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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
Ridgway(Ridgeway), Robert, C.		1894 NJ

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:	State of Residence (upon entry into service):
1960	

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: 1916	To: 1917
(Agency & Location)	
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(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:

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

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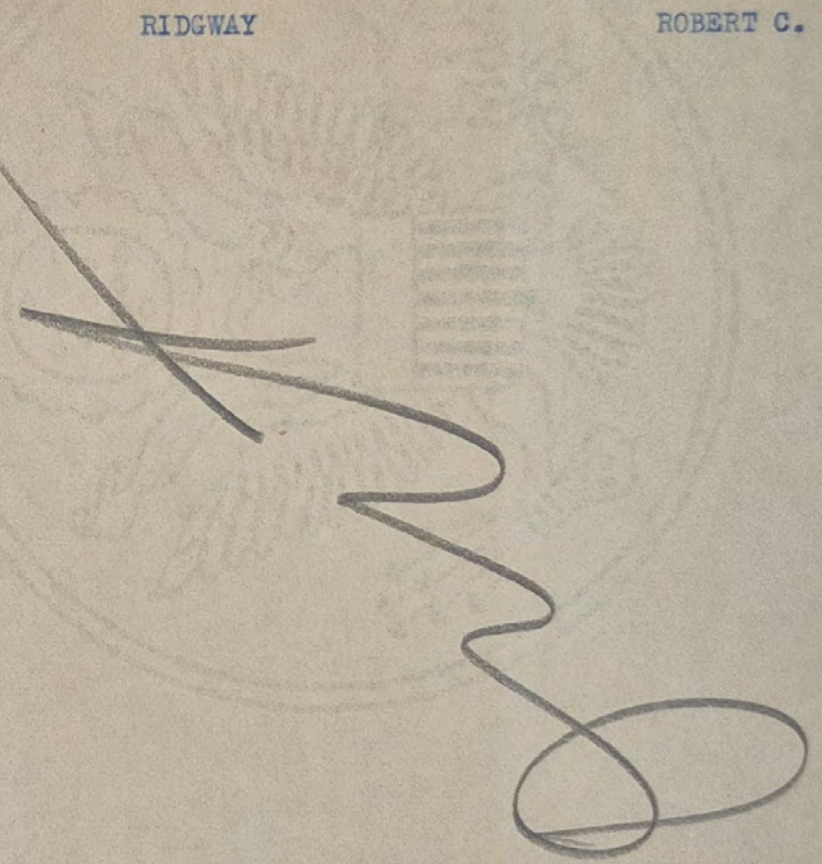
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Form 1201

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LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER 1609

WASHINGTON

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LIGHT 9-35 SEP 6 HOUSES

REQUEST AUTHORITY ASSIGN ROBERT C RIDGEWAY TO DUTY ASSISTANT KEEPER ROCKLANDLAKE SEPTEMBER SEVENTH VICE BRAINERD RESIGNED AND REPRESENTATIVE IN SERVICE DISTRICT SECRETARY APPROVES

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SPECIAL

St George N Y September 5 1916

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington

Request authority assign Robert C Ridgeway to duty assistant keeper Rockland Lake September seventh vice Brainerd resigned No representative in service District secretary approves

(Signed) Yates

MoC. Bureau of Lighthouses,
September 6, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that authority be granted to assign Robert C. Ridgeway to duty as assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective September 7, 1916, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

As soon as nomination is received, bearing indorsement of the district secretary, the same will be submitted to the Department, at which time formal appointment may be issued.

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Acting Commissioner.

McC

Washington D C September 6 1916

Lighthouse Inspector ~~Rampkinxxkka~~ Saint George New York

Assignment Ridgeway assistant keeper Rockland Lake authorized effective as recommended yours fifth

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of ~~the~~ Putnam Department hereby authorizes the assignment of Robert C. Ridgeway to duty as assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum. A formal appointment will be issued to Mr. Ridgeway upon receipt of examination bearing the indorsement of the local civil-service district secretary.

Commissioner

Acting Secretary.

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 6 1916

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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

9-6-16 Wired 3rd

September 6, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP - 6 1916

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

Tompkinsville My attention is invited to Bureau telegram of today.

Acting Commissioner.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

LIGHT SEP 15 1916 HOUSES

Sept 21, 1916. Dept sent Dept for amendment HMD

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) September 12 (Date.), 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Robert C. Ridgeway

Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Assistant Keeper

Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Rockland Lake Light Station, N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective September 9, 1916 } the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.6, Other eligibles considered:
James Pachmann,FR - Fred V.Baker,FR - Louis H. Jotter,FR - Joseph Zlamany,FR - Geo.N.Thomas,D - Patrick A.Meehan,D - Stephen A.Prior,C - Henry L.Schlichter,C.

Previous incumbent, William P.Brainerd,Jr. Services terminated, August 28, 1916.

Reason, Resignation.

Assignment to duty on September 9,1916, was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employes of district desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 to 12,14,15,17,18 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. No. 21 will not accept appointment at this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. SEP 13 1916, 191

J T Yates

Secretary, SECOND Civil Service District.

JEL

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 15 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Attention is invited to Department letter of September 6, 1916, authorizing the assignment of Ridgeway to duty.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT SEP 18 1916 HOUSES

LIGHT OCT 5 1916 HOUSES

September 16, 1916.

Mr. Robert C. Ridgway,

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, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. E. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

ED Sept 9-1916. RC

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William P. Brainerd, jr.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

(See reverse side.)

SEP 18 1916

LIGHT
OCT 3 1916
HOUSES

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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

October 2, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 28th ultimo, the Department has amended its order of September 16, 1916, appointing Robert C. Ridgeway to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, by changing the surname of the appointee to read Ridgway instead of Ridgeway. The notice of appointment addressed to Mr. Ridgway has been amended accordingly and is returned herewith.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

JEL

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,

OCT 6 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.,

for his information, guidance, and files of office. The notice of appointment addressed to Ridgway has been forwarded under separate cover.

Acting Commissioner,

Enclosure 72.
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AUG 24 1917

Sir:

Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you on the morning of August 9, 1917, to the occupants of a small boat which was filled with water and in a sinking condition in the vicinity of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, it appears from the papers in this case that but for your prompt action the four occupants of the boat would in all probability have been drowned. The Department takes pleasure in commending you for the rescue of these persons and will note the fact on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Mr. R. C. Ridgway,
Assistant Keeper, Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Temporary

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Rockland Lake ,N.Y. August 11th 1917

Inspector

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sgd K.C.Ridgway
Asst Keeper

Dr.Moskowitz will corroberate my saying.

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Asst Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 17 1917
HOUSES

FWO-WJL

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

Dept commend RCRy

August 14, 1917.

Commissioner:

Enclosed herewith is copy of letter of August 11th concerning the matter of assistance rendered by R.C.Ridgway, Assistant Keeper, Rockland Lake Light Station to the occupants of a motor boat on the morning of August 9th. The assistance rendered in this instance is of an exceptional nature and it is considered that commendation of Mr.Ridgway by the Secretary of Commerce is warranted and such action is therefore recommended.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

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NICATIONS TO
INSPECTOR
ONSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
AUG 17 1917
HOUSES

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

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Motor Boat Ltr. 8/16/17

August 14, 1917.

LIGHT
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HOUSES

See oth PP
this case attd

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In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

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AUG 24 1917 LIGHT AUG 25 1917 HOUSES

Sir:

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Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. R. C. Ridgway,
Assistant Keeper, Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by.....

Mailed AUG 24 1917 by.....

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

Aug. 24, 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, New York.....
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See your letter of August 14, 1917.

JOR

Acting Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT
SEP 1 1917
HOUSES

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

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August 31,1917

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Ridgway eod Sept 9/16 doesn't look like suitable man for LHS Concur with Insp rec to Dept for dismissal Mee 9/6

Commissioner:

The following correspondence re Robert C. Ridgway, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Letter dated August 22,1917 from Keeper Oldis.
2. " " " 24 " " " "
3. Copy of letter dated August 24,1917 to keeper Oldis.
4. Letter dated August 26,1917 from Keeper Oldis.
5. " " " " " " "
5. Copy of letter of charges dated August 28,1917 addressed to Assistant Keeper Ridgway.
7. Letter dated August 29,1917 from Asst.Keeper Ridgway.
8. Letter dated August 30 from Keeper Oldis.

Dept rec 9/7 dismiss JSC Sep 8

The Bureau is advised that Ridgway was warned a number of times by the keeper in regard to taking leave in excess of the station allowance and in regard to his working ashore in an ice house, but without result.

As Mr.Ridgway has repeatedly violated the Regulations, as shown in the correspondence hereto attached, and as his letter of August 29th admits all the charges preferred against him, it is not considered he is a suitable man for the position of Assistant Keeper, and it is therefore recommended that he be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective on the date on which he receives notification of his dismissal.

A report and recommendation will be forwarded at a later date as to excess leave taken by Ridgway prior to his separation from the service.

J. T. YATES.

McC.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
September 8, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that Ridgway be dismissed from the service, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department, at which time report will also be made regarding the leave taken by Ridgway, if the Bureau's recommendation be approved.

Acting Commissioner.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
SEP 7 1917
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Rec OK
Insp has authy to make deductim for Excess leave to state actim taken Rego par. 470 (3d par) Rec so advise
Mcl 9/12

September 6,1917

Commissioner:

Referring to letter from this office dated August 31,1917 recommending that Robert C. Ridgway be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective on the date on which he receives notification of his dismissal.

The Bureau is advised that Mr.Ridgway was absent from his duties for 82 days 16 hours between January 1st and August 31st,1917. The allowance of leave for Rockland Lake Light Station was six days per month up to the end of July, and is now 8 days per month, or 50 days in all for the period stated. The total amount of excess leave taken by him will not be known until his services have terminated.

It is recommended that in making final payment of salary to Mr.Ridgway, this office be authorized to make proper deduction for excess leave taken by him up to the time of his separation from the service.

J. T. YATES.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
SEP 14 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville NY
~~for remarks and return~~ Make deductim for Excess leave and advise Bureau of actim taken at proper time. See Rego 1914, par. 470 (3d par.)

Acting Commissioner.

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Mcl

LIGHT
SEP 12 1917
HOUSES

September 12, 1917.

Sir:

Having been charged with (1) leaving the station unattended, (2) loaning the Government boat for fishing, (3) taking excessive leave, (4) leaving the station without permission of the keeper, and (5) allowing your wife and child and her sister and two children at the station, and the charges having been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum, in the Light-house Service, effective at the close of a date to be fixed by the Bureau and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Robert C. Ridgway,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

3 Insp.

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Robert C. Ridgway,
dismissal.

