Robert B. Davidson

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, DISTRICT OCT 1911 RECEIVED

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED OCT 17 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

May 15, 1909.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

CARDED.

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

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.)

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

Mr. Robert B. Davidson. (Robert Blizzard Davidson.)

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

Robert B. Davidson.

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

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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? Magnolia Kent Co Delaware

6. When were you born?

Feb	6th	1879
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

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

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Name.

Number and street.

Frederica
City or town.

Delaware
State or Territory.

9. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
William E Davidson Jr.	Brother	~~Light House~~ C & G	Lighthouse	Ship John Light

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

With-out examination. Schedule A Sub-division 1 Sec 6 Civil Service rules

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

Have none

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Have not					

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

Do not

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

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

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Never Served in Either Service			

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Farming and Carpentering

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OCT 17 1911
DEPT OF [illegible]

17. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.)

Public Schools

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").

Carpenter

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

None

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. October 4th, 1911

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Robert B. Davidson

P. O. Address: Bowers
City or town.

Number and street.

Delaware
State or Territory.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded OCT 14 1911, 19

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 4th L. H. District.

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PART II.

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

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

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Bowers, Del. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Fourth (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Keeper - St. Jones River Range Lights, Del.

3. State the date of appointment. Sept. 25, 1911.

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

Sept. 20, 1911.

5. State the date of the oath. Oct. 4, 1911.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Sept. 20, 1911.

7. What is his salary? $240.00 per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of L. H. Keepers

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Excepted - (a-1-6)

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

"Without examination -" Under provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision I, Section 6, C.S. Rules.

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

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) W. D. McBurney

(Official title) Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 4th L. H. District.

Date: OCT 14 1911, 19

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 4TH L. H. DIST. FEB 21 1913 PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES FEB 24 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

October 18, 1912.

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED FEB 25 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Charles Nagel
Secretary.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED FEB 25 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Robert Blizzard Davidson;

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

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

Magnolia	Delaware	Kent	1st
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? Near Magnolia Delaware

6. When were you born? February 6th 1879
Month. Day. Year.

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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.)

Farming and Carpentering

17. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.)

Public School and the 9th grade

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

Carpenter

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

Keeper and asst Keeper Jan 27 1913

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. February 19th, 1913

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Robert B. Davidson,

P. O. Address: Magnolia
City or town.

Number and street.

Delaware
State or Territory.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded FEB 21 1913, 19

(Signature) Rowe

(Official title) Inspector, 4th L. H. District

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

Mrs Mary L. Davidson, (Name.) (Number and street.)

Magnolia (City or town.) Delaware (State or Territory.)

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
Wm E Davidson	Brother	C & L	Light House	asst Keeper Bellevue River Light Station De

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.)

Keeper and asst Keeper Jan. 27 1913

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

None at all

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.
C & L	Lighthouse	Lab in chg St Jones River Range Lts Del.	240 Per Yr.	Sept 25th 1911	Feb. 16, 1913

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? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered None

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

PART II.

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1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:
Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Ship John Shoal Lt. Sta., NJ (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Fourth (District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. Feb. 10, 1913.

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

5. State the date of the oath. February 15, 1913.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. February 17, 1913.

7. What is his salary? $456.00 per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 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 C. S. Exam. for Keeper and Asst. Kpr. Jan. 27-1913.

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.
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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out.
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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) J. J. Rowe

(Official title) Inspector, 4th L. H. District.

Date: FEB 21 1913, 19

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February 10, 1913.

Sir:

In view of your probationary appointment as second assistant keeper of Ship John Shoal Light Station, New Jersey, at $456 per annum, your services as laborer in charge of St. James River Range Lights, Delaware, at $240 per annum, have been discontinued without prejudice, effective at the close of the date immediately preceding that on which you enter upon duty in the first-named position.

E.O.D. Feb. 17, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADDER

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Last day service Feb 16, 1913. gl

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
DEC 23 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., December 21st, 1915.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase of pay.

Name, Robert B. Davidson, Legal residence, Delaware.

Position, Assistant Keeper, Salary, $492.00 per annum.

