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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	
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
Shannahan, Henry, L.		1886 FL

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: 1933 FL

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (FL)		
From: 1912	To: 1914	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

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Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT FILES.

Henry Shannahan

Henry Shannahan

Henry Shannahan

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Fla.

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Trans. from Treas. Dept. July 1, 1903.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Keeper, Sanibel Island L. Sta., Fla.	$640 pa.	Light-House.	
" " " " "	740 "	" "	July 1, 1907.
Keeper " " L.S. etc. Fla	740.	" "	Apr 1. 1910
" " " " " " TEMPORARY. (To continue while using his own boat.	$756.	" "	June 1, 1912
" " " " " "	648	" "	Dec. 28/1912
Died June 8, 1913.			

INACTIVE

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Is to be used only in cases of persons transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, by operation of law, July 1, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for in Part II of this form, relative to each appointee or employee, now in the service, who was serving in your Bureau June 30, 1903, and was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor July 1, 1903, pursuant to the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1903, and March 3, 1903, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

CARDED *Secretary.*

PART I.

(Blanks in Part I are to be filled by the appointee or employee; but if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case, the statement is to be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

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

Mr. Henry Shannahan

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Henry Shannahan

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

Sanibel	Fla	Lee	1st
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Tampa

6. When were you born? November (Month.) 5 (Day.) 1864 (Year.)

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

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8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6/906

9. If the appointee or employee was appointed through examination, state the kind of examination. If not so appointed, state how he entered the position. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ———— ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Appointed before position was classified, Asst. Keeper, L.H. Service $420 per an.

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) John H. H. Nickel Comdr, U.S.R.C.,

(Official title) Inspector 7th L.H. District.

Date: AUG 12 1904, 190

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File No. 3576. Washington

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUL-9 1907 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

8 July, '07.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to state that, as Mr. Webster Shannahan has resigned from the position of Keeper of Puntarasa, Fla., Range Lights, June 30/07 the Inspector of the Seventh Light-House District recommends that these lights be placed in charge of the two Keepers at Sanibel Island, Fla., Light-Station, Messrs. Henry Shannahan, Keeper, and Eugene H. Shannahan, Assistant Keeper, with an increase of $100 a year in the salary of each,-making their salaries $740 (640) and $600 (500) a year, respectively,-to date from 1 July, '07.

The Board concurs in this recommendation, and asks that these Keepers each receive a new appointment as Keeper and Assistant Keeper of Sanibel Island, Fla., Light-Station and Puntarasa, Fla., Range Lights, with pay at the rate of $740 and $600 a year, respectively, to date from 1 July, '07, they having been on continuous service in charge of these lights.

Respectfully,

C B Johnson

Chief Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED JUL-9 1907 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN JUL 1907 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Wants Board July 10 1907

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

July 10, 1907.

Mr. Henry Shoemaker, of Florida, is hereby appointed

Keeper of Sanibel Island Light-Station, Florida,

in the Light-House Service;

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

this appointment to be effective beginning July 1, 1907, he

having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served

in the above-mentioned position.

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By promotion from Keeper of Sanibel Island Light-Station, Florida, at $640 per annum.)

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TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

Herbert Knox Smith
Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Henry Shannahan

do solemnly[a] Swear 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.**

Henry Shannahan

FORWARDED

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date 1 July '07
A B Johnson
Chief Clerk.

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26 day of July, A. D. 1907

[c] Name: Robert B. Lear

{Affix official seal.}

Official title: Notary Public
My Com Ex 4/10, 1910

S.M.B.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Keeper	Sanibel Island L. H.	Florida.	Florida.

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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.

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DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department. July 21, 1909.

Mr. Henry Shannahan, Keeper,
Sanibel Island Lighthouse Station, Fla.,
Through the Inspector of
The 7th Light-House District,
Key West, Florida.

Sir:

1. The Board states that your efficiency rating for 1908 is unsatisfactory. It seems that you are not giving an equivalent amount of work for the salary paid you. This condition will not be tolerated by the Board, and you are therefore given 60 days from August 1, 1909 in which to demonstrate that you are such a [illegible] to [illegible] your [illegible] to the [illegible]

(CROSS REFERENCE - - E F F I C I E N C Y)

At a conference it was decided to take the action outlined in the following cases:

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HENRY J. LEWIS, Give him 60 days in which to improve. Should he fail to improve, dismiss him on charges.
HENRY SHANNAHAN, same as LEWIS.
EUGENE H. SHANNAHAN, same as LEWIS.
WILLIE M. SHARIT, Report efficiency at end of prob. period.
RICHARD PALMER, same as SHARIT.
JOHN L. WILLIAMS, same as SHARIT.
WILLIAM J. KNICKMEYER, Give him 60 days in which to improve. Should he fail to do this, dismiss him on charges.
CHARLES T. WATHEN, Same as KNICKMEYER.
CHARLES W. ELDER, Same as KNICKMEYER.

SEE MEMO DATED JULY 13, 1909 in file of

MISC. 271/3.