October 16, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York:

Referring to your letter of October 5, 1917, in regard to Robert C. Ridgway, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, who was dismissed from the service, effective at the close of a date to be fixed and reported to the Department.

The Bureau has this day submitted your letter of October 5, 1917, to the Department for its information. Make effort to recover from Ridgway on account of the excess leave takeniin this case, approximately twenty days and make report and recommendation to the Bureau thereafter, at which time the matter will be further considered.

Acting Commissioner

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.

JHG

10/6/17 Wrote 3d.

Think Insp shd ~~not~~ make effort to recover 20 day's excess leaves, & make further report & recom to Bur. Don't think Bur wd be justified in asking Dept to waive reg. MeS 10/10

October 5, 1917

Commissioner:-

Concur with McC. See 2 slipped pgs, marked portions. Rec to keep & say what else Bu will take with Sl. TSC 10/9

Referring to Department letter dated September 12,1917 dismissing Robert C. Ridgway from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York.

The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this dismissal was at the close of September 19,1917.

OK Oct 12 JC

The excess leave taken by Ridgway from January 1st to September 19th,1917, was 39 days and 9 hours. No payment will therefore be made him for services rendered from September 1st to 19th,1917, and the matter will be considered as closed.

J. T. KAIME

McC-T

Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 16, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. The Bureau has instructed the 3rd Inspector to make every effort to recover from Ridgway on account of the excess leave taken in this case, approximately twenty days.

Regular report and recommendation will be made to the Department at a later date.

JC

Commissioner.

McC-MC

SET incls.

December 4, 1917.

SUBJECT:-3rd Insp. indor. of Nov. 23/17, re Robt.C.Ridgway,excess leave.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending that the facts in this case be presented to the U.S.Civil Service Commission with a view to the debarment of Mr. Ridgway from civil service examinations until such time as the amount of excess leave is refunded by him.

TSC

"Thrive by Thrift, Buy War Saving Stamps."

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

WASHINGTON

LIGHT JAN 4 1918 HOUSES

January 3, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the Bureau's communication of the 4th ultimo recommending that Robert C. Ridgway, former assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, be debarred from civil-service examinations until such time as he makes refund on account of excess leave, the Department has to state that it is in receipt of a letter from the Civil Service Commission dated January 2, 1918, which reads as follows:

> "Referring to your letter of December 7 the Commission respectfully advises you that it has very carefully considered the facts which resulted in the discharge of Robert C. Ridgway from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, in the Lighthouse Service. It does not consider that it would be justified in barring Ridgway from entering all future civil service examinations. In the event, however, that he files application for any examination, the matter as to the acceptance of his application will be again considered.

By direction of the Secretary:

E. W. Libby
Acting Chief Clerk.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
Jan. 10, 1918

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

√C-N.

Acting Commissioner

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Robert C. Ridgway

Robert C. Ridgway

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
N. J.

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Asst. Kpr. Rockland Lake, N.Y.	$480	L. N. Com—	Sept. 1, 1916
Removed auto to suspend — Sept 19, 1917			

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CHIEF CLERK
SEP 6 1916
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WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM

SPECIAL

St George N Y September 5 1916

APPOINTMENTS
SEP 6 1916

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington

Request authority assign* Robert C Ridgeway to duty assistant keeper Rockland Lake September seventh vice Brainerd resigned No representative in service District secretary approves

(Signed) Yates

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
SEP 6 1916
DEPT OF COMMERCE

McC.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
September 6, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that authority be granted to assign Robert C. Ridgeway to duty as assistant keeper $450. of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective September 7, 1916, or as soon thereafter as practicable. Vice W. P. Brainerd (Aug 28, 16 resigned)

As soon as nomination is received, bearing indorsement of the district secretary, the same will be submitted to the Department, at which time formal appointment may be issued.

*no papers
Farm

9-6-16

Acting Commissioner.

September 6, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of this date, the Department hereby authorizes the assignment of Robert C. Ridgeway to duty as assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum. A formal appointment will be issued to Mr. Ridgeway upon receipt of nomination bearing the indorsement of the local civil-service district secretary.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 15 1916

HMD

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) September 12 (Date.), 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

CHIEF CLERK SEP 16 1916 5

Name, * Robert C. Ridgeway — Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Rockland Lake Light Station, N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective September 9, 1916 — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

APPOINTMENT SEP 16 191

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED SEP 16 1916 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.6, Other eligibles considered: James Bachmann,FR - Fred V.Baker,FR - Louis H. Jetter,FR - Joseph Zlamany,FR - Geo.N.Thomas,D - Patrick A.Meehan,D - Stephen A.Prior,C - Henry L.Schlichter,C.

Previous incumbent, William P.Brainerd,Jr. Services terminated, August 28, 1916.

Reason, Resignation.

Assignment to duty on September 9,1916, was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of district desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 to 12,14,15,17,18 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. No. 21 will not accept appointment at this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. SEP 13 1916, 191

A.D. Cole
Secretary, SECOND Civil Service District.

J. T. Yates

JEL RM

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 15 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.
* Attention is invited to Department letter of September 6, 1916, authorizing the assignment of Ridgeway to duty.

9-16-16

S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Ridgway *

M. Robert C. (Ridgeway.) September 16, 1916.

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, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CHANGE REPORTED
OCT 1916
U. S. COMMISSION.

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

* D 10/7/16 Amends

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice William P. Brainerd, jr.

Legal Residence New Jersey.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 16 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

(See reverse side.)

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 30 1916 HOUSES
APPOINTMENTS OCT 27 1916
CHIEF CLERK OCT 27 1916

I, Robert C. Ridgway

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.

Robert Clifton Ridgway
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to and (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 26th day of September, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) George Wm. Reburn

(Official title) Justice of the Peace

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Asst. Keeper	$480. p.a.	Rockland Lake Lt. Sta., N.Y.
Former[5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), Sept 29, 1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 9, 1916 (Date)

J. Kilgore

Robert Clifton Ridgway
(Signature, followed by title) Asst Keeper

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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OCT 26 1916

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
SEP 28 1916
HOUSES

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Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
[redacted]
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

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

CHIEF CLERK
SEP 30 1916

September 27, 1916.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
OCT 2-1916
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT
SEP 30 1916

Commissioner;

Returned herewith, for amendment, is Department letter in duplicate, dated September 16,1916, appointing Robert C. Ridgeway to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, N.Y. The correct way to spell his name is Ridgway, as same appears on the eligible list, the name having been spelled incorrectly in the nomination form.

J. T. Yates

9-30-16

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 28 1916

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval and amendment of the appointment of Ridgway.

H. Conway
Acting Commissioner.

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October 2, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 28th ultimo, the Department has amended its order of September 16, 1916, appointing Robert C. Ridgeway to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, by changing the surname of the appointee to read Ridgway instead of Ridgeway. The notice of appointment addressed to Mr. Ridgway has been amended accordingly and is returned herewith.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 2 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

Enclosure 72.
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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

TREASURY DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR 32 DIST. SEP 23 1916 RECEIVED LOUISVILLE, KY.
LIGHT SEP 30 1916 SES
CHIEF CLERK SEP 30 1916
APPOINTMENT SEP 30 1916

MARCH 5, 1913.

To the CHIEFS OF BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

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.

William C. Redfield
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? (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, it should be so stated.)
Mr Robert Clifton Ridgway

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

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)
Barnegat (City or town.) New Jersey (State or Territory.) Ocean (County.) 4th (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Barnegat N. J.

6. When were you born? Aug (Month.) 6 (Day.) 1894 (Year.)

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

Mrs R. C. Pidgeon — Rockland Lake (Name. / City or town.) — Number and street. — New York. (State or Territory.)

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? .....

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
Henry Brown	2. cousin	Coast Guard	"	"
Gene Pidgeon	"	"	"	"
Arthur Pidgeon	"	Mail Clerk	"	"

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

Local Civil Service examination, Lighthouse, Dec 15 1915

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

no

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
none					

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

no

13. 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.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
no			

14. 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.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
none			

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? no (If answer is "yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) none

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service none

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

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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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

General Bayman, catching & selling clams oysters & fish

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.)

Eight Grade Elementry school, Mail course in Electro Therapeutics & Electro Dermatology in the National College of Electro Therapeutics Jima Ohio

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.")

Received Diploma from both courses (above mentioned) practiced for 3 years after course

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

none except Lighthouse

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. Sept 21, 1916

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Robert Clifton Bridges

P. O. Address: Rockland Lake
City or town.

Number and street.

New York
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 Sept 29, 1916

(Signature) J. T. Yates

(Official title)

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officer of the Bureau of the Department to which the employee is assigned or by some authorized 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.) Rockland Lake N.Y. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 3 (District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. Sept 16/16

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

5. State the date of the oath. Sept 26/1916

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Sept 9, 1916

7. What is his salary? 480 per an.

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 6th 1896

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 Civ Ser. Exam. Dec 15/15

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. ✓

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) J. T. Yates

(Official title) SA

Date: ——, 191

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AUG 24 1917

APPOINTMENTS
AUG 25 1917

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Sir:

Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you on the morning of August 9, 1917, to the occupants of a small boat which was filled with water and in a sinking condition in the vicinity of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, it appears from the papers in this case that but for your prompt action the four occupants of the boat would in all probability have been drowned. The Department takes pleasure in commending you for the rescue of these persons and will note the fact on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. R. C. Ridgway,
Assistant Keeper, Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by .....

Mailed AUG 24 1917 by

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

September 11, 1917.

Memorandum for the Acting Secretary:

There is attached hereto, for approval, recommendation from the Bureau of Lighthouses for the dismissal of Robert C. Ridgway, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
SEP 12 1917
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Clifford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPROVED:

ASST. SEC'Y
SEP 11 1917

E. F. Carmody

Acting Secretary.

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SEP 11 1917

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No. 203
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 1 1917

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

CHIEF CLERK SEP 10 1917

August 31,1917.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 12 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner:

The following correspondence re Robert C. Ridgway, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

APPOINTMENTS SEP 10 1917

CHIEF CLERK SEP 11 1917

1. Letter dated August 22,1917 from Keeper Oldis.
2. " " " 24 " " " "
3. Copy of letter dated August 24,1917 to keeper Oldis.
4. Letter dated August 26,1917 from Keeper Oldis.
5. " " " " " " " "
6. Copy of letter of charges dated August 28,1917 addressed to Assistant Keeper Ridgway.
7. Letter dated August 29,1917 from Asst.Keeper Ridgway.
8. Letter dated August 30 from Keeper Oldis.