Location, Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del. Appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

Effective January 1st, 1916, ~~{x the date of change of duty, x as soon thereafter as the necessary funds are available}~~

Former position, Assistant Keeper. Former salary, $480.00 per annum.

Location, Listons Range Rear Light Station, Delaware.

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

Previous incumbent, x x x x Services terminated, x x x x

Reason, x x x x

Members of family in Government Service, x x x x

Remarks: Recommendation made in accordance with Bureau letter of 17 Dec.'15.

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

T. J. Rout.

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 23 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 27, 1915.

M. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Assistant Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Four Hundred and Ninety-two~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

Jan 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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M Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Delaware.

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DEC 29 1915

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
TJR:D

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE No.

LIGHT
OCT 8 1918
LIGHTHOUSES

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comr.
Commr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
October 7, 1918.

Dept recd 10 Oct 8

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

I have to state that on October 5 I suspended assistant keeper, R. B. Davidson of Listons Rear Lightstation; see enclosed copy of letter to him.

It appears that on the night of October 4, the two men had an argument and the assistant keeper struck the keeper while in the tower.

Charges will be preferred against Davidson and full report submitted to the Bureau as soon as practicable.

T. J. ROUT

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
OCT 14 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

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October 15, 1918.

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has approved the action of the Superintendent of the Fourth Lighthouse District in suspending you from duty, for a period not to exceed ninety days beginning October 5, 1918, pending the disposition of formal charges to be preferred against you.

This suspension will be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges, and if the same are not sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 17 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

Acting Secretary.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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October 5, 1918.

Robert B. Davidson, Asst. Keeper,
Listons Range Rear Lightstation,
Delaware City, Del.

(Through Keeper.)

In accordance with Regulations, paragraph #412, you are hereby suspended from duty for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days for insubordination, pending investigation of charges against you, as it is charged that on October 4 you struck the keeper of Listons Range Rear Lightstation, while he was in the tower.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances if you are exonerated of the charges, of if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

This suspension is effective 2 P.M. today.

T. J. ROUT

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 4TH L.H. DIST. OCT 11 1918 PHILA., PA.

LIGHT HOUSES

Lestous, Range Rear Light Station,
Delaware City Delaware
October 10th 1918

Superintendent 4th Lighthouse District
Philadelphia Pa

Sir

In replying to your letter of 5th October 1918 I have this to say in full detail inregards to this case.

First ← This started over a colored boy who has made this station his play ground for over two years coming on the Reservation time after time useing unseemly conduct which is prohibited by the Lighthouse Service upon their Reservations.

I have told this boy time after time to go out onto the Public Highway and play. still he came in here and done as he please so I just ordered this boy off—

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- the reservation.
I went to see his father and explain the truble to him and he said if it was going to cause me any truble he would keep him home. he stayed away for wille (week) and he came again and I told him to go out side and play he said he did not have to go out for me. I ask him why he said so. why Mr Dandson said I could come in here and do as I please.

Second ←

Yes; first match, Asst came on foot of tower ask me if I was coming down. I said yes so when I arrived foot of tower I ask him what he had to say about Elwood playing in here. useing unseemly conduct. and thus made

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him mad. I said if you are going to get mad over this thing. why I am going on back up into the tower. and he said no you not then he grab me in the throat and choke me and use profane language. he wouldnt reason with me at all. I didnt think for minute he would hit me on Government Reservation

Third ←

It was 8 P.M. when he struck me on left side of my head and I fell on the basement floor layed there minute or two. and told him not to hit me again. and I have the mark on side of my head where he hit me

Fourth ←

I got up, dazed by his hit and the fall I wondered over to neighbors and Mrs put on cruch. and my wife

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- was sent for as she knew nothing about it. and they decided to leave Dr. before Dr came they conducted me home layed me on couch ~~until the~~ Dr came. I wanted to go back into tower and finish my watch. and he said for me to go to bed for the night. as I wasnt in no fit condition to go back into the tower. the Dr called nurse to see me. That is all that was done until you were sent for.
Give this matter your most earnest consideration and what ever you think best. they do.

Respectfully
Harry E Spencer
Keeper

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LIGHT
OCT 2[illegible] 1918
HOUSES

October 16, 1918.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Asst. Keeper, Listons Range Rear Lightstation,
RFD#1, Delaware City, Del.

