioned in the first two paragraphs of page 160 of "Instructions to Light Keepers,1911". Your attention is also invited to circular letter of instructions forwarded to all keepers in this District by endorsement of October 18,1912, which provides that the keeper or assistant keeper of a station such as Romer Shoal must not be absent more than two consecutive days without providing at his own expense a substitute.

YATES

Inspector

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED FEB 1916 TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

REQUEST

Romer Shoal Lt Sta, 191 6.
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST. FEB 26 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 2 days of shore liberty or leave, from Feb. 19th to Feb. 20, inclusive, 1916 I have had none days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

See paragraph 2 on back of form. substitute not required
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

Postoffice, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
(Street or R. F. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

William F. Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

William F. Rhodes
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, Feb. 18, 1916, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for two days, from Feb. 19th to Feb. 20th, inclusive, 191 6.

Substitute need not be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

In making out future applications do not write anything under part headed "AUTHORITY"

J. F. Wells
Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At none M., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At none M., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: none days.

Period charged: none days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

William F. Rhodes
Keeper in charge.

(Applicant's signature.)

11—882 (Title.)

THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 22, 1916

1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Inspector

Sir

Referring to my leave of absence on form 76 for leave of absent that I respectfully request that I be granted two days from Feb 19 to Feb 20. I wish to state that I did not take the leave I was granted, on account of weather,

Respectfully

William F Rhodes
Keeper.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, (City) N.Y. Dec. 24, 1915, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation.

Name, William F. Rhodes — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $648 p.a.

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

Effective January 1,1916 — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or / as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $624 p.a.

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

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

Previous incumbent, William F. Rhodes — Services terminated, Dec.31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915

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

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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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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
DEC 30 1915
HOUSES

December 29, 1915.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

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, ---------- Keeper ----------

in the ---------- Lighthouse Service ----------

at a salary of ---------- Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum ----------,

effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $624 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:

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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William F. Rhodes, Keeper, Dec. 20,1915

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

You are advised that the salary of the position of Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station will be increased from $624.00 to $648.00 per annum, and of the assistant keeper from $480.00 to $516.00 per annum, both effective beginning January 1,1916.

YATES
Inspector

JHG

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Nov. 15,1915

Referring to letter of charges addressed to you under date of October 15,1915, and your replies thereto dated October 20th and 27th, 1915, re absence from your duties as keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, from October 9th to 15th, for which you had obtained no permission nor furnished a substitute.

You are hereby reprimanded for your action in remaining absent from your station from October 9th to 15th,1915, without furnishing a substitute, as required by the regulations, and warned that more drastic action will be taken in your case should the offense be repeated.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your record in the Lighthouse Service.

(Sgd) YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Nov.15,1915

Two copies forwarded to Bureau for information contained, in accordance with Bureau endorsement of November 10,1915.

YATES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 6 1915

THIRD LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR DIST. NOV 12 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

November 6, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 29th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 5th instant, relative to the conduct of William F. Rhodes, keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, and approves the recommendation to the effect that Mr. Rhodes be reprimanded for his action in leaving the station from October 9 to 15, 1915, without furnishing a substitute, as required by the regulations, and warned that more drastic action will be taken in his case should the offense be repeated. It is noted that a copy of the letter of reprimand will be furnished the Department for its files.

E. F. Sweet

Acting Secretary.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
NOV 10 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office. Address letter of reprimand to Rhodes in accordance with the Department's instructions, forwarding two copies thereof to the Bureau.

Putnam
Acting Commissioner.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. NOV 5 1915 RECEIVED COMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPR 3D DIST. NOV 9 1915 RECEIVED COMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Romer Shoal Light Sta
Long Island Sound
November 2nd, 1915.

X	Greens Ledge	Light Station	Rowayton,	Conn.
X	New Haven	"	New Haven,	"
X	" Wharf	"	" "	"
X	New London Ledge	"	New London,	"
X	Peaks Ledge	"	Norwalk,	"
X	Penfield Reef	"	Bpost,	"
X	South West Ledge	"	New Haven,	"

Transferred to Keeper - Greens Ledge April 16-1916 JHH

William H. Rhodes
Keeper

Wish to be consider as Keeper

Romer Shoal Light Sta.
Tomp. Kins ville N.Y.
November 2nd, 1915.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3RD DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Inspector

Sir

Will you please kindly consider me for transfer up the sound near Bport, Conn, or about, I would be any please to be consider a station some where near my home, should a vacancy occur at these following name stations I wish to be consider a transfer thanking you kindly for the same.
Wish to be consider as Keeper,

Respectfully

William H. Rhodes
Keeper

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
Nov. 5,1915

Returned to Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, inviting his attention to copy of circular letter attached, which states that "positions" to which transfer would be accepted must be stated.

J. T. Yates
Inspector

JHG

October 29,1915

Commissioner:

The following correspondence re William F. Rhodes, keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, is inclosed for the Bureau's consideration:

1. Copy of letter of charges dated Oct.15th to Wm. F. Rhodes.
2. Letter dated Oct.20th from Wm. F. Rhodes.
3. Letter dated Oct.21st from Vernon H.Stanton, Asst.Keeper.
4. Copy of letter dated Oct.22nd to Wm. F. Rhodes.
5. Letter dated Oct.27th from Wm. F. Rhodes.

In addition to the requirements of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service re absences from stations for more than 48 consecutive hours by keepers, a circular letter was issued by this office under date of October 18,1912, which specifically requires that neither keeper at Romer Shoal Light Station shall be absent for more than two consecutive days without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the Inspector.

In view of the facts as shown in the attached correspondence that Mr.Rhodes violated the requirements of the Regulations, it is recommended that a letter of reprimand be addressed to him for such violation and warned that more drastic action will be taken should the offense be repeated.

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C O P Y

Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,

Inspector October 27th,1915

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 22nd 1915 asking for a explanation why I was absent from duty from this station, Romer Shoal, for more than forty-eight consecutive hours. My explanation is what we understood in the rules and regulations that the isolated stations were allowed six days, but where two keepers are authorized are allowed four days the rules and regulations stated for this station in your letter of October 15th,1915, letter from this office July 3rd,1912, relative to the leave to be taken by the keeper's. The only rules and regulations at this station are the regulations of 1911 and 1915, but on my charge of being overtime is that my home is up in Connecticut as it takes a day to go and a day to r report back for duty. As for me being over my time I was up in Connecticut to my home which I was delay in reporting back on duty. Inspector, Sir, we would like a little more time so in order we can report back on duty to are station, as my Assistant Keeper's home is on the East End of Long Island and my home is in Connecticut.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) William F. Rhodes

Keeper

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 28 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

October 22, 1915.

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville Post Office,
S.I.N.Y.

Your letter of October 20th 1915 relative to charges preferred against you on account of absence from station has been received and contents noted.

You are directed to explain your absence from duty for more than forty-eight consecutive hours in this instance without furnishing a substitute, which is in violation of the regulations.

J. O. Yates

Please write reply on and return duplicate copy attached

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William F.Rhodes,Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville Post Office,
S.I.N.Y.

October 22,1915.

Your letter of October 20th 1915 relative to charges preferred against you on account of absence from station has been received and contents noted.

You are directed to explain your absence from duty for more than forty-eight consecutive hours in this instance without furnishing a substitute which is in violation of the regulations.

Yates

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[illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible]

In returning to the charges made against my Keeper William [illegible], I wish to state that there was a mistake on my part saying that the Keeper left the station on the 9th which he did not leave until the 9th Saturday afternoon about 4 P.M.

Until I look in the journal I notice my mistaken saying that the keeper left this station on the 9th which I mark the Keeper leaving the station on the 9th.

I am very sorry that I made the mistake as he has always been strict living up to the regulations of this station.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Vernon H. BRANYON

Asst. Keeper

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Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,

Inspector October 20th,1915

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of October 15th 1915 on a charge of violating the rules and regulations of the light house service, in which I left my station on Oct. 7th 1915 and did not returned to my station back on time, I wish to report to the Inspector that I left my station on October 9th 1915 as a mistake made by my assistant keeper saying I left my station on Oct.7th,1915. I wish to state I did not leave my station until Oct.9th,1915 and reported back on duty the 15th.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Wm. F. RHODES

Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

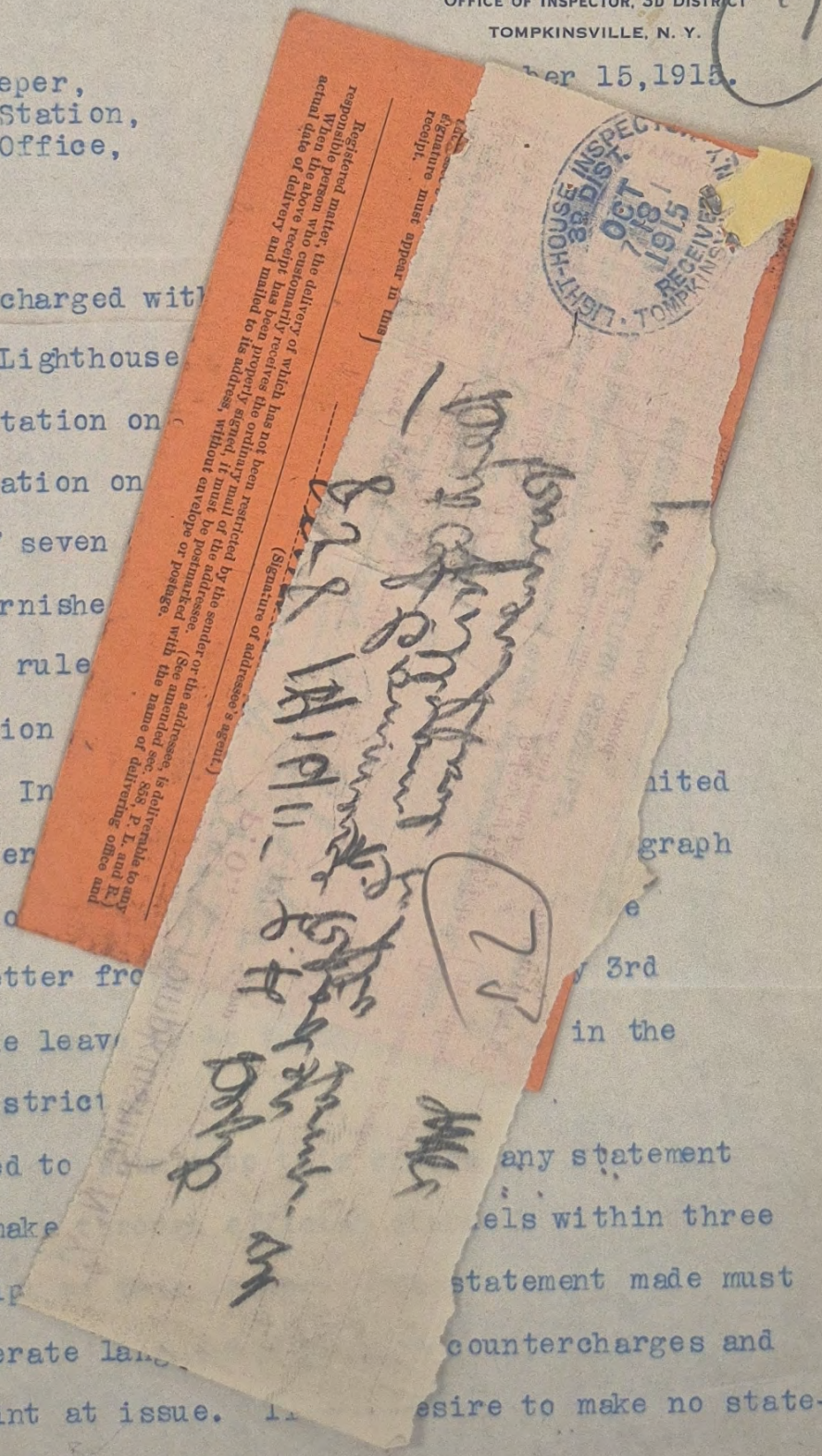
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 22 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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William F.Rhodes,Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville Post Office,
S.I.N.Y.