The Bureau is advised that Ridgway was warned a number of times by the keeper in regard to taking leave in excess of the station allowance and in regard to his working ashore in an ice house, but without result.

As Mr.Ridgway has repeatedly violated the Regulations, as shown in the correspondence hereto attached, and as his letter of August 29th admits all the charges preferred against him, it is not considered he is a suitable man for the position of Assistant Keeper, and it is therefore recommended that he be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective on the date on which he receives notification of his dismissal.

A report and recommendation will be forwarded at a later date as to excess leave taken by Ridgway prior to his separation from the service.

J. F. Yates

McC. Bureau of Lighthouses,
September 8, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that Ridgway be dismissed from the service, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department, at which time report will also be made regarding the leave taken by Ridgway, if the Bureau's recommendation be approved.

Acting Commissioner.

COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. AUG 23 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

8/22 ~~191~~ 1917

LIGHT SEP 1 1917 HOUSES

Inspector

When the asst Keeper returned to the light I told him your orders about leaving the light without my consent he made no reply but 11 days after he returned he said he wanted to go and get his Mess Book in the valise I asked him when he moved to back he said as soon as he got her in the valise after he was ashore he launched her right away but he returned Sunday the 12th inst and he wants to be ashore all the time he will never be any better as long as he can hold two jobs one ashore the other out of the light I dont think it is fair I have to do 3/4 of the work and he getting paid for it he will never do for a Light House man he dont take any interest in it it is the talk by Work every body in the village about him working ashore and being ashore so much he has disappointed me since going away I have had 18 days since first Jan he has had 120 days since first Jan this is 4 Months More this Year at this rate he is going he will

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Light Station
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8/22, 1917

Make it 150 days I will give you the daily and time he has had so far for Months of august

ass't Keeper R C Ridgeway

Left Light	Returned to Light	Hours
aug 1st 630 am	aug 3d 830 am	50
" 4th 6 am	" 5th 2 PM	46
" 7th 2 PM	" 11th 2 PM	96
" 11th 330 PM	" 12th 1130 am	20
" 12th 230 PM	" 13th 330 PM	25
" 15th 6 am	" 16th 2 PM	32
" 17th 11 am	" 20th 1 PM	62
		331

13 days 19 Hours

He asked me once to go ashore
since you was at the Light Oldis Keeper
He is working in the Dr $2.50 a Day
Taking Parties out in his Motor Boat gets
from $3.00 to $15.00 a day

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MPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. AUG 1917 RECEIVED COMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

SEP 1 1917 LIGHT HOUSES

leaving steam launch
leaving quit boat
Taking exam leave
and receiving steam launch
continuing to keep

Taking Examination
without

Inspector

Monday 20th Aug I went to Work and came back Wednesday Morning I looked for the boat I see the round bottom boat was not out to the light or achor so I went to look for the asst he was working in the Ice I asked him where the boat was he said he let some men to go out fishing I said you have no right to do that he said I took the wright then I had to hunt around for a boat to get out to the light of course I had to row her back again when I got out to the light I found his Wife & Baby her sister and her two small children and such a looking place he took them out to the light as soon as I went away Monday Wednesday night he took them ashore and stayed came out this morning got his Breakfast went ashore & went in the Ice never asked me to go I dont know when he will be out

Yours
Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

August 24, 1917.

LIGHT
SEPT 1917
HOUSES

Brewster S. Oldis, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N.Y.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 22nd concerning the matter of excessive absence from duty of Assistant Keeper Ridgway.

You are requested to forward to this office a statement showing each individual absence from the station of Mr. Ridgway for the period from June 1st 1917 to date, all absences to be included in this statement whether for a short period or an extended period.

J.T.YATES.

9th Rockland Lake Light Station

8/26/17

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR DIST. 2 AUG 27 1917 RECEIVED POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

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Sector

When the asst was going ashore 25th at 730 am
said to him you will stay here to help
some work he asked me what there was to do
I told him all windows & Brass to clean down
Balcony & ship Paint Lf & Paint cellar & White
wash he says that can be done in 2 Hours
I said you dont obey the Inspectors order he
says I am going any way I said you dont go
with my consent he went to work in the Sea

SEP 1 1917 HOUSES

B. S. Oldis Keeper

"	7.	0 am	"	8.	12 M	36	"
"	7.	10 am	"	8 "	10 PM	12	"
"	9.	7 am	"	9 "	7 PM	12	"
"	10.	6 am	"	10.	7 PM	12	"
"	12.	7 am	"	12.	7 PM	24	"
"	13.	7 am	"	14.	7 PM	48	"
"	16.	7 am	"	18.	7 PM	48	"
"	19.	7 am	"	21.	7 PM	24	"
"	23.	7 am	"	24.	7 PM	48	"
"	26.	7 am	"	28.	7 PM	50	"
aug	1.	630 am	aug	3.	830 am	32	"
"	4.	6 am	"	5.	2 PM	96	"
"	7.	2 PM	"	11 "	2 PM	20	"
"	11.	330 PM	"	12.	1130 am	25	"
"	12.	230 PM	"	13 "	330 PM	32	"
"	15.	6 am	"	16.	2 PM	74	"
"	17.	11 am	"	20.	1 am	78	"
"	22.	7 am	"	25.	1 am	12	"
"	25.	730 am	"	25.	730 PM		
"	25.	745 PM					

B. S. Oldis
Keeper

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PKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

AUG 31 1917

LIGHT SEP 1 1917 HOUSES

Robert C. Ridgway, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

August 28,1917

The following charges are hereby preferred against you:-

1. With having, on August 22,1917, left Rockland Lake Light Station while the keeper was on leave and you were in charge of the station, same being in violation of paragraph 97 of Instructions to Employees, which states that light stations must never be left unattended.

2. With having, on August 22,1917, loaned for fishing purposes, to parties not in the Service, the Government boat, same being in violation of paragraph 75 of Instructions to Employees, which states that no property shall be applied to any purpose outside of the public business.

3. With having taken leave in excess of the allowance for Rockland Lake Lt.Sta? during the present calendar year, in violation of paragraph 105 of Instructions to Employees re leave, and special instructions covering leave of absence for your station.

4. With having left the station on Aug.25,1917 in violation of the orders of the keeper, and of paragraph 104 of Instructions to Employees, which states assistants must not leave the station without obtaining permission of the keeper.

5. With having had your wife and child and her sister and two children at the station on August 22,1917, in violation of paragraph 135 of Instructions to Employees, which states that women and children will not be allowed at off shore stations.

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

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

COMMUNICATIONS TO
HOUSE INSPECTOR
APKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. AUG 31 1917 RECEIVED HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

THIRD DISTRICT

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Rockland Lake
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 29. 1917

LIGHT SEP 1 1917 HOUSES

Inspectors #1

Our Answer to Charges preferred against me of Aug 22nd. was ashore getting provisions and ~~helping~~ in ice in the absence of the Keeper; while my wife was in charge during a visit on the light with me.

#2

regarding Towing Boat is Right;

#3.

I have taken over my allowance for the past; counting day time here after my work was done.

#4

violated Keepers Orders 25th; to help load and ice barge, so it could go down in the next tow

#5

Had my wife + child on station while the Keeper was away; to save food and expense, so to help pay my bill; I signed a letter from the

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 7 1917

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Office in regards to saving food, and expenses; until I can get a light with Overton

R. C. Ridgway
Asst Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. AUG 31 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

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Rockland Lake Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

8/30, 1917

LIGHT SEP 1 1917 HOUSES

Inspector

Keeper Reginald Ellis and Jerry it to seek Ridgeway he said did you send that report I said I did told the air was Blue he called me a god dam Liar Most everything he could think of was going to Knock my head of I told the letter not Jack Knight he answer your letter and asked me to sign it I looked it over & found it B4 and Nov was not answer correct so I could not sign it

E. S. Ellis
Keeper

Please Note Form 6r-
this first

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September 12, 1917.

Sir:

Having been charged with (1) leaving the station unattended, (2) loaning the Government boat for fishing, (3) taking excessive leave, (4) leaving the station without permission of the keeper, and (5) allowing your wife and child and her sister and two children at the station, and the charges having been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of a date to be fixed by the Bureau and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 12 1917 DEPT'N JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

Mr. Robert C. Ridgway,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SEP 12 1917

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 6 1917

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

CHIEF CLERK OCT 17 1917

October 5, 1917

Commissioner:-

Referring to Department letter dated September 12,1917 dismissing Robert C. Ridgway from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York.

The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this dismissal was at the close of September 19,1917.

The excess leave taken by Ridgway from January 1st to September 19th, 1917, was 39 days and 9 hours. No payment will therefore be made him for services rendered from September 1st to 19th, 1917, and the matter will be considered as closed.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 17 1917 DEPT OF COMMERCE

J. O. Yates

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 16, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. The Bureau has instructed the 3rd Inspector to make every effort to recover from Ridgway on account of the excess leave taken in this case, approximately twenty days.

Regular report and recommendation will be made to the Department at a later date.

10-17-17

G. R. Putnam

Commissioner.

McC-MC
SET incls.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON December 4, 1917.

SUBJECT:-3rd Insp. indor. of Nov. 23/17, re Robt.C.Ridgway, excess leave.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending that the facts in this case be presented to the U.S.Civil Service Commission with a view to the debarment of Mr. Ridgway from civil service examinations until such time as the amount of excess leave is refunded by him.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 7 1917
SPECIAL AGENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN

December 7, 1917.

Gentlemen:

The Department has to request that consideration be given to debarring Robert C. Ridgway from civil service examinations by reason of the fact that he has failed to make refund on account of excess leave taken while serving under appointment as assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service.

Mr. Ridgway was removed at the close of September 19, 1917, upon the following charges:

(1) Leaving the station unattended,
(2) Loaning the Government boat for fishing,
(3) Leaving the station without permission of the keeper, and
(4) Allowing his wife and child, and his sister-in-law and two children at the station.

At the time of his dismissal he had taken 39 days and 9 hours leave of absence in excess of the amount allowed under the lighthouse regulations. The amount of salary remaining unpaid to Mr. Ridgway, covering the period from September 1 to 19, inclusive, 1917, was withheld, and he was requested to refund $33.28, representing the balance due the Government on account of overpayment. Copies of the correspondence had between Mr. Ridgway and the lighthouse inspector's office are enclosed herewith, and from the nature of Mr. Ridgway's remarks it is regarded as unlikely that he will ever remit the amount requested.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

The Civil Service Commission.

Enclosure 1895.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES,
WASHINGTON

October 16, 1917.

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Robert C.Ridgway,
dismissal.