Sir :

You are hereby charged with quarreling with the keeper of the station and striking him.

The specific charge is that on the night of October 4, 1918 in an interview with the keeper in the base of the tower, which grew into an altercation, you struck the keeper on the head with your fist, temporarily disabling him.

A copy of his letter reporting the affair is attached hereto and made a part of these charges.

Your reply to this charge should be made in writing within three days to this office, transmitted through the keeper.

If you do not desire to make any reply, you should so state in a letter addressed to this office.

T. J. ROUT

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 4TH L.H. DIST. OCT. 25 1918 PHILA., PA.

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Listons Range Near L & S
Delaware City, Del.
October 23, 1918.

Superintendent 4th District
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to reply to yours of October 16, 1918 in regards to charges made against me by keeper of this station.

First. This charge is absolutely untrue as far as I am concerned, and the little colored boy has moved away from this neighborhood.

Second. This keeper has been nagging my wife and children in my absence untill I could endure it no longer. On October 4, '18 my wife and I were away and after School my little boy of 7 yrs. and this colored boy came into my house, got a pear and started out. The keeper got after him, chased him out and then had another nagging

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with my children. So when I came home I went into the tower to see what was the trouble I asked him if he were coming down and he said "yes". Upon reaching the base of the tower he did not give me a chance to speak, but asked me what I thought about this matter. I told him that I thought him very much in the wrong at times by going around and talking to the people of the community about the official business and not saying anything to me about it. He deliberately stuck his face in mine and told me that I had no right to see any of the official mail. I took him by the collar with my left hand and slapped his face out of mine with my right open hand. The button came off his shirt and he fell. The remainder of the second charge is false.

Third. He never said a word about my not hitting him again.

Fourth. If he were dazed, he knew enough before leaving the tower to tell me that either he or I would lose our job.

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and after wandering? over to the neighbors he sent the neighbor over to watch the light.

Please give this matter your most earnest consideration.

Yours Respectfully,
Robert B. Davidson
Asst. Keeper.

Respectfully Forwarded
Jany 25 1918
Jany O. Spencer
Keeper

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
TJR:D

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE No.

LIGHT HOUSES
OCT 28 1918

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

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
October 25, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Dept rec'd 9K Oct 28

SUBJECT: Charges against Assistant Keeper, Robert P. Davidson, Listons Range Rear Lightstation.

REFERENCE: Letter to Bureau on suspension, dated October 5, 1918.

Herewith are papers in this case, as follows:

Letter from Keeper Spencer of October 10, 1918.

Charges against Assistant Keeper, Davidson of October 16, 1918.

Davidson's reply, dated October 23, 1918.

On October 5, report was made that Assistant Keeper DDavidson knocked down Keeper Spencer in tower on night of October 4. After investigation, I suspended Davidson and preferred charges.

The trouble at this place has been caused by Spencer's talk and overbearing manner, and parents taking up the quarrels of children.

On October 4, Davidson being off station, an argument commenced between Miss Davidson and Spencer. It appears that Spencer would take the family to task whenever Davidson was absent.

Regarding Spencer, this office considers him one of the most efficient keepers in this District, but he cannot get along with assistants. He talks too much and is domineering and overbearing. I am convinced that Spencer could not get along with any assistant and I intend to transfer him to a one man station at first opportunity.

Davidson has been in the service seven years; is young and energetic and up to this time has had a clean record. Knowing what I do about the conditions, it is my opinion that Davidson had serious provocation and on account of the extenuating circumstances his dismissal is not recommended. I do recommend however, the following:

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T. J. ROUT

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington.
NOV 1 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

OCT 28 1918 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

October 25, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Charges against Assistant Keeper, Robert P. Davidson, Listons Range Rear Lightstation.

REFERENCE: Letter to Bureau on suspension, dated October 5, 1918.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
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G R Putnam
Commissioner.

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Bureau of Lighthouses Washington.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Secretary.
WASHINGTON.