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J. O. Yates

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 22 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Post Office Department
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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 21 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

OCT 20 7-30 1915

Postmark of Delivering Office and Date of Delivery.

RETURN TO:
Dept of Commerce
(Name of sender)
Street and Number, or Post Office Box, A. H. Dept
Post Office at Tompkinsville, N.Y.
County ..... State .....

The postmaster who delivers the registered article must see that this card is properly signed, legibly postmarked, and mailed to the sender, without envelope or postage.

You are directed to submit to this office any statement you may desire to make through official channels within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement you will so state in writing.

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J. O. Yates

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REGISTERED.
RECEIPT REQUESTED.

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Yates

(COPY)

SEP 28 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of the rescue by you on September 17, 1915, of two men, who were in danger of drowning, by reason of their boat having been caught in a squall and upset off Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, 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,

(Signed) L. L. Pratt Acty Secretary.

Mr. William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station, N. Y.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Office of Inspector, 3d District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y. October 1, 1915.

Forwarded to William F. Rhodes, Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, Tompkinsville Post Office, S.I.N.Y.

Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

Sept. 30, 1915.

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N. Y.

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: Enclosure

report of September 21, 1915.

Clark

Chief Clerk.

RECEIVED 1915 OCT 1 3d DIST.

FWO/WJL

September 21,1915.

Subject:
Copies of letters of September 18th 1915 from Messrs: Heaney & Leland re their lives being saved by Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station.

Copies forwarded to Commissioner with the recommendation that the keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station be commended for the action taken by him in rendering assistance to Messrs.Leland and Heaney.

Yates

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Sept.18,1915
Thomas F.Leland,
Seaside Road
South Beach
Staten Island

To the Inspector

Dear Sir:

I wish to report that coming out fishing in a row boat yesterday, we were caught in a squall and were driving out to sea, my friend Mr.Heaney fell overboard and attempting to assist him, I upset the boat, we were both in the water and would have lost our lives, if not for the prompt way in which the Captain of the Romer Shoal Lighthouse came to our rescue and brought us to the Lighthouse safely. He hauled our boat to safety also.

We feel very gratefull for the kindness shown us by the Captain there, he took great pains to save our boat from damage by the high seas, at the time of the squall and his courteous treatment to us after we were safe. He furnished us with dry clothes and a nice warm supper and a very comfortable bed. In the morning he again fed us, and as we were both too weak to row he towed us ashore in his power boat.

We wish to show our gratitude to the Lighthouse department, and again thank both the Department and the Captain of the Romer Shoal Lighthouse,

Very Gratefully Yours,

sgd Thomas F.Leland.

Copy WJL

Underwoods Cafe,
Midland Beach,
Staten Island,
Sept.18,1915.

To the Inspector,

Dear Sir:

I wish to report to you while coming out fishing we just got out side West Bank Lighthouse when a squall came up and as we could not row back we had to drift out to sea. When we got passed Romer Shoal Lighthouse I got excited and upset our boat and my pal trying to rescue me but we were both helpless in the water when the Captain from Romer Shoals came out in time to our assistant.

I wish to show my gratitude to the Captain of the lighthouse there for his kindness which he had shown to us as I was exhausted from the exposure and my efforts to hold on the over turned boat until the Captain came to our assistance and pulled us both from the water with his power boat to his station in safety.

I wish again to thank the Lighthouse Department and also the Captain of the Romer Light as he had a very difficult time in rescuing us.

Respectfully yours,
sgd Mr.James Heaney

FWO/WJL

September 21,1915.

Mr.James Meaney,
Underwoods Cafe,
Midland Beach,S.I.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 18th 1915 reporting assistance rendered you by the keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station on September 17th 1915 at the time your boat was overturned.

This office is very much gratified to know that an employee of this Service was able to render assistance on this occasion.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector

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Inspector

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Mr Capt
C Townsend

Sept 18/1915
Thomas F Leland
Seaside Road
South Beach
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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 20 1915 RECEIVED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Office of the Inspector of
Third Lighthouse District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

August 30,1915

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Referring to the recent inspection of the Light-Station at which you are employed.

The exceptional condition of the station as to cleanliness, orderliness and operation is commendable, and the fact will be entered on your record.

YATES

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

YATES

(COPY)

MAY 18 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on May 9, 1915, to two men whose canoe was caught in a squall and capsized off Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, 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,

(Signed) E. F. Sweet

Acting Secretary.

Mr. William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station, N. Y.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Office of Inspector, 3rd District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., May 20, 1915.

Forwarded to William F. Rhodes, Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, Tompkinsville Post Office, S.I.N.Y.

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Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

May 19. 1915.

To Lighthouse Inspector 2 Tompkinsville, N. Y.

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: Smith's letter to Assistant Keeper Vernon H. Stanton is inclosed. See your recommendation of May 12, 1915.

Clark

Chief Clerk.

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Acting Secretary.

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Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Office of Inspector, 3rd District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., May 20, 1915.

Forwarded to William F. Rhodes, Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, Tompkinsville Post Office, S.I.N.Y.

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May 9, 1915

Letters from Wm. C. Skillman and
Wm A. Batterson reporting assistance
rendered them when their Canoe upset
off Romer Shoal by Keepr. M. Rhodes
and Asst Kpr. Vernon H. Stanton

See Assistance rendered -

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August 19,1914.

Rhodes, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Your letter of August 16th replying to letter from this office of August 10th in explanation as to your failure to make prompt reply to letter of July 24th 1914 has been received and is not considered satisfactory.

It is requested that in the future you make prompt reply to letters addressed to you by this office.

Yates

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Feb.18,1914

Robert Buske, Keeper,

West Bank Light Station,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Referring to letters from this office dated Jan.30 and February 10,1914, directing you to report the date on which Wm.F.Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper, left the station, also the dates on which Chas.H.Thurber entered on duty as 1st Assistant Keeper and Samuel C.Wright entered on duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

Your attention is invited to the fact that no reply has been received to either of the above mentioned letters, and you are hereby directed to immediately furnish this office with the information requested, and to submit an explanation of your failure to make reply to these letters promptly as directed.

YATES

Rhodes, Wm. F.

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LIGHT-HOUSE
2d DIST. INSPECTOR.
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COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

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West Bank St. Sta.
February 16th, 1914.

Inspector

Sir:=

Referring to Copy letter of January 30, 1914 appointing William F. Rhodes Asst Keeper of this Station to the position of Keeper of Romer Shoal light Station.

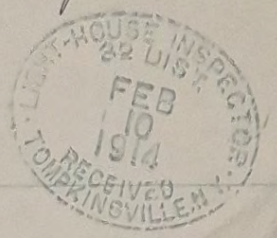
I wish to state William F Rhodes left this Station to enter on duty as Keeper of Romer Shoal light Station February 5th 1914.

Respectfully,

Robert Buske
Keeper

E.O.D. Feb. 5-1914

Inspector 3rd. Dist.
Tompkinsville.
N.Y.



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Inspector

Sir.

In reply to your letter of January 30/14 to the appointment to the position of keeper of romer shoal Lt-Sta, N.Y., I report for duty as keeper at romer shoal. Thursday Feb. 5th 1914 at 7.30 P.M. I went a shore from West Bank Tuesday when I received the appointment to take full charge of romer shoal, and while I was a shore I received a postal from Mr. Samuel C. Wright stated he was to report at West Bank as 2nd Asst keeper. I took Mr. Wright to his station and then report to romer shoal to take full charge, I also took romer shoal raw boat I met Mr. Bryan 1st Asst keeper, he said he was on the sick list, I ask him if he was ready to report on duty,



he said he was under the doctes care, I told him I would take the row boat, as I had the row-boat for West Bank and the row boat at romer shoal, and when I arrived at romer shoal, there was very little food on this station, I will as soon as posible must go a shore and get plenty of food on hand at this station,

Respectfully

William F. Rhodes
Keeper

Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.
N.J.

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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 07/24/2026

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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, William, F.		1890 CT

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death: 1967 FL

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns A.B.

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location) Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District
From: 1911 To: 1925

(Agency & Location)
From: To:

(Agency & Location)
From: To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-000779759

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Submitted to Arch Search 7/15/26 KH

Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Sounder; R 20

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SCREENING NOTES

☑ Reviewed and Nothing Removed CMM ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

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Feb.10,1914

Robert Buske, Keeper,

West Bank Light Station.