11/4/17 Insp. dismissed.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York:

Referring to your letter of October 5, 1917, in regard to Robt. C.Ridgway, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, who was dismissed from the service, effective at the close of a date to be fixed and reported to the Department.

The Bureau has this day submitted your letter of Oct.5,1917, to the Dept. for its information. Make effort to recover from Ridgaway on account of the excess leave taken in this case, approximately twenty days and make report and recommendation to the Bureau thereafter, at which time the matter will be further considered.

SGD.J.S.CONWAY,
Acting Commissioner.

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

for record WM Nov 26

Rec to dept to report matter to CSC, with view disbarment Ridgway from taking future exams for civil service until Government is reimbursed. McC 12/3/17

FWO/EJC.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Nov. 23, 1917.

Oh like Cary case former. Draftsman in Dec 2

Returned to Commissioner, together with the following correspondence:

Copy of letter of October 19th addressed to Robt. C.Ridgway.
Letter of October 29th, received from Robt. C.Ridgway.
Copy of letter of October 30th, addressed to Robt.C.Ridgway.
Copy of letter of Nov.10th, addressed to Robt.C.Ridgway.
Letter of Nov.20th, received from Robt. C.Ridgway.

As it is very unlikely that Mr. Ridgway will ever remit the amount requested, it is recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

J.T.YATES.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON October 16, 1917.

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Robert C. Ridgway,
dismissal.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York:

Referring to your letter of October 5, 1917, in regard to Robert C. Ridgway, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, who was dismissed from the service, effective at the close of a date to be fixed and reported to the Department.

The Bureau has this day submitted your letter of October 5, 1917, to the Department for its information. Make effort to recover from Ridgway on account of the excess leave takenin this case, approximately twenty days and make report and recommendation to the Bureau thereafter, at which time the matter will be further considered.

J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

FWO/EJC.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Nov. 23, 1917.

Returned to Commissioner, together with the following correspondence:

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Letter of October 29th, received from Robt. C. Ridgway.
Copy of letter of October 30th, addressed to Robt. C. Ridgway.
Copy of letter of Nov. 10th, addressed to Robt. C. Ridgway.
Letter of Nov. 20th, received from Robt. C. Ridgway.

As it is very unlikely that Mr. Ridgway will ever remit the amount requested, it is recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

J. J. Lees

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 19,1917

Robert C. Ridgway,
Care of Keeper, Rockland Lake Lt.Sta.,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Referring to your previous employment as Assistant Keeper at Rockland Lake Light Station, New York. According to the records of this office during the period from January 1st to September 19th, 1917 you took leave of absence in excess of that authorized by the Lighthouse Regulations to the extent of 39 days and 9 hours. No payment has been made you for salary from September 1st to 19th, and there still remains due the Government the sum of $33.28 to cover the period of 20 days and 9 hours which represents leave of absence taken by you in excess of the amount allowed by the Lighthouse Regulations. You are therefore requested to forward to this office a remittance of $33.28.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Phila Pa

Oct 29/ 1917

Dear Sir

Received your letter saying I owe you $32.00; I think there must be a mistake there somewhere. Even if it was so I could not pay it now as I just moved and it took every cent I had and more to;

Respectfully yours

R. C. Bidgway

(Former asst Rockland Lake Lt)

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

October 30,1917.

letter of October 29th
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in excess of the amount
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of the Inspector.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

October 30,1917.

Mr. R.C.Ridgway
C/o Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake,N.Y.

Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 29th 1917 from which it is understood that you are unable to forward at this time a remittance in the amount of $33.28 to which extent you are indebted to the United States on account of your having taken leave of absence in excess of the amount allowed to you as assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station.

Please advise this office definitely as to when you will forward a remittance for the amount stated above.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

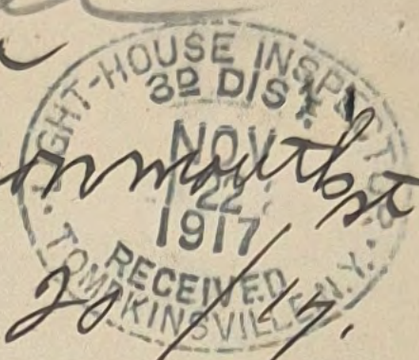
Respectfully,

Raymond Haskell,

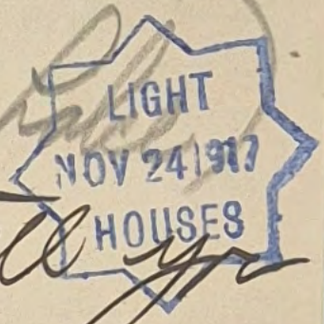
Superintendent.

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ec 1832. E. Montgomery Ave

nov 20/17.



(Former agent for
Inspector Rockland



I Cannot tell yo
and certain time when
I can pay yo that
money that yo say I
owe yo

This time yo have got
~~against me~~ is not right
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Hours and my time
allowed any that to
unless he changed it
after I left the Station
I have often seen him

wages things and change them on Both Books.
Lots of that time he told me I could go ashore and make a little money; he got sore because I left that's what is the matter I don't know how you expect a man & Family to live on that sum of money per month. I had to do a little extra work to help from running up Bills. he makes 1 or 2 hundred about this time of the year

I would have quit a good while ago, but I thought you needed men, and I find my services were not appreciated and I sent lots of those men from home (Barnegat) to the service to help do everything to help the service along, after passing a good examination and telling the truth. And then you take an old crippled up man word, who was pushed in the service by political influence (Judge Thompkins) before you would a good man word.

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If I had known that political influence were tolerated yet I could get some loyalty from the Senator of New Jersey who is from Barnegat It is one of funny Business

Yours Truly

R. C. Pidgway

1822. E. Monmouth St

Phila Pa.

COMMISSIONERS
JOHN A. McILHENNY
PRESIDENT
CHARLES M. GALLOWAY
HERMON W. CRAVEN

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ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE A:N:H
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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JAN 3 1918
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

January 2, 1918.

CHIEF CLERK
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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 7 the Commission respectfully advises you that it has very carefully considered the facts which resulted in the discharge of Robert C. Ridgway from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, in the Lighthouse Service. It does not consider that it would be justified in barring Ridgway from entering all future civil service examinations. In the event, however, that he files application for any examination, the matter as to the acceptance of his application will be again considered.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

President.

January 3, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the Bureau's communication of the 4th ultimo recommending that Robert C. Ridgway, former assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, be debarred from civil-service examinations until such time as he makes refund on account of excess leave, the Department has to state that it is in receipt of a letter from the Civil Service Commission dated January 2, 1918, which reads as follows:

"Referring to your letter of December 7 the Commission respectfully advises you that it has very carefully considered the facts which resulted in the discharge of Robert C. Ridgway from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, in the Lighthouse Service. It does not consider that it would be justified in barring Ridgway from entering all future civil service examinations. In the event, however, that he files application for any examination, the matter as to the acceptance of his application will be again considered.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) C. W.

Acting Chief Clerk.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 23 1916 RECEIVED COMPTON'S VILLE, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

MARCH 5, 1913.

To the CHIEFS OF BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

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.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

Richard C. Ridgway 1916

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? (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, it should be so stated.)

Mr Robert Clifton Ridgway

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

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

Barnegat	New Jersey	Ocean	do not know
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Barnegat N. J.

6. When were you born? Aug 4 1894
Month. Day. Year.

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

Mrs. R. C. Ridgway
Name. Number and street.
Rockland Lake New York.
City or town. State or Territory.

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? .....

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
Henry Brown	Cousin	Coast Guard	"	
Ben Ridgway	"	"	"	"
Arthur Ridgway	"	Mail Clerk		

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

Civil Service examination Lighthouse Dec 15 1915

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

no

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
none					

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

no

13. 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.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
no			

14. 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.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
none			

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? no (If answer is "yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) none

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service none

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

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.



R. C. Ridgway
(Name.)

Asst Keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Sept 21. 1916

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

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

none except Lighthouse

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. Sept 21, 1916

Witness:

(Signature) Robert Clifton Ridgway

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Rockland Lake
City or town.

Number and street.

New York.
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 Sept 29, 1916

(Signature)

(Official title)

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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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

General Boatman, catching & selling clams Oysters & fish

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.)

Eight Grade, Elementary school, Grad'd course in Electro-Therapeutics & Electro Dermatology in National College of Electro-Therapeutics Graduated 1910

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.")

Received Diplomas from both courses. (above mentioned) practiced for 3 years after (Graduating)

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In case signature is by mark.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Sept 29, 1916

(Signature)

(Official title)

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officer of the Bureau of the Department to which the employee is assigned or by some authorized 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 — Rockland Lake Crabbs, NY — 3
(Bureau or Service. / Place (city, town, station, or vessel). / District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. Sept 26/16

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

5. State the date of the oath. Sept 26/16

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Sept 9/1916

7. What is his salary? 480 per a.

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 6/1916

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.)
Fred Civ Ser Exam Dec 15/15

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.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) _____

(Official title) _____

Date: _____, 191

4801 Rockland Lake Light Station 2/12/17

Inspector

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. FEB 13 1917 RECEIVED POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

Received Letter of Feb 8/17
in regards to Robert C Ridgway asst Keeper
I would say his services has been Satisfactory
in my opinion he is suitable and
competent to receive Permanent appointment
in his present position

Oldis
Keeper

4801

JHG

February 8,1917

Brewster S. Oldis, Keeper,

Rockland Lake Light Station,

Rockland Lake, N. Y.

The probationary period of employment of Robert C. Ridgway, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, will expire on March 8,1917. 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.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

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R. C. Ridgway asst Keeper.
Rockland Lake
N. Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Oct 24th 1916.

J. B. Yates
Inspector
3rd District

Dear Sir:

Not knowing what fights are family fights; I cannot select any particular one. only to say I would desire a family fight if possible on shore. If this is not accepted

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Ridgway

October 25,1916

16 relative to your transfer
ised that it will be neces-
he stations and positions
of a vacancy, in accord-
ly sent you. This office

of Instructions to Employ-
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e official superior of the

YATES.

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this way would
you please send me
a list of family lights
I have just had my
furniture shipped up
here & I find it
rather expensive &
destructive to freights
that is why I would
desire a family light.
Barnegat would
be allright.

Yours Respectively
R. C. Ridgway
asst Keeper

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Ridgway

October 25,1916

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JHG

Ridgway

Robert C. Ridgway, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Rockland Lake Lt.Sta.,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

October 25,1916

Referring to your letter of October 24,1916 relative to your transfer to a station with family quarters. You are advised that it will be necessary for you to file in this office a list of the stations and positions to which you would accept transfer in the event of a vacancy, in accordance with letter of instructions re same recently sent you. This office has no list of stations with family quarters.