11/13/18 Reprimanded November 5, 1918.
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" 4th Supt

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Fourth Lighthouse District dated the 25th ultimo, in the case of keepers Harry E. Spencer and Robert B. Davidson, Listons Range Rear Light Station, which recommendation was approved by the Commissioner on the 1st instant, the recommendation in the case of Davidson is approved as follows:

> That he be promptly reinstated to duty; that his suspension from October 5, 1918, to date prior to his re-entry upon duty be leave without pay: that he be severely reprimanded by the Bureau and that he lose for a period of four months his additional compensation of $10.00 per month.

The necessary action to carry this into effect will be taken by the Bureau and this office advised of the date of his restoration to duty.

In the case of keeper, Harry E. Spencer, as the papers furnished contain no information with regard to certain failings to which it is proposed to call his attention, the Department is unable to reach a conclusion in the matter unless such information is furnished.

A. L. THURMAN
Acting Secretary.

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Reprimand. November 13, 1918.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Assistant Keeper, Listons Range Rear
Light Station, Del.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.)

1. Referring to report of your altercation with the keeper of Listons Range Rear Light Station, Delaware, on the night of October 4, 1918, during which you struck him on the head with your fist, temporarily disabling him.

2. Your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, 1915, Arts. 8 and 9, relative to personal character, obedience to orders, etc. All employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to show in themselves a good example of virtue, honor, and subordination; they are forbidden to treat their superior officers with contempt, or be disrespectful to them in manner or deportment, and the penalty of dismissal is prescribed for violation of these instructions. In view, however, of your length of service and previous good record, you will not be dismissed from the Service for this offense, but you are severely reprimanded for your conduct, which constituted gross insubordination; your suspension from duty beginning October 5, 1918, will be without pay; and your pay will be reduced for a period of four months at the rate of $10 per month. You are cautioned that a repetition of the offense referred to will result in more drastic action being taken in your case.

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

Commissioner,

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

NOV 18 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, reference being made to Dept letter of Nov 5, 1918. The information relative to keeper Spencer, called for in last paragraph of Department letter, will be furnished at a later date.

Acting Commissioner

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT 4TH L.H.DIST. NOV 25 1918

LIGHT NOV 26 1918 HOUSES

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I, Robert B. Davidson 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 B. Davidson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 22nd day of November, A. D. 1918

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(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. Frank Reybold

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 30 - 1922

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Assistant Kpr.	$492 per annum	Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del.
Former [5] Keeper	$660. per annum	do do

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

Office of Lighthouse ~~Inspector~~ Supt., Fourth District

Philadelphia, Penn., (Address) November 25, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov. 20th - 12 P.m. (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:
Chief Clerk.

Robert B. Davidson, Keeper.
(Signature, followed by title)

CARDED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 20 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

September 19, 1938

Secretary of Commerce:

By letter dated June 21, 1938, the Department approved the transfer of Robert B. Davidson to Mahon River Light Station in the Fourth District, vice Irvin S. Lynch who had applied for retirement on account of disability.

As Mr. Lynch was not found to be disabled for useful and efficient service he is being continued on duty, and therefore Department notice to Mr. Davidson is returned herewith for cancellation.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

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Assistant Keeper
Davidson.

December 2, 1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. On November 30 while at the Sesquicentennial, Assistant Keeper Davidson informed me that he would like to to be considered for keepership at Cherry Island Rear in the event of a vacancy. He said that he had been at Liston Rear 13 years, and that various difficulties had arisen which made him desirous of effecting a transfer. I informed him that I would bring this matter to the Superintendent's attention, which I am now doing.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1927 JAN 5 AM 9 50

Mr. Robert B. Davidson, Assistant Keeper,
Liston Range Rear Light Station, Del.,
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Sir:

The Commissioner of Lighthouses has reported to me that you performed a satisfactory detail of duty at the National Sesquicentennial Exposition held during the past year at Philadelphia. I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of the services rendered by you, which contributed materially to the success of the Department's exhibit. A copy of this letter will be placed on your official record.

Very truly yours,

Feb. 1927

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

SEE Bureau memo. of Dec.20,1926 to Mr. Graves and his letter Dec.24, 1926 re this matter in file 3180.

