REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

'26 AUG 11 PM 3:28:07
Date: 08/14/2026

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Ross, Walter, J.		CT

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	
From: 1921	To: 1925
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To: Soundex = R200
(Agency & Location) D+B Books	
From:	To:

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

This Space Intentionally Left Blank

STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0007982940

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): sent to arc search 8/17/26

Remarks: '26 AUG 24 PM 12:08

SCREENING NOTES

- ☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed ☒
- ☐ 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:

Walter J. Ross.

Walter J. Ross

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Connecticut.

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper Beaver Harvey L.S. etc. (Temp.	$780	L.H.	Sept 11, 1920.
" " "	840	"	March 11, 1921
" " " "	1020.	"	June 11, 1923
" Read. of pay "	1260	"	JUL 1 1924
" Readjustment of pay Act - Dec. 6, 1924 "	1560	"	FEB 1 1925
" INCREASE IN COMPENSATION "	1620	"	JUL 1 1925
Dismissed - Dec. 19, 1925.			

INACTIVE

Form 73

NOMINATION

MBM.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third. DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Sept. 13, 1920. (Date.) 19

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

LIGHTHOUSES
1920 SEP 18 AM 8 20

Name, Walter J. Ross, Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, Keeper Salary, $780.00 P.A.

Location, New Haven Lt. Sta, New Haven Middle Bkw. West End & New Haven West Bkw. West End Lights, Conn. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective Sept. 11, 1920. { the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~ X

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

1920 SEP 18 PM 3 49
APPOINTMENTS

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.0, Other eligibles considered:

None

1920 SEP 18 PM

Previous incumbent, Harry L. Tutty Services terminated, Aug. 31, 1920.

Reason, Dismissed.

Assignment to duty on Sept. 11,1920 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 in District desired transfer to this position. No quarters are provided for families of Keepers at this station. Nos. 1, 3, & 4 on Eligible List will accept appointment only at certain specified stations.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, September 17, 1920.

W. W. Parker
Assistant *Secretary,* Second *Civil Service District.*

J. F. Yates
Supt. 3rd L.H. District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 18 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1920 SEP 18 PM 3 05

APPOINTMENT NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 22 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Conway
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1920.

Mr. Walter J. Ross,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (September 11, 1920)

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

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED SEP 17 1920 DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

P
C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Harry L. Tutty.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.
3rd

(See reverse side.)

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

11—6080

8

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
DEPARTMENT
OCT 6 1920
1920 OCT 6 7 AM 11 56
CHIEF CLERK

I, Walter J. Ross

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.

1920 OCT 7 PM 3 34

Walter J. Ross
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] first day of October, A. D. 19 20

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) George H. Thomas

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires February 1, 1924.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$780. p.a.	New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven, Middle Bkw. W.End & New Haven W.Bkw.W End Lts., Ct.
Former [5]		

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

OARDED

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address); OCT 4 1920 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Sept.11,1920 (Date)

J. Yates
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

11—944

6

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE — LIGHTHOUSES

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

1920 OCT 19 AM 11 48

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 19 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

OCT 20 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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

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

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Walter J. Ross

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

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

1920 OCT 20 AM 9 25

4. Place of duty: New Haven Light Station and etc.Lights, Conn.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $780 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepersof Lighthouses

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

Examination for keeper, Sept.10,1920

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

Walter J Ross

CARDED

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

Walter J. Ross

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

Connecticut (State or Territory.) New Haven (County.) New Haven (City or town.) 3 (Congressional district.)

U. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

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

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

6. Where were you born? New Haven Conn

7. When were you born? Feb (Month.) 7 (Day.) 1884 (Year.)

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

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

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

Mrs O. F. Burns (Name.) 81 Ash St (Number and street.)

New Haven (City or town.) Conn (State or Territory.)

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Marlboro Ross	Guilford Ct	Position Lighthouse tender	son	no
		Department of office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11—6022

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

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

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

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

moulding Carpenter

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

Highschool Guilford
Public Schools

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

Moulding Machine Operator

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

~~none~~ Keepers Sept 10-1920

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

Date, ..., 19.....

Witness (in case signature is by mark): .....

(Signature) Walter J. Ross

(Present address) New Haven Light Sta
(Number and street.)

West Haven Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded October 9, 1920

(Signature) J. A. Yates

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

11—6922

Form 73 FWO-JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, LIGHTHOUSES

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) March 4 1921 (Date.) 1921 MAR 5 AM 8 44 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Walter J. Ross Legal residence, Connecticut

CHIEF CLERK

Position, Keeper Salary, $840 p.a.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION 1921 MAR 7 PM 3 00

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw. W.End Lt.& NewHaven W.Bkw.West End Lt., Conn. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

1921 MAR 7 PM 3 43

Effective March 11,1921 ~~the date of entrance on duty~~, or (as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $780 p.a.

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw.West End Lt., and New Haven West Bkw.W.End Light, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Arthur W.Horlacher Services terminated, March 10,1921

Reason, Transferred

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAR - 8 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

3/7/21.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. Tyler
actg.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON MAR 5 - 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1921 MAR 7 PM 1 58

Conway

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11--2314

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1921.

M
r. Walter J. Ross,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $780 per annum to $840 per annum, effective March 11, 1921 or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

S
C
3rd district

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 8 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1633

JHG

1921 OCT 10 AM 8 33

APPOINTMENTS

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses. 1921 OCT 12 PM 1 00

October 7,1921

1921 OCT 12 PM 1 36

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19,1918, and Bureau endorsement Oct.5,1921.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective date.	
Walter J. Ross	Keeper	$840.00 p.a.	Promotion	3-8-1921	3-11-1921	New Haven
A. Douglas Hallgren	Keeper	960.00 "	Reduction	12-31-1919	2-8-1921	
David N. Hanson	Keeper	780.00 "	Promotion	7-19-1920	7-20-1920	Mussel Bed
Ellis J. Fristrom	Engineer	1560.00 "	Promotion	4-23-21	5-8-1921	L.V. #68.
Julius E. Becker	Keeper	840.00 "	Promotion	12-1-1920	12-16-1920	at large

Copies of letters previously reporting effective dates of changes of Walter J. Ross and A. Douglass Hallgren, attached hereto.

J. A. Ellis

EK
Inclosures.

CANCELED
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 10 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

JHG

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1921

COPY

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

March 28, 1921

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective date.
Walter J. Ross	Keeper	$840.00 p.a.	Promotion	3-8-1921	3-11-1921

(Sgd.) J. T. Yates

Hol-EK

APPOINTMENTS

1921 JUL 21 PM 2 40

JUL 21 1921

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on June 22, 1921, to three occupants of a boat which was swamped during a squall in the vicinity of the station, the Department is pleased to commend you for the services rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary of Commerce.

Walter J. Ross, First Assistant Keeper,
New Haven Light Station, etc., Conn.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed by

Form 73

NOMINATION

CHIEF CLERK

LIGHTHOUSES FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 MAY 24 PM 4 03

1923 MAY 23 AM 8 32

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. (City.) May 22, 1923 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Walter J. Ross

Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, Keeper

Salary, $1020 p.a.

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw.W. End & New Haven W.Bkw.W.End Lts., Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective June 11, 1923

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

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $840 p.a.

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw.West End and New Haven West Bkw. West End Lights, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Arthur W. Horlacher Services terminated, June 10, 1923

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

5/25/23

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

MAY 23 1923

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1923.

Mr. Walter J. Ross,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 1020 per annum, effective June 11, 1923, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

MAY 2[illegible] 50

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

11—8074

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 25 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

3rd
8

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

CARDED

CROSS REFERENCE

August 14, 1923, The Bureau of Lighthouses advises the Department of the date of effect of the following change.

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Effective Date.
Walter J. Ross	Keeper	1020	promotion	June 11, 1923

See file Michael A. Daley

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Ross Walters J. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $1260, effective July 1, 1924.

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

FEB 4 1925
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1560.

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

EK

CARDED

FEB 4 1925

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Walter J. Ross,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W. O. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1560.

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

MK

CARDED FEB 4 1925

3d

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

M r. Walter J. Ross,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1560 per annum to $ 1620 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

11—6074

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 2 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H
34

CARDED

J

(COPY)

August 24, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 25 925
APPOINTMENT

Walter J. Ross, Keeper,
New Haven Light Station, Connecticut.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

The Bureau is in receipt of your report dated July 16, 1925 forwarded by the Superintendent, regarding assistance rendered to three boys whose boat was blown onto the breakwater. The Bureau is pleased to commend you for your actions on this occasion, and to include the matter in the records as part of your official history.

