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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
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Date: 5/16/2023

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig, L.	23-003
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
kraiga@gmail.com	858-357-5100

INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Rogers, Edwin, C.		1905 MA

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

- ☑ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):
CA

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service		
From: 1930	To: 1938	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date: /

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2.280589 498 33

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks:

JUN 5 AM10:04

SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed WCV

☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: ROGERS, EDWIN C. **DOB:** 1905 MA

1930-1938 MARBLEHEAD, MA DOD 1984

Records checked:

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

AND

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

If Negative:

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

If Negative:

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

Notes: _____

Treas.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 7 1938
2ND DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

Dec 4th

Mrs. Rogers having difficulty in obtaining quarters immediately he has agreed to continue as lamp lighter until his departure which is expected not later than the 17th

Supt.
1st Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
Draftsman
Junior Engr.
Radio Elec.
1st Clerk
Clerk
Clerk

Henry S. Braden.

EJC:HFO

May 27, 1938.

E. C. Rogers, Lamplighter,
Marblehead Light,
Marblehead Neck,
Massachusetts.

By this time you no doubt have received the letter which the Commanding Officer of the Harbor Defenses of Boston forwarded to you on May 26, 1938, a copy of which was furnished this office.

In view of the circumstances referred to in the above-mentioned communication, your services as Lamplighter will accordingly be terminated and this office has selected May 31, 1938, as the effective date of this action.

You will otherwise be guided according to the advice contained in the above Commanding Officer's said letter insofar as vacating the premises, etc.

You may disregard the previous instructions given you by the Associate Engineer in this office relative to bringing the tower doors to this depot for repairs. Your acknowledgment of the above advice is requested.

EATON,
Superintendent.

Copy for Lt. Col. Monte J. Hickok, U.S.A., Commanding, Harbor Defenses of Boston, Fort Banks, Massachusetts, for his information. Reference is made to your letter of May 26, 1938 (File: MJH/wdm) and previous correspondence.

See also Harry D. Knowles personnel file

601.

MJH/wdm

May 26, 1938

The Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Second District,
Chelsea, Mass.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 20 relative to the services of Mr. Edwin C. Rogers the present designated lamplighter at Marblehead Light.

This headquarters is this date advising Mr. Rogers (See copy of letter herewith) that he must vacate the Army quarters at Marblehead Light not later than Midnight, June 7, 1938. Accordingly Mr. Marden's services will be available, effective June 8, 1938, at which time Mr. Marden will take residence at Marblehead. Light.

Herewith are both copies of your Form 205, signed by Mr. Marden, as requested. Mr. Marden will confer with Mr. Rogers with reference to his duties as Lamp Lighter and proper operation and maintenance of the light. Mr. Marden has been advised that if full information is not obtainable from Mr. Rogers he will contact your office direct.

The recent painting of the light tower has been noted.

Very truly yours,

2-Incls.
1- Form 205 (in dupl).
2- Letter to Mr. E. C. Rogers.

MONTE J. HICKOK,
Lt. Colonel, 9th C.A.,
Commanding.

MJH/wdm

May 26, 1938.

Mr. E. C. Rogers,
Caretaker, Marblehead Light,
Marblehead Neck, Mass.

Dear Sir:

You will recall that about April 16, 1938, accompanied by the Harbor Defense Quartermaster, Major H. C. Snyder, I inspected the Army portion of Marblehead Light Reservation; that the Quartermaster called your attention to several violations of police of grounds and the outbuilding which were of long standing; that I then told you that I would again inspect after a lapse of a month and that if the matter in question had not been attended to I would be forced to find another Caretaker who would meet the police standards set by this headquarters. You will further recall that you promised at that time to get busy and clean up the outbuilding and its surroundings and that I would not at any future inspections find cause for adverse comment.

On May 16th I inspected the dwelling (all floors and basement), the outbuilding and grounds and found police conditions unchanged, even to specific features pointed out to you at my April inspection above referred to (appearance of interior of outbuilding, fire hazards both within and without the building, ashes on lawn in direction of the light, refuse outside building, etc).