Exact copy as signed by _____

Mailed _____ by _____

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3/16/27 wire to Houston
copy to Park

Congressman Houston's Secretary, Delaware, Branch 729, called on Mr. Conway's phone at 2:05 p.m., in regard to case of keeper who has recently been transferred from Reedy Island to Listons Rear, stating that keeper has been informed he cannot receive keeper's salary for two years. Asked that this office advise the Congressman further in regard to this matter.

transposed.?

top of page 2.

Robt. B. Davidson was trans. from Listons Range Rear as asst keeper at $1200 to keeper Reedy Island Rear at $1260 effective 2/1/27.

Letter re transfer Kpr Davidson slipped

this appears to be oh with classification system

Former Keeper was receiving $1380.

Listons Rge Rear 1020 - 1320 — 1200 pay
Reedy do " - 1200 - 1500 — 1260
as name of keeper is not definite
reply telephone Mrs Officer tnemo of
to 4th PM 3/14

Concur
WPH 3/14

Ashton to write letter

3/14

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
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LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

January 26, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. Reference is made to Bureau endorsement, dated January 21, 1932, on letter from Senator Daniel O. Hastings, addressed to the Commissioner under date of January 19, 1932, which letter is returned herewith.

2. Mr. Robert B. Davidson, Keeper of Reedy Island Rear Range Light Station, receives an annual salary of $1,380.00 per year. This station is rated as a class 3 station, having illuminating apparatus of primary importance and no fog signal apparatus. The range of pay for this class station is $1,320.00 to $1,680.00 per annum. Mr. Davidson has been Principal Keeper only since February 1, 1927. The statement, that other men in the service occupying similar positions are receiving $10.00 more per month than he is, is correct, but these other men have had much longer service as principal keepers and have in the past received increases due to their length of service. As a matter of fact, there are about twelve other keepers and assistant keepers who are more deserving of an increase in pay due to length of service, etc. than is Mr. Davidson. He wrote to this office on August 7, 1929, and again on August 7, 1930, asking for increases in pay and complaining each time that other keepers were getting more money that he, and it was explained to him in letters from this office, dated August 9, 1929, and August 13, 1930, the reasons for these other keepers of longer service receiving more money and the fact that those keepers and assistant keepers who are most deserving and who have waited the longest for deserving increases must necessarily come ahead of him whenever there are any funds available for increases in pay.

3. Mr. Davidson's station is properly rated as to class, and there has been no discrimination against him as regards pay compared with other keepers. He was recommended for an increase of $60.00 per annum along with twelve other keepers and assistant keepers in letter from this office, dated May 28, 1931, but no increases were approved by the Bureau at that time.

IRVING L. GILL
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
803 CUSTOMHOUSE
SECOND AND CHESTNUT STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 16 8 53 AM '38

September 15, 1938.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

copy in full

Subject: Irvin S. Lynch.

Reference is made to endorsement on confirmation of Bureau telegram of June 30th, relative to proposed retirement of Irvin S. Lynch, Keeper, Mahon River Light Station, Delaware.

Mr. Lynch was examined at the Marine Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, and was found to have recovered from his disability. Copy of report is enclosed.

There is returned herewith for cancellation appointment of Robert B. Davidson as successor to Mr. Lynch, which was received in this office June 29th.

Nomination of Mr. Davidson had been submitted after transmission of retirement papers for Mr. Lynch.

H. W. Mitchell
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fourth DISTRICT,

Phila, Pa. (City), June 9 (Date), 1938.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, Robert B. Davidson

Position, Keeper

Location, Mahon River Lightstation, Delaware.

Effective, July 1, 1938

Former position, Keeper, Reedy Island Range Rear Lightstation, Delaware.

Location, (Delaware).

Legal residence, Delaware

Proposed salary, $1440.00 per annum

Proposed range, $1380. to 1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

~~the date of assumption of duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former salary, $1380.00 per annum

Former range, $1320. to $1680. p.a.

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

- - - - - -

(Lt. #471)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Irvin S. Lynch / Services terminated June 30, 1938.

Reason, Disability retirement recommended.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, February 6, 1879.

Remarks: (See letter attached). Quarters will be provided for family of Robert B. Davidson, at Mahon River Lightstation, Delaware, valued at $240. p.a. Similar quarters were provided at Reedy Island Range Rear Lightstation. Pay rates and ranges shown above are net.