Your attention is invited to paragraph 55 of Instructions to Employees which states that all correspondence on business of the Lighthouse Service shall be forwarded through the immediate official superior of the writer.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

2491

Oct.7th

itler:-

Correct both of these by removing the "e" in his last name.

Let me have the two cards back.

JHG

Robert C.Ridgeway $480.a.
Ast.Kpr.Rockland Lake,
Light Station.

Rewrited attach these cards to his nomination

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 2, 1916.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 28th ultimo, the Department has amended its order of September 16, 1916, appointing Robert C. Ridgeway to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, by changing the surname of the appointee to read Ridgway instead of Ridgeway. The notice of appointment addressed to Mr. Ridgway has been amended accordingly and is returned herewith.

By direction of the Secretary:

Clifford Hastings.

JEL

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
OCT 6 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office. The notice of appointment addressed to Ridgway has been forwarded under separate cover.

Acting Commissioner.

Enclosure 72.
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JHG

September 27,1916

Commissioner;

Returned herewith, for amendment, is Department letter in duplicate, dated September 16,1916, appointing Robert C. Ridgeway to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, N.Y. The correct way to spell his name is Ridgway, as same appears on the eligible list, the name having been spelled incorrectly in the nomination form.

J. T. YATES.

Returned by Bureau
Oct 7-1916

JHG

Robert C. Ridgway, Asst.Keeper, Sept. 25,1916
Through the Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

You are directed to forward to this office by return mail Department letter dated September 16,1916 appointing you to the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station in order that the spelling of your name may be corrected. Appointment will be returned to you later.

Fill out the enclosed oath of office to take the place of the one previously filled out by you. If you swear to same before a Justice of the Peace, have him affix his official seal to same. Keeper must not sign any oath except his own.

Fill in Service, City, State and date at top of Form 124.

Attend to these matters promptly.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HASKELL
Superintendent

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Robert C. Ridgeway

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.

☞ Robert Clifton Ridgway
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 21st day of September A. D. 1916.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) George Wm. Reimer

(Official title) Justice of the Peace

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Asst. Keeper	$480 p.a.	Rockland Lake Light Station, NY
Former[5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 9, 1916 (Date)

Webster S. Ellis
(Signature, followed by title) Keeper

[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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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT SEP 18 1916 HOUSES

LIGHT SEP 28 1916 HOUSES

LIGHT OCT 5 1916 HOUSES

September 16, 1916.

Mr. Robert C. Ridgway,

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, 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 selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

R
C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William P. Brainerd, jr.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

(See reverse side.)

HMD

September 13, 1916

Secretary, 2nd Civil Service Dist.,

Custom House,

New York, N. Y.

(Through Inspector, 3rd L.H.Dist.)

Sir:-

Referring to letter from this office dated September 6, 1916, and nomination dated September 12, 1916, relative to the appointment of Robert C. Ridgeway to the position of Assistant Keeper at Rockland Lake Light Station.

Joseph Zlamany, one of those who failed to reply to letter sent him re this position and whose name was therefore removed from the eligible list, has now replied accepting the position. His name has therefore been restored to the list.

Respectfully,

F W Ockenfels

Sec'y, Board of Examiners

Forwarded:

J T Yates

Inspector.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
32 DIST.
SEP
13
1916
RECEIVED
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

Rockland Lake Light Station
Sept 12th 1916

Inspector

Recd Copy letter this day 12th informing me of the appointment of Robt C Ridgway as asst Keeper as I received Copy letter the same date 8th I assigned him to duty as asst Keeper Sept 9th 1916 9.30 Am

Alden
Keeper

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EMD

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) September 12 (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Robert C. Ridgeway

Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Assistant Keeper

Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Rockland Lake Light Station, N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective September 9, 1916 {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.6 , Other eligibles considered: James Bachmann,PR - Fred V.Baker,PR - Louis H. Jetter,PR - Joseph Zimmny,PR - Geo.H.Thomas,D - Patrick A.Meehan,D - Stephen A.Prior,C - Henry L.Schlichter,C.

Previous incumbent, William P.Brainerd,Jr. Services terminated, August 28, 1916.

Reason, Resignation.

Assignment to duty on September 9,1916, was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employes of district desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 to 12,14,15,17,18 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. No. 21 will not accept appointment at this station.

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

ASPINWALL
BUTLER

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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HMD

Brewster S. Oldis, Keeper
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake,
Rockland, N. Y.

September 11, 1916

Referring to your letter of September 9, 1916, relative to Mr. Robert C. Ridgeway reporting at your station on September 8th for assignment to duty as Assistant Keeper.

There is enclosed herewith copy of letter of September 7, 1916, addressed to Mr. Ridgeway in this connection, with endorsement of same date thereon for your information. In accordance therewith you are directed to assign Mr. Ridgeway to duty at once as Assistant Keeper, and report to this office promptly the date on which you did so.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2 DIST.
SEP
12
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ITHACA, N.Y.

Rockland Lake Light Station
Sept 11/16

Inspector

Rec'd Copy of appointment of R C Ridgway as asst Keeper and I have assigned him to the position Sept 9th 1916 9.30 am

Allis
Keeper

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
32 DIST.
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RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Rockland Lake Light Station
Sept 9th 1916

Inspector

Mr Robert C Ridgway reports Sept 8th 3 P.M. and as not having any communication from you I couldent assign him to duty - he took it for granted he was appointed if it is convenient to you to appoint him it would please me very much I think he will make a good man

Oddis
Keeper

HMD

-:-: COPY :-:-

Mr. Robert C. Ridgeway,
N. Main Street,
Barnegat, N. J.

September 7, 1916

Sir:-

Referring to letter from this office dated September 6, 1916, informing you that you had been selected for appointment to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y.

You are advised that you have been assigned to this position and directed to proceed to Rockland Lake Light Station and enter on duty as assistant keeper at the earliest possible date. Transportation 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 are, Brewster S. Oldis, Rockland Lake, N. Y. Advise the keeper when you expect to be at Rockland Lake, N. Y., so that he may have the station boat ashore to meet you.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector, 3rd L.H.Dist.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Sept. 7, 1916.
Copy forwarded to keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station for his information.
Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which he reports for duty as assistant keeper.

J T Yates

HMD

Mr. Robert C. Ridgeway,
N. Main Street,
Barnegat, N. J.

September 7, 1916

Sir:-

Referring to letter from this office dated September 6, 1916, informing you that you had been selected for appointment to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y.

You are advised that you have been assigned to this position and directed to proceed to Rockland Lake Light Station and enter on duty as assistant keeper at the earliest possible date. Transportation 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 are, Brewster S. Oldis, Rockland Lake, N. Y. Advise the keeper when you expect to be at Rockland Lake, N. Y., so that he may have the station boat ashore to meet you.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector, 3rd L.H.Dist.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Sept. 7, 1916.
Copy forwarded to keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station for his information.
Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which he reports for duty as assistant keeper.

J T Yates

HWD

Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District, September 6, 1916

Custom House,

New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Referring to the attached nomination of Robert Ebbitts for the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, N. Y.

You are advised that prior to the selection of Mr. Ebbitts for this position, Mr. Robert C. Ridgeway was selected for appointment to the position of Assistant Keeper at Rockland Lake Light Station and Department authority to assign him to duty has been requested by telegraph. As soon as Mr. Ridgeway enters on duty, nomination will be forwarded in the usual manner and the considerations charged in connection with Mr. Ridgeway's appointment will be as follows:-

James Bachmann,FR - Fred V. Baker,FR - Louis H. Jetter,FR - Joseph Zlamany,FR - Geo.W.Thomas,D - Patrick A.Meehan,D - Stephen A.Prior,C - Henry L.Schlichter,C.

In this connection, the names of James Bachmann, Fred V. Baker, Louis H. Jetter, and Joseph Zlamany, who failed to reply to letters sent them re said position, have been removed from the eligible list.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector, 3rd L.H.Dist.

HMD

Robert C. Ridgeway,
N. Main Street
Barnegat, N.J.

September 6, 1916

Sir:-

You are advised that you have been selected for appointment to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y. Should you receive the appointment your services will be required about September 7th. For your information you are advised that the Keeper's name and address are, Brewster S. Oldis, Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector, 3rd L.H.Dist.

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, VICE-PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 6 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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DC WASHINGTON DC 441P SEPT 6 1916

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR

SAINTGEORGE NY

ASSIGNMENT RIDGEWAY ASSISTANT KEEPER ROCKLAND LAKE AUTHORIZED

EFFECTIVE AS RECOMMENDED YOURS FIFTH

PUTNAM

5PM

Form 56 McC

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. _____



RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Washington D C September 6 1916, 191
(Place and date)

SEND TO ~~Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville~~ Saint George New York

Assignment Ridgeway assistant keeper Rockland Lake authorised effective as recommended youre fifth

Putnam

Confirmation

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

(Name)

Commissioner
(Title)

11—4649

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

LIGHT SEP 6 1916 HOUSES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 7 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

September 6, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of this date, the Department hereby authorizes the assignment of Robert C. Ridgeway to duty as assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum. A formal appointment will be issued to Mr. Ridgeway upon receipt of nomination bearing the indorsement of the local civil-service district secretary.

E. F. Sweet

Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP - 6 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville N.Y.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. attention is invited to Bureau telegram of today.

C. M. Way
Acting Commissioner.

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Form 56

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO._____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Tompkinsville, NY September 5, 1916
(Place and date)

SEND TO Lighthouse Commissioner

Washington

Request authority assign Robert C. Ridgeway to duty assistant keeper Rockland Lake September seventh vice Brainerd resigned No relatives in service District Secretary approves.

YATES

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST: J. T. Yates

Inspector, 3rd L.H.District
(Name)

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

(Title)

11—4649

Form 201 JHG

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

James Bachmann,
202 West 69 St.,
New York

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 34 DIST.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., August 30, 1916 .191

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, off shore in Hudson River

Salary: $480.00 per annum.

Quarters: **are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)**
(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: **6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.**
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: **Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)**
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

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.

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NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES

NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture except stoves, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at Rockland Lake, N.Y.

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty?

Similar letter to; Name	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
James Bachmann — F				
F. V. Baker, — "		Position		
L. H. Jetter, — L	A	Department or office		
Jos. Zlamany —				
G. N. Thomas, — D		Position		
P. A. Meehan — D		Department or office		
R. C. Ridgway — A				

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

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows: .....

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(Signature) .....

(Post-office address) .....

Date, ...