Also see Dept. letter of July 9, in same file.

Lt.Col.,Corps of [illegible]

Reprimand.

July 24, 1909.

Mr. Henry Shannahan, Keeper,
Sanibel Island Light-Station, Fla.,
Through the Inspector of
The 7th Light-House District,
Key West, Florida.

Sir:

1. The Board states that your efficiency rating for 1909 is unsatisfactory. It seems that you are not giving an equivalent amount of work for the salary paid you. This condition will not be tolerated by the Board, and you are therefore given 60 days from August 1, 1909 in which to demonstrate that you are such a competent employee as to warrant your retention in the Light-House Service.

2. If in that time it is found that you are still below a fair standard of efficiency, recommendation will be made to the Department that you be dismissed from the Light-House Service.

3. This letter of reprimand is written by direction of the Department, based upon the efficiency report submitted in your case by the Light-House Inspector.

Respectfully,

Lt.Col.,Corps of Engineers,U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.



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(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau [illegible] - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Sanibel Island etc. L.S., Fla.

3. Name Shanahan, Henry, 4. Where born Florida.

5. Age 54 yrs. 6. Position Keeper.

7. Compensation $740. pa. 8. When appointed (a) About April 1, 188[illegible].

9. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification.

10. Appointed from State Florida. Congressional District 1st. County Monroe.

11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.

12. Is the candidate an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

13. Other Government service None.

14. [illegible] in charge of station, attends to [illegible] [illegible] lamps - [illegible]

Efficiency rating amended to 9/10 good, good, Average good. — No action

15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (d) O.K. Quality of work (e) good, Average good. Interest manifested in work (f) Yes, good [illegible]

16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.

17. Remarks: Nothing [illegible] questions.

Date of appointment [illegible]

(Cross Reference)
For basis of this action see letter dated Oct. 21-09 in file of Misc 271/3

[illegible]

[illegible] U.S.N.

Naval Secretary

[illegible] 1909

Head of Bureau

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Sanibel Island L.S., Fla. etc.
3. Name Shannahan, Henry, 4. Where born Florida.
5. Age 54 yrs. 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $740. pa. 8. When appointed (a) About April 1, 1889.
9. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from — State Florida. Congressional District 1st. County Monroe.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, attends to accounts, correspondence and reports, tends lights (main, and 2 beacon lights - 5-day lens-lanterns - about an average of 2 miles distance from main light), and keeps station in order.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) ~~0.8~~ 9/10 By DLO
Quality of work (e) ~~Average~~. Good 10-21-09
Interest manifested in work (f) Yes; good interest manifested.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Nothing not brought out by above questions.
Date of appointment May 17, 1889. Oath March 19, 1889.

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CARDED

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

Head of Bureau or Office.

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Henry Shannahan;
change in appointment.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. The Board has the honor to recommend that the position of keeper of Sanibel Island Light-Station, Florida, at $740 per annum, be discontinued effective at the close of March 31, 1910, and that in lieu thereof the position of keeper of Sanibel Island Light-Station and Puntarasa Range Lights, Florida, at the same rate of pay, be authorized, effective April 1, 1910.

2. The Board further recommends a change in the appointment of Mr. Henry Shannahan, of Florida, from keeper of Sanibel Island Light-Station, Florida, at $740 per annum, to keeper of Sanibel Island Light-Station and Puntarasa Range Lights, Florida, at the same rate of pay, effective April 1, 1910, the date of his entrance on duty.

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Respectfully,

Change in title.

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Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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9 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

April 9, 1910.

Mr. Henry Shannahan, of Florida, is hereby appointed Keeper of Sanibel Island Light-Station and Buntarasa Range Lights, Florida, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Seven Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, this appointment to be effective beginning April 1, 1910, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice himself.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By change from Keeper of Sanibel Island Light-Station, Florida, at $740 per annum.)

CARDED.

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION. RECEIVED APR 11 1910 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CHANGE REPORTED APR 1910 C. S. COMMISSION.

NO. 6427

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Henry Shannahan

do solemnly [a] 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.

Henry Shannahan
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 25th day of April, A. D. 1910

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) Frank P Bailey

(Official title:) Notary Public, State of Florida.
My commission expires January 13, 1913.

OFFICIAL TITLE.	PAY.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Keeper	$740.—	Sanibel Island Light Station & Buttonwood Range Lights.	Florida.	Florida.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR 7TH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,
KEY WEST, FLA. (Address.), April 29, 1910. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 1, 1910. (Date.)

CARDED

(Signed:) F. M. Bennett, COMDR. U.S.N.
INSPECTOR 7TH L.H. DISTRICT
By A Brost, Chief Clerk.