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

G. W. Hitchens,
Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to the Fourth Superintendent's letter of June 9, accompanying. On account of Mr. Davidson's long service of approximately 27 years, the Bureau concurs in the Superintendent's views and recommends that an increase of one salary step be made. Since this will be effective July 1, it will coincide with the regular semi-annual promotion period, with which it would be in compliance.

Cancelled by 4th D. ltr 9/15/38

W. F. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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LIGHTHOUSES

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 9, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to nomination being forwarded for transfer and promotion of Robert B. Davidson, from Keeper of Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station to Mahon River Light Station. The pay range at Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station is $1320 to $1680, and the range at Mahon River Light Station is $1380 to $1740.

Mr. Davidson is now receiving $1380 per annum in the former Range and is being recommended to receive $1440, which is the corresponding step of the latter Range. Had this transfer not been anticipated, Mr. Davidson would have been included in the list of Keepers recommended for administrative promotions, which list was forwarded to the Bureau several days ago.

He has had almost 27 years' of service, his last increase in pay having been received July 1, 1928. It is hoped that the Bureau will approve appointment of Mr. Davidson at $1440 per annum. Mr. Irvin S. Lynch, who is being recommended for retirement from Mahon River Light Station, receives $1560. per annum.

G. W. Mitchens,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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September 19, 1938

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For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

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STANDARD FORM N[illegible]
(Approved by the Presid[illegible] '28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment Treasury Dept. United State Coast Guard **Date** Oct 25. 1939

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Davidson. (Surname) Robert (Given name) B. (Middle name)
2. Present address (Number) (Street) Little Creek (City) Delaware (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Delaware. 1st (State and Congressional District) Kent (County) Leipsic (City or town)
4. Where born Delaware (State or foreign country) Magnolia (City or town) When born Feb. 6th 1879 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
Male √	Female	Single	Married √	Divorced	Widowed	White √	Colored	

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you One. Wife. 59.
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY Per annum	DATE APPOINTED Month	Day	Year	DATE SEPARATED Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse	St. John River	Keeper	$ 240.	Sept.	19	1911	Feb.	17	1913
"	Ship John S. Light	2nd asst. K.	$ 456.	Feb.	19	1913	June	29	1914
"	Liston R.R. Light	1st asst. K.	F. 480. L. 1200.	July	1	1914	Jan	24	1927
"	Reedy Island R.R.	Keeper	F. 1260. L. 1440.	Jan	24	1927	Sept.	29	1939
"	Malone River	Keeper	$ 1440	Oct	1st	1939			

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
/							

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____ | Enlisted ____ Discharged ____

Rank ____ Rank ____ | Rank ____ Rank ____

Organization ____ Organization ____ | Organization ____ Organization ____

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) ---

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 (2) 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Mary L. Davidson.

Relationship wife Post office address Little Creek, Delaware.

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

Robert B. Davidson.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name DAVIDSON, Robert Blizzard Date of birth February 6, 1879

Designation Keeper, Mahon River Light Station, Little Creek, Delaware

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							Suspended 10-5 to 11-19-18. LWOP 1 hr on 4-20-44. Weekly tour of duty is 44 hours.
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment							
U. S. Lighthouse Service	9	20	1911	6	30	1939	
U. S. Coast Guard	7	1	1939	4	19	1944	
			6 mo, 16 da				
Total service			32 years, ~~5 months, 15 days.~~				

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No If so, state the compensation received:

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Keeper	4	20	39	4	19	40		1440.	1440.00 ✓
Keeper	4	20	40	4	19	41		1440.	1440.00 ✓
Keeper	4	20	41	4	19	42		1440-1500	1443.16 ✓
Keeper	4	20	42	4	19	43		1500.	1500.00 ✓
Keeper	4	20	43	4	19	44		1500-1560	1533.17 ✓
									7356.33 ✓

Total compensation for last five years of active service 7356.33 ✓

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1471.26 ✓

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1471.26 × years 30 (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = $1103.44

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Form 9

NAVY DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Date 11 November, 1943

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
District Coast Guard Officer
Fourth Naval District

Philadelphia, Pa.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective 1 May, 1944, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Robert B. Davidson
ROBERT B. DAVIDSON
(Name)
Keeper
Mahon River Light Station
(Designation)

District Coast Guard Office
Superintendent of Lighthouses
Fourth Naval District
City Philadelphia, Pa. *Date* 25 November, 1943

Commandant, USCG
Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 1103.44 per annum, effective at the close of 30 April, 1944.