(Signed)

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Lighthouses---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by_____

Mailed_____by_____

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1925 DEC 2 AM 10 26

LIGHTHOUSES

1925 NOV 30 AM 9 09

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

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Nov. 28,1925

SUBJECT: Walter J. Ross, Keeper, New Haven Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Walter J. Ross, Keeper of New Haven Light Station, etc. lights, is forwarded herewith for the Bureau's consideration: 1620

a - Anonymous letter received October 20th.
b - Copy of report by Asst.Supt.Luther dated Nov.6th.
c - Monthly Report Form 65 for October.
d - Copy of letter of charges dated Nov.16th to Keeper Ross.
e - Keeper's reply dated Nov.21st.
f - Letter from 1st Asst.Keeper dated Nov.20th.

2. Keeper Ross's statement that he could not get back to station on time on account of heavy wind, is not well founded as evidenced by the fact that on October 27th, the date on which he should have returned to the station, the 1st Assistant Keeper went ashore. It is considered that the charge of neglect of duty stands proven. Keeper Ross makes some reference to but does not deny or offer explanation in reference to the charge of drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

3. It is considered that the charges have been proven to a sufficient degree to justify dismissal, and it is therefore recommended that Walter J. Ross be dismissed from the position of Keeper of New Haven Light Station, New Haven Middle Bkw.W.End and New Haven W.Bkw.W. End Lights, Connecticut, effective at the close of the date on which he receives notice thereof.

4. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Ross has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

12-2-25

J. L. Rees

LGJ-EK
Incls.

- - - - - -

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
November 30, 1925.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval as recommended by the Third Superintendent in paragraph three. The effective date will be reported to the Department at the proper time.

APPROVED:

GPO

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OCL:MR

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 NOV 30 AM 9 09

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
November 6, 1925.

Superintendent,

SUBJECT: New Haven Light Station,
A longshoreman's complaint against Keeper.

1. In accordance with your orders I made inquiries concerning the statements in attached letter while inspecting New Haven Light Station on October 28, 1925.

2. The 2nd Assistant Keeper was alone on the station, the 1st Assistant having left the station on October 27 for shore leave expecting to be met on shore by the Keeper who was then due to return from a period of shore leave.

3. 2nd Assistant Mc Lintock in answer to my questions stated that Keeper Ross had at several times returned to station in an intoxicated condition, unfit and unable to stand watch and on the last occasion he had warned the Keeper that the next time he came on the station drunk he would report him and that he would refuse to stand the keepers' watch. He also stated that the keeper had never brought liquor to the station but had brought wine. The station is in good condition throughout with the exception of Keeper's room which needed sweeping and the bed, bed spring and mattress showed evidence of having been infested with bed bugs although none were found at the time of inspection. The bed and bedding needs a thorough cleaning. Assistant Mc Lintock stated that Keeper Ross went around the station barefooted and at night turned in with his day clothes on and with dirty feet.

4. I obtained the address of 1st Assistant Keeper Doige and Keeper Ross and saw them separately on board the Larkspur. Assistant Doige made a statement identical with that in attached letter and stated that grocerymen and others

would gladly corroborate the statements about the Keeper as per the attached letter. Assistant Doige said he knew nothing about a letter having been sent to this office complaining of the Keeper.

5. Keeper Ross when confronted with the story contained in attached letter denied all the allegations and offered to bring his wife down to be questioned. His personal appearance at the time was not good.

6. The two assistants are neat in appearance, their quarters and bedding are clean and the station throughout, with the exception noted, is in satisfactory condition.

7. The Keeper could have returned to duty when due if he had met the Assistant at the landing. He could have returned early in the morning or late in the afternoon the following 2 days but had not done so when Larkspur passed station early in the morning of October 29, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. Luther.

Asst. Superintendent.

Form 65 MONTHLY REPORT OF LIGHT STATION, DEPOT, OR LIGHT VESSEL

8

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 30 1925
RECEIVED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FROM New Haven LIGHT sta, FOR MONTH OF Oct., 1925

Below is submitted my report showing the condition of the above light station, depot, or light vessel, with notes regarding necessary repairs, or other matters requiring official attention, and a list of the absences of employees during the above month.

1. LIGHTHOUSE, TOWER, OR VESSEL. good

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 NOV 30 AM 9 09

2. ILLUMINATING APPARATUS. good

3. FOG-SIGNAL APPARATUS. good

4. OTHER BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, OR HULL AND MACHINERY. good

5. BOATS, AND MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS (state boat numbers). 323-481 good

6.

Supplies on hand will last No. of DAYS shown below.	
Water	30
Coal	
Provisions	30
Kerosene	
Gasoline	
Fuel oil	
Lubricating oil	

11—963

7. Report of Absences of Employees During Above Month: Oct 1925

Name of Absentee.	Left Station. Date.	Left Station. Hour.	Returned to Station. Date.	Returned to Station. Hour.	State Purpose or Necessity of Absence.
W J Ross keeper 10 days	1st	P m 1.00	5	a m 11.45	leave & food
J J Dorge 1st asst	6	a m 10.35	10	a m 8.10	" "
A A McIntosh 2nd asst	12	p m 1.45	20	a m 8.45	" "
W J Ross keeper	29	9.15	29	a m 10.40	" "
J Doige 1st asst	27	p m 12.20	31	a m 12.00	" "

Why J W J Ross keeper was over due was on account of heavy winds and could not make the light in safetly

To Superintendent of Lighthouses,

3rd district

(Sign here) W J Ross
(Keeper or Master.)

Date, Nov 1/1925 Bx 114 West Haven Conn
(Post-office address.)

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. This form should be carefully made out by keepers of light stations, lighthouse depots, and by masters of light vessels, and sent to the superintendent on the first day of each month.
2. In reporting the condition of your station or light vessel under the different headings you will use the words "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," or "Poor."
3. You are directed to report repairs which in your opinion seem urgent, or any other matter requiring official attention, and to briefly and clearly describe the difficulty.
4. If more room is needed than is provided for any subject, you may use a blank sheet of paper and attach same to the form.
5. Masters of light vessels and keepers of light stations should complete Paragraph 6 by filling in the number of days and adding any other article of supplies which will soon be needed, and give the number of days for each item so added.
6. Absence on account of illness should also be reported under Paragraph 7.

11—463

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

FWC-JHG

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

Nov.16,1925

Walter J. Ross, Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
P. O. Box 114,
West Haven, Connecticut

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 NOV 30 AM 9 09

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or proper authority in excess of the authorized monthly allowance of leave (8 days) in that you were absent from station from October 1st to 5th and from Oct.23rd to 29th.

b - Neglect of duty, in that you permitted the important light station in your charge, at which three men are employed, to be operated by one man alone from 12:20 P.M. Oct. 27th to 10:40 A.M. Oct. 29th, thereby impairing the efficiency of the station as well as its reliability as an aid to navigation.

c - With drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service in that according to information available, you are frequently, if not habitually, intoxicated while ashore, which condition appears to be a matter of common knowledge in the community where you land from the light station, this being in direct violation of the provisions of Paragraph 29, Page 11, of Instructions to Employees, and a discredit to the Lighthouse Service as well as yourself; it also appears that you have on more than one occasion returned to your station in an intoxicated condition, unfit and unable to stand watch, and have brought intoxicants out to the station.

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

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

GPO

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 28 24
1925
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

1st ans act Cr

LIGHTHOUSE
1925 NOV 30 AM 9 09

New Haven Lt sta
(Station, Depot or Vessel)

Nov 21, 1925

Supt of lighthouses

I could not get back to station on time on account of heavy wind There has not been a watch missed by me in over five years of service
It seames strange that in the time I have been on station that anyone should write such a letter as they did.
I took off of my leave this month that I was over due last month.
I have always tried to work for the good of the service.

W. J. Ross keeper
New Haven Lt sta
Box 114 West Haven
Conn

no ans to dec

11-25

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NOV 28 1925 RECEIVED

Dan attch

LIGHTHOUSES 1925 NOV 30 AM 9 09

New Haven Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 20th, 1925

Supt of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir: In reply to charge, that I left the station with only one man I will say that it is impossible to keep a boat on the beach here it has always been the custom for one man to take the boat in and the other man to fetch it out. I took the boat in and notified the keeper that the boat was there and I did not know that he had not gone back until I was called by Mr. Luther. I would not have gone in but we needed provisions such as bread and some fresh meat, and it is the only way we can do. There was a N.W. Gale blowing at the time I left the station on my leave the keeper said he would be back.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 23 1925
RECEIVED
3RD DIST. N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 NOV 30 AM 9 09

New Haven H Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 20th, 1925

He was drunk the night that he was over to my house when he should have come out, and I contend that he could have come out

Respectfully
L. Dorgo.

W J Rose Keeper

Sept.

N. H. Conn.

Superintendant of Lighthouses
Staten Island N.Y.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 21 1925
RECEIVED
STATEN ISLAND N.Y.