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Form 201 JHC

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

James Bachmann,
202 West 69 St.,
New York

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 34 DIST.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., August 30, 1916 .191

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(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: **6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.**
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Rations: **Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)**
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

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,

J T YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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; James Bachmann — F F. V. Baker, — " L. H. Jetter, — " Jos. Zlamany — A		Position ..... Department or office.....		
G. N. Thomas, — D P. A. Meehan — D R. C. Ridgway — A		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.)

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows: .....

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(Signature) .....

(Post-office address) .....

Date, ...

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Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST. TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. RECEIVED SEP 11 1916

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Patrick A. Meehan,
691 E 137 St.,
New York

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 30, 1916. 191

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, off shore in Hudson River

Salary: $480.00 per annum.

Quarters: **are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)**
(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: **6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.**
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: **Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)**
(State facts concerning rations at this station.)

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,

J T YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Not for Sixty days on Nov 1st 1916

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes after Nov 1st 1916

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes after Nov 1st 1916

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

Nov 1st 1916

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

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NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture, linen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at Rockland Lake N. Y.

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? I could not report for Sixty days

(Signature) Patrick A. Meehan

Date, Aug 31st 1916 (Post-office address) 691 E. 137th St N.Y. City N.Y.

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Patrick A. Meehan,
691 E 137 St.,
New York

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 30, 1916.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. RECEIVED SEP 11 1916

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, off shore in Hudson River

Salary: $480.00 per annum.

Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)
(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: 6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
(State allowance for rations, if any, according to this station.)

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,

J T YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Not for Sixty days on Nov 1st 1916

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes after Nov 1st 1916

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. Nov 1st 1916

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.)

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows: Sickness on my family, and a request sent to Suspend my Eligibility from Aug 29th to Nov 1st 1916.

(Signature) Patrick A. Meehan

Date, Aug 31st 1916 (Post-office address) 691 E. 137th St N.Y. City N.Y.

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Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

R. C. Ridgway,
North Main St.,
Barnegat, N. J.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 30, 1916. 191

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, off shore in Hudson River

Salary: $480.00 per annum.

Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)
(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.)

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 5 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Fuel: 6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
(Give facts concerning subsistence, if authorized.)

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,

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

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

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NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES

NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture except stoves, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at Rockland Lake N.Y.

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? Immediately on receipt of

(Signature) R. C. Ridgway

(Post-office address) Barnegat N. J.

Date, ...

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Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

R. C. Ridgway,
North Main St.,
Barnegat, N. J.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 30, 1916. 191

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, off shore in Hudson River.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 5 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Salary: $480.00 per annum.

Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note 1)
(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: 6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note 30
(State facts concerning rations, if authorized at this station.)

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.

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Respectfully,

J T YATES

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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." yes If yes, state how many 3; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
B. Ridgway	Barnegat City N.J.	Position Coast Guard. Department or office 11	Cousin	Married
M. Brown	11	Position 11 Department or office	Cousin	Married

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

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows:

(Signature) R. C. Ridgway

(Post-office address) Barnegat N.J.

Date, ...

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Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promp

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

George N. Thomas,
1181 E 91 St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR. 3rd DIST.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 30, 1916. 191

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(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, off shore in Hudson River

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR. 3RD DIST. SEP 5 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Salary: $480.00 per annum.

Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)
(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: 6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

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,

J T YATES

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

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? no

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? no

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

no

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." Yes If yes, state how many (2) bros.; and fill in the following blanks.

NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture except stoves, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at Rockland Lake N.Y.

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty?

Date, Sept 2nd 1916 (Post-office address) 1181 East 91st St.
Brooklyn N.Y.

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Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promp

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

George N. Thomas,
1181 E 91 St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR. 3rd DIST.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 30, 1916. 191

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Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
	1438 E 94th St	Position Clerk		
C F Thomas	Brooklyn N.Y.	Department or office P.O.	Uncle	Single
	Ft Lighthouse	Position Asst Keeper		
D J Thomas	Bayshore	Department or office L.H.	"	Married

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

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows:

Have a position with better advancement

(Signature) George N Thomas

Date, Sept 2nd 1916 (Post-office address) 1181 East 91st St, Brooklyn N.Y.

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Form 201

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Joseph Zlamany,
60 Cushman Place,
Corona, N. Y.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR. 3rd DIST.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 30, 1916

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(I wish that my name be restored) I will accept next appointment

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Name	Post-office address	Where employed	Relationship	Yearly salary

[illegible] at Rockland Lake St. [illegible]

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? I would get ready in 30 days

(Signature) Joseph Zlamany

Date, Sept. 5-1916 (Post-office address) Corona N. Y.

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Form 201

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		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.)

My reasons for declining restore this time the position tendered me are as follows: I have lot of things to bring in to order in my house and would like to fix my family, so that I'll be ready for next call without worrying

(Signature) Joseph Zlamany

Date, Sept. 5-1916 (Post-office address) Corona N. Y.

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August 31,1917

Commissioner:

The following correspondence re Robert C. Ridgway, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Letter dated August 22,1917 from Keeper Oldis.
2. " " " 24 " " " "
3. Copy of letter dated August 24,1917 to keeper Oldis.
4. Letter dated August 26,1917 from Keeper Oldis.
5. " " " " " " " "
6. Copy of letter of charges dated August 28,1917 addressed to Assistant Keeper Ridgway.
7. Letter dated August 29,1917 from Asst.Keeper Ridgway.
8. Letter dated August 30 from Keeper Oldis.

The Bureau is advised that Ridgway was warned a number of times by the keeper in regard to taking leave in excess of the station allowance and in regard to his working ashore in an ice house, but without result.

As Mr.Ridgway has repeatedly violated the Regulations, as shown in the correspondence hereto attached, and as his letter of August 29th admits all the charges preferred against him, it is not considered he is a suitable man for the position of Assistant Keeper, and it is therefore recommended that he be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective on the date on which he receives notification of his dismissal.

A report and recommendation will be forwarded at a later date as to excess leave taken by Ridgway prior to his separation from the service.

J. T. YATES.

DEPT. OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT
ROCKLAND LAKE LIGHT STATION
AUG. 22, 1917.

Inspector:

When the Asst. Keeper returned to the light I told him your orders about leaving the light without my consent. He made no reply. Sat. 11th after he returned he said he wanted to go and put his Motor boat in the water. I asked him when he would be back he said as soon as he got her in the water After he was ashore he launches her right away but he returned Sunday the 12th at 11:30 and he wants to be ashore all the time he will never be any better as long as he can hold two jobs one ashore the other out to the light I dont think it is fair I have to do 3/4 of the work and he getting paid for it he will never do for a lighthouse man he dont take any interest in it it is the talk by most everybody in the village about him working ashore and being ashore so much he has disappointed me twice going away I have had 18 days since first Jan. he has had 120 days since first Jan that is 4 months more this fear at the rate he is going he will make it 150 days I will give you the dates and time he has had so far for month of August.

Asst. Keeper R. C. RIDGWAY.

Left Light	Returned to Light	Hours.
Aug. 1st 6:30 a.m.	Aug. 3rd, 8:30 a.m.	50
" 4th 6 a.m.	" 5 2 a.m.	46
" 7th 2 p.m.	" 11th 2 p.m.	96
" 11th 3:30 p.m.	" 12th 11:30 a.m.	20
" 12 2:30 p.m.	" 13th 3:30 p.m.	25
" 15 6 a.m.	" 16th 2 p.m.	32
" 17 11 a.m.	" 20 1 a.m.	61
		331

13 days, 19 hours.

He asked me once to go ashore since you was at the Light he is working in the ice $2.50 a day. Taking parties out in his Motor boat gets from $3.00 to $15.00 a day.

SGD. OLDIS, Keeper.

DEPT. OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE. THIRD DISTRICT

COPY-EJC.

Rockland Lake Light Station,
8/24, 1917.

Inspector:

Monday 20th Aug. I went to New York and came back Wednesday morning I looked for the boat I see the sound bottom goat was not out to the Light or ashore so I went to look for the Asst. He was working in the ice I asked him where the boat was he said he let some ment to go out fishing I said you have no wright to do that he said I took the wright then I had to hunt around for a boat to get out to the light. Ofcourse I had to tow her back again when I got out to the light. I found his wife and baby her sister and her two small children and such a looking place he took them out to the light as soon as I went away Monday Wednesday night he took them ashore and stayed, came out this morning, got his breakfast, went ashore to work in the Ice never asked me to go I dont know when he will be out .

Sgd. Oldis, Keeper.

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Brewster S.Oldis,Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake,N.Y.

August 24,1917.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 22nd concerning the matter of excessive absence from duty of Assistant Keeper Ridgway.

You are requested to forward to this office a statement showing each individual absence from the station of Mr.Ridgway for the period from June 1st 1917 to date, all absences to be included in this statement whether for a short period or an extended period.

J T Yates

HAMMERMILL BOND

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COPY-EJC.

Rockland Lake Light Station,
8/26/17.

Inspector:-

When the Assistant was going ashore 25th, 7:30 a.m. I said to him you better stay here to help do some work. He asked me what there was to do. I told him all windows and brass to clean, tower balcony to chip paint of and paint cellar & white wash. He says that can be done in two hours. I said you don't obey the Inspectors order he says I am going any way I said you dont go without my consent. He went to work in the ice.

SGD. B.S. Oldis, Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

THIRD DISTRICT
ROCKLAND LAKE LIGHT STATION,
8/26/17.

Inspector:-

In reply to your letter of August 24 of Asst. Ridgway time.

Left Light Station	Ret'd to Light Station	Hours.
June 1, 12 M.N.	June 1, 7 P.M.	19 " "
" 3, 10 A.M.	" 5, 7 P.M.	57 " "
" 7, 10 A.M.	" 8, 7 P.M.	33 " "
" 9, 11 A.M.	" 12, 7 P.M.	80 " "
" 14, 7 A.M.	" 15, 6 P.M.	35 " "
" 16, 12 N.	" 19, 7 P.M.	79 " "
" 21, 5:30 A.M.	" 28, 11:30 A.M.	174 " "
" 30, 7 A.M.	July 1, 9 A.M.	26 " "
July 1, 12 N.	" 2, 5 P.M.	29 " "
" 4, 8 A.M.	" 6, 12 N.	52 " "
" 7, 10 A.M.	" 8, 10 P.M.	36 " "
" 9, 7 A.M.	" 9, 7 P.M.	12 " "
" 10, 6 A.M.	" 10, 7 P.M.	13 " "
" 12, 7 A.M.	" 12, 7 P.M.	12 " "
" 13, 7 A.M.	" 14, 7 P.M.	24 " "
" 16, 7 A.M.	" 18, 7 P.M.	48 " "
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" 22 7 A.M.	" 25 1 A.M.	78 " "
" 25 7:30 A.M.	" 25 7:30 P.M.	12 " "
" 25 7:45 P.M.	" [illegible]	

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Sgd. B.S. Oldis, Keeper.