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

H. E. ABBOTT
Lieutenant Commander USCGR
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
By direction

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Robert B. Davidson (Name) — Delaware (Legal Residence)

DATE OF BIRTH 2-6-1879 STATUS

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Laborer in chg.		$240	Light House - St. Jones River Range Lts. Del.	Sept 20, 1911
	SERVICES DISCONTINUED without prejudice Feb. 16, 1913.			
2d Asst. Kpr.		456	Lighthouse Ship John Shoal New Jersey	Feb. 17, 1913
" "		480	" Leiter's Range Rear St Sta - Del.	July 1, 1914
" "		492	" " "	Jan. 1, 1916
	Suspended Oct. 5, 1918 - not exc. 90 days.			
Keeper		660	Lighthouse - Fenwick Is. Rg. Dl.	Nov. 11, 1918
"	Read.	900	" " "	July 1, 1924
"	" Act. 12/6/24	1,140	" " "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1,200	" "	July 1, 1925
"	Trans.	1260	" 4th District Reedy Id. Rge L.S.	
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928	1380	" "	JUL 1 1928
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1440	" — "	MAR 1 1930

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APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE MUST FILL THE FOLLOWING

Name (in full) Robert B. Davidson Sex- Male

Present address- Mahon River Light Station Date of birth- Feb. 6. 1879

Give below all places of residence during the past FIVE years

From-- (Month and year)	To-- Month and year)	Number and Street	City and State
Jan. 1927	Sept. 1939	Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station	Townsend, Del. R.D #3

Give, in your own handwriting, the information requested below

Have you ever been arrested for any reason whatsoever?- ~~Yes~~ No
If so, give details in space provided below. (~~Yes~~ or No)

Date of Arrest	Age	Charge	Court & Location	Judge	Disposition

NO ADDITIONAL RECORD FOUND AT S. L.

Have you ever been fingerprinted?- yes Where?- U.S. Post Office, Townsend, Del.

When?- October 11, 1939 If for the Civil Service, what position?- Light House Service.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the above statements are complete and accurate in every detail.

Robert B. Davidson.
Customary payroll signature of employee

U.S. COAST GUARD

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of October 1939.

Walter Lubbage
Notary Public

My commission expires August 24, 1943

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(Approved by the Presid[illegible] 28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment Treasury Dept. United State Coast Guard **Date** Oct 25. 1939

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Davidson. (Surname) Robert (Given name) B. (Middle name)
2. Present address (Number) (Street) Little creek (City) Delaware (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Delaware. 1st (State and Congressional District) Kent (County) Leipsic (City or town)
4. Where born Delaware (State or foreign country) Magnolia (City or town) When born Feb. 6th 1879 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male √	Female	Single	Married √	Divorced	Widowed	White √	Colored

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you One. Wife. 59.
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY Per annum	DATE APPOINTED Month	Day	Year	DATE SEPARATED Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse	St. John River	Keeper	$ 240.	Sept.	19	1911	Feb.	17	1913
"	Ship John S. Light	2nd asst. K.	$ 456.	Feb.	19	1913	June	29	1914
"	Liston R.R. Light	1st asst. K.	F. 480. L. 1200.	July	1	1914	Jan	24	1927
"	Reedy Island R.R.	Keeper	F. 1260. L. 1440.	Jan	24	1927	Sept	29	1939
"	Malsons Rivers	Keeper	$ 1440	Oct	1st	1939			

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
✓							

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____ Enlisted ____ Discharged ____

Rank ____ Rank ____ Rank ____ Rank ____

Organization ____ Organization ____ Organization ____ Organization ____

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) ----------

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 (2) 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Mary L. Davidson.

Relationship wife Post office address Little Creek, Delaware.

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

Robert B. Davidson.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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