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 NOV 30 AM 9 09

Dear Sir,

As a respectable citizen of the U.S. I feel it my duty to report the Head keeper on the (Sperry Light) New Haven Light Station on breakwater. He is a disgrace to the service & his fellow workmen. His clothes which he never changes are not fit for any human beings to wear. and he is intoxicated two thirds of the time from the moonshine he makes & sells. Also he has no uniform & his bed is full of bugs. The other keepers

say they cannot report him. But it is only fair to all to have such a person removed from a government position. This all can be proved by looking at him & his belongings & the woman he lives with which is not his wife. Also by requesting other people about here.

Yours Truly

A longshore-man

Received 10-26-24

December 2, 1925.

Mr. Walter J. Ross,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence from duty without permission, neglect of duty, and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service having been preferred against you and established 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 Keeper at $1620 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, Third District, effective at the close of a date later to be reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASKINS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 10 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

DEC 10 1925

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

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

CHIEF CLERK 1925 DEC 28 PM 3 35

LIGHTHOUSES 1925 DEC 28 AM 9 23

LIGHTHOUSES 1925 DEC 23 AM 8 51

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec. 22,1925

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Con.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and P.
Adm. Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

SUBJECT: Dismissal of Walter J. Ross, Keeper, New Haven Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Department letter Dec.2,1925.

1. Referring to Department letter dated December 2,1925 addressed to Walter J. Ross, dismissing him from the position of Keeper of New Haven Light Station, Connecticut, effective at the close of a date later to be reported to the Department; the Bureau is informed that the effective date of the dismissal of Mr.Ross was at the close of December 19,1925.

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 24 1925

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

GPO

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO:FM

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

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 DEC 28 AM 9 23

December 26, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Dismissal of Walter J. Ross, Keeper New Haven Light Station

REFERENCE: Letter from this office December 22.

Enclosed herewith is letter from this office of December 22 concerning the effective date of dismissal of Walter J. Ross, Keeper of New Haven Light Station which bears the Bureau's endorsement addressed to the Department, this letter having been apparently sent to this office by mistake.

J. F. Hayes
Lieut

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#1

NAME Ross, Walter J. POSITION Keeper.

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 3rd Dist.

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Amt. per annum to be Subtracted
1020	240	1260	CR	164. 25	1424. 25	LHS	6	1440	yes	60	

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

approv-1500

GRADE RECOMMENDED 7

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1500 TO $1740

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

Sheet No. 88

2—12758

1. Ross (Surname) Walter (Given name) J. (Initial)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision New Haven Lt.Sta.etc.Lights
   (c) City or town West Haven State Conn.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day see 18a; per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; per week ---
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Sunset to Midnight or Midnight to Sunrise m. to --- m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
   During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ---
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 1020.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 1020.00 per ---; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☐ Fuel; ☐ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum Subsistence $164.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $ ---
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ---; number of lessons ---; number completed ---
18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Operate illuminating apparatus and fog signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs.	100
18a. Not specified; stand watches; work equally divided; average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only.	

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

The station is a considerable distance from District Headquarters and this employee works to a considerable extent upon his own responsibility. He performs his duties in accordance with regulations and special instructions received when the station is periodically inspected by the Superintendent or an Assistant Superintendent.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? Yes.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

General supervision of the work of two Assistant Keepers.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 2 weeks

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

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

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

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

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

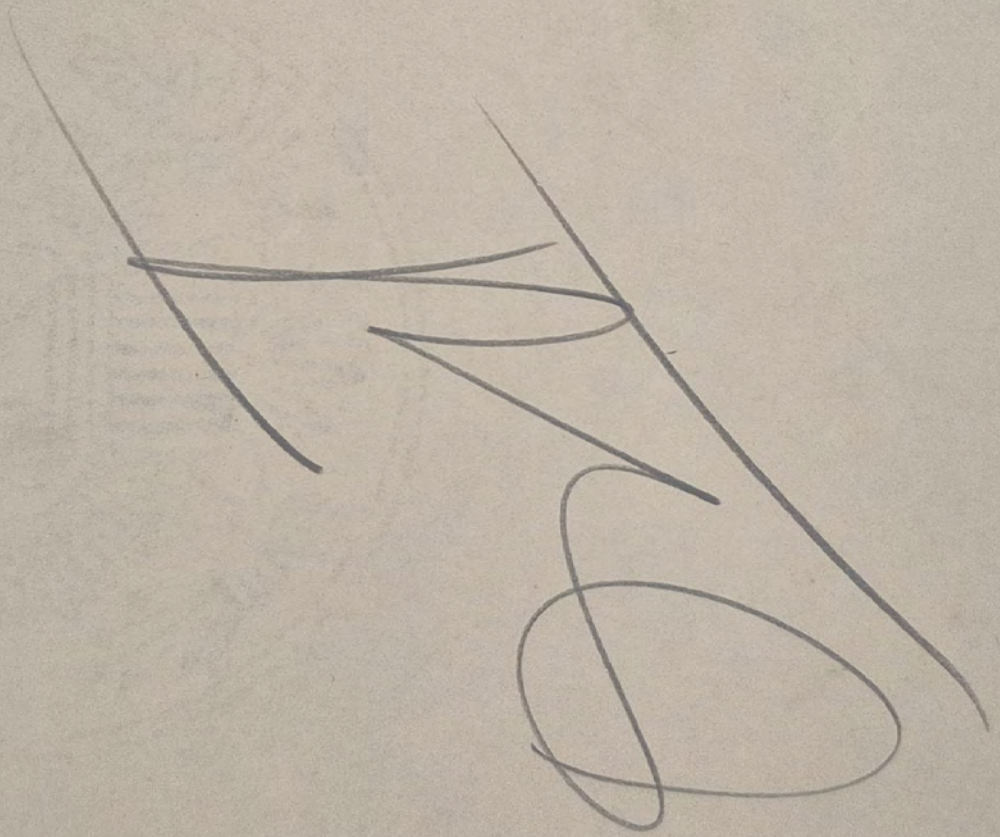
Experience: If essential, kind and extent Lighthouse apparatus, boating, gasolene engines, oil engines, painting.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1740 to $ 1860

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

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

WALTER J. ROSS.



WALTER J. ROSS.

LIGHTHOUSES

Hol-EK

1921 JUL 22 AM 8 15

JUL 21 1921

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on June 22, 1921, to three occupants of a boat which was swamped during a squall in the vicinity of the station, the Department is pleased to commend you for the services rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary of Commerce.

Walter J. Ross, First Assistant Keeper,
New Haven Light Station, etc., Conn.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Copy to 3d Supt. by indorsement on copy of letter addressed to Dominick DeSiena, Keeper.

HERBERT HOOVER.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files

Exact copy as signed by _____

Mailed _____ by _____

COPY: JK

Address all communications to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

Department of Commerce

Lighthouse Service

Third District

New Haven Lt. Sta.

(Station)

Aug. 14, 1925.

AUG 24 1925
Asst to Supt
Aid
Cons.
Eng.
Prop.
Asst.
Comt.
Genl.
LIGHTHOUSES
1925 AUG 21 AM 8 45

OK HHD Aug 21

Supt. of Lighthouses.

I sent in report of rendering assistance to those three boys that were camping at Port Jefferson, N.Y. They were drifting in small boat and the wind being south blew them onto the west breakwater kept them over night gave them food and bed next day head man of camp came in power boat and took them back

W. J. Ross, Keeper,
New Haven Lt. Sta.
Box 114 West Haven, Conn.

WJL:JK

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District, Staten Island, N. Y.
August 20, 1925.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner:-

It is recommended that W. J. Ross, Keeper and George Doige, Second Assistant Keeper be commended for the assistance rendered in this instance.

Rep'd in Bulletin Sept 1925

J. F. Yates
Supt

COPY: JK

Address all communications
to Lighthouse Inspector
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Department of Commerce

Lighthouse Service

Third District

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 AUG 24 AM
New Haven Lt. Sta.
(Station)

July 16th 8 45 1925

Supt. of Lighthouses.

Keeper W. J. Ross & 2nd Asst. Geo. Doige rendered asst. to three boys that were camping at Port Jefferson, N.Y. and got blown across the sound and were picked up south of New Haven Lt. Sta.

Walter J.Ross, Keeper,
New Haven Lt. Sta.
Box 114, West Haven,
Conn.

John A. Scholes
Jack Leulley
Ernst Gebben
All of N. Y.

J

August 24, 1925.

Walter J. Ross, Keeper,
New Haven Light Station, Connecticut.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

The Bureau is in receipt of your report dated July 16, 1925 forwarded by the Superintendent, regarding assistance rendered to three boys whose boat was blown onto the breakwater. The Bureau is pleased to commend you for your actions on this occasion, and to include the matter in the records as part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Recd. in Bulletin. Sept 1925

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by.....

Mailed.....by.....

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

COPY:JK

Department of Commerce

Address all communications to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Lighthouse Service

Third District,

New Haven Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September 23, 1925.