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

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DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVED MAY 10 1910



Sanibel Island (From Bay)

Henry Shanahan



Sanibel Island (from the Gulf)

15. Efficiency (d):

Quantity of work	90		
Quality of work	85		
Interest manifested in work (as per Question 17)	95		
Attendance			
Total			
Average percentage			

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

1. Name Shamahan, Henry, 2. Age 56 yrs. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse. 4. Position Keeper. Sanibel Island L.S., and Punta-

5. Compensation $740.p.a. 6. Where employed rasa Range Lights, Fla.

7. When appointed (a) May 18, 1889. 8. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.

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

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, attends to accounts, correspondence and reports, tends lights (main, and 2 beacon lights - 5-day lens-lanterns - about an average of 2 miles distance from main light), and keeps station in order.

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

15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	90	2	1	80
Quality of work	85	3	2	55
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	2	55
Attendance		~~2~~		
Total		8 ~~10~~	6	90
Average percentage				86

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED MAY 31 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

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

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

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) His salary is a fair equivalent for the service rendered.

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

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

20. Remarks: (e) No.

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

Johnson

Supt. 7th U.S. District

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAY 23 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Action proposed, promotion.

Name, Henry Shannahan.

Position, Keeper

Location, Sanibel Island L.S. and

Effective June 1,1912 or as soc ~~on the a~~

Former position, Keeper

Location, Sanibel Island L.S. an

Rank in list of eligibles, ----

Other eligibles considered, -----

Letters of declination inclosed, -----

Previous incumbent, ----- New Position (by

Reason,------

Remarks: A suitable boat for landi
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tablished in the vicinity and the

Appropriation- In the absence, and b
Salaries of Keepers of
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Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1912.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN MAY 23 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Acting Commissioner.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED MAY 23 APPTS COMMERCE AN

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

May 23, 1912

The action proposed in the attached communication, if approved, will create one additional position, Keeper

Salary, $ 756 per Annum

Chief of Appointment Division.

(Increase from 740 p.a.)

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CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAY 27 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Referring to the Bureau's approval of the 22d instant of the recommendation of the Seventh Inspector for the promotion of Henry Shannahan, keeper of Sanibel Island Lightstation and Puntarasa Range Lights, Florida, from $740 per annum to $756 per annum.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO APPTS. MAY 27 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Bureau was recently informed by the Inspector that he was furnishing the keeper in question with gasoline for use in the keeper's motor boat used in the performance of his official duties. The Inspector was informed that the Bureau would not authorize the furnishing of gasoline or any other supplies or repairs for a privately owned boat. The Bureau therefore recommends that the promotion in question be made in order to cover the expense of fuel consumed in the performance of official work, said increase to continue during such time as a suitable boat is furnished by the keeper. The care of these lights will shortly be transferred to the keeper of other post lights to be established in the vicinity.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED MAY 27 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR 9.57

The above arrangement is the most advantageous one for the Government which can be made at this time.

May 27, 1912.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN MAY 28 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Approved:

Acting Secretary.

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May 28, 1912.

Mr. Henry Shannahan,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Seven Hundred and Fifty-six~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective June 1, 1912.

Your compensation at the above-mentioned rate will continue during such time as you may use your own boat in caring for the Puntarasa Range Lights, Florida.

(By increase in compensation from $740 per annum.)

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C. S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position (By increase in compensation).

Legal Residence: Florida.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED MAY 28 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

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I, Henry Shannahan

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.

☞ Henry Shannahan
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] 22nd day of June, A. D. 1912

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) Frank P. Bailey
(Official title)

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Keeper	$756 A.	Sanibel Island L.S. and Puntarasa Range Lights, Fla.

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

Formerly Keeper,
$740 A., Sanibel Is.
etc.L.S., Fla.

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7TH District

KEY WEST, FLA. (Address.) JUN 27 1912 (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 1,1912. (Date.)

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(Signature, followed by title.)
Inspector 7th L. H. District.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
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Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, change in pay and designation.

Name, Henry Shannahan 86 Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper Salary, $648 per annum.

Location, Sanibel Island Lightstation, Fla. auth, D.L. Dec 21/12 of on end

Effective December 28, 1912, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $756 per annum.

Location, Sanibel Island L.S. and Puntarasa Range Lights, Fla.

Rank in list of eligibles, ---- Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered, -----

Letters of declination inclosed, -----

Previous incumbent, (New position.) Services terminated,

Reason, -----

Remarks: This recommendation is made as it has been recommended to place the Puntarasa Range Lts. under the care of the keeper of the new post-lantern lights to be established in Caloosahatchee River, Fla. - Cuts D, F and G ranges.

Appropriation-
Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Dibrell
Inspector 7th L. H. District.

HRW-McC.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 23, 1912.

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

Attention is invited to Department letter of December 21, 1912, changing the designation and rate of pay of the positions of keeper and assistant keeper of Sanibel Island Light Station and Puntarasa Range Lights, Florida. This recommendation for reduction in pay is submitted for administrative reasons on account of the change referred to.

11—2314

12-26-12

J. Conway
Acting Commissioner.

Mr. Henry Shanahan,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum,

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

(By change from $756 per annum.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED DEC 27 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1913 U. S. COMMISSION.

11—3692

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.