Enclosed herewith is copy of letter dated Jan.30,1914 addressed to Wm.F.Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper at West Bank Lt.Sta., relative to his transfer to the position of Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

If Mr.Rhodes has gone to Romer Shoal, notify this office promptly of the date on which he left West Bank. If he has not yet left for Romer Shoal, direct him to proceed to that station immediately, and for him to report promptly to this office the date of his arrival at that station.

You will also report promptly the date on which Thurber enters on duty as 1st Assistant and Wright enters on duty as 2nd Assistant at West Bank.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HOPKINS

Inspector

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Feb.3,1914

August Wenske,

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

William F.Rhodes, 1st assistant keeper at West Bank Light Station, has been appointed to the position of Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station. As soon as he arrives and takes charge of the station, you will return to this Depot and resume your duties as Laborer.

YATES

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Jan.30,1914

William F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
West Bank Lt.Sta.,
Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter of January 28, 1913 appointing you to the position of Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station,N.Y.

In accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to enter on duty as Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, on February 1st,1914, or the earliest practicable date thereafter.

Advise this office promptly by mail of the date on which you take charge of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of Form 30, which you will fill out and after signing Certificate C on last page, forward one copy of same to this office. This form must show receipt for the station and all Government property which will be under your charge.

YATES

Tompkinsville,N.Y.,
Jan.30,1914
Copy to Keeper of West Bank Lt. Sta.,for his information.
Advise this office promptly by mail of the date on which Rhodes leaves the station. The effective date of Thurber's entrance on duty will be the same date as Rhodes assumes his new position.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1914.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four 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 $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles F. Colvill.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Light House 3rd Dist
Tompkinsville
New York.
Jan 24, 1914

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Inspector

Sir

I which to be considered for transfer at romer shoal light station, should a vacany occur at that station. I wish to be considered as keeper.

Respectfully
William F. Rhodes.
1st Asst Keeper
West Bank L. Sta.
Tompkinsville,
N. Y.

Through the Keeper

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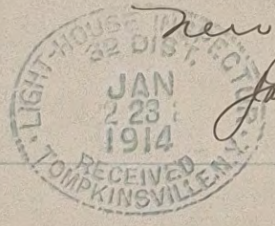
Rhodes, Wm F.

Light House 3rd. Dist. Files

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Tompkinsville,

New York.



Jan 23. 1914.

Inspector

Sir

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Respectfully

William F. Rhodes.

1st Asst Keeper.

West Bank Lt. Sta.

Tompkinsville.

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Through the Keeper

Robert Buske

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Form 73

Romer Shoal

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Jan. 22, 1914 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, William F. Rhodes — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $624.00 per annum

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

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

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480. p.a.

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles F. Colvill — Services terminated, Jan. 31, 1914

Reason, Dismissal (Recommended)

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

Letter from Rhodes requesting transfer attached herewith.

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

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BUTLER *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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Rhodes, Wm. F.

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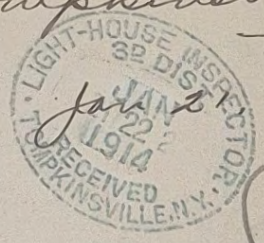
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Light House 3rd Dist
Tompkinsville.
N.Y.
Jan 21, 1914



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Inspector
Sir

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Respectfully
William F. Rhodes
1st asst keeper
West Bonk Lt. Sta.
Tompkinsville.
N.Y.

Romer Shoal Lt Sta. New York.

Romer Shrubs (76)

Feby 16. 1914

Robt. Buske Keeper West-Bank Lt reports that-
Wm. T. Rhodes ~~refuses for duty as Keeper~~ left station
for Romer Shrubs Feby 5, 1914

Lee Rhodes Wm. T.

Your attention is invited to the fact that no reply has been received to either of the above mentioned letters, and you are hereby directed to immediately furnish this office with the information requested, and to submit an explanation of your failure to make reply to these letters promptly as directed.

YATES

Feb.18,1914

Robert Buske, Keeper.

West Bank Light Station,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Referring to letters from this office dated Jan.30 and February 10,1914, directing you to report the date on which Wm.F.Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper, left the station, also the dates on which Chas.H.Thurber entered on duty as 1st Assistant Keeper and Samuel C.Wright entered on duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

Your attention is invited to the fact that no reply has been received to either of the above mentioned letters, and you are hereby directed to immediately furnish this office with the information requested, and to submit an explanation of your failure to make reply to these letters promptly as directed.

YATES

JHG

Feb.10,1914

Robert Buske, Keeper,

West Bank Light Station.

Enclosed herewith is copy of letter dated Jan.30,1914 addressed to Wm.F.Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper at West Bank Lt.Sta., relative to his transfer to the position of Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

If Mr.Rhodes has gone to Romer Shoal, notify this office promptly of the date on which he left West Bank. If he has not yet left for Romer Shoal, direct him to proceed to that station immediately, and for him to report promptly to this office the date of his arrival at that station.

You will also report promptly the date on which Thurber enters on duty as 1st Assistant and Wright enters on duty as 2nd Assistant at West Bank.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HOPKINS

Inspector

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West Bank Light Station
April 16, 1913

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Inspector
Sir

I respectfully request to be considered for the following named stations as Keeper, should any vacancy occur, of those mentioned below.

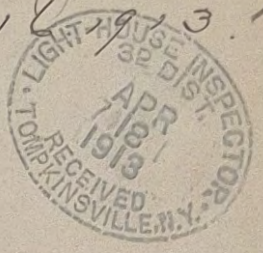
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X Greens Ledge Light Station. Conn.
X Pecks Ledge Light Station. Conn.
X Stratford Point Light Station. Conn

Respectfully
William B Rhodes
1st Asst Keeper.

New list received Nov 5-15

Robert Burke
Keeper

West Bank Light Station
April 1, 1913.



Inspector
Sir

I respectfully request to be considered for the following named stations as keeper, should any vacancy occur, of these stations mentioned below,

New Haven Outer Breakwater. Conn.
Greens Ledge Light Station. Conn.
Pecks Ledge Light Station. Conn.
Stratford Point Light Station. Conn.

Respectfully

William F. Rhodes.
1st Asst Keeper

Robt H Burke
Keeper

West Bank St. Stas
April 14th. 1913,



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Inspector

Sir.

I Respectfully certify that I recommand William F. Rhodes. first Asst keeper of this Station. for promotion as a keeper In the light house service. as he is a clean sober and Industrious Young man. very prompt and efficient In the performance of his duty. and I think that he will make a very good keeper for the position which he seeks To Obtain

Very Respectfully

Robert Buske. Keeper.

June 27, 1912

(7)

Bureau states that Mr. H.W.Rhodes who has been appointed Inspector in L.H.Service will be at Depot of June 28, asks that he be given facilities to become familiar with work and appliances.

See Visitors.



for [illegible]

Dbcst Bank Light Sta
April 25, 1912

Inspector

Sir

Refering to your letter of April 20th, 1912, asking why I did not return for duty April 16th, 1912, as 1st Assistant keeper of Dbcst Bank Light Station, I wish to state to the Inspector that I left South Dbcst Ledge Light Station 5 P.M. April 15th, 1912 and on account of fog I did not get ashore until next day as I was wet from exposure. I went home and change clothes, and the next day 17th it was bad weather and raining as I did not think I would be able to get off to the Station so I stayed home and on the morning early the 18th I took the train from Bridgeport to New York and proceded to the Dbcst Bank Light Station to report for duty as 1st Assistant keeper.

Respectfully

Ltr accepted
by Inspector

William F. Rhodes
1st Asst keeper.

Robt Buske, Keeper

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JEG

April 30,1912

Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper,

Through the Keeper of

West Bank Light-Station,N.Y.

A letter has been received from the Keeper of West Bank Light-Station, stating that you reported for duty at that station on April 18th,1912, for duty as 1st assistant keeper, whereas you left New Ldn Ledge on Apl 15

In a letter from this office notifying you that you had been selected for this position, you were ordered to report there for duty on April 16th. Forward to this office promptly a written explanation of why you neglected to comply with the orders given you.

JHG

April 20,1912

Wm. F. Rhodes, 1st Asst.Keeper,

Through the Keeper of

West Bank Light-Station,N.Y.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Inspector.

Fort Bank. N. Y. Ls Sta.
April 18th, 1912.

Mr. William F. Rhodes
reported for duty as 1st Assistant
keeper To-day

Buske

E. O. D. April 16-1912

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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18
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

New London Ledge
April. 15, 1912.

Inspector:

Wm J. Rhodes left station today to report to West Bank Lt. Sta. for duty as 1st asst.

Hansen.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

(9)

April 5, 1912.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

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 Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles F. Colvill.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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William F.Rhodes,1st Asst Keeper,
West Bank Lt.Station,
Tompkinsville,S.I.,N.Y.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

William F.Rhodes $480.a.
1 Ast.Kpr.West Bank,
Light Sta.

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JHC

April 2nd,1912

William F. Rhodes, 2nd asst.keeper,

Through the keeper of

New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,

New London, Conn.

Referring to your request for appointment to the position of 1st assistant keeper at West Bank Light-Station,N.Y.

You have been selected for the position referred to, and are hereby ordered to report to the keeper of West Bank Light-Station on April 16th,1912, for duty. Transportation will be at your own expense.

Show this letter to the Keeper, Robert Banks, which will be his authority for placing you at work.

Inspector.

April 2nd,1912
Copy to the Keeper of West Bank Light-Station, for his information.
Mr.Rhodes has been directed to report to you for duty on April 16,1912, as 1st assistant keeper.
Inform this office promptly by letter of the date of Mr. Rhode's entrance on duty.

C.D.STEARNS
Commander,U.S.N.,Inspector

JHG

Third
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
April 2nd, 1912

transfer and promotion

William F. Rhodes — Connecticut

1st assistant keeper — $480 per annum

West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

2nd assistant keeper — $456 per annum

New London Ledge Light-Station, Conn.

Charles F. Colvill — April 15, 1912

promoted

Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"
Letter from Mr. Rhodes requesting this transfer attached hereto.

C.D. STEARNS
Commander, U.S.N., Inspector

CHIEF CLERK
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JHC

April 2nd,1912

William F. Rhodes, 2nd asst.keeper,

Through the keeper of

New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,

New London, Conn.