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Eng.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop
Adm Asst
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

file w.o. action ready

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 OCT 2 AM 9 04

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On the day of Sept. 23 I had a little hard luck with my boat. I started out to go fishing and as I was approaching the New Haven Lighthouse my anchor line got caught in my propeller wheel and rendered me helpless. And the first and second assistants keepers towed my boat to the station and took the line out of my propeller wheel. I certainly appreciate the kindness of the assistants for there help in getting me out of my troubles. The name of my boat is Idlewild J.916.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd) James Esposito

(Sgd) Walter J. Ross, Keeper.

- -

WJL:JK

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District, Staten Island, N. Y.
October 1, 1925.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner:-

It is not considered that the assistance rendered in this instance is of sufficient importance to warrant commendation and such action is not recommended.

J. T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

FWO-JHG

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

1925 NOV 30 AM 9 09

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Nov. 28,1925

SUBJECT: Walter J. Ross, Keeper, New Haven Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Walter J. Ross, Keeper of New Haven Light Station, etc.lights, is forwarded herewith for the Bureau's consideration:

a - Anonymous letter received October 20th.
b - Copy of report by Asst.Supt.Luther dated Nov.6th.
c - Monthly Report Form 65 for October.
d - Copy of letter of charges dated Nov.16th to Keeper Ross.
e - Keeper's reply dated Nov.21st.
f - Letter from 1st Asst.Keeper dated Nov.20th.

2. Keeper Ross's statement that he could not get back to station on time on account of heavy wind, is not well founded as evidenced by the fact that on October 27th, the date on which he should have returned to the station, the 1st Assistant Keeper went ashore. It is considered that the charge of neglect of duty stands proven. Keeper Ross makes some reference to but does not deny or offer explanation in reference to the charge of drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

3. It is considered that the charges have been proven to a sufficient degree to justify dismissal, and it is therefore recommended that Walter J. Ross be dismissed from the position of Keeper of New Haven Light Station, New Haven Middle Bkw.W.End and New Haven W.Bkw.W. End Lights, Connecticut, effective at the close of the date on which he receives notice thereof.

to be reported.

4. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Ross has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

LGJ-EK
Incls.

- - - - - -

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
November 30, 1925.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval as recommended by the Third Superintendent in paragraph three. The effective date will be reported to the Department at the proper time.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

LIGHTHOUSES

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

1925 DEC 23 AM 8 51

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec. 22,1925

SUBJECT: Dismissal of Walter J. Ross, Keeper, New Haven Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Department letter Dec.2,1925.

1. Referring to Department letter dated December 2,1925 addressed to Walter J. Ross, dismissing him from the position of Keeper of New Haven Light Station, Connecticut, effective at the close of a date later to be reported to the Department; the Bureau is informed that the effective date of the dismissal of Mr.Ross was at the close of December 19,1925.

J. T. Yates

Hydr.
Radio
Engr. Chief
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop
Adm. Asst.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

DEC 24 1925

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

11805/
V
RT

GPO

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. OCT 6 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHT-HOUSES OCT 5 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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

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

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Walter J. Ross

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

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

4. Place of duty: New Haven Light Station and etc.Lights, Conn.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $780 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepersof Lighthouses

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

Examination for keeper, Sept.10,1920

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

Walter J. Ross

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

Walter J. Ross

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

Connecticut (State or Territory.) New Haven (County.) New Haven (City or town.) 3 (Congressional district.)

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

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

11—6923

6. Where were you born? New Haven Conn

7. When were you born? Feb (Month.) 7 (Day.) 1881 (Year.)

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

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

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

Mrs. O F Burns (Name.) 31 Ash St (Number and street.)

New Haven (City or town.) Conn (State or Territory.)

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Wallace Ross	Guilford Ct	Position on lighthouse tender Department or office	son	no
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

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

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

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

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

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

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

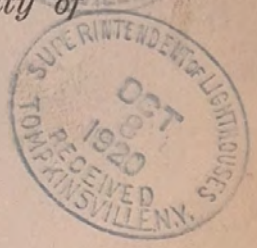
16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

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

11—0922

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





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.

Walter J. Ross
(Name.)

2nd assistant keeper
(Position.)

lighthouse service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Oct 1st 1920

11—3914

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

Moulding Machine Operator

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

~~None~~ Keepers Sept 10-1920

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

Date, ..., 19.....

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Walter J Ross

(Present address) New Haven Light
(Number and street.)

West Haven Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded October 9, 1920

(Signature) J. T. YATES.

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

11—6922

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

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

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

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

moulding Carpenter

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

Highschool at Guilford
Public School

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

moulding Machine Operator

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

~~none~~ Keepers Dept 10-1920

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

Date, ..., 19.....

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Walter J Ross

(Present address) New Haven Light
(Number and street.)
West Haven Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded October 9, 1920

(Signature) J. T. YATES.

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

11—6922

Form 206 FILE No. S

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

MBM.

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR Third DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

DATE, Oct. 14, 1920, 191

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

New Haven, Connecticut.

SIR:

Please examine WALTER J. ROSS. 2nd Asst. Kpr. New Haven Lt. Sta. West Haven, Conn.

nativity, U.S.; age, 39; height, 5 feet, 3 inches;

weight, 154 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Blue.

distinguishing marks, None.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

For and in the absence of the Supt.
F. W. Ockentels

1st. Ass't. Supt. Third. *Lighthouse Inspector.* Dist.

(Signature of applicant:) A. Walter J. Ross

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

Witnessed by. B. Dominick DeSiena Kpr. New Haven Light Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, New Haven, Conn.

DATE, Oct. 21, 1920, 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of Walter J. Ross, and find him physically { ~~qualified~~ / disqualified* } 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.

Frank D. Wright

A. A. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

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

11—5999

REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, New Haven, Conn.

DATE, October 21,1920, 191

Name of applicant, Walter J. Ross

Eyes: Color, Blue; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other abnormality, No

Eyelids: Ptosis, No; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions, None

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, ---

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, ---

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses ---

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Woolen skeins

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Shapely

Position, Well located; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 40 feet; left ear, 40 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 20 feet; left ear, 20 feet.

Lungs: Respiration clear and distinct.

Heart: Action regular, sound normal

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

Not vaccinated within five years.

11—5999

Reasons for certification of disqualification: _____

SEAL
PLACE FOR SEAL OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

(Signature of applicant:) Walter J. Ross

(To be signed in the presence of the medical examiner.)

11—5999

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

JHG/MBM.

3-105

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Oct. 14, 1920.

Walter J. Ross, Ass't. Kpr.
Through the Keeper.
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Connecticut.

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

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

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A", and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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

JHG 2C 8

Oct. 5, 1920

Dominick DeSiena,
.....Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
.....Light Station,
West Haven, Conn.
.....

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper Walter J. Ross, and return this sheet to this office.

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

Born in (Country or State) Conn

Age 39

Height 5 feet 3 inches

Weight 154 pounds.

Color of hair Brown

Color of eyes Blue

Distinguishing marks no

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent

- -

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

Dominick DeSiena
.....Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 8 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

New Haven Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 7th, 1921

I do not think I would ~~talk~~ west bank light sta. as you have Sandy Point Sta in view

Walter J. Ross
1st Asst Keeper
~~West~~ New Haven light
#114 West Haven
Conn

JHR

ROSS

Walter J. Ross, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

Oct. 22,1920

SUBJECT: Form 206, Report of Physical Examination.

1. Form 206, Record of your Physical Examination, is returned herewith, a copy of same having been made for the files of this office.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

2823

Rose M. J

Probation

Personnel — 3/3/21

74 Cherry Conn
New Haven
Jan. 12 1926

Dismissed
Property returned
Held up for funds till
8m ok by mail
1/16/26

Station
Keeper Island

Supt of Lighthouses
Dear Sir

Will there any reason
why I have not received my
Salary for the month of Dec 1925

Leaving there on the
19th of Dec I turned all Property
over to Doige

Mc Lontock is a complent
man to put in as first assistant
but Doige is not a fit man
to take full Persesion of any
Part of the Service on account of
eyes which are getting very poor
and a Disease of the arms has
left him in such a shape
that it is hard for him to get

JAN 15 1926 RECEIVED SUPERINTENDENT LIGHT HOUSES OMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

1-18-26 Auto to Bullen

75

R

food to his mouth.
If you do not think
this statement is true have him
examined by a physician.

Walter J Ross
74 Cherry Ave
New Haven
Conn

See Letters in pension report
Nov 29, 1926 rating him
90 to 100 — Says no physical
or eye defect evident &
that he has an eye stater

Aug 7/1926

Doige now Mgr Commiss

FWO:FM

December 26, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Dismissal of Walter J. Ross, Keeper New Haven Light Station

REFERENCE: Letter from this office December 22.

Enclosed herewith is letter from this office of December 22 concerning the effective date of dismissal of Walter J. Ross, Keeper of New Haven Light Station which bears the Bureau's endorsement addressed to the Department, this letter having been apparently sent to this office by mistake.