☞ Henry Shannahan
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 11th day of January, A. D. 1913
(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Frank P. Bailey
Notary Public, State of Florida.
(Official title) Commission expires January 13, 1913.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Keeper	$648 A.	Sanibel Island L.S.

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7TH District
KEY WEST, FLA. (Address), January 17, 1913. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 28, 1912. (Date)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
FEB 11 1913
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Inspector, 7th L. H. District.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for corr

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Henry Shannahan, Keeper,
Sanibel Island Light Station, Fla.,
Through Lighthouse Inspector, Key west, Fla.

MAY 29 1913
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Referring tp report of the loss by theft of the skiff, No. 11A, belonging to Sanibel Island Light Station, Florida, on the night of January 18, 1913.

Your attention is invited to page 152, Instructions to Light Keepers, etc., 1911, "Preservation of Property", which provides that all persons having charge of property belonging to the Lighthouse Service will be held responsible for its preservation and safe-keeping. You are hereby reprimanded for not taking proper measures to insure the safety of the skiff in question, and cautioned to exercise due care in the future to protect Government property under your charge.

This reprimand will be noted on the records of the Department, the Bureau, and the Inspector, as a part of your official history.

(Signed)

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

MAY 24 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. Conway
acting Commissioner.

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Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

June 11, 1913

The action proposed in the attached communication, if approved, will create one additional asst. Kpr. TEMPORARY. additional position.

Salary, $ 504 per annum.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Sanibel Isl. L. S. Fla.

(not exc 30 days)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
AUTHORIZED
JUN 11 1913
A report of death noted.

SPECIAL

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Lighthouse Commissioner,

Washington, D. C.

Henry Shannahan keeper Sanibel Island died June 8 pending selection of keeper telegraphic authority requested to reinstate John M. Lopez as additional assistant keeper for not exceeding thirty days from June 11 Regular nomination sent today.

(Signed) Dibrell.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS AUTHORIZED JUN 11 1913 Report of death noted.

Recd. over phone June 10- 9:16.
Peron-JEH.

HRW-McC

Bureau of Lighthouses,
June 10, 1913.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation that authority be granted to employ Lopez as additional assistant keeper of Sanibel Island Light Station, Florida, at $504 per annum for a period not to exceed thirty days from June 11, 1913, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

A recommendation for employment is made in preference to appointment, in view of the fact that it would seem advisable in this case not to reinstate Lopez temporarily for one month, and also in view of the fact that the Inspector has not made the necessary statement in regard to members of family in the Government service.

Acting Commissioner.

6/11/13

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
Washington

CHIEF CLERK
JUN 13 1913

APPOINTMENTS
JUN 13 1913
4 P.M.

SUBJECT: Report of Death of H. Shannahan.

Returned to Seventh Inspector for statement as to whether Mr. Shannahan had been allowed leave in excess of the accrued rate, in accordance with Bureau Circular No. 136, of August 15, 1912, and return of report to the Bureau.

(Signed) J S Conway
Acting Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUN 12 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.
Shannahan died at 12.30 A.M., June 8, 1913.

J S Conway
Acting Commissioner.

File

JUN 16 1913
KEY WEST, FLORIDA.

SUBJECT: Report of Death of H. Shannahan.

Returned to Seventh Inspector for statement as to whether Mr. Shannahan had been allowed leave in excess of the accrued rate, in accordance with Bureau Circular No. 136, of August 15, 1912, and return of report to the Bureau.

Dep. Comm'r,
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Engr. Corps.
Mar. Engr.
E. C. &
Engineer.
Personnel.
Accounts.
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Chf. Clk.
Comm'r.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 19 1913
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner.

CHIEF CLERK
JUN 20 1913
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HBH.

Key West, Fla., June 16, 1913.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, with the statement that Mr. Henry Shannahan, on the date of his death, had not been allowed leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Inspector.

APPOINTMENTS
JUN 30 1913
4,10

Death reported
to L. June 11/13

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 19 1913

Transmitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. See Bureau indorsement of June 17, 1913, reporting this death.

Acting Commissioner.

6-31-13

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

Date: 6/2/2025

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	
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
Shannahan, Henry, L.		1886 FL

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: 1933 FL

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (FL)		
From: 1912	To: 1914	
(Agency & Location)		
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From:	To:	

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0005794018

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Attendant Signature:

Remarks: PERMISSION SENT - RL

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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:

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES FILES

SHANNAHAN, HENRY

SHANNAHAN, HENRY

Return 3-2

Henry Shannahan,
promotion.

KEY WEST, FLA. May 12, 1912.

Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla.

Referring to your letter of the 3d instant, recommending that the keeper of Sanibel Island Light Station, Florida, now receiving $740 per annum, be granted an increase in salary of $15 per annum until the Puntarasa Range Lights, now in his care, are transferred to the keeper of Caloosahatchee River Lights, etc.