Referring to your request for appointment to the position of 1st assistant keeper at West Bank Light-Station,N.Y.

You have been selected for the position referred to, and are hereby ordered to report to the keeper of West Bank Light-Station on April 16th,1912, for duty. Transportation will be at your own expense.

Show this letter to the Keeper, Robert Buske, which will be his authority for placing you at work.

Inspector.

April 2nd,1912
Copy to the Keeper of West Bank Light-Station, for his information.
Mr.Rhodes has been directed to report to you for duty on April 16,1912, as 1st assistant keeper.
Inform this office promptly by letter of the date of Mr. Rhode's entrance on duty.

C.D.STEARNS
Commander,U.S.N.,Inspector

JHG

March 30,1912

Wm. F. Rhodes, 2nd asst?keeper,
New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,
New London, Conn.

Referring to letter from this office, dated March 27, 1912, asking if you would be willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at West Bank Light-Station.

Since writing the above letter there has arisen a vacancy in the position of 1st assistant keeper at the above-named station, at a salary of $480.00 per year. Advise this office promptly whether you would be willing to accept the position of 1st assistant keeper.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST
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To Comdr C. D. Stearn
Inspector Third Dist,
Tompkinsville N.Y.
March 30. 1912

Sir

Answering your Letter March. th 27. if I would accept the position as 2.nd. Assistant keeper at Post Bank Light Station, yes I am willing to accept the position as. 2.nd. Assistant keeper at Post Bank Light Station.

Respectfully
William F. Rhodes
Sage Light Station
New London Conn.

Through the Keeper,
George E. Hansen
Keeper.

JHG

March 30,1912

Wm. F. Rhodes, 2nd asst keeper,
New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,
New London, Conn.

Referring to letter from this office, dated March 27, 1912, asking if you would be willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at West Bank Light-Station.

Since writing the above letter there has arisen a vacancy in the position of 1st assistant keeper at the above-named station, at a salary of $480.00 per year. Advise this office promptly whether you would be willing to accept the position of 1st assistant keeper.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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New London Ledge,
Mar 29- 1912.

Sir:-

I respectfully recommend Mr. Wm J. Rhodes for permanent appointment as 2nd asst. Keeper

Very respectfully,
George E. Hansen
Keeper.

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JHC

March 27,1912

William F. Rhodes, 2d Asst.Keeper,

Through the Keeper of

New London Ledge Light-Station.

Please inform this office promptly whether you would be willing to accept the position of 2nd assistant keeper at West Bank Light-Station.

This station is located off shore, in New York Lower Bay. There are no quarters for families of keepers, but quarters could probably be hired on Staten Island. The light is 4th order oil vapor, and the fog-signal 3rd class Daboll trumpet. The salary is $456. per annum; ration allowance of 30¢ per day, also an allowance of fuel.

Inspector

JHG

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March 27,1912

William P. Rhodes, 3d Asst.Keeper,

Through the Keeper of

New London Ledge Light-Station.

Please inform this office promptly whether you would be willing to accept the position of 2nd assistant keeper at West Bank Light-Station.

This station is located off shore, in New York Lower Bay. There are no quarters for families of keepers, but quarters could probably be hired on Staten Island. The light is 4th order oil vapor, and the fog-signal 3rd class Daboll trumpet. The salary is $456. per annum; ration allowance of 30¢ per day, also an allowance of fuel.

Inspector

JHC

March 25,1913

George E. Hannon, Keeper.

New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,

New London, Conn.

The probationary period of employment of Mr. Wm.F.Rhodes, 2nd assistant keeper at your station, will expire on April 25, 1913. Advise this office promptly as to whether or not his ~~serv~~ services have been satisfactory, and whether he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment.

Inspector.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
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West Bank. N. Y. Lt Sta.
March 23rd, 1912.

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Gangway — Is this Sta an Rhodes list? — Ans JHK

To Comdr. C. D. Stearns U.S.N.
Inspector Third District
Tompkinsville. N. Y.

OK
leave of Rhodes requested

Probation of Rhodes does not expire until April 25-12 JHK

Sir.

I wish to state to the Inspector. should this Station become vacant in the near future. for the position as Assistant keeper. I would request the Inspector to have Mr. William T. Rhodes transfered to this Station. who is now Assistant keeper of London Ledge light Station. as he is willing to accept this Station. I also wish to state to the Inspector I have known Mr W. T. Rhodes for a long time and have always found him to be a clean sober and industrious Young Man. as I think he is just the one to have at this Station that will stay. which saves a whole lot trouble some times in getting assistant keepers to stay at these off shore Stations.

very Respectfully

Robert Burke
Keeper

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

November 14, 1911.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective

beginning October 26, 1911, on and after which date you have

continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

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

(Vice Maynard F. Rush.)
(Civil-service certificate No. .....)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON CUMMING
Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.
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Form 73 ORIGINAL A... APPOINTEE

PWP

William F. Rhodes,
2nd Asst. Keeper,
New London Ledge Light Sta.,
New London, Conn.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LI...

The following recomm...

Action proposed, p...

Name, William ..., Connecticut.

Position, 2d As... per annum

Location, New ... n.

Effective Octo... rance on duty.

Former position, ...ary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, ...st.Kpr. Percentage, 86.0

Other eligibles considered, James ... ...ned.
Peter A. Frank, ...ned.

Letters of declination inclosed, LeHane and Frank.

Previous incumbent, Maynard F. Rush Services terminated, October 14,1911.

Reason, Entered on duty Oct.14,1911. After 19 hours service,left with no intention of returning,without permission, and without resigning. The matter of his separation from the Service will be submitted to the Bureau as soon as practicable.

Remarks:

No employee of the district desired transfer to the above position.
Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses."

Ch Clerk

Entered

Commander,U.S.N.,Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

11—2314

William F.Rhodes,

2nd Asst.Keeper,

New London Ledge Light Sta.,

New London, Conn.

William F. Rhodes, $456. An.

2 A.K. New London Lodge,

Light Station.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

PWP

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
October 31, 1911 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, probationary appointment

Name, William F. Rhodes Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, 2d Assistant Keeper Salary, $456 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light-Station, Conn.

Effective October 26, 1911 as the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 4 Rating, Asst.Kpr. Percentage, 86.0

Other eligibles considered, James W. LeHane declined.
Peter A. Frank, declined.

Letters of declination inclosed, LeHane and Frank.

Previous incumbent, Maynard F. Rush Services terminated, October 14,1911.

Reason, Entered on duty Oct.14,1911. After 19 hours service,left with no intention of returning,without permission, and without resigning. The matter of his separation from the Service will be submitted to the Bureau as soon as practicable.

Remarks:

No employee of the district desired transfer to the above position.
Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses."

Ch Clerk

Entered J.P.

Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

11—2314

Position of Keeper at Greens Ledge.

Wm. F. Rhodes, Keeper, Romer Shoal, entered service Oct.26,1911 as 2nd Asst., New London Ledge. Transferred April 16,1912 to 1st Asst.,West Bank. Made keeper of Romer Shoal Feb.5,1914. Efficiency average 95%. In 1915 cautioned re absence without leave and commended for excellent condition of station.

T. J. Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Shinnecock, entered service Jan.15,1912 as 2nd Asst.Little Gull and afterwards promoted to 1st Asst. On May 2,1914 was transferred and demoted to 2nd Asst. Keeper of Shinnecock on a/c of unsatisfactory service.

Position of Keeper of Romer Shoal

No.applicants for transfer.

Vernon H.Stanton the Assistant Keeper at Romer entered the service in that position on March 27,1915. Efficiency 90%. Record O.K.

Position of Asst.Keeper at Romer Shoal

Hans T.A.Beuthe, assistant keeper of Hog Island Shoal, entered service in that position Nov.24,1914. Efficiency 97%. Record O.K.

Position of Asst.Keeper at Hog Island

No applicants for transfer.

COPY:MRM.

Hon. Schuyler Merritt.

House of Reps. Wash. D.C.

Wm. F. Rhodes Keeper greens reef light norwalk under suspension for overstaying furlough likely to lose position may twelfth can you get department to extend time so he can get case opened for another hearing his records here is excellent.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST.
OCT 30 1911
RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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April A.A.

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New London Ledge
Oct 26 - 1911.

Sir:

Mr. William F. Rhodes of Bridgeport, Conn, reported today for duty as second assistant keeper.

Very respectfully
George E. Havens
Keeper.

Department of Commerce and Labor

PWP

October 21, 1911

William F. Rhodes,
11 Booth Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication stating you will accept appointment 2d assistant keeper New London Ledge Light-Station:

You have been selected for this position, and are directed to proceed to the station and report to the Keeper, Mr. George E. Hansen, whose p.o. address is New London, Conn. Show him this letter, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

Transportation to the station will be at your expense.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

Copy to the Keeper of New London Ledge Light-Station, for his information.

Inform this office promptly by letter ofthe date of Mr. Rhodes' entrance on duty as second assistant keeper New London Ledge Light-Station.

Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

No. 205
Ed. 1-12-09—300,000

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NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES:

Ration allowance of thirty cents per day may be paid by check in which case the employee must provide himself with all necessary [illegible] of provisions may be furnished by this office, delivered quarterly at a cost not to exceed thirty cents daily for each keeper and assistant keeper. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

....., Oct. 9, 1911

Bridgeport, Conn.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of

Assistant Keeper

at Orient Point Light-Station, N.Y.

This station is off shore.
(Here state whether station is ashore or afloat.)

The salary is $40 per month per annum.

There are (Quarters for keepers, who must provide their own furniture exc. cept stove. No quarters for families of keepers. Quarters for families of keepers can probably be rented on Long Island.
(Here state whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel 7 tons coal, 1 cord wood Rations Allowance 30¢ daily (See attached notice) per yr for 2 keepers.
(Here state allowance of fuel and rations, if any.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

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,

C.D.STEARNS, Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

Would you decline this position if it were offered to you? ~~Yes~~ No

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. At once

My reasons for declining the position tendered are as follows:

Have no reason for declining

(Signature:) William F. Rhodes

(Post-office address:) 16 Booth St, Bridgeport Conn.

Date, ...,

17—749

Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of Inspector, 3rd District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., Oct. 9, 1911

Wm. F. Rhodes,
11 Broth St.
Bridgeport, Conn.