J. T. YATES.

Voucher Clerk

Dec. 22,1925

Walter J. Ross, Keeper, New Haven Light Station, was dismissed from service effective at close of Dec.19,1925. When property return is O.K. pay him for services rendered as follows:

Dec.1,2,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 and 1/2 day on Dec.19th - 9-1/2 days

Absent on Dec.3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11 and 1/2 day on Dec.19th.- 9½ days.

1st Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec. 22,1925

SUBJECT: Dismissal of Walter J. Ross, Keeper, New Haven Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Department letter Dec.2,1925.

1. Referring to Department letter dated December 2,1925 addressed to Walter J. Ross, dismissing him from the position of Keeper of New Haven Light Station, Connecticut, effective at the close of a date later to be reported to the Department; the Bureau is informed that the effective date of the dismissal of Mr.Ross was at the close of December 19,1925.

J. T. Yates

Voucher Clerk

Dec. 21,1925

Walter J. Ross, Keeper, New Haven Light Station, has been dismissed from the service. Hold up December salary until effective date of dismissal is determined and also until property return is O.K.

1st Asst.Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 20 1925
RECEIVED
N.Y.

1st
Per-see me
next date
+ pay

THIRD DISTRICT

New Haven Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 19, 1925

Supt of Lighthouses.

Sir:

I wish to inform you that Mr. H. J. Ross has turned over to me all Government Property on this Station

I also wish to inform you that Mr. Ross left the station on Dec. 2-1925 and returned to the station on Dec. 11th 1925 He also left on Dec. 16th 1925 and returned to the Station on Dec 19th 1925 and left the station on this date.

Respectfully
George Dorge
Keeper

Receipt for Registered Article No. 48715

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark.

(POSTMARK OF)

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. DEC 14 1925 REGISTERED

Fee paid ____ cents *Class postage* ____

Accepting employee will place his *initials* in spaces applicable below, to indicate indorsement, etc.

Delivery restricted to addressee { in person ____ or order ____ }

Return receipt demanded ____

Spl. Del'y ____

POSTMASTER, per ____ (MAILING OFFICE)

Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry, or application for indemnity.

Registry Fees and Indemnity.—Domestic letters and sealed parcels indemnified for $50 or less, 10 cents; for over $50 and not in excess of $100, 20 cents; domestic second-class, not indemnified, 10 cents; domestic third-class, indemnified up to $25, 10 cents; articles addressed to foreign countries, regardless of class or indemnity, 10 cents. Claims must be filed with postmasters within one year from date of mailing.

Form 3806 c5—6852

12-14-25

W J Ross - Keeper - New Haven Lt Sta - Letter of dismissal

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 48715

INSURED PARCEL No. ____

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 7 12 10 1925 RECEIVED

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

1

WEST HAVEN CONN. DEC 7 630AM 1925

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Lighthouse Keeper

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, Post Office Box, } W.H.

Post Office at Staten Island

State N.Y.

Rev. 3-24 c5—6116

FWO-JHS

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Walter J. Ross, Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
P. O. Box 114,
West Haven, Connecticut

Dec. 14,1925

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Previous correspondence.

1. Referring to previous correspondence relative to charges of absence from duty without permission, etc.; transmitted herewith is Department letter dated December 2,1925 dismissing you from the position of Keeper of New Haven Light Station. This dismissal will be effective at the close of the day following the date on which you receive this letter.

2. George Doige, 1st Asst.Keeper of New Haven Light Station, has been appointed to the position of keeper, and has this date been directed to relieve you and take charge of the station. You will therefore turn over to Mr.Doige, on date stated above, the station and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which must be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 are enclosed herewith.

3. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you turn the station over to Mr.Doige.

Superintendent

Paid 1/14/26
Voucher No. 18223
Check No.

$42.75

December 2, 1925.

Mr. Walter J. Ross,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 DEC 11 AM 9 07

Sir:

Charges of absence from duty without permission, neglect of duty, and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service having been preferred against you and established 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 Keeper at $1620 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, Third District, effective at the close of a date later to be reported to the Department. - See our letter 12/22/25

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HARPER

Chief of Appointment Division.

DEC 11 1925

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

FWO-JHG

George Doige, 1st Asst.Keeper, Nov. 28,1925
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Nov.16th and your reply Nov.20.

1. Your explanation re leaving the light station temporarily in your charge to be operated by one man alone, thereby impairing the efficiency of the station as well as its reliability as an aid to navigation, is not satisfactory in that you state that you "would not have gone in but we needed provisions" when as a matter of fact you remained on shore from October 27th to October 31st, which in itself indicates that the need, if any, for provisions could not have been sufficiently urgent to justify your action as 1st Assistant Keeper in charge in remaining absent for four days and leaving the station to be operated by the 2nd Assistant Keeper alone.

2. You are hereby cautioned for your neglect of duty and lack of judgment shown in this instance, and advised that a repetition at any future time will necessarily result in more drastic disciplinary action being taken. The fact that you have been cautioned will be made a part of your official history in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

- -

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. A further report in regard to Mr.Doige will be made at the end of six months.

J. T. Yates

12-8
-11

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Nov. 28,1925

SUBJECT: Walter J. Ross, Keeper, New Haven Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Walter J. Ross, Keeper of New Haven Light Station, etc.lights, is forwarded herewith for the Bureau's consideration:

a - Anonymous letter received October 20th.
b - Copy of report by Asst.Supt.Luther dated Nov.6th.
c - Monthly Report Form 65 for October.
d - Copy of letter of charges dated Nov.16th to Keeper Ross.
e - Keeper's reply dated Nov.21st.
f - Letter from 1st Asst.Keeper dated Nov.20th.

2. Keeper Ross's statement that he could not get back to station on time on account of heavy wind, is not well founded as evidenced by the fact that on October 27th, the date on which he should have returned to the station, the 1st Assistant Keeper went ashore. It is considered that the charge of neglect of duty stands proven. Keeper Ross makes some reference to but does not deny or offer explanation in reference to the charge of drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

3. It is considered that the charges have been proven to a sufficient degree to justify dismissal, and it is therefore recommended that Walter J. Ross be dismissed from the position of Keeper of New Haven Light Station, New Haven Middle Bkw.W.End and New Haven W.Bkw.W. End Lights, Connecticut, effective at the close of the date on which he receives notice thereof.

4. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Ross has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

J. T. Yates

COPY

New Haven Lt.Sta.

Nov. 21,1925

Supt. of Lighthouses;

I could not get back to station on time on account of heavy wind. There has not been a watch missed by me in ~~me~~ over five years of service. It seems strange that in the time I have been on station that anyone should write such a letter as they did.

I took off my leave this month that I was overdue last month.

I have always tried to work for the good of the service.

(Sgd.) W. J. Ross, Keeper,

New Haven Lt.Sta.

Box 114, West Haven, Conn.

COPY

New Haven Light

Nov. 20,1925

Supt. of Lighthouses

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:-

In reply to charge that I left the station with only one man I will say that it is impossible to keep a boat on the beach here. It has always been the custom for one man to take the boat in and the other man to fetch it out. I took the boat in and notified the keeper that the boat was there, and I did not know that he had not gone back until I was called by Mr.Luther. I would not have gone in but we needed provisions such as bread and some fresh meat and it is the only way we can do.. There was a N.W.Gale blowing at the time. I left the station on my leave the keeper said he would be back He was drunk the night that he was over to my house when he should have come out and I contend that he could have come out.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Geo. Doige

W.J.Ross, Keeper

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Walter J. Ross, Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
P. O. Box 114,
West Haven, Connecticut

Nov.16,1925

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or proper authority in excess of the authorised monthly allowance of leave (8 days) in that you were absent from [illegible] to 5th and from Oct.23rd

RETURN RECEIPT.

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

Walter J. Ross
(Signature or name of addressee.)

Andrew A. McClintock, 2nd Asst Keeper
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, ____, 192

Form 3811

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

c 5—6116

rmitted the important
en are employed, to be
27th to 10:40 A.M.
the station as well as

becoming an employee of
formation available, you
while ashore, which
wledge in the community
ng in direct violation
Instructions to Employees,
ll as yourself; it also
returned to your stat-
le to stand watch, and

[illegible]rected 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.

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

st Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

EGISTERED ARTICLE

46740

INSURED PARCEL

O. _____

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT-HOUSES
NOV 27 29 24
1925
RECEIVED

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE
WEST HAVEN
NOV 21 2
1 PM
CONN.
AND DATE OF DELIVERY 19.