The Bureau approves your recommendation and requests you to submit to this office form 73 recommending his promotion to $756 per annum, in accordance with Bureau circular dated January 9, 1911. You should state in the nomination for the information of the Department the reasons justifying the increase referred to.

Acting Commissioner.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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MAY 2 /1912 ☆

KEY WEST, FLA. May 18,1912. 191

THE COMMISSION F LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, promotion.

Name, Henry Shannahan. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper Salary, $756 A.

Location, Sanibel Island L.S. and Puntarasa Range Lights, Fla.

Effective June 1,1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $740. A.

Location, Sanibel Island L.S. and Puntarasa Range Lights, Fla.

Rank in list of eligibles, ---- Rating, --- Percentage, ---

Other eligibles considered, -----

Letters of declination inclosed, -----

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Previous incumbent, ----- Services terminated, -----

Reason, -----

Remarks: A suitable boat for landing at the Puntarasa Range Lights is needed at this station. As the Keeper owns such a boat and is willing to use same for the purpose; and as the care of these lights will shortly be transferred to the keeper of other post lights to be established in the vicinity and the building of a boat therefore not (over)

Appropriation- In the absence, and by direction of the Inspector,

Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

W. W. Demerett.

Supt. ~~XXXXX~~ INSP. 7TH DIST.

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HRW-McC.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1912.

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

11—2314

A. R. Conover

Acting Commissioner.

HRW

May 28, 1912.

Mr. Henry Shannahan,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Seven Hundred and Fifty-six~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective June 1, 1912.

Your compensation at the above-mentioned rate will continue during such time as you may use your own boat in caring for the Puntarasa Range Lights, Florida.

(By increase in compensation from $740 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position (By increase in compensation).

Legal Residence: Florida.

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAY 29 1912

May 24, 1912.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Referring to the Bureau's approval of the 22d instant of the recommendation of the Seventh Inspector for the promotion of Henry Shannahan, keeper of Sanibel Island Lightstation and Punterasa Range Lights, Florida, from $740 per annum to $756 per annum.

The Bureau was recently informed by the Inspector that he was furnishing the keeper in question with gasoline for use in the keeper's motor boat used in the performance of his official duties. The Inspector was informed that the Bureau would not authorize the furnishing of gasoline or any other supplies or repairs for a privately owned boat. The Bureau therefore recommends that the promotion in question be made in order to cover the expense of fuel consumed in the performance of official work, said increase to continue during such time as a suitable boat is furnished by the keeper. The care of these lights will shortly be transferred to the keeper of other post lights to be established in the vicinity.

The above arrangement is the most advantageous one for the Government which can be made at this time.

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Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

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The above arrangement is the most advantageous one for the Government which can be made at this time.

Return

Shannahan, Henry

(Cross Reference)

For ~~basis of this action~~ Commendation see

letter dated Oct. 16, 1912

in file of 1638

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

December 20, 1912. 191

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, change in pay and designation.

Name, Henry Shannahan — Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $648 per annum.

Location, Sanibel Island Lightstation, Fla.

Effective December 28, 1912, ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $756 per annum.

Location, Sanibel Island L.S. and Puntarasa Range Lights, Fla.

Rank in list of eligibles, ——— Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered, ———

Letters of declination inclosed, ———

Previous incumbent, (New position.) Services terminated,

Reason, ———

Remarks: This recommendation is made as it has been recommended to place the Puntarasa Range Lts. under the care of the keeper of the new post-lantern lights to be established in Caloosahatchee River, Fla. - Cuts D, F and G ranges.

Appropriation
Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Inspector 7th L. H. District.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 23, 1912.

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

11—2314

Attention is invited to Department letter of December 21, 1912, changing the designation and date of pay of the positions of keeper and assistant keeper of Sanibel Island Light Station and Puntarasa Range Lights, Florida. This recommendation for reduction in pay is submitted for administrative reasons on account of the change referred to.

Acting Commissioner.

Mr. Henry Shannahan,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum,

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

(By change from $756 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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DEC 30 1912

Henry Shanahan

(Cross Reference)

For commendation

Letter dtd. Jan 7, 1913.

In file of Miguel Fabal.

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For commendation see letter of April 2, 1913, in file Miguel Fabal.

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[illegible] Island Light Station, Fla.,

Through Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla.

Referring to report of the loss by theft of the skiff, No. [illegible], belonging to Sanibel Island Light Station, Florida, on the night of January 15, [illegible].

Your attention is invited to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] having charge of property belonging to the Lighthouse Service will be held responsible for its preservation and safe-keeping. You are hereby reprimanded for not taking proper measures to insure the safety of the skiff in question, and cautioned to exercise the care in the future to protect Government property under your charge.

This reprimand will be noted on the records of the Department, the Bureau, and the Inspector, as a part of your official history.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

[illegible] 1913

Submitted to Secretary of [illegible] for his information

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

MAY 24 1913

To Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla., [illegible]

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Date Mailed: [illegible]

Henry Shannahan, Keeper,
Sanibel Island Light Station, Fla.,
Through Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla.