Therefore, while I regret the necessity for such action, you are hereby directed to vacate the grounds and buildings of Marblehead Light Reservation by Midnight of June 7, 1938, removing therefrom by the same date all articles not the property of the United States, and leaving the buildings in a proper state of police for immediate occupancy by your successor, Master Sergeant H. S. Marden, U. S. Army.

You will be cleared by a representative of the Quartermaster Office, this Post, who will personally verify the physical presence on the reservation, on the morning of June 8, 1938, of all articles for which you have given receipt to the Quartermaster, Fort Banks.

The move from the reservation to such location as you may select will be without expense to the Government, and will be arranged for and executed by you.

Should you elect to vacate earlier than the limited date set (June 7, 1938), kindly inform this headquarters, phone Ocean 2190.

HEADQUARTERS HARBOR DEFENSES OF BOSTON
Office of the Harbor Defense Commander
Fort Banks, Mass.

601.

MJH/wdm

May 18, 1938.

The Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Second District,
Chelsea, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to letter this headquarters, to you, under date of November 7, 1935, concerning the official status of the Caretaker of the Marblehead Light, Mr. Edwin C. Rogers, and to your indorsement on that letter under date of November 12, 1935.

It is the intention of this headquarters to replace Mr. Rogers with a caretaker over whom this headquarters can exercise disciplinary action as necessity requires. Mr. Rogers has failed to meet the standards of police for the Army part of the Marblehead Reservation, in spite of repeated warnings.

The replacement I have in mind is a Master Sergeant, U. S. Army, who retires from the Army on May 31st, this year, and whose work will be satisfactory. If agreeable to you Mr. Rogers contemplated replacement, Master Sergeant Harry S. Marden, will take over the duties and responsibilities of the present Lamplighter, Mr. Rogers, at whatever salary you are now paying Mr. Rogers.

If you still desire to retain Mr. Rogers as Lamplighter, there will of course be no objection to Mr. Rogers visiting the light under such circumstances and at such times as you may prescribe.

I feel certain that the interest of both the Lighthouse Service and the Army will be better served by the replacement of Mr. Rogers by the soldier I have in mind than is now the case.

If the position of Lamplighter is still considered as unnecessary, owing to the fact that the light operates automatically, Mr. Rogers replacement will oversee and police both the Army's and the Lighthouse Service's portion of the reservation and keep off rowdies and other undesirables at all times.

May I have your views on this matter at your earliest convenience, together with a statement as to the remuneration Master Sergeant Marden may expect from your Service, if appointed Lamplighter, and steps he should take to secure the position.

Yours truly,

MONTE J. HICKOK,
Lt. Col. 9th C.A.,
Commanding.

EJC-MEH

Office of Superintendent, Second District,
Chelsea, Mass., January 7th, 1937.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

On December 4, 1936 this office received a communication similar to the attached from the Agent of the Board of Public Welfare, Marblehead, Mass., and in reply thereto it was stated that in addition to receiving free rental and a fuel allowance, Mr. Rogers also receives $10.00 a month which is considered adequate compensation for the duties which he is required to perform as Lamplighter, Marblehead Light.

The Bureau will note that on September 18, 1935, Marblehead Lighthouse reservation was transferred to the War Department. Upon acquiring jurisdiction over this property the said Department allowed Mr. Rogers to continue the free use of the dwelling in addition to which, it is understood, he was furnished with a fuel allowance which this Service did not heretofore provide.

Under the circumstances the Superintendent can do none other than continue to maintain that in so far as the Lighthouse Service is concerned Mr. Rogers is amply compensated for his present services as Lamplighter.

EATON,
Superintendent.

Copy

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

Office of

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE,

Marblehead, Mass.

December 28, 1936.

Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

It has been suggested to our Board that we write you and state the case of one Edwin Rogers who is stationed at the LightHouse at Marblehead Neck. Mr. Rogers is married and has three children. As we understand it he now receives free rent, fuel and $10.00 per month. He is not working at the present time.