Return to Dept of Commerce Light house Servc
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, } Supt. 3rd Dist

Post Office at Staten Island

State NY

Rev. 3-24 c 5—6116

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Walter J. Ross, Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
P. O. Box 114,
West Haven, Connecticut

Nov.16,1925

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or proper authority in excess of the authorised monthly allowance of leave (8 days) in that you were absent from station from October 1st to 5th and from Oct.23rd to 29th.

b - Neglect of duty, in that you permitted the important light station in your charge, at which three men are employed, to be operated by one man alone from 12:20 P.M. Oct. 27th to 10:40 A.M. Oct. 29th, thereby impairing the efficiency of the station as well as its reliability as an aid to navigation.

c - With drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service in that according to information available, you are frequently, if not habitually, intoxicated while ashore, which condition appears to be a matter of common knowledge in the community where you land from the light station, this being in direct violation of the provisions of Paragraph 29, Page 11, of Instructions to Employees, and a discredit to the Lighthouse Service as well as yourself; it also appaars that you have on more than one occasion returned to your station in an intoxicated condition, unfit and unable to stand watch, and have brought intoxicants out to the station.

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

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

George Doige, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Connecticut

Nov. 16,1925

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with neglect of duty in that you as First Assistant Keeper in Charge of New Haven Light Station,, during the absence of the keeper, left the station at 12:20 P.M. on October 27,1925, well knowing that the keeper was absent, and leaving the important station temporarily in your charge to be operated by one man alone, thereby impairing the efficiency of the station as well as its reliability as an aid to navigation.

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

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

G P O

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

George Doige, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Connecticut

Nov. 16,1925

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with neglect of duty in that you as First Assistant Keeper in Charge of New Haven Light Station,, during the absence of the keeper, left the station at 12:20 P.M. on October 27,1925, well knowing that the keeper was absent, and leaving the important station temporarily in your charge to be operated by one man alone, thereby impairing the efficiency of the station as well as its reliability as an aid to navigation.

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

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

OCL:MR

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



11-25

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

November 6, 1925.

Superintendent,

SUBJECT: New Haven Light Station,
A longshoreman's complaint against Keeper.

1. In accordance with your orders I made inquiries concerning the statements in attached letter while inspecting New Haven Light Station on October 28, 1925.

2. The 2nd Assistant Keeper was alone on the station, the 1st Assistant having left the station on October 27 for shore leave expecting to be met on shore by the Keeper who was then due to return from a period of shore leave.

3. 2nd Assistant Mc Lintock in answer to my questions stated that Keeper Ross had at several times returned to station in an intoxicated condition, unfit and unable to stand watch and on the last occasion he had warned the Keeper that the next time he came on the station drunk he would report him and that he would refuse to stand the keepers' watch. He also stated that the keeper had never brought liquor to the station but had brought wine. The station is in good condition throughout with the exception of Keeper's room which needed sweeping and the bed, bed spring and mattress showed evidence of having been infested with bed bugs although none were found at the time of inspection. The bed and bedding needs a thorough cleaning. Assistant Mc Lintock stated that Keeper Ross went around the station barefooted and at night turned in with his day clothes on and with dirty feet.

4. I obtained the address of 1st Assistant Keeper Doige and Keeper Ross and saw them separately on board the Larkspur. Assistant Doige made a statement identical with that in attached letter and stated that grocerymen and others

would gladly corroborate the statements about the Keeper as per the attached letter. Assistant Doige said he knew nothing about a letter having been sent to this office complaining of the Keeper.

5. Keeper Ross when confronted with the story contained in attached letter denied all the allegations and offered to bring his wife down to be questioned. His personal appearance at the time was not good.

6. The two assistants are neat in appearance, their quarters and bedding are clean and the station throughout, with the exception noted, is in satisfactory condition.

7. The Keeper could have returned to duty when due if he had met the Assistant at the landing. He could have returned early in the morning or late in the afternoon the following 2 days but had not done so when Larkspur passed station early in the morning of October 29, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. Luther

Asst. Superintendent.

OCL:MR

November 6, 1925.

Superintendent.

SUBJECT: New Haven Light Station,
A longshoreman's complaint against Keeper.

1. In accordance with your orders I made inquiries concerning the statements in attached letter while inspecting New Haven Light Station on October 28, 1925.

2. The 2nd Assistant Keeper was alone on the station, the 1st Assistant having left the station on October 27 for shore leave expecting to be met on shore by the Keeper who was then due to return from a period of shore leave.

3. 2nd Assistant Mc Lintock in answer to my questions stated that Keeper Ross had at several times returned to station in an intoxicated condition, unfit and unable to stand watch and on the last occasion he had warned the Keeper that the next time he came on the station drunk he would report him and that he would refuse to stand the keepers' watch. He also stated that the keeper had never brought liquor to the station but had brought wine. The station is in good condition throughout with the exception of Keeper's room which needed sweeping and the bed, bed spring and mattress showed evidence of having been infested with bed bugs although none were found at the time of inspection. The bed and bedding needs a thorough cleaning. Assistant Mc Lintock stated that Keeper Ross went around the station barefooted and at night turned in with his day clothes on and with dirty feet.

4. I obtained the address of 1st Assistant Keeper Doige and Keeper Ross and saw them separately on board the Larkspur. Assistant Doige made a statement identical with that in attached letter and stated that grocerymen and others

would gladly corroborate the statements about the Keeper as per the attached letter. Assistant Doige said he knew nothing about a letter having been sent to this office complaining of the Keeper.

5. Keeper Ross when confronted with the story contained in attached letter denied all the allegations and offered to bring his wife down to be questioned. His personal appearance at the time was not good.

6. The two assistants are neat in appearance, their quarters and bedding are clean and the station throughout, with the exception noted, is in satisfactory condition.

7. The Keeper could have returned to duty when due if he had met the Assistant at the landing. He could have returned early in the morning or late in the afternoon the following 2 days but had not done so when Larkspur passed station early in the morning of October 29, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. Luther.

Asst. Superintendent.

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

OCL:MR

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
November 6, 1925.

Superintendent,

SUBJECT: New Haven Light Station,
A longshoreman's complaint against Keeper.

1. In accordance with your orders I made inquiries concerning the statements in attached letter while inspecting New Haven Light Station on October 28, 1925.

2. The 2nd Assistant Keeper was alone on the station, the 1st Assistant having left the station on October 27 for shore leave expecting to be met on shore by the Keeper who was then due to return from a period of shore leave.

3. 2nd Assistant Mc Lintock in answer to my questions stated that Keeper Ross had at several times returned to station in an intoxicated condition, unfit and unable to stand watch and on the last occasion he had warned the Keeper that the next time he came on the station drunk he would report him and that he would refuse to stand the keepers' watch. He also stated that the keeper had never brought liquor to the station but had brought wine. The station is in good condition throughout with the exception of Keeper's room which needed sweeping and the bed, bed spring and mattress showed evidence of having been infested with bed bugs although none were found at the time of inspection. The bed and bedding needs a thorough cleaning. Assistant Mc Lintock stated that Keeper Ross went around the station barefooted and at night turned in with his day clothes on and with dirty feet.

4. I obtained the address of 1st Assistant Keeper Doige and Keeper Ross and saw them separately on board the Larkspur. Assistant Doige made a statement identical with that in attached letter and stated that grocerymen and others

would gladly corroborate the statements about the Keeper as per the attached letter. Assistant Doige said he knew nothing about a letter having been sent to this office complaining of the Keeper.

5. Keeper Ross when confronted with the story contained in attached letter denied all the allegations and offered to bring his wife down to be questioned. His personal appearance at the time was not good.

6. The two assistants are neat in appearance, their quarters and bedding are clean and the station throughout, with the exception noted, is in satisfactory condition.

7. The Keeper could have returned to duty when due if he had met the Assistant at the landing. He could have returned early in the morning or late in the afternoon the following 2 days but had not done so when Larkspur passed station early in the morning of October 29, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. Luther.

Asst. Superintendent.

7. Report of Absences of Employees During Above Month: Oct.1925

Name of Absentee.	Left Station.		Returned to Station.		State Purpose or Necessity of Absence.
	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	
W.J.Ross, Keeper	1	1 pm	5	11.45AM	Leave and food
G. Doige, 1st Asst.	6	10.35AM	10	8.10 AM	" "
A.A.McLintock, 2nd Asst.	12	1.45PM	20	8.45AM	" "
W.J.Ross, Keeper	23	9.15AM	29	10.40 AM	" "
G. Doige, 1st Asst.	27	12.20PM	31	12.00	" "
Why I, W.J.Ross, Keeper, was overdue, was on account of heavy winds and could not make the light in safety.					

To Superintendent of Lighthouses,

3rd District

(Sign here) W. J. Ross
(Keeper or Master.)

Date, Nov. 1, 1925, Box 114, West Haven, Conn.
(Post-office address.)

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. This form should be carefully made out by keepers of light stations, lighthouse depots, and by masters of light vessels, and sent to the superintendent on the first day of each month.
2. In reporting the condition of your station or light vessel under the different headings you will use the words "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," or "Poor."
3. You are directed to report repairs which in your opinion seem urgent, or any other matter requiring official attention, and to briefly and clearly describe the difficulty.
4. If more room is needed than is provided for any subject, you may use a blank sheet of paper and attach same to the form.
5. Masters of light vessels and keepers of light stations should complete Paragraph 6 by filling in the number of days and adding any other article of supplies which will soon be needed, and give the number of days for each item so added.
6. Absence on account of illness should also be reported under Paragraph 7.