Referring to report of the loss by theft of the skiff, No. 11A, belonging to Sanibel Island Light Station, Florida, on the night of January 16, 1913.

Your attention is invited to page 152, Instructions to Light Keepers, etc., 1911, "Preservation of Property", which provides that all persons having charge of property belonging to the Lighthouse Service will be held responsible for its preservation and safe-keeping. You are hereby reprimanded for not taking proper measures to insure the safety of the skiff in question, and cautioned to exercise due care in the future to protect Government property under your charge.

This reprimand will be noted on the records of the Department, the Bureau, and the Inspector, as a part of your official history.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

MAY 24 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Commissioner

Acting Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

MAY 24 1913

To Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla.,
for ~~his information, guidance, and files of office.~~

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Chief Clerk ~~Acting Commissioner.~~

Date Mailed: 10-

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Return 3-2

Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Florida.

Referring to your letter of June 13, 1913, in regard to the verbal application of Mrs. Shannahan, widow of the late Keeper of Sanibel Island Light Station, Florida, H. Shannahan, for the position made vacant by the death of her husband.

The Bureau has forwarded to the Department, recommended for approval, your recommendation of June 13, 1913, for the transfer of Chas. H. Williams to the position in question. The appointment will be mailed to you as soon as received by the Bureau.

The Bureau notes your statement that there are several grown children and stepchildren in the family of Mrs. Shannahan, and that it does not appear that she is in danger of becoming destitute.

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Date Mailed: 10-2

6/22/13 Ans.

Examiner
Personnel
Accounts
Contracts
Chief Clerk
Commr.

JUN 18 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Referring to accompanying nomination of Chas. H.Williams to be Keeper of Sanibel Island Lightstation vice H.Shannahan, deceased, it is reported for the information and for the consideration of the Bureau that Mrs. Shannahan, widow of the late keeper has made verbal application to this office through a stepson, for the position made vacant by the death of her husband.

I have not submitted the name of Mrs, Shannahan for the position for the reason that I consider the duties of keeper at this station so laborious and the mental strain resulting from the ever present sense of responsibility so great that I deem it inadvisable to recommend the appointment of a woman thereto. If the Bureau desires the appointment of the widow, however, I shall offer no objection.

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Mrs. Shannahan is between forty and fifty years of age. Her stepson is the present assistant keeper and she has a son of her own about twenty-one years of age who would remain at the station with her and assist in the duties of the station.

There are several grown children and stepchildren in the family and it does not appear that Mrs. Shannahan is in danger of becoming destitute.

Inspector.

Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf Clk.
Corr't.

for Star
To place when needed

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 30 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

The advice of the Bureau is desired as to what disposition should be made of the Inspector's efficiency star awarded to the late keeper of Sanibel Island Lightstation, H.Shannahan, for the fiscal year, 1913.

It is suggested that the efficiency star be sent to the widow of the late Keeperto be retained in her keeping for one year and to be returned by June 30, 1914,. Henry L.Shannahan, son of the deceased keeper is assistant keeper as Sanibel Island Lightstation, but it is not recommended that the star be sent to him, asthe fact that it is in his possession might lead to the erroneous impression that the star was awarded to him for his own efficient services.

Inspector.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
July 7, 1913.

Returned to Seventh Inspector with instructions to allow the widow of the late keeper of Sanibel Island Light Station, H. Shannahan, to keep the efficiency star referred to, the Inspector to make requisition for a star to take its place, when needed.

Acting Commissioner.

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For recommendation see letters of June 30, 1913, in file

Chas. H. Williams.

For commendation see letter of June 28,

Chas. A. Williams.



For commendation see letter of June 28, 1913, in file

Chas. A. Williams.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Sanibel Island L.S., Fla. etc.
3. Name Shannahan, Henry, 4. Where born Florida.
5. Age ~~XXX~~ 54 yrs. 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $740. pa. 8. When appointed (a) (About) April 1, 1889. (See 17)
9. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from State Florida. Congressional District 1st. County Monroe.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, attends to accounts, correspondence and reports, tends lights (main, and 2 beacon lights - 5-day lens-lanterns - about an average of 2 miles distance from main light), and keeps station in order.
15. Efficiency Quantity of work (d) ~~0.8~~ 9/10 Oct 31-09 - Department amends and closes will consider case closed at present. Quality of work (e) ~~Average~~. Good Interest manifested in work (f) Yes; good interest manifested.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Nothing not brought out by above questions.

Date of appointment, May 17, 1889. Oath, March 19, 1889.

Head of Bureau or Office

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INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) Give date of appointment in branch of service in which now employed. Service elsewhere under the Government must be explained fully in answer to Question 13.

(b) State whether "Prior to Classification," "Without Examination," "Through Civil-Service Examination," by "Reinstatement," or "Transfer." If by reinstatement or transfer, prior service must be shown in answer to Question 13. If appointed without examination, explain fully.

(c) State whether "Presidential," "Unclassified," "Classified Competitive," or "Classified Excepted."