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At once

My reasons for declining the position tendered are as follows:

Have no reason for declining

(*Signature:*) William F. Rhodes

(*Post-office address:*) 11 Booth St.
Bridgeport
Conn.

Date, ,

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Memo

Absence of Rhodes in April -

1st 1.30 PM to 2d, 1.30 PM — 1 day

8th 2.30 PM to 15th 1.30 PM — 7 "

16th 11.30 am 30th (May 2-12.30 PM) — 14 "

22 "

at sta 8 days

$8/\frac{30}{15} \times \frac{18}{1} = \frac{32}{15} = 2\frac{2}{15}$ days leave earned -

~~Paid for Apr. 16th — or one paid for 6 days~~
~~which cannot be made up~~

Absent May 1 & 2 — 1½ days

Gar Berthold) any foreman report? No 88 No 88 214 No a.m.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

1/24/18.

Inspector,

Sir

I wish to report it was impossible for me to report back to my station, on account of the heavy ice off from shore, it was impossible to get a boat to land at my station,

I left my station January 11th, and reported back to my station January 21th, 1918.

Respectfully,

William F. Rhodes,
Keeper.

FILE COPY

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Wm.F.Rhodes,Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton,Conn.

February 4th,1918.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 24th, stating that you left your station January 11th, and could not return until January 21st on account of heavy ice.

Your attention is invited to Section 4, Paragraph 105, page 37 of Instructions to Employees which requires that when Lightkeepers are on shore liberty or annual leave and for any reason are unable to report to their stations through no fault of their own within the time allotted, they should promptly notify the district officer and request instructions.

If, at any time, you are prevented by any cause from reporting to your station at the expiration of leave, you will see to it that this office is promptly notified by letter in accordance with the instructions referred to.

J.T.YATES

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May 20, 1921

W. F. Rhodes,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on March 22,1921.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office of May 14, 1921.

1. Claim for compensation in this case is again returned to you for correction. Your answer to question No. 13.is:-" March 31, 1921, Tuesday, at 2. p.m." and evidently it should read, Thursday, 10;00 a.m.. As soon as this correction has been made, return Claim again to this office in order that you may be compensated for the period of your disability.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

Wm. F. Rhodes

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REPORT OF TERMINATION OF TOTAL OR PARTIAL DISABILITY

(Cross out one.)

[To be forwarded to the UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., through official channels, as soon as disability from injury terminates. This form to be submitted for each injury resulting in any disability, whether or not employee makes claim for compensation.]

1. Department Commerce (War, Navy, etc.) 2. Bureau or office Lighthouses (Engineer, Navigation, etc.)
3. Place of employment Greens Ledge Light Station (Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.) Norwalk, (City or town.) Conn. (State.)
4. Full name of injured employee W. F. Rhodes
5. Time of injury March 22, (Date.), 19 21 Tuesday (Day of week.) 4 p. m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
6. Time employee stopped work March 22, 1921 (Date.), 19 Tuesday (Day of week.) 4 p m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
7. Time employee's pay stopped March 22, 1921 (Date.), 19 Tuesday (Day of week.) - - 4- P. m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
8. First day employee was able to resume work Mar. 29 (Date.), 19 21 Tuesday (Day of week.) 2. p. m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
9. Did employee return to the same work and at same rate of pay after termination of disability? Yes
If so, when? March 29, 1921 2.p.m. If not, state character of work performed upon return to duty and rate paid employee for such work
10. Actual time disabled (including Sundays and holidays) 6-11/12 days.
11. Number of days for which employee would have received pay had he not been disabled 6-11/12 days.
12. If employee was receiving subsistence as part of his wages, was such subsistence furnished during entire period of disability? No If not, give dates on which subsistence was not furnished March 22nd to 29th, 1921
13. Has employee been paid for any portion of above absence on account of—
(a) Annual leave? No (Give exact dates.)
(b) Sick leave? No (Give exact dates.)
14. Remarks

[The following information is to be furnished *only* in case of death resulting from an injury sustained while in the performance of duty. If death results immediately, or if no Report of Injury has previously been submitted, such report, on Form C. A. 2, should be forwarded herewith.]

REPORT OF DEATH

15. Time of death (Date.), 19 (Day of week.) m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
16. Place of death (Name of hospital, establishment, etc.) (City or town, and State.)
17. Immediate cause of death
18. Widow of deceased employee (Give full name.) (Address.)
19. Children of deceased employee under 18 years of age, or those over 18 who are incapable of self-support:

Name.	Age.

20. Names, relationship, and addresses of all other persons known to be dependent, in any degree, upon decedent at time of death:

Name.	Relationship.	Address.

Signed this 23 day of May, 19 21
at Tompkinsville, NY

J. T. YATES
(Official superior.)
Superintendent.
(Title.)

(All forwarding indorsements to be made on reverse side of this sheet.)

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 1921
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.
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JUN 1921

CASE NO.	WORKMAN	ESTABLISHMENT	TOTAL PAID	DATE OF INJURY	PERIOD PAID FOR From	To
92344	W. F. RHODES, GREEN HEDGE LIGHT STATION, ROWAYTON, CONN.	KEEPER, LIGHTHOUSE SER. TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.	8 89	3/22/21	3/26	28/21
					3/25	25/21

This Commission has approved the claim for compensation on account of disabil ty resulting from an injury sustained by the above employee and a check in payment of the claim was forwarded to the employee on the above date.

Jno. J. Keegan
Chairman

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FHF/IC

May 14, 1921

W. F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on March 22, 1921.

REFERENCE: Claim for compensation submitted by you on May 11th.

1. Returned herewith for correction is above mentioned claim. Your attention is invited to answer to question No. 14, which is inconsistent to your answer to question No. 13. Your answer to question No. 15 evidently is in error inasmuch as the dates given by you have no connection with the injury covered by this claim. Your answer to question No. 16 is also erroneous as you were not confined at any Public Health Hospital, and consequently were not furnished with any subsistence by the Public Health Service. It is also noted that you give as expense incurred by you for physician's services, the amount of $16.00, which should be covered by an itemized bill.

2. After errors have been corrected and omissions supplied, you are directed to return this claim for further action.

J. T. YSTES

C. A. 4
Revised to June 15, 1917.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY
TOTAL OR PARTIAL DISABILITY

[Cross out total or partial.]

[To be filed with the official superior, within 60 days after the injury causing disability for more than 3 days, for transmission to the UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION.]

NOTICE: Section 39 of the Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, provides that whoever makes, in any claim for compensation, any statement, knowing it to be false, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $2,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1. Name of injured employee Wm. F. Rhodes [Give first name in full.] 2. Age 31 3. Sex male
4. Address Greens Ledge, Rowayton [Street and number.] [City or town.] Connecticut [State.]
5. Married, ~~single, widower~~ [Cross out two words.] 6. Race White 7. Occupation and division Lighthouse Keeper
8. Do you speak English? Yes 9. If not, what language? ____
10. Rate of pay $ 1080 per annum and subsistence valued at $ .45 per day
11. Time of injury March 22nd [Date.], 19 21 Tuesday [Day of week.] 4.00 P m. [Hour a. m. or p. m.]
12. Disability for work began March 22, [Date.], 19 21 Tuesday [Day of week.] 4.00 P m. [Hour a. m. or p. m.]
13. First able to resume usual occupation March 31 [Date.] 19 21 Thursday [Day of week.] 10.00 A. m. [Hour a. m. or p. m.]
14. First able to do any work March 31, [Date.], 19 21 Thursday [Day of week.] 10.00 a. m. [Hour a. m. or p. m.]
15. Have you received any pay for above period of disability:
On account of annual or sick leave No Dates ____ Total amount $ ____
Specify any other reason ____ Dates ____ Total amount $ ____
16. Were you furnished subsistence during above period? No If so, give dates on which subsistence was furnished ____
17. If you have worked at other than your regular duties, specify: Occupation None
Rate of pay $ ____ per ____ and lodging and subsistence valued at $ ____ per ____ Number of days employed at this rate ____
18. During period for which compensation is claimed did you refuse to perform any work you were able to do? ____ If so, state circumstances ____
19. Were you furnished any medical, surgical, and hospital services and supplies by United States medical officers and hospitals? None If not, and this service was furnished by private physicians and hospitals, state amount of expense incurred, $ 8.00 Also submit with claim an itemized bill for this service.
20. If transportation was furnished at your expense to enable you to secure proper medical and hospital treatment, state amount of expense incurred, $ None. Also submit with claim, when practicable, a receipted bill for this service.
21. Place where injury occurred Greens Ledge Light Station. [Give exact location, as name or number of building, and division, etc.]
22. Cause of injury While coming down from the Watch Tower I slipped from the top and landed on the bottom iron steps, had 5 gal oil can in my hand. [State exactly how injury occurred.]
23. Nature and extent of injury causing disability injured base of spine.
24. Names and addresses of witnesses Adam A. Emeigh, Jr.
25. Dates of other injuries, if any, on account of which you have made claims for compensation None
26. Have you received any money in payment of damages on account of this injury? No
If so, state amount, $ ____

I HEREBY make claim for compensation on account of the injury described above, which was sustained by me while in the performance of my duty for the United States, said injury not being due to willful misconduct on my part or to my intention to bring about the injury or death of myself or another, or to my intoxication. I have been disabled on account of this injury and every statement set forth above in support of my claim is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed, this 11th day of May, 1921, at So. Norwalk, Conn.

William F. Rhodes. [Signature of claimant.]

State of Conn. }
County of Hartford } ss:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 19 21

Jacob M. Layton [Signature of official administering oath.]

Notary Public [Title.], State of Conn. [In and for.]

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STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES.

I wish to state that my keeper Mr. Rhodes while coming down the Lantern Tower with an oil can in his hand, slipped the stair steps all the way down and injured spine.

Adam A. Emeigh, Jr.
[Signature of witness.]

[Signature of witness.]

STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

The records of this office show that _____ [Name of employee.] was given first-aid treatment on _____ [Date.], 19 , at _____ [Hour a. m. or p. m.] m., and has been disabled for work from _____, 19 , to _____, 19 inclusive. In my opinion disability _____ [Was, or was not.] due to injury on _____, 19 Injury or disease causing disability _____

Was this employee examined by you after first-aid treatment was given? _____

If so, was treatment by attending physician such as, in your opinion, is calculated to obtain the best results? _____

Signed this _____ day of _____, 19 _____
[Signature of medical officer.]

at _____ _____ [Title.]