11—963

Form 65 MONTHLY REPORT OF LIGHT STATION, DEPOT, OR LIGHT VESSEL

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FROM New Haven LIGHT Sta., FOR MONTH OF Oct., 1925

Below is submitted my report showing the condition of the above light station, depot, or light vessel, with notes regarding necessary repairs, or other matters requiring official attention, and a list of the absences of employees during the above month.

1. LIGHTHOUSE, TOWER, OR VESSEL. Good

2. ILLUMINATING APPARATUS. Good

3. FOG-SIGNAL APPARATUS. Good

4. OTHER BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, OR HULL AND MACHINERY. Good

5. BOATS, AND MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS (state boat numbers). 323-431 Good

6.

Supplies on hand will last No. of DAYS shown below.	
Water	30
Coal	
Provisions	30
Kerosene	
Gasoline	
Fuel oil	
Lubricating oil	

11—963

Pers mahogany 11/15

Ross Kpr New Haven –

Imputed Act 28 – "Kpr in 1 day overdue for his leave"

No report shows absence =

Kepr Act 1 to 5

Kepr Act 23 to 29

1st asst Act 6 to 10

1st asst Act 27 to 31

2d asst Act 12 To 20

2d asst alone on Sta ~~Act~~ 12 20 pm Act 27 to 10 40 am Act 29

Kpr took 2d extra leave.

Kpr note on Mo rept overdue on "acct heavy winds" & rcvd Oct 29 whereas weather must have been fair on 27 as 1st asst went on line that day.

Charges against Kepr Ross

absence from duty without leave & proper authority ~~that~~ expens of the auth no allowed leave (8 days) in that was absent from Sta from Oct 1 to 5 and fr Oct 23 to 29.

Neglect of duty, in that he permitted the important Sta

Applied

in his charge, at which 3 men are employed, to be operated by one man alone from ~~the~~ 12.20 pm Oct 27 to 1040 am Oct 29, thereby impairing the efficiency of the sta as well as its reliability as an aid to navigation.

Note drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an employee of the L H S in that according to information available you are frequently, if not habitually, intoxicated while ashore, which condition appears to be a matter of common knowledge in the community where you land from the light station, thus being in direct violation of the provisions of par 29 page 11 of Instr to Empl. and a discredit to the L H S as well as yourself.

It also appears that you have on more than one occasion returned to your station in an intoxicated condition, unfit and unable to stand watch, and have brought intoxicants onto the

B

Station -

Charges 1st asst Doige -

Neglect of duty in that you as 1st asst Keeper in charge of Newtonville Lt Sta, during the absence of the keeper, left the sta at 1520 PM on Oct 27, 1925, well knowing that the keeper was absent, and leaving the important station temp in your charge to be operated by one man alone, thereby impairing the efficiency of the sta as well as its reliability as an aid to navigation

---

Oct 11/15/25

COPY

N. H., Conn.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

As a respectable citizen of the U. S. I feel it my duty to report the head keeper on the (Sperry Light), New Haven Light Station on breakwater. He is a disgrace to the service and his fellow workmen. His clothers which he never changes are not fit for any human beings to wear, and he is intoxicated two-thirds of the time from the moonshine he makes and sells. Also he has no uniform and his bed is full of bugs. The other keepers say they cannot report him. But it is only fair to all to have such a person removed from a government position. This all can be proved by looking at him and his belongings and the woman he lives with which is not his wife. Also by requesting other people about here.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) A Longshore Man.

Ro~~o~~

Bn

Enc –

Anonymous ltr Recd Oct 20

Copy of report by Asst Supt Luth Nov 6

Mo Report Form 65 for October (Kep copy)

Copy charges Nov 16

Keepers reply Nov 21

Ltr from 1st Asst Nov 20

Kepr Ross's statement that he could not get back to sta on time on acct of heavy wind is not well founded as evidenced by the fact that On Oct 27 the date on which he should have returned to the sta, the 1st Asst Kpr went ashore – It is considered that the charge of neglect of duty stands proven – Kpr Ross makes some reference to but does not deny or offer explin ref to the charge of drunkenness & conduct unbecoming an employee of the

Service.

It is found that the charges have been proven to a sufficient degree to justify dismissal & it is therefore directed that Ross be dismissed from the Police Force as of close of business on the date on which he receives notice thereof.

Supt

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 16 1924
THIRD DISTRICT

3485

files

THIRD DISTRICT

New Haven Lt sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 14th, 1924

Supt of lighthouses

Needed a man to fix one of clock works of the fog signal. It keeps sticking + stops I cannot find what is the trouble It has caused some trouble before but on the 14th Feb it went so bad had to change on to the other one

Walter J Ross keeper
New Haven Lt sta
West Haven
PO box 114 Conn

Gill Sent 2/16

LSC:HB

January 5th, 1925.
~~December~~ 192 .

Mr. P. Schrumpf:

Transfer of Property
Receipt for ~~Annual Property Return~~ from
W.J.Ross, Keeper: New Haven Lt.Station is correct.

~~correct.~~ is

Wm. A. Fraser

Clerk - CSL's Office.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

New Haven I Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 11th, 1923

Supt of Lighthouse
Take charge of New Haven Sta
as keeper June 11th 1923

6/11/23 Walter J Ross

Supt of Lighthouses.
Take charge of New Haven Sta.,
as 1st asst Keeper June 11th 1923.

George H. Denton

Walter J Ross

FWO:JHG

May 28, 1923.

Walter J. Ross, 1st Asst. Kpr.,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
P. O. Box No. 114,
West Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

Transmitted herewith is Department Letter dated May 25th, 1923 promoting you to the position of Keeper of New Haven Light Station and in accordance therewith you are directed to relieve the present Keeper, Arthur W. Horlacher, and take charge of the station at the close of June 10th, 1923, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property under his control in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you take charge of New Haven Light Station.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1923 MAY 26 PM 3 14

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1923.

Mr. Walter J. Ross,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 1020 per annum, effective June 11, 1923, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

11—8074

3rd

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FTO-JHS

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. (City.) May 22, 1923 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Walter J. Rose

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $1020 p.a.

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw.W. End & New Haven W. Bkw.W.End Lts., Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective June 11, 1923

{ the actual date of entrance on duty, or
{ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $840 p.a.

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw.West End and New Haven West Bkw. West End Lights, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Arthur W. Horlacher Services terminated, June 10, 1923

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockentels

1st Asst. Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC OS 5/23/23

Wess JP

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

11—2314

Form 73

NOMINATION

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. (City.) May 22, 1923 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Walter J. Ross — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1020 p.a.

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw.W. End & New Haven W. Bkw.W.End Lts., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective June 11, 1923 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $840 p.a.

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw.West End and New Haven West Bkw. West End Lights, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Arthur W. Horlacher — Services terminated, June 10, 1923

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

Secretary, Civil Service District. — 1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

6/14/23

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

11—2314

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 19 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

1 in

act to Co

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 16 Th, 1921

75

Subject transfer Will accept Sands Point light station.

Walter J. Ross
first ast
New Light Sta
West Haven
Box 114 Conn

Keeper sent me letter so I sent right in. ~~Keeper~~ Keeper on shore leave

16226

75

FWC:MAL.

September 16, 1921.

Walter J. Ross, 1st Ass't. Kpr.,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer.

1. It is possible that the position of keeper of Sands Point Light Station, will be vacant in the near future. This position is one those to which you have applied for transfer.

2. Sands Point Light Station is to be discontinued in about one year and the person holding the position of keeper at that time will be transferred to some other station as keeper or assistant keeper according to the vacancies that may exist at that time. The total monthly pay of this position is $93.50, which includes base pay of $60. per month; rational allowance of 45 cents per day; a temporary increase of $20. per month. This station is located on shore. The illuminant is oil lamp.

3. Advise this office if, in the event of a vacancy, you desire to be transferred to Sands Point Light Station under the above conditions.

6437 Ross

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 31
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Ross

THIRD DISTRICT

New Haven light sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1921

Promoted
6-10-21

Supt of lighthouses

In case of a vacancy of any of the lights in this list, I would like to be transfered to one of them as keeper or asst.

Aunt Phebe rock.	X	X	Stony point upper
Coxeackie	X	X	Sands point
Esopus meadows	X	X	Stepping stone
Four mile point	X	X	Troge rock
Hudson city	X	X	Terrytown
Roundout dike	X	X	West point.
Stuyvestant	X		
Saugertie	X		
Stony point lower	X		

Walter J. Ross
1st asst.
New Haven light sta.
West Haven
Conn

D. Dehnen Keeper
Box 114

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 3 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

New Haven light sta.
(Station, Dépot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1921

Supt. of lighthouses

In case of a vacancy of any of the lights in this list I would like to be transfered to one, as keeper or asst.