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert C. Ridgway, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

August 28,1917

The following charges are hereby preferred against you:-

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2. With having, on August 22,1917, loaned for fishing purposes, to parties not in the Service, the Government boat, same being in violation of paragraph 75 of Instructions to Employees, which states that no property shall be applied to any purpose outside of the public business.

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J. T. YATES
Inspector

Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 882

INSURED PARCEL No. .....

Return to Light House Inspector
(Name of sender.)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, ...

Post Office at Staten Island

State N.Y.

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. AUG 30 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Postmark of Delivering Office

ROCKLAND LAKE AUG 29 8 AM 1917 N Y

and Date of Delivery

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4. With having left the station on Aug.25,1917 in violation of the orders of the keeper, and of paragraph 104 of Instructions to Employees, which states assistants must not leave the station without obtaining permission of the keeper.

5. With having had your wife and child and her sister and two children at the station on August 22,1917, in violation of paragraph 135 of Instructions to Employees,which states that women and children will not be allowed at off shore stations.

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

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

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DEPT. OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Rockland Lake, Aug. 29, 1917.

Inspector:

#1

In answer to charges preferred against me of Aug. 22nd, was ashore getting provisions and helping in ice in the absence of the Keeper, while my wife was in charge during a visit on the Light with me.

#2

Regarding loaning boat is right.

#3.

I have taken over my allowance for the past, counting day time leave after my work was done.

#4.

Violated Keepers Orders 25th to help load and ice barge so it could go down in the next tow.

#5.

Had my wife and child on station while the Keeper was away, to save food and expenses so to help pay my bill. I signed a letter from the office in regards to saving food and expenses; until I can get a light with quarters.

R.C. Ridgway
Asst. Keeper.

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COPY-EJC.

Rockland Lake Light Station,
August 30,1917.

Inspector:

Rec'd Register letter and gave it to Asst.Ridgway. He said did you send the report I said I did Well the air was blue He called me a God dam succor liar most everything he could think of was going to knock my head of I told him he better not Last Knight he answered your letter and asked me to sign it I looked it over and found No. 4 and No. 5 was not answered correct so I could not sign it

Sgd. B.S.Oldis
Keeper.

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September 6,1917

Commissioner:

Referring to letter from this office dated August 31,1917 recommending that Robert C. Ridgway be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective on the date on which he receives notification of his dismissal.

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It is recommended that in making final payment of salary to Mr.Ridgway, this office be authorised to make proper deduction for excess leave taken by him up to the time of his separation from the service.

J. T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT
SEP 7 1917
HOUSES

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

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST
SEP 15 1917
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J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 14 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville NY
Make deduction for excess leave and advise Bureau of action taken at proper time. See Regs 1914, par. 470 (3d par.)

Acting Commissioner.

9-15-17

Dear

Do not pay Ridgeway,
Asst Kpr Rockland Lake
Co. for Sept until you
receive further instr.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 18, 1917.

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Inspector

I would like to resign the last of this month (or those about that time) to be the most convienent to you
I cannot do my duty and make a living on this light.
If I could get a light with Quarters in a reasonable time, I would take it.

Respectfully Yours

R. C. Ridgway
Asst Keeper

Can not be accepted as it is assumed
J. B. Y

FWO/EJC.

Robt. C.Ridgway, Asst.Kpr.,
(Thru the Keeper.)
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N.Y.

September 20th, 1917.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 18th, 1917 stating that you would like to resign about the last of this month.

In reply you are advised that it will be impracticable to accept your resignation on account of the fact that action has been taken on the charges recently preferred against you with the result that you have been dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station. Enclosed herewith is Department letter dated September 12th, 1917, dismissing you from the position of Assistant Keeper at Rockland Lake Light Station. This dismissal will be effective at the close of October 3rd, 1917.

In this connection you are advised that it will be necessary for this office to make deduction from the amount of salary due you to cover the excess leave that has been taken by you since January 1st, which, up to August 31st, 1917, amounted to 32 days, 16 hours.

J.T.YATES

LIGHT
SEP 12 1917
HOUSES

September 12, 1917.

Sir:

Having been charged with (1) leaving the station unattended, (2) loaning the Government boat for fishing, (3) taking excessive leave, (4) leaving the station without permission of the keeper, and (5) allowing your wife and child and her sister and two children at the station, and the charges having been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum, in the Light-house Service, effective at the close of a date to be fixed by the Bureau and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Robert C. Ridgway,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Brewster S.Oldis, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N.Y.

Sept. 20th, 1917.

Referring to letter of this date addressed to Robert C.Ridgway, Assistant Keeper, advising him of his dismissal from the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, to take effect at the close of October 3rd, 1917.

You are requested to advise this office by letter of the date on which Mr. Ridgway leaves the station, and also furnish this office with a full statement of all absences from duty of Mr. Ridgway from September 1st, 1917, up to the date on which he leaves the station.

J.T.YATES

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 25 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

9/24, 1917

Inspector

Your letter of the 20th/17 Received in regards to asst Ridgways absence

1917	Left		Returned
Sept 1	10 30 am	Sept 3	10 30 PM
" 4	10 30 am	" 5	7 30 PM
" 7	12 Noon	" 10	6 am
" 12	11 30 am	" 14	5 30 PM
" 15	10 35 am	" 17	10 35 PM
" 18	1 PM	" 18	9 PM
" 19	6 30 am		

I saw Ridgway Sunday at his house & asked him if he would be out to light Monday Morning as he promised Wednesday to let me off for 48 Hours he said no he was going to look for work he said he would be out some night and get balance of his things the way he talked he would not come to work any more so you can see the last he was to the Light was 19th 6 30 am

Yours
Keeler

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 2 1917 RECEIVED

Inspr 4th
C C - to keeper
return to file

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 30th, 1917

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Dist Inspector

When I came here the Keeper instructed me, that he was in the custom of taking a weeks vacation whenever he so desired and told me I could do the same Jan 8. 6 pm 1917 he left for New York and returned Jan 13th 4 P. M. May 14th 9 am he left station and returnd May the 19th 3. P. M. We never keep watch, we allways sleep, and let the Lamps burn He Forged his age when he entered the service, his is now around 64 years old.

If he can violate the rules what can I suppose to do, he goes spending and I go working

He makes a Hundred dollors extra on tax books every fall.

R. C. Ridgway
Asst Keeper

FWO-WJL

Brewster S.Oldis,Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N.Y.

September 26,1917.

Enclosed herewith for your information and report thereon is copy of letter of August 30th 1917 received at this office on September 24th 1917 from Assistant Keeper R.C.Ridgway.

J T Yates

Copy WJ[redacted]

Rockland Lake

Aug.30th 1917

Inspector:

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sgd R.C.Ridgway
Asst. Keeper

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
32 DIST.
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Rockland Lake Light Station
9/27/17

Inspector

the 25th Ridgway was out to Light. about half hour to get what belonged to him that is the first since 19th he has. such will not be here any More he left the light three times this Month

E. S. Aldis
Keeper

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. SEP 28 29 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

9/28, 1917

Inspector

Your letter of the 25th Recd in regards to charges from R.C. Ridgway I told Ridgway when he came to the Light that we was entitled to 6 Days a Month 48 Hours to a time and could take them when we liked on Jan 8th 7 am I left the Light Retd Jan 15th 7 am Left Jan 12 7 am Retd 14th 8 am Jan 14 Left 4 PM Retd Jan 16-12 Noon May 14th Left 7 am Retd May 16th 3 PM Left May 17th 7 am Retd May 19 3 PM on Jan 8th he said 6 am his figures in Journal is 7 am another Error Jan 12 the Journal and Watch Book will show also from 65 of those Months. about Standing Watch clear nights I look at Light between 8 and 11 oclock Fog Watch Later I dont think You ever had a complaint about Light or Fog Bell since I have been Keeper nor you never write about Forging as to My age I was born in 1864 as near as I know I may have been a couple of years out this way about the Tax Books My Cousin has been Supervisor 10 Years I have always Made the Books up for him I bring them with to the Light and Never interfere with My Duty. B.F. Aldis Keeper

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Rockland Lake Light Station
9/28/17

Inspector

I want to give You the time I have had off since Sept 9 1916 to date also what Ridgway has had from Sept 9 1916 to date you then can see if would be Justly Hard to Stand two Watches all the time

E. S. Aldis absent

Sept 1916	None	
Oct	2 day	2 Hours
Nov	None	
Dec	None	
Jan 1917	5 Days	2 Hours
Feb "	None	
Mch	6 Days	5 Hours
Apr	None	
May	4 Days	16 Hours
June	None	
July	None	
Aug	2 Days	5 Hours
Sept	2 Days	5 Hours

Total 22 Days 11 Hours

R. D. Ridgway absent

Sept 1916	11 Days	Jan 1917	15 Days
Oct "	12 "	Feb "	18 "
Nov "	15 "	Mch "	16 "
Dec "	14 "	April "	14 "
		May "	15 "
		June "	21 "
		July "	15 "
		Aug "	20 "
		Sept "	16 "

Total 202 Days

E. S. Aldis
Keeper

JHG

Brewster S. Oldis, Keeper, October 5,1917

Rockland Lake Light Station,

Rockland Lake, N. Y.

In your letters of August 26th and September 28th,1917 it is noted that the amount of leave which you state was taken by former Assistant Keeper Ridgway from January to September,1917, inclusive, is greatly in excess of the amount of leave taken by Ridgway as shown on your monthly reports. The difference in the information furnished is not understood. You are directed to submit full explanation as to why if the information given in your letters is correct, why your monthly reports are so incomplete in this respect.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

JHG

Brewster S. Oldis, Keeper, October 5,1917

Rockland Lake Light Station,

Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Referring to your letter dated September 28,1917 in regard to leave of absence taken by you, and to your monthly reports for this calendar year giving the same information. It is noted that on several occasions you left the station for 48 hours, returned to the station for a few hours, and again left the station for 48 hours. Your attention is called to the fact that to leave the station for two days, which is the limit of absence allowed without furnishing a substitute, and to return to the station and leave again on the same day for a further absence of two days, is not approved, as your return to the station for a few hours is nothing more than a subterfuge to technically comply with the regulations covering leave of absence that no more than 48 continuous hours of leave can be taken without furnishing a substitute.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

JHG

October 5,1917

Commissioner:-

Referring to Department letter dated September 12,1917 dismissing Robert C. Ridgway from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York.