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(Signature of witness.)

STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

The records of this office show that ..... [Name of employee.]
was given first-aid treatment on ....., 19 , at .....m., and
[Date.] [Hour a. m. or p. m.]
has been disabled for work from ....., 19 , to ....., 19
inclusive. In my opinion disability ..... due to injury on ....., 19
[Was, or was not.]
Injury or disease causing disability .....

Was this employee examined by you after first-aid treatment was given? .....

If so, was treatment by attending physician such as, in your opinion, is calculated to obtain the best results? .....

Signed this ..... day of ....., 19 .....
[Signature of medical officer.]

at ....
[Title.]

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COPY

Bridgeport, Conn- May 11, 1921

Mr. Wm F. Rhodes, 65 Eagh Street-

W. C. WATSON- M.D. DR

For professional services - for injuries of March 22, 1921

March 22, 24, 26, 31 -1921 ---- $8.00

Received Payment-

(Sgd) W. C. Watson, MD.

3. Number of:

(a) Office treatments during the above period March 22, 24, 26 & 31st

(b) Home treatment during the above period

4. Nature of illness or disability Injured sacrum & cocni bones and ligments, great pain on touching same.

5. Extent and condition of the injury and the general condition of the employee at first examination
[Describe in detail, stating all objective and subjective signs and symptoms.]

As above

6. Which of the above symptoms, if any, are due to causes other than the present injury? None

7. Describe in detail treatment given, including drugs and appliances prescribed

liniments and rest

8. Was the employee confined to bed? No If so, how long? ---

9. If not confined to bed, was he confined to his home? No If so, how long? ---

10. Did this disability prevent his working? Yes If so, when did such disability begin?

March 22, 1921
[First day disabled for work.]

11. On what date was employee sufficiently recovered to take up:

(a) His usual occupation? March 31, 1921

(b) Any other work? " " "

12. How long, in your opinion, will *total* disability continue for—

(a) Usual work? -

(b) Any other work? -

13. How long, in your opinion, will *partial* disability continue for—

(a) Usual work? -

(b) Any other work? -

14. In your opinion, are any permanent results from his injury probable? No

If so, describe them in detail

15. Has employee given you a history of injury? No If so, state it briefly

16. *In your opinion, is the condition described above due to such injury as stated by the employee?*

17. Remarks:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am a licensed practitioner of medicine, and that each and every statement set forth above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. C. Watson
[Signature of certifying physician.]

Signed this 10th day of May, 19

446 Stratford Ave.,
[Street and number.]

at Bridgeport, Conn.

Bridgeport, Conn.
[City.] [State.]

NOTE.—It is very important that above certificate be furnished, but if for any cause it can not be secured, give full explanation under No. 17, above.

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CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL SUPERIOR OF INJURED EMPLOYEE.

[If report of injury on Form No. C. A. 2 has not been forwarded to the Commission, such report should be made and accompany this claim for compensation. If claim for compensation was not filed within 60 days after injury a written explanation of such failure should be appended.]

If the injured employee is a pieceworker, what were his or her average daily earnings during the month immediately preceding the injury? $_____

[For example, if the employee was injured on the 7th of February, his average daily earnings should be given for January 7 to February 6, inclusive.]

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the person who executed the foregoing claim for compensation was injured while in the performance of his duty for the United States. An official report of this injury on Form No. C. A. 2 has been made and all statements made in said report are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[If any circumstances have arisen which alter the conclusions stated in the official report of injury, or if the official superior disagrees with any of the statements made in the claim for compensation, it is requested that a full explanatory statement be made below.]

Remarks: Mr. Rhodes returned to duty on March 29th at 2 p.m. and has been paid for 2/3 of a day on March 22 and 5/12 of a day on March. 29th.

J T YATES

[*Signature of official superior officer.*]

Superintendent.

[*Title.*]

Signed this 23 day of May, 19 21

at Tompkinsville, NY.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY
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NY.

Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

May 1,1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

Your letter of April 27,1921. received with reference form C.A.1. to make claim for compensation for time lost on account of injury.

I respectfully will have same filled out and return to this office as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

W. & F. Rhodes.
Keeper.

FHF

April 27th, 1921

W. F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on March 22nd, 1921.

REFERENCE: Form C.A.1, "Notice of Injury" submitted by you.

1. If you wish to make claim for compensation for time lost on account of the above mentioned injury, the enclosed form should be used.

2. Your signature to the claim must be made in the presence of the notary public before whom you appear to take the required oath. The physician's certificate on page three of the form must be filled out by the doctor who treated your injury, and who should answer all questions thereon. Statement of witness should be made on page two.

3. If it is your intention not to make claim for compensation on account of this injury, you will so inform this office.

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UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

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April 12,1921

Dear Sir:

This Commission is in receipt of CA 1-2

on account of injury sustained by W. F. Rhodes, Keeper, on March 22, 1921

Greens Ledge Light Station, Rowayton, Conn.

If pay was lost for more than three days in this case, Form CA-4, claim for compensation, should be submitted not later than

Upon return to work if disability terminates within eighteen days, or

At the expiration of eighteen days from the date pay stops if disability continues beyond that period.

The submission of claim should not be delayed, as the Commission desires to be in a position to make investigation, require medical examination, or authorize special treatment as may be necessary.

Upon termination of disability kindly forward Form CA-3.

Very truly yours,

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

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The Superintendent of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

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Copy

Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

April 12, 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Subject: Absence from Station and short in pay for month of March.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 11, 1921 that I was directed to advise this office by return mail of the date, on which I expect to return to my duties as keeper, reference to letter under date of April 5, 1921.

Respectfully wish to state that I received letter of March 24,1921 to advise this office by return mail as to when I expect to resume my duties as keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, in which I did answered that I would report back to my station in a few days.

I reported back on duty to my Station on March 29, 1921, when I also received a letter of April 5, 1921, but I was on duty at that time, so I thought it not necessary to answer letter of April 5,1921, which I had already answered.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) W. F. Rhodes
Keeper.

WJL:MBM.

April 13, 1921.

W.F. Rhodes, Keeper.
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Salary for the month of March.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 7, 1921.

1. The shortage in your check for the month of March is due to your absence on account of injury. As soon as this matter is settled, payment will either be made you by this office or by the Compensation Commission.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F.W.ECKELS.

1st. Ass't. Supt.

TWO-JHG

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

April 11,1921

SUBJECT: Absence from station.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office April 5,1921.

1. Under date of April 5,1921, this office wrote you as follows:

"You are directed to advise this office by return mail of the"
"date on which you expect to return to your duties as Keeper "
"of Greens Ledge Light Station. "

2. You are directed to reply to the letter referred to without further delay.

J. T. YATES.

Per attach to your money

P.S. Pay stopped 3/31/21 o/c settlement Subsistence from station due to injury.

P.S. 4/11/21

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

April 7,1921.

T C ~~Let on about the Leave was granted for absence of injury.~~

cc

Per Has leave been granted - no, have been corresponding with him about it

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

c TM

Subject: Short in my check for the month of March.

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to state that my check for the month of March I received was only $86.45 which I was short $37.50.

Respectfully,

W.F. Rhodes,
Keeper.

FWO-JHG

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut

April 5,1921

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 24,1921.

1. You are directed to advise this office by return mail of the date on which you expect to return to your duties as Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

J. T. YATES.
1st Asst. Supt.

C. A. 1

LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

NOTICE OF INJURY

(To be submitted to the official superior for transmission with the report of injury, C. A. 2, to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior.)

Rowayton, (City or town.), Conn (State.)

(Street and number.)

, 19 (Date of this notice.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on March 22, (Date.), 1921

Tuesday (Day of week.), 4. P (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.

1. The injury occurred at Greens Ledge Lt. Sta. (Give name of navy yard, arsenal, or post office, etc., where injury occurred.);

in the following manner: While coming down the lantern stairs, I slipped and landed on the bottom of lantern stairs.

2. Cause of injury Slipped and fell on base of spine.

3. Nature of injury Base of spine injured.

4. Was this injury caused by your—

(a) Willful misconduct? No

(b) Intention to bring about the injury or death of yourself or of another? No

(c) Intoxication? NO

5. Names of witnesses to injury:

Adam A. Emeigh Jr. Ist. Asst

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(Name) W. F. Rhodes.

REPORT OF INJURY

[To be submitted to the UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., through official channels, as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which results in any medical charge against the Compensation Commission or in any loss of time other than the remainder of the day or shift on which the injury occurred. This form should be accompanied by C. A. I.]

Place of employment.

1. Department Commerce [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or office Lighthouses. [Engineer, Navigation, etc.]
3. Place of employment Greens Ledge Light Station - Rowayton, Conn. [Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.] [City.] [State.]
4. Reporting office Supt. of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, NY. [Location of reporting office or division headquarters.]
5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when injury occurred

The injured employee.

6. Name of injured employee W. F. Rhodes [Give first name in full.] 7. Age 28 8. Sex Male
9. Home address Keeper, Lighthouse, Greens Ledge Lt. Sta, Rowayton, Conn [Street and number.] [City or town.] [State.]
10. Married, ~~single, widower~~. [Cross out two words.] 11. Speak English? Yes 12. If not, what language?
13. Was the injury reported to the official superior within 48 hours from time of injury? No
14. Was the injury caused by:
(a) Willful misconduct of the employee? NO
(b) Intention of employee to bring about the injury or death of himself or another? NO
(c) Employee's intoxication? NO
[If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should make an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion and forward same with this report.]
15. Occupation and division Keepers of Lighthouse [Give both, as laborer, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.] 16. Was employee doing his regular work? Yes If not, what work?
17. How long employed at present work?
18. How long at present work in this establishment? Since Oct. 26. 1911
19. Rate of pay $ 1080 per Annum and subsistence valued at $ 45 per day
Plus $240. per annum increased Compensation
20. Employee begins work at Keepers Watch [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] m. 21. Regular day's work terminates Keeper's Watch [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] m.
22. Hours worked per day As necessary 23. Days worked per week As necessary
24. Date employee stopped work 3/22; day of week Tuesday; hour of day 4 P. [a. m. or p. m.] m.
25. Date employee's pay stopped 3/22; day of week Tuesday; hour of day Close of Day [a. m. or p. m.]