Would it be possible for him to receive a larger amount in salary?

Yours truly,

/s/ A. F. Monahan
Agent

E-K

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
January 5, 1937.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass. for report and return.
For the Commissioner

/s/ W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant.

GEE-HL

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD
OFFICE OF
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
MARBLEHEAD, MASS.

DEC 5 1936

December 4, 1936

Mr. A. F. Monahan, Agent,
Board of Public Welfare,
Marblehead, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 13, which was just received at this office, in regard to Edwin Rogers, lamplighter at Marblehead Neck Light.

In addition to receiving rent and fuel, Mr. Rogers also receives $10.00 a month, which is considered adequate compensation for the duties which he is required to perform in connection with his position as lamplighter.

Very truly yours,

GEO. E. EATON
Superintendent

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD
OFFICE OF
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
MARBLEHEAD, MASS.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 3 1936
2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

Nov. 13-1936

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5th Clerk
6th Clerk
Messenger
Depot Kpr.
Depot

Superintendent,
U.S. Light Depot,
Chelsea, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

It has been suggested to our Board that we write you and state the case of one Edwin Rogers who is stationed at the Light House at Marblehead Neck. Mr. Rogers is married and has three children. As we understand it he now only receives free rent and fuel. He is a W.P.A. worker and earns $13.00 per week.

Would it be possible for him to have a salary?

also receives $10.00 month for services as Lamplighter

Yours truly,

A. F. Monahan

Agent

This Service never furnished fuel allowance (but War Dept does now I understand)

Lets all he is wants

— No — the $10 a + free rent month he now receives is very adequate compens. considering duty he is required to perform

OK advice

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Form 205 **CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT REGISTERED POSITION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 2, 1931, ~~19~~
(Place and date)

Employment has been given to Edwin C. Rogers

as Lamplighter, Marblehead Light Station, in connection with work

in the Second Lighthouse District, at the rate of $ 10.00 per ~~day~~ month

~~or month~~, beginning February 1, 1931, ~~19~~, under regulations approved by the

Secretary of Commerce, dated May 10, 1911. This contract of employment supersedes all previous

certificates of appointment.

Fred. E. Eaton
Superintendent, 2nd District

I accept the above conditions and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Lighthouse Service.

Edwin C Rogers.

INSTRUCTIONS.—To be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be handed to employee and the other kept on file in the District Office.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Commerce & H. Service Second dist.

1. Name in full Mr Edwin Crowley Rogers.

2. Legal (voting) residence Mass. (State and Congressional District) Essex (County) Marblehead (City or town)

3. Where born? March 17. 1905 Marblehead Mass (State or foreign country) (City or town) When born? (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government: None

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge: None

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

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
1 2 3 4 5 6 (7) 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mr. Peter Crowley (Name) Uncle (Relationship)

590 East Eighth St. South Boston Mass. (Post office address)

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

Mr Edwin C Rogers. (Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Feb. 2. 1931 (Date)

Present address Marblehead Neck Mass.

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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CHR-RMC

February 2, 1931.

Subject: Marblehead Light Station, duties of Lamplighter.

1. Following is information and instructions relative to care and operation of light at this station.

2. This light is automatically controlled by an astronomic time switch located on a switchboard in the lantern of the tower. Do not make any adjustments or changes to this mechanism. Should any trouble be encountered with the "on and off" time of the light, notify the office at once. You are also instructed to note the time that the light goes on and off with respect to sunset and sunrise respectively, so that an inspector from this office may make any adjustments necessary when he inspects the light.

3. There is also located on the switchboard in the lantern, a switching relay whereby should the normal or upper light burn out, a standby or relief lamp will be automatically switched into the circuit. Therefore, if at any time you note the upper lamp turning black or burned out, replace same so that the service light will be in operation. Make a notation of any changes made for the information of the office.

4. A representative from this office will visit this station at the first opportunity and acquaint you with any further details necessary.

Eaton

GEO. E. EATON
Superintendent.

Copy for Edwin C. Rogers,
Lamplighter, Marblehead Light Station.