(d) Quantity of work must be stated in tenths on the basis that 10 tenths equal the amount of the particular class of work which can be performed by a thoroughly efficient employee.

(e) Express quality of work in the following terms: "Excellent," "Good," "Average," "Fair," "Poor."

(f) State whether or not employee manifests a disposition to familiarize himself with the work of the office in the sense of adding to the efficiency of the office as a whole.

(g) Under this head should be made any statement deemed advisable concerning the employee, especially in regard to efficiency.

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

1. Name Shannahan, Henry, 2. Age 56 yrs. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse. 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $740.p.a. 6. Where employed Sanibel Island U.S., and Punta-rasa Range Lights, Fla.

7. When appointed (a) May 18,1889. 8. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.

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

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, attends to accounts, correspondence and reports, tends lights (main, and 2 beacon lights - 5-day lens-lanterns - about an average of 2 miles distance from main light), and keeps station in order.

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

15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	90	2	1 80
Quality of work	85	3	2 55
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	2 55
Attendance			
Total		8	6 90
Average percentage			86

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

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

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

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) His salary is a fair equivalent for the service rendered. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. ——

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

20. Remarks: (e) No.

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

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May 6, 1937.

5/13 wrote Mrs Swint.

Bureau of Lighthouses,

Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Respectfully forwarding communication from

Mattie Shanahan Swint,

1212½ Cleveland St., Tampa, Fla.

dated April 28, 1937, requesting the record of her father, Henry P. Shanahan, the date he was appointed to Sanibal Island Light House from Key West.

The writer has not been advised of this reference.

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F. A. BIRGFELD,
Chief Clerk.
By

" " Very truly
Mattie Shanahan Swint

The Vacation Capital of
SOUTH FLORIDA

3/13 wrote Mrs. Swint
copy to 7th

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U. S. Treasury Department
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir:-
Owing to lost family record
I'm asking the department to
please advise of dates, when
my father Henry C. Shanahan
was appointed to Sanibel Island
Light House from Key West, and
his service record

The younger generation would
like to have this

I'll appriciate this very much
if possible obtain thanking
you kindly for same I remain

Very truly
Mattie Shanahan Swint

May 13, 1937.

Mrs. Mattie Shanahan Swint,
1212½ Cleveland St.,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Madam:

In reference to your letter of April 28, 1937, regarding the record of your father Mr. Henry P. Shanahan; who is said to have been employed at Sanibel Island Light Station:

This office can find no record of Henry P. Shanahan. There is, however, a record of Henry Shannahan, who was born on November 5, 1854 at Tampa, Florida, who may be your father. The records show that he served as a keeper at Sanibel Island Light Station, Fla., from July 1, 1907 to the date of his death on June 8, 1913.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 7th Supt.

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Date Mailed:

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.

5/25 wrote Mrs Swint
Copy to 7th

Dear Sir

Received your letter of May 13, 1937 regards my father Henry Shanahan Keeper Sanibel Island light Station Florida.

My father Henry Shanahan was borned November. 5, 1854 at Tampa Florida, and died June. 8, 1913. but you evidentiey made mistake time he entered service July. 1, 1907. not correct.

My fathers first service was when a young man Goverment Custom House service, then he entered Light house at Key West, there is where I was borned, three months later he was transferred to Sanibel Light

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May 25, 1937.

Mrs. Mattie Shanahan Swint,
1212½ Cleveland St.,
Tampa, Fla.

Dear Madam:

In reference to your letter of May 17 making further reference to the date your father, Mr. Henry Shanahan, entered the Lighthouse Service:

A further search of the old record books has been made and the following additional information was found in these books:

Henry Shannahan, assistant keeper, Key West Light Station, Fla., May 17, 1889.

Sanibel Island, assistant keeper, April 5, 1890.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Respectfully forwarding communication from Mrs. Mattie Swint, 1212½ Cleveland St., Tampa, Fla. dated April 3, 1938, inquiring, for her Mother, Mrs. Irene Shanahan, widow of Henry Shanahan, Lighthouse Keeper, as to whether she is entitled to any compensation.

The writer has not been advised of this reference.

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F. A. BIRGFELD,
Chief Clerk.
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Washington
D. C.

4/13/38 wrote Mr. Swint
copy to 7th

Dear Sir:-

My Mother Mrs. Irene Shanahan of Ft Myers, Fla. Wife of the late Henry Shanahan who was Light House Keper Sanibel Lee Co. Fla. from 1890 To 1913 time of his death.

My Mother has applied for the old age Pension of this State since ~~She~~ last October so far has never heard from same. She is in her late Seventies and I presume entitled to a Monthly pension. If there has ever been a pension of the Light House Swinson for Widows kindly advise me. My Father gave most his life Government service with good record. and my Mother needs help.