The injury.

26. Date of injury March 22, 1921 27. Day of week Tuesday 28. Hour of day 4- P [a. m. or p. m.] m.
29. Place where injury occurred Lantern Stairs, Greens Ledge Lt. Sta. [Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.] - - - - -
30. Name of machine, tool, or appliance in connection with which injury occurred
(a) By what kind of power driven? (b) Hand feed or mechanical?
(c) Part on which injury occurred
(d) Was an improved safeguard in use at time of injury?
If not, is it possible to provide such safeguard?
(e) Was the machine, tool, or appliance out of order or ill-suited for the work?
(f) Was employee instructed as to its use?
31. Describe in full how the injury occurred While coming down stairs in lantern tower, slipped and fell to bottom of stairs.
32. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury, marking upon chart on reverse of this report the site of injury Base of spine injured.
33. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? No If so, describe exactly

Medical attendance.

34. Was medical attendance provided? Yes 35. How soon after injury? same day
36. Name and address of physician Dr. W. C. Watson, 446 Stratford Ave, Bridgeport, Conn.
37. To what hospital was employee sent?
Location
38. If not sent to hospital, where sent? Went to his family physician on his own initiative
39. Was transportation furnished at Government expense? No
40. What is the probable length of disability? Unable to say
[If injured employee has already returned to work, give date and hour.]

General.

41. Names and addresses of witnesses to injury Adam A Emeigh, 1st Asst Keeper. Greens Ledge Light Station, Rowayton, Conn.
42. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? Yes If not, give detailed statement
43. Was the injury caused under circumstances creating a liability upon some person other than the United States to pay damages therefor? No
[If so, a detailed statement should be forwarded with this report.]

Signed this 7th day of April, 19 21

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
F. W. Ockenfels
[Signature of reporting officer.]

at Tompkinsville, NY

1st Asst Superintendent.
[Title.]

C. A. 2
Revised to May 25, 1918

[OVER]

FHF/IC.

April 2, 1921

W. F. Rhodes,
Keeper, Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on March 22, 1921.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office March 24, 1921.

1. You are directed to expedite the return of Form "C.A.1.", together with additional information requested by this office in above mentioned letter.

J. T. YATES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.

March 30,1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of March 22th, to inform this office the physician whom attended me.

I respectfully wish to state that Doctor W.C.Watson physician, 446 Stratford Ave, Bridgeport,Conn. is my family physician and whom attended me.

Respectfully,

W. F. Rhodes
Kpr

FHF/IC

ch 24, 1921

W. F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Lt. Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on Mar. 22, 1921.

REFERENCE: Letter from Assistant Keeper on March 22, 1921.

1. Enclosed herewith is Form C. A.1., "Notice of Injury", which you are requested to execute and return to this office promptly. You are also directed to inform this office of the name and address of the physician who is attending you, and if said physician is not one designated by the "Compensation Commission, you are instructed to inform this office why a designated physician was not called. In this connection, your attention is directed to circular #251 of February 21, 1921.

J. T. YATES

H. F. Rhodes

Bridgeport.
Conn.
March 24. 1921.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 25 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Supt of Lighthouses.

Sir.

Respectfully wish to report that I had to leave my station on account of an injury which I received by a fall on the station.

While coming down the iron steps from the watch room I sliped and fell all the way down and landed on my spine. I was compeled to consult my physician of Bridgeport. Will be able to report back on duty in a few days.

Respectfully.
H. F. Rhodes
Kpr.

FWC-JHC

William F. Rhodes, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

March 24,1921

SUBJECT: Absence on account of injury.
REFERENCE: Letter dated March 22,1921 from 1st Asst.Keeper Emeigh.

1. Referring to letter from 1st Asst.Keeper Emeigh, dated March 22,1921, stating you slipped on the lantern stairs and injured your pine; you are directed to advise this office by return mail as to when you expect to resume your duties as keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

T. J. YATES

CC
VC

3/24/21

Rhodes, Keeper Greenhedge
Lt. injured at station on
March 22, 1921 –
Do not pay salary beyond
Mar 22 as Injury Compensation
may be paid.

Ade

Pers
Make copy of 1st Asst's report –
write Kpr Rhodes when expects to resume
his duties Ade 3/24

COPY

Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,

Rowayton, Conn

Superintendent of Lighthouses, March 22,1921

Sir

On March 22,1921 my Keeper W. F. Rhodes came down from the lantern tower and slipped on the stair steps and fell on his spine bone and I helped him on the bed also found out that he was so seriously hurt I advise him to see a Doctor on shore at once.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Adam A.Emeigh,Jr.

3-24-21
Original letter
sent Time Clerk

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.
Rowayton, Conn.
March, 22 1921.

Superintendent of Light-houses.

Sir:-

On March 22, 1921 my Keeper W.H. Rhodes came down from the Lantern tower and slip on the stair steps and fell on his spine bone and I help him on the bed also found out that he was so seriously hurt I advise him to see a Doctor on shore at once.

Respectifully.

Adam A. Enright Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 24 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REPORT OF TERMINATION OF TOTAL OR PARTIAL DISABILITY

(*Cross out one.*)

[To be forwarded to the UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., through official channels, as soon as disability from injury terminates. This form to be submitted for each injury resulting in any disability, whether or not employee makes claim for compensation.]

1. Department Commerce (*War, Navy, etc.*) 2. Bureau or office Lighthouses (*Engineer, Navigation, etc.*)
3. Place of employment Watch Hill Lighthouse Station, Rhode Island. (*Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.*) (*City or town.*) (*State.*)
4. Full name of injured employee William F. Rhodes
5. Time of injury May 16th, (*Date.*), 1923 Wednesday (*Day of week.*) 1.45 P. m. (*Hour, a. m. or p. m.*)
6. Time employee stopped work May 16th (*Date.*), 1923 " (*Day of week.*) 1.45 P. m. (*Hour, a. m. or p. m.*)
7. Time employee's pay stopped May 16th (*Date.*), 1923 Wednesday (*Day of week.*) close of day (*Hour, a. m. or p. m.*)
8. First day employee was able to resume work May 24 (*Date.*), 1923 Thursday (*Day of week.*) 8:00 A. m. (*Hour, a. m. or p. m.*)
9. Did employee return to the same work and at same rate of pay after termination of disability? Yes
   If so, when? May 24, 1923 If not, state character of work performed upon return to duty and rate paid employee for such work
10. Actual time disabled (including Sundays and holidays) Seven and 3/4 days.
11. Number of days for which employee would have received pay had he not been disabled 7-3/4 days.
12. If employee was receiving subsistence as part of his wages, was such subsistence furnished during entire period of disability? Yes If not, give dates on which subsistence was not furnished
13. Has employee been paid for any portion of above absence on account of—
    (*a*) Annual leave?
    (*b*) Sick leave? (*Give exact dates.*) Granted leave with pay for entire period of disability (*Give exact dates.*)
14. Remarks

[The following information is to be furnished *only* in case of death resulting from an injury sustained while in the performance of duty. If death results immediately, or if no Report of Injury has previously been submitted, such report, on Form C. A. 2, should be forwarded

REPORT OF TERMINATION OF TOTAL OR PARTIAL DISABILITY

(Cross out one.)

[To be forwarded to the UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., through official channels, as soon as disability from injury terminates. This form to be submitted for each injury resulting in any disability, whether or not employee makes claim for compensation.]

1. Department Commerce (War, Navy, etc.) 2. Bureau or office Lighthouses (Engineer, Navigation, etc.)
3. Place of employment Watch Hill Lighthouse Station, Rhode Island. (Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.) (City or town.) (State.)
4. Full name of injured employee William F. Rhodes
5. Time of injury May 16th, (Date.), 1923 Wednesday (Day of week.) 1.45 P. m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
6. Time employee stopped work May 16th (Date.), 1923 " (Day of week.) 1.45 P. m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
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   If so, when? May 24, 1923 If not, state character of work performed upon return to duty and rate paid employee for such work
10. Actual time disabled (including Sundays and holidays) Seven and 3/4 days.
11. Number of days for which employee would have received pay had he not been disabled 7-3/4 days.
12. If employee was receiving subsistence as part of his wages, was such subsistence furnished during entire period of disability? Yes If not, give dates on which subsistence was not furnished
13. Has employee been paid for any portion of above absence on account of—
   (a) Annual leave? (Give exact dates.)
   (b) Sick leave? Granted leave with pay for entire period of disability (Give exact dates.)
14. Remarks

[The following information is to be furnished *only* in case of death resulting from an injury sustained while in the performance of duty. If death results immediately, or if no Report of Injury has previously been submitted, such report, on Form C. A. 2, should be forwarded herewith.]

REPORT OF DEATH

15. Time of death (Date.), 19 (Day of week.) m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
16. Place of death (Name of hospital, establishment, etc.) (City or town, and State.)
17. Immediate cause of death
18. Widow of deceased employee (Give full name.) (Address.)
19. Children of deceased employee under 18 years of age, or those over 18 who are incapable of self-support:

Name.	*Age.*

20. Names, relationship, and addresses of all other persons known to be dependent, in any degree, upon decedent at time of death:

Name.	*Relationship.*	*Address.*

Signed this 6th day of June, 19 23

at Staten Island, N. Y.

J. T. Yates
(Official superior.)

Superintendent

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(All forwarding indorsements to be made on reverse side of this sheet.)



Watch Hill Light Station
Westerly, Rhode Island.

June 2,1923.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:-

Reply to your letter date May 31,1923. requested to inform this office whether or not to submit application for leave covering period of absence on account of injoury.

I respectfully submit enclosed application for leave covering period of my absence.

Respectfully,
W. F. Rhodes.
Additional Keeper. . .

June 1, 1923.

U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by William F. Rhodes on May 16, 1923.

REFERENCE: Your letter of May 29th, 1923, file #130616.

Sirs:

You are informed that the above employe, who was injured on May 16th, 1923, was also injured on December 18,1916, and March 22nd, 1921.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst. Superintendent

May 31st, 1923

Mr. W. F. Rhodes,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on May 16th, 1923.

REFERENCE: Form CA-1, submitted on May 18th, 1923.

