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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
Smith, James, D.		1893 TX

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: 1929 TX

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 (TX) 8th Dist	From: 1926	To: 1929
(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:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Civilian

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

James D. Smith (Name) ..... Texas (Legal Residence)

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SERVICE AND GRADE	SALARY	ACTION	BUREAU	STATION—DISTRICT	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	—	1380	Prob.	L. H.	Galveston Jetty 8th Dist.	May 6, 1929.
	Died-		June 21, 1929.			

Form 93
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LIGHTHOUSES
1929 JUL 1 AM 9 29

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

CHIEF CLERK
1929 JUL 5 PM 4 15
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 5 1929
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Supt. 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., June 28 . 1929

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

~~Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following named employee:~~

Name, James D. Smith Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Texas Station, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex.

Salary, $1380 per annum

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks: The date of Mr. Smith's death was June 21, 1929. See letter from this office of June 24, 1929, forwarding report of Keeper as to the manner of Mr. Smith's death.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JUL 13 1929
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

E. S. Kaufhier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 2 1929

Incl.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, ~~xxxxxxx~~ for his information. Copy of Superintendent's letter of June 24 being inclosed.

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H. D. King

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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...of Commerce
...ghthouse Service

James D. Smith,
Deceased.

Office of Superintendent, 8th District
New Orleans, La.
June 24, 1929.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. On June 21 this office received a telegram from the Keeper of Galveston Jetty Lighthouse, Texas, that James D. Smith, Third Assistant Keeper, had been killed by a fall at the light station. A telegram was sent the Bureau, also to Mr. Smith's mother.

2. The body was shipped, at the request of Mr. Smith's mother, to Anson, Texas, on June 22, after she had arranged to pay the expenses of the undertaker.

3. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter from the Keeper of Galveston Jetty Lighthouse, stating how the accident occurred.

(Sgd.) E. S. Lanphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., July 1, 1929.
Returned to 8th Superintendent with request to submit form 93 in the usual manner for the record of the Department. It is understood that you have taken the necessary action in the matter of having claim submitted to the Employees' Compensation Commission.

(Sgd.) H. D. King,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES

1929 JUN 26 AM 8 58

Eighth District
Galveston Texas
June 22, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The Assistants and myself went to work this morning 8:00 A.M. painting beams and rods under station gallery. Have about three-fourths of job finished as we started this job about June 1st.

This morning Mr. Smith and myself were working on a 2 x 12 x 20 ft. long. Mr. Smith had painted as far as he could reach from this board. My back was to Mr. Smith and he left the board and climbed out on tie rods to reach about 12" farther. I noticed him and cautioned him to move board to where he could reach and stay on board. His reply was he had rather climb out than move board.

He had finished painting and in getting back to board he slipped in some way, I did not see, and fell against a 2" pipe under staging and it broke. He fell all the way striking beams and tie rods on way down. We rushed to his assistance but there was no use he was dead in about two minutes.

The tender was working beacons about halfway to station. I went aboard and reported matters to Captain Larsen. He said he did not know if I could move body or not to go report to you. In the meantime Keeper Bardwell came by, blew him down, returned to station and removed body to town and wired you on arrival.

Called up Public Health Service, the doctor came down to 16th Street and removed body to undertaker waiting your reply.

I have seen that body was taken care of to the best of my knowledge. On receipt of your telegram carried it around to Public Health Service.

I am in town waiting on your orders at 4923 - 0½ St., Galveston, Texas

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. K. Wakefield,
Keeper

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

1929 MAY 10 AM 8:46
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 10 1929
APPOINTMENT

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Bureau, division, or office Supt. of Lighthouses, Eighth District (Galveston Jetty L.S., Texas)

1. Name in full James Duncan Smith

2. Legal (voting) residence Texas 6th (State and Congressional District) Harris (County) Houston (City or town)

3. Where born? Texas (State or foreign country) Lodi (City or town) When born? Oct. 25 1893 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
None								

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

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

Enlisted 12-30-15 Discharged 12-29-19
Organization USS Pennsylvania USS Mississippi

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Organization ____

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

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

9. State special qualifications

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:
Mrs. Myrtle Smith (Name) mother (Relationship)
Aspermont Tex (Post office address)

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

Jas. D. Smith
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

4-18-29 (Date)

Present address 1315 Austin St.
Houston Texas

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 10 1929
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

CHIEF CLERK
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1929 MAY 10 AM 11 43

I, ✓James D. Smith

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.

☞ Jas D. Smith
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 6 day of May, A. D. 1929
(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) A S York
(Official title) Notary Public
My commission expires June 1st 1929

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$1380 p.a.	Galveston Jetty Light and Fog Signal Station, Texas
Former[5] PROBATIONAL		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La. (Address), May 8, 1929 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 6, 1929 (Date)

CARDED

REPORT DATA ENTERED

E. T. Lanphier
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

[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.