Ant Phobe rock
Corsackie
Esopus meadows N.Y.
Four mile point N.Y.
Hudson city N.Y.
Roundout dike N.Y.
Stuyvestant
Saugerties
Stony point lower
Stony point upper N.J.
Sands point
Stepping stone
Throgs neck
Tarrytown
West point.

Walter J. Ross
1st. asst
New Haven light sta.
West Haven
Conn

D. DeLeo Keeper Box 114

4447

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

15/1

File copy

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

March 23,1921

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19,1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective date.
Walter J. Ross	Keeper	$840 p.a.	Promotion	3-8-1921	3-11-1921

J. T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

75

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 21 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

New Haven L. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 19, 1921

Per
V V P.S. Superintendent

Sir

I notify thes office that W. J Ross Entered on duty as 1st assist march 11th as 1st assist Horlacher left for S. W. Ledge at the some date

Respectfully
Lt Detiens Keeper

W. J. Ross E O D as 1st Asst Keeper on March 11-1921

Entd PS 3/23/21

ROSS

FWO-JHB

Dominick DeSienna, Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Conn.

March 16,1921

SUBJECT: Date on which W.J.Ross entered on duty as 1st Asst.Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 15,1921.

1. Your letter dated March 15,1921, in reply to our letter of March 11,1921, stated Walter J. Ross entered on duty as 1st assistant keeper "immediately". Advise this office by return mail of the actual date on which he entered on duty as 1st asst.Keeper, as directed.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F W Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

75

THIRD DISTRICT

Per

Superintendent

New Haven Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sir

March 15th, 1921

In reply to your letter March 11 1921 regarding W J Ross 2nd assist to promotion to the position of 1st assist. Ross entered on duty immediatly

Date?

Respectfully

L. DeLino Keeper

(75)

FWO-JHC

Walter J. Ross, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Conn.

March 11,1921

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated March 8,1921 promoting you from the position of 2nd assistant keeper to that of 1st assistant keeper of New Haven Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in said position promptly upon receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES,

Copy forwarded, for his information, to the keeper of New Haven LightnStation. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Herlacher left for Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,and the date on which Ross entered on duty as 1st Asst.Keeper

J. T. YATES.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1921.

Mr. Walter J. Ross,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $760 per annum to $840 per annum, effective March 11, 1921 or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

S
C
3rd district

Form 73

FWC-JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

75

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) March 4, 1921 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Walter J. Ross

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $840 p.a.

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw. W.End Lt.& NewHaven W.Bkw.West End Lt., Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 11,1921 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $780 p.a.

Location, New Haven Lt.Sta., New Haven Middle Bkw.West End Lt., and New Haven West Bkw.W.End Light, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Arthur W.Horlacher Services terminated, March 10,1921

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

J. T. YATES.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC P.S.

Mess JCC

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

11—2314

POSITION OF 1st Asst.Keeper, New Haven Lt.Sta.

75

Walter J. Ross, 2nd Asst.Keeper of New Haven Lt.Sta.entered service in said position on Sept.11,1920. Probation expires March 10,1921. See attached letter from Keeper, re probation. Record O.K. No efficiency rating.

Promoted to 1st asst.

Clk 3/4

FWC-JHC

(75)

Dominick DeSiena, Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Conn.

March 4,1921

SUBJECT: Transfer of 1st Asst.Keeper Horlacher to S.W.Ledge, and promotion of 2nd Asst.Keeper Ross to 1st Asst.

1. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which 1st Asst.Keeper Horlacher leaves New Haven Lt.Sta.

2. Walter J.Ross 2nd asst.Keeper has been to-day nominated for promotion to the position of 1st Asst.Keeper of New Haven Lt.Sta. Notify him to that effect. Definite orders will be sent him later as to when he is to enter on duty as 1st Asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

75

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 16 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

In Charge
Per
Superintendent

New Haven Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 14th, 1921

Sir

The services of Lt. J Ross have proven satisfactry in the last six months. In my opinion the man is suitable for the position permanantly.

Respct.
Dominick DeSieno Keeper

FWO-JHG

75

Dominick DeSiena, Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Conn.

Feb. 8, 1921

SUBJECT: Probation, Walter J. Ross, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of Walter J. Ross, 2nd Assistant Keeper of New Haven Light Station, will expire on March 10, 1921. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

JHB

Walter J. Ross, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Light Station,
West Haven, Conn.

Oct. 30,1920

SUBJECT: Salary check.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct. 28,1920.

1. Salary check for month of September was mailed to you on Oct.20th, and was returned to this office marked "unclaimed" by the postoffice at West Haven, on Oct.27th. Check was again mailed to you at West Haven on Oct.28th, and it is presumed has been received by you before this. If not yet received inquire for same at the postoffice, and advise this office promptly as to whether or not you obtain same.

J. T. YATES

1273

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1920 SEP 25 AM 8 19

September 18, 1920.

Mr. Walter J. Ross,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered (September 11, 1920) upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

P
C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Harry L. Tutty.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

3rd (See reverse side.)

11—8980

Form 73

NOMINATION

MBM.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Sept. 13, 1920. (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y. 2d.C.S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary Appointment.

Name, Walter J. Ross, Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, Keeper Salary, $780.00 P.A.

Location, New Haven Lt. Sta, New Haven Middle Bkw. West End & New Haven West Mkw. West End Lights, Conn. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective Sept. 11, 1920. {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.[1]

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.0, Other eligibles considered:

None

Previous incumbent, Harry L. Tutty Services terminated, Aug. 31, 1920.

Reason, Dismissed.

Assignment to duty on Sept. 11,1920 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 in District desired transfer to this position. No quarters are provided for families of Keepers at this station. Nos. 1, 3, & 4 on Eligible List will accept appointment only at certain specified stations.

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

VCS

Jress JP

Pers. GH

Secretary, *Civil Service District.* Supt. 3rd L.H. District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

FWO/MBM.

Sept. 10, 1920.

Walter J. Ross,
51 Ash Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Position as second assistant keeper New Haven Lt.Sta.

1. Referring to your application filed in this office, for the position of keeper or assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service. You are advised you have been selected for the position of second assistant keeper of New Haven Light Station, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date, after the receipt of this letter. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

2. Advise this office by letter the probable date on which you will report for duty.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District.
FWO/MBM. Tompkinsville, N.Y. Sept. 10, 1920.

Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of New Haven Light Station. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Ross reports for duty as second assistant keeper of New Haven Light Station.

J. T. YATES.

FWO/MBH.

Sept. 7, 1920.

W. J. Ross,
51 Ash Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Position as 2nd Ass't. Keeper New Haven Lt. Sta.
REFERENCE: Our letter September 2nd, 1920.

Sir:-

1. As it is desired to make selection for the position of second assistant keeper of New Haven Light Station, at the earliest possible date, you are requested to advise this office by return mail, whether or not you wish to be considered for this position, and if so, on what date you could report for duty, is selected.

Respectfully,

J.T. YATES.

Superintendent.

JHG

W. J. Ross,
31 Ash Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Sept. 2,1920

SUBJECT: Position as keeper or Assistant Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your postal card Sept.1,1920.

1. As requested, there is enclosed herewith application blank, together with two circular letters, which will give you full information in regard to the position of keeper or assistant keeper. If you will fill out the application blank and return it to this office, your name will be given consideration for any vacancies which may occur.

2. There is at present a vacancy in the position of 2nd asst. Keeper of New Haven Light Station, located off shore in New Haven Harbor. The total monthly pay is $98.50 consisting of base pay of $65 per month, a ration allowance of 45 cents per day, which is paid in cash at the end of each month, and a temporary increase of $20.00 per month. Quarters are provided for the three keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers.

3. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would like to be considered for this position, and state how soon you could report for duty if selected. Return the application blank, properly filled out, with your reply.

Superintendent

New Haven Ct
Sept 1st 1920

Dear Sir

Is there any chance for a position on the lighthouse service, at anything, am a citizen of U. S. thirty eight years of age.

Mrs. Fuller of Faulkner's Island light told me she thought there was no doubt but what I could.

W. J. Ross
31 Ash St.
New Haven
Conn.



NEW HAVEN
SEP 1
6 PM
1920
CONN.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
SEP 6
1920
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Lighthouse Depot
Staten Island
N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925

75 LIGHTHOUSES
1925 FEB 4 PM 2 44

Mr. Walter J. Ross,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GAISER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1560.

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

EK

3d

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Walter J. Ross,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1560 per annum to $ 1620 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

11—6074

H
26

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST.
SEP 12 13 14 1920
RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

1st Ltr Nominate Ltr
Per Superintendent

R

75

West Haven L. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 11th, 1920

VC -

Sir

Walter J Ross riported for duty as assist. Keeper at thes station at Sept 11th 3 P. m and was assigned to duty to is work

Respectfully

Dominick DeLiena
Keeper

EOD Sept 11/20

Entd