It seems so hard for the old to get this State pensions. so much red tape. so many the investigators are incompetent. and think if one applies if they have any Children who have a home. not thinking of how large their families are. the Mothers aren't entitled to the

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Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

I think each state that has to put up pro-rata with Government money for these Pensions should be looked into, why these aged people aren't getting the aid, and too why are those that have been cut to such ~~small~~ small dole, some are only getting from $5 to $15 per month others $30 per month I would like copy if available of the laws on same. I remain

very truly

(Mrs) Mattie Swint

April 15, 1938.

Mrs. Mattie Swint,
1212½ Cleveland St.,
Tampa, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Swint:

In reference to your letter of April 5, 1938, addressed to the Treasury Department, and referred to this Bureau, regarding a pension to your mother on account of her husband's service in the Lighthouse Service:

This Bureau sympathizes with your mother's situation, but regrets to advise that there is no provision for the pensioning of widows or other dependents of deceased employees on account of their service in the Lighthouse Service. It is suggested that if there is any information in Mr. Shannahan's record as a lighthouse keeper that would assist in obtaining a state pension, this Service will be glad to furnish it, application for which should be made to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

Henry Shanahan

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W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

COPY to 7th Supt. with copy of Mrs.SWint's letter attached.

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Date Mailed: 10-20-50

November 22, 1938.

Bureau of Lighthouses,

Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Respectfully forwarding communication from

Mattie Swint, 1212½ Cleveland St., Tampa, Fla.,

dated November 8, 1938, applying for a larger pension for her mother, Mrs. Irene Shanahan, whose husband, Henry Shanahan worked at the Sanibel Island Light House from 1890 to 1923. She only receives $13.00 per month.

The writer has not been advised of this reference.

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F. A. BIRGFELD,
Chief Clerk.
By J.B.M.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

12/2 wrote Mrs Swint & Sent to Social Security

Dear Sir:

Some few months past I wrote you regards my mothers pension (Mrs.Irene Shanahan) if any through Lighthouse Bureau. You however informed me, there were no such pension to take care of said department for widows and dependents, but there was a State pension, and to apply. I did and all the results there was the old age pension the Government were matching the State, well I tried and through Senator Peppers help I finally succeeded in having the welfare Board file her application and they gave her $13.00 per month. Would you advise me if this is the limit as the Social Worker informed her it was said she was receiving the top as $9.00 was the average. You realize that isn't much to take care the aged, and I do feel from my fathers record there Henry Shanahan,Sanibel Island Lighthouse from 1890 to 1923, she should be entitled to more pension. It seems each county give what they please. If there is any way to obtain for her a larger pension I'd appreciate your advise I am

Sincerely
Mattie Swint

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
December 2, 1938.

Respectfully referred to the Social Security Board, Bureau of Old Age Insurance, Washington, D. C., for consideration, Mrs. Swint having been advised of this reference. Mrs. Swint's father, Henry, husband of Irene Shanahan, was a former lighthouse keeper who died in 1913, prior to enactment of the Lighthouse Service retirement act, which however makes no provision for widows or dependents.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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December 2, 1938.

Mrs. Mattie Swint,
1212½ Cleveland St.,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Mrs. Swint:

Your letter of November 8, 1938, addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

It is noted that you are interested in obtaining an increase in the old age pension received by your mother, widow of Henry Shannahan, a former lighthouse keeper. Your statement is also noted that "the Government were matching the State" in respect to this pension. If this means the "United States Government", this Bureau has to advise that it is not informed as to what Federal agency has handled the matter, but is referring your letter to the Social Security Board for its consideration. The Bureau of Lighthouses has no connection with activities relating to granting of old age pensions. Such pension, as this office understands, has no relation to Mr. Shannahan's service as a Government employee.

This Bureau's records indicate that on several occasions in the past you have communicated with it and that you always address your letter to the Treasury Department, although replies have been sent you by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Lighthouses. It is suggested that your communications dealing with matters relating to the Lighthouse Service will receive more prompt attention if addressed to the office indicated by this letter head. The Lighthouse Service has not been in the Treasury Department for over 35 years.

For the Commissioner:

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W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 7th Supp

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PC
19 October, 1950

Mrs. Mattie Swint
510 South Delaware
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mrs. Swint:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 31, 1950, addressed to the Treasury Department which was forwarded to this office for reply and in which you requested certain information concerning your father, Henry Shannahan.

You are advised that the record shows that Mr. Shannahan was appointed as Assistant Keeper, Key West Light Station, Florida, on May 17, 1889 and transferred to Sanibel Island as Assistant Keeper, on April 5, 1890.

By direction of the Commandant:

Very truly yours,

G. R. LANSDALE
Acting Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

verified dates correct according to applicant file VA

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Date Mailed: 10-20-50

Archive

Mattie Swint
610 So. Delaware
Tampa, Florida

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July 31, 1950

Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I am trying to get my birth certificate, and to do so I must get the date my Father Henry Shannahan was transferred from the Key West Light House Key West, Fla. I was the first baby borned that light house. He was transferred to Sanibel Island, Fla. - deceased there.

This will help me, If possible get this information.

Thanks and Obligue

Mattie Swint