The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this dismissal was at the close of September 19,1917.

The excess leave taken by Ridgway from January 1st to September 19th,1917, was 39 days and 9 hours. No payment will therefore be made him for services rendered from September 1st to 19th,1917, and the matter will be considered as closed.

J. T. YATES.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 6th, 1917

Inspector

In reply to your letter of October 5th of Leave of former asst Ridgway I was not aware that less than 12 Hours away from Station should be reported a day. When you visited this Station August 8th you told me if asst Ridgway stayed away 8 Hours that constituted a day that is the reason there is a difference in My report from report of June 6th there was days and days Ridgway was absent 10 Hours that I never reported on June 6th after you told me about 8 Hours a day then when I sent in my report I looked over the Journal & picked out the days. I don't think I got them all. We had all the days absent that I sent on my last report

W. S. Allis
Keeper

JHG

Brewster S. Oldis, Keeper, October 9,1917

Rockland Lake Light Station,

Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Referring to your letter dated October 6,1917 relative to leave taken by former assistant keeper Ridgway, and to your statement you did not know all leave should be reported to this office. Your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, Paragraph 104, re leave of absence, the third subparagraph of which reads as follows:-

> "At isolated stations, with or without quarters, All absences of whatever nature will be noted on the journal and reported to the inspector on Form 65."

You are directed to see that the proper entries are made in the journal and the proper report made on Form 65, regarding such absences, in the future.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F. W. Ockenfels
Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

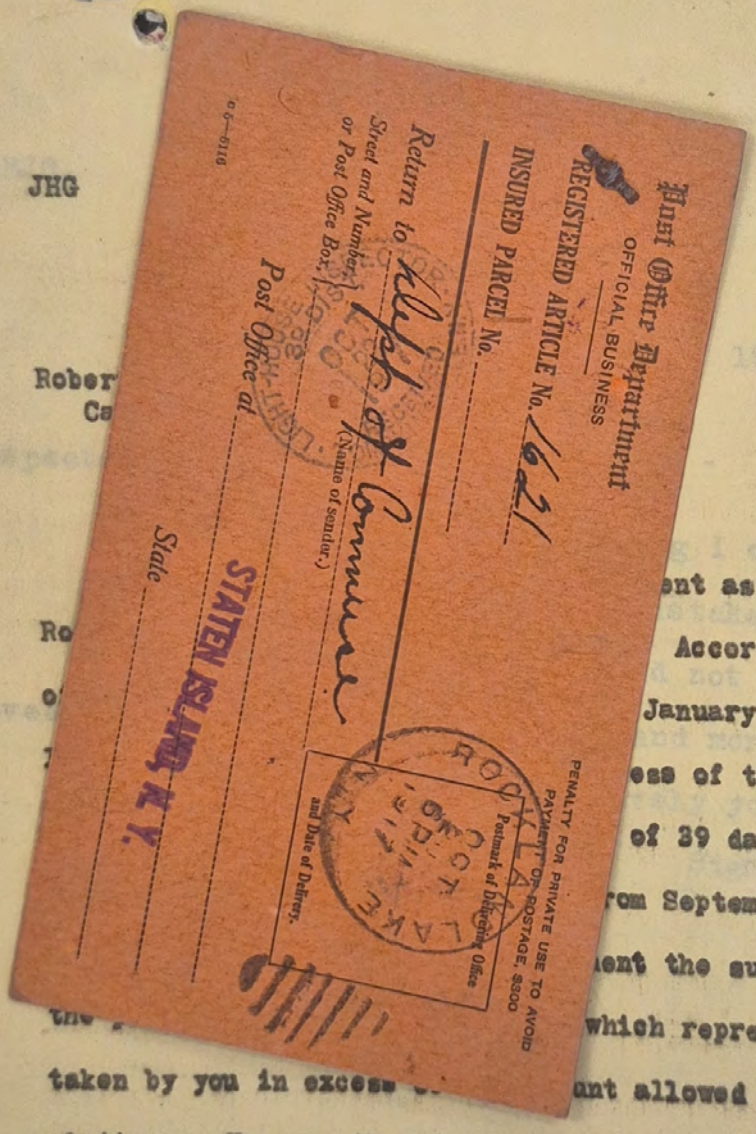
Asst Keeper
Rockland Lake.

20 days 9 hrs salary
plus rations

27.17 Service
6.11 Rat
$ 33.28

No. 204
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October 19,1917

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J. T. YATES.

Inspector

JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 19,1917

Robert C. Ridgway,
Care of Keeper, Rockland Lake Lt.Sta.,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Referring to your previous employment as Assistant Keeper at Rockland Lake Light Station, New York. According to the records of this office during the period from January 1st to September 19th, 1917 you took leave of absence in excess of that authorized by the Lighthouse Regulations to the extent of 39 days and 9 hours. No payment has been made you for salary from September 1st to 19th, and there still remains due the Government the sum of $33.28 to cover the period of 20 days and 9 hours which represents leave of absence taken by you in excess of the amount allowed by the Lighthouse Regulations. You are therefore requested to forward to this office a remittance of $33.28.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Phila.,Pa.,
Oct.29/ 1917.

Inspector

Received your letter saying I owe you $32.00
I think there must be a mistake there somewhere.
Even if it was so, I could not pay it now as I just moved and it took every cent I had and more to.

Respectively yours,

Signed-R.C.Ridgway.

WO-WJL

October 30,1917.

Mr.R.C.Ridgway,
c/o Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake,N.Y.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 29th 1917 from which it is understood that you are unable to forward at this time a remittance in the amount of $33.28 to which extent you are indebted to the United States on account of your having taken leave of absence in excess of the amount allowed to you as assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station.

Please advise this office definitely as to when you will forward a remittance for the amount stated above.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Respectfully,

Raymond Haskell

Superintendent

WJL

November 10,1917.

Mr.R.C.Ridgway,
c/o Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake,N.Y.

Sir:

Under date of October 30th 1917 the following letter was addressed to you:

"Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 29th 1917 from which it is understood that you are unable to forward at this time a remittance in the amount of $33.28 to which extent you are indebted to the United States on account of your having taken leave of absence in excess of the amount allowed to you as assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station.

Please advise this office definitely as to when you will forward a remittance for the amount stated above."

No reply having been received from you to the above mentioned letter, it would be appreciated if you would advise this office by return mail as to when you will forward remittance referred to.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector

EJC.

Phila., Pa., 1832 E.Monmouth St.,

Nov. 20, 1917.

Inspector:

I cannot tell you and certain time when I can pay that money that you say I owe you.

This time you have got against me is not right.Oldis has marked the hours and my time allowed my that to unless he changed it after I left the station. I have often seen him erase things and change them on both books. Lots of that time he told me I could go ashore and make a little money. He just got sore because I left, that's what is the matter. I don't know how you expect a man and family to live on that sum of money per month. I had to do a little extra work to keep ffom running up bills. He makes one or two hundred about this time of the year.

I would have quit a good while ago, but I thought you needed men, and I find my services were not appreciated and I sent lots of those men from home,(Barnegat) to the Service to tryed to do everything to help the Service along after passing a good examination and telling the truth. And then you take an old cripled up mans word who was pushed in the service by political influnce(Judge Thomphin's) before you would a good mans word. If I had known that political influnce were tolerated yet I could got some maby from the Senator of New Jersey who is from Barnegat. It is sure of funny Business.

Yours truly,

SGD.R.C.Ridgway,
1832 E.Monmouth St.,
Phila.,Pa.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON October 16, 1917.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 18 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Robert C. Ridgway,
dismissal.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York:

Referring to your letter of October 5, 1917, in regard to Robert C. Ridgway, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, who was dismissed from the service, effective at the close of a date to be fixed and reported to the Department.

The Bureau has this day submitted your letter of October 5, 1917, to the Department for its information. Make effort to recover from Ridgway on account of the excess leave taken in this case, approximately twenty days and make report and recommendation to the Bureau thereafter, at which time the matter will be further considered.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

FWO/EJC.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Nov. 23, 1917.

Returned to Commissioner, together with the following correspondence:

Copy of letter of October 19th, addressed to Robt. C.Ridgway.
Letter of October 29th, received from Robt.C.Ridgway.
Copy of letter of October 30th, addressed to Robt. C.Ridgway.
Copy of letter of Nov. 10th, addressed to Robt.C.Ridgway.
Letter of Nov. 20th, received from Robt. C.Ridgway.

As it is very unlikely that Mr. Ridgway will ever remit the amount requested, it is recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

J.T.YATES

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
JAN 12 1918
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

January 3, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the Bureau's communication of the 4th ultimo, recommending that Robert C. Ridgway, former assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, be debarred from civil service examinations until such time as he makes refund on account of excess leave, the Department has to state that it is in receipt of a letter from the Civil Service Commission, dated January 2, 1918, which reads as follows:

"Referring to your letter of December 7, the Commission respectfully advises you that it has very carefully considered the facts which resulted in the discharge of Robert C. Ridgway from the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, in the Lighthouse Service. It does not consider that it would be justified in barring Ridgway from entering all future civil service examinations. In the event, however, that he files application for any examination, the matter as to the acceptance of his application will be again considered."

By direction of the Secretary.

(Signed) E. W. LIBBEY,

Acting Chief Clerk.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
Jan. 10, 1918.

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

Acting Commissioner

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Robert C. Ridgway, Asst.Kpr.,
Through the Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N.Y.

Dismissed 9-19-17

May 23,1917

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 Auguse 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

Form 206 FILE NO. S

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

DATE, May 23, 1917, 191

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

SIR:

Please examine Albert C. Midgley, Asst. Keeper, Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 23; height, 5 feet, 9½ inches;

weight, 150 pounds; color of hair, medium dark; color of eyes, brown

distinguishing marks, Mole on upper anterior portion of left thigh.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Lighthouse Inspector.

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Witnessed by Keeper, Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

11—5999

April 24, 1917

Brewster S. Oldis, ...Keeper
Rockland Lake
.....Light Station
Rockland Lake, N. Y.
.....

Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant
Robert C. Ridgway .....and return this sheet to this office.
careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Height...5.....feet...9 1/2...inches Stocking Feet

Weight...150...pounds

Color of hair...Medium Dark

Color of eyes...Brown.....

Distinguishing marks...Upper Anterior Portion of Left Thigh (Mole)

J T YATES
Inspector

Date.....April 26 1917

Returned to Inspector, the information requested having been inserted above.

Brewster S. Oldis ...Keeper.