1- You are requested to inform this office by return mail whether or not you will submit application for leave covering period of your absence on account of the above mentioned injury.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Superintendent

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ESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSION

S EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
BUILDING, SEVENTH AND B STREETS
WASHINGTON

S. R. GOLIBART, JR.
SECRETARY

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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In reply refer to File No 130616

May 29, 1923

The Superintendent of Lighthouses,
United States Lighthouse Service,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir ;

This Commission is in receipt of the reports of the injury sustained by Mr. William F. Rhodes on May 16, 1923, while employed as additional keeper at Watch Hill Lighthouse Station, Westerly, R. I.

We also have on file the reports of two other injuries sustained by Mr. William F. Rhodes while employed as keeper at Green's Ledge Light Station, Rowayton, Conn., one on December 18, 1916, and the other on March 22, 1921.

Will you kindly advise if the injuries were sustained by the same man, or do the cases cover separate injuries to men of the same name?

Very truly yours,

Bessie P. Brueggeman

Mrs. Bessie P. Brueggeman
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 25th, 1923

Per [illegible]
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Superintendent.

I respectfully report that the additional Keeper at large Wm Rhodes reported for duty May 24th at 8 Am.

Respectfully
John F. Anderson
Keeper

REPORT OF INJURY

...to the UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., through official ... as soon as practicable after any injury ...ne United States sustained while in the performance of duty which results in any medical charge against the Compensation Commission or in any loss ...me remainder of the day or shift on which the injury occurred. This form should be accompanied by C. A. 1.]

Place of employment.

1. Department Commerce [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or office Lighthouses [Engineer, Navigation, etc.]
3. Place of employment Watch Hill Lighthouse Station, Rhode Island [Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.] [City.] [State.]
4. Reporting office General Lighthouse Depot, Staten Island, N. Y. [Location of reporting office or division headquarters.]
5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when injury occurred

The injured employee.

6. Name of injured employee William F. Rhodes [Give first name in full.] 7. Age 33 8. Sex Male
9. Home address Watch Hill Light Station, Westerly, Rhode Island. [Street and number.] [City or town.] [State.]
10. Married, ~~single, widowed~~ [Cross out two words.] 11. Speak English? Yes 12. If not, what language?
13. Was the injury reported to the official superior within 48 hours from time of injury? Yes
14. Was the injury caused by:
(a) Willful misconduct of the employee? No
(b) Intention of employee to bring about the injury or death of himself or another? No
(c) Employee's intoxication? No
[If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should make an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion and forward same with this report.]
15. Occupation and division Additional Keeper, Lighthouse Service [Give both, as laborer, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.] 16. Was employee doing his regular work? Yes If not, what work?
17. How long employed at present work? ---
18. How long at present work in this establishment? since Oct. 31, 1921.
19. Rate of pay, $960 per annum and subsistence valued at $.45 per day
20. Employee begins work at as necessary [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] 21. Regular day's work terminates as necessary [Hour, a. m. or p. m.]
22. Hours worked per day as required 23. Days worked per week as required
24. Date employee stopped work 5/16; day of week Wednesday; hour of day 1:45 P. m. [a. m. or p. m.]
25. Date employee's pay stopped 5/16; day of week "; hour of day close of day [a. m. or p. m.]

The injury.

26. Date of injury May 16th, 1923 27. Day of week Wednesday 28. Hour of day 1:45 P. m. [a. m. or p. m.]
29. Place where injury occurred Watch Hill Light Station, Westerly, Rhode Island [Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.]
30. Name of machine, tool, or appliance in connection with which injury occurred oil engine
(a) By what kind of power driven? kerosene (b) Hand feed or mechanical?
(c) Part on which injury occurred heating torch used in connection with starting engine
(d) Was an improved safeguard in use at time of injury? --
If not, is it possible to provide such safeguard?
(e) Was the machine, tool, or appliance out of order or ill-suited for the work? No
(f) Was employee instructed as to its use? Yes
31. Describe in full how the injury occurred The Lighthouse Keeper, Mr. Anderson, was starting engine, and as same was slow starting, Mr. Rhodes, the injured employe, went over to assist him, and believing the engine was not hot enough, Mr. Anderson poured alcohol, which ignited and exploded in the face of Mr. Rhodes.
32. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury, marking upon chart on reverse of this report the site of injury face, neck and eyes burned.
33. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? No If so, describe exactly

Medical attendance.

34. Was medical attendance provided? Yes 35. How soon after injury? same day
36. Name and address of physician Dr. E. Lewis, High St., Westerly, R.I.
37. To what hospital was employee sent? ----
Location
38. If not sent to hospital, where sent? Dr. Lewis treating employe at Watch Hill Light Station, Westerly, R.I.
39. Was transportation furnished at Government expense? No
40. What is the probable length of disability? unknown at this time
[If injured employee has already returned to work, give date and hour.]

General.

41. Names and addresses of witnesses to injury
John F. Anderson, Keeper, Watch Hill Light Station, Westerly, R.I.
42. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? Yes If not, give detailed statement
43. Was the injury caused under circumstances creating a liability upon some person other than the United States to pay damages therefor? No
[If so, a detailed statement should be forwarded with this report.]

Signed this 21st day of May, 1923 J T Yates
[Signature of reporting officer.]
at Staten Island, N.Y. Superintendent
[Title.]

C. A. 2 [OVER]
Revised to May 25, 1918

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NOTICE OF INJURY

LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

(To be submitted to the official superior for transmission with the report of injury, C. A. 2, to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior. It should be retained by the official superior unless the injury is one for which C. A. 2 must be submitted, when it should be forwarded with that report to the Compensation Commission.)

Watch Hill, Westerly, Rhode Island
(City or town.) (State.)

~~May 18th 1923~~
(Street and number.)

May 18th, 19 23
(Date of this notice.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on May 16th, 19 23
(Date.)

Wednesday, 1:45 P. m.
(Day of week.) (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)

1. The injury occurred at Watch Hill Light House;
(Give name of establishment where employed.)

in the following manner: Mr. Anderson was starting the engine and I was working at the bench, the engine hesitated, I came over to assist Mr. Anderson and he thought the engine was not hot enough, he poured on alcohol, it ignited and exploded in my face.

2. Cause of injury ~~face, neck and eyes burned~~

3. Nature of injury face, neck and eyes burned. Incapacitated on account of injury at present.

4. Was this injury caused by your—

(a) Willful misconduct? No

(b) Intention to bring about the injury or death of yourself or of another? No

(c) Intoxication? No

5. *Names of witnesses to injury:*

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

(signed) John J. Anderson
Keeper

(Name) Mr. William F. Rhodes
per Mrs. William F. Rhodes

This paper is not a claim for compensation. Before compensation can be paid, written claim on Commission's Form CA 4, with doctor's certificate showing disability for work, must be submitted.

C. A. 1
Revised to April 15, 1919.

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Dr. E. Lewis,
High St., Westerly R.I. furnishing treatments at Watch Hill

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT
MAY 18 1923
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Watch Hill
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 17, 1923.

Superintendent.

Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by Assistant Keeper.

1- Attached hereto is form CA-1, which you are directed to have the Assistant Keeper fill out if he was injured in the performance of his duties, forwarding same promptly to this office. All questions on this form should be fully answered.

2- Also advise name and address of Doctor who furnished first aid treatment; also whether the Assistant Keeper was incapacitad on account of this injury, and name and address of hospital if confined in hospital.

J. T. YATES.

Respectfully
John F. Anderson
Keeper

Encl.- Form CA-1

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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PENNSVILLE, N.J.

Watch Hill
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 17th, 1923

Superintendent.

I respectfully wish to report that the additional Keeper Wm Rhodes met with an accident yesterday wednesday May 16th at 1.45 P.M. I was starting the engine with some alcohol and and the engine was not hot enough so I put more alcohol in the torch and it exploded just as Mr Rhodes came over to the engine and he got burned in his face and eyes.

I called the Dr immediately and he cannot tell until 48 hours how severe the burns is.

Respectfully
John F. Anderson
Keeper

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REQUEST

Watch Hill (Station.), May 16, 1923.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 7 1/4 days of shore liberty or leave, from May 16th to May 24th, inclusive, 1923 I have had 3 11/12 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Louis E. Schwarz (Name.) Light House Dept (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

Watch Hill Lt Sta (Street or R. D. Route.), Westerly (City.), R. I (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

W. F. Rhodes (Applicant's signature.)

Former Keeper Transfered *Keeper in charge.* Addt. Keeper (Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, June 5,1923, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 7-3/4 days, from 1:45 P.M. May 16th to 8 A.M. May 24th, inclusive, 1923.

Substitute must * (Insert "must" or "need not.") be furnished during this absence.

*Should have been.

J. T. YATES

~~xxxxx~~, Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1:45 P.M. (State nearest hour.) May 16, 1923

Returned to duty: At 8:00 A.M. (State nearest hour.) May 24, 1923

Period of absence: ~~7 1/4~~ 7 3/4 days.

Period charged: ~~7 1/4~~ 7 3/4 days.

W. F. Rhodes (Applicant's signature.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

Former Keeper Transfered *Keeper in charge.* Addt. Keeper (Title.)

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FWO:CFG

May 16th, 1923,
3:00 P. M.

PHONE MESSAGE:-

Telephone message received from Post Office at Watch Hill stating that the call was being made at the request of Keeper Anderson of Watch Hill Light. It was reported that the Asst. Keeper was badly burned around the head and face today and the Keeper asks that a man be sent from the Depot to help him for two or three days. The party speaking stated that an alcohol lamp used for heating up exploded this morning and burned the Asst. Keeper as stated.

1st Asst. Supt.

Copy sent to T.C.

Laborer Schmidt sent 5/17

T. C.

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F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Greens Ledge Light Station
Rowayton, Conn.
10/7/18.

Superintendent of
Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I respectfully wish to report that I left this station Friday after noon October 4th, while Barney--Murphy Machinist was at this station, in order to get provisions, and to report back the following morning,

But on account of stormy weather it was impossible for me to report back to the station, till Monday morning, Mr. Murphy was willing to relief me till I got back to the station,

Respectfully,
W. H. Rhodes
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON January 31, 1925

LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 4 PM 3 12

Mr. William F. Rhodes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

J. GARDNER,
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1500.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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