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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1929.

M. James D. Smith,

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 ~~Thirteen Hundred and Eighty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~

effective April 22, 1929, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

APR 23 1929

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: New Position.

Legal Residence: Texas.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 23 1929

CARDED

11-8687

Form 73
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LIGHTHOUSES
1929 APR 15 AM 9 27

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City) April 11 (Date), 1929

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 16 1929 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

United States Civil Service District RECEIVED APR 11 1929 CHIEF CLERK NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 18 1929 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational appointment — Legal residence, Texas

Name, James D. Smith — To N.P. already auth. — Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1380-$1680 p.a.

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H. Keepers

Effective, April 22, 1929 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - - - — Former salary, - - - -

Location, - - - - — Former range, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, 1st — Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper — Percentage, 88.7, Other eligibles considered: Bernard Vincent, C; Guy J. James, C.

Previous incumbent, New position-(Lt.#1857) — Services terminated, - - - -

Auth DL-3/25/29

Reason, - - - -

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN APR 23 1929

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, October 25, 1893

Remarks: James D. Smith has not previously served in any branch of the Department of Commerce. Galveston Jetty is an isolated station and there are no keepers in the Service desiring transfer thereto. Quarters are not furnished at this station for the families of keepers.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,~~ NEW ORLEANS, LA. APR 12 1929 19

Wm H Beasley
PROBATIONAL. acy Secretary, TENTH Civil Service District.

E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Inclos. April 15, 1929.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to Department letter of March 25, 1929, authorizing this position. Field Classification Form in connection with the duties of the new position is inclosed.

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

H. D. King
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

4-16-29

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

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JAMES D. SMITH

Died January 1, 1929.

JAMES D. SMITH

Form 73
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LIGHTHOUSES
1929 APR 15 AM 9:27

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Tenth United States Civil Service District
RECEIVED
APR 11 1929
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City), April 11 (Date), 1929

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational appointment

Legal residence, Texas

Name, James D. Smith

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Proposed range, $1380-$1680 p.a.

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex.

Appropriation, Sals.L.H. Keepers

Effective, April 22, 1929 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - - -

Former salary, - - - -

Location, - - - -

Former range, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 88.7, Other eligibles considered: Bernard Vincent, C; Guy J. James, C.

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Reason, - - - -

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Wm. H. Brady
Acting Secretary, TENTH Civil Service District.

PROBATIONAL

E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Description of duties of field positions.

Bureau No.: Lt.#1857

Name: James D. Smith

Bureau: Lighthouses

Salary: $1380 per annum Salary range: $1380-$1680

Position: Third Asst. Keeper,
Station: Galveston Jetty Light Sta., Texas.
Eighth Lighthouse District

Description of duties:

Same as those of position occupied by John Aucoin, Lt.#250, who is Third Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light Station in the Eighth.

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BLUE	DAY LETTER
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NITE	NIGHT TELEGRAM
LCO	DEFERRED
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WLT	WEEK END LETTER

Mr. Harman

1929 JUN 21 PM 6 54

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NEWORLEANS LA 21

LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER 228

WASHINGTON DC

REFERRING TELEGRAM THIS DATE DEATH JAMES D SMITH MOTHER

WIRES SHIP BODY ANSON TEXAS

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LIGHTHOUSES
1929 JUN 21 PM 3:08

Form 16 Dbl

59 WNS 43 GOVT 3EX RUSH GET ANSWER

RN NEWORLEANS LA JUN 21

LIGHTHOUSE COMMR

JAMES D SMITH THIRD ASST KEEPER GALVESTON JETTY LIGHTHOUSE KILLED BY FALL AT STATION REQUEST NECESSARY STEPS BE TAKEN AUTHORIZE THIS OFFICE SHIP BODY TO HOME ASPERMONT TEXAS AT EXPENSE OF COMPENSATION COMMISSION HOW WILL THIS BE DONE ANSWER QUICK

LANPHIER

408P

Mark Folder "Out"

6-21-29 wired 8th

Killed June 21, 1929.

Ecc advises no authority under law to pay shipment of body when person is killed at his place of duty

RJG 6/21

Airways
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Weather
Clerical
Adm. Offcr.
Air Engr.
Chief Engr.
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Radio
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Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

69416 General Expenses, Lighthouse Service, 1929

Washington, D. C., June 21, 1929.

Lighthouse Superintendent, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Authority can not be granted ship body of james d smith to his home at expense of employees compensation commission suggest take up with relatives and later have them make claim for burial expenses as well as any claim on account of dependents

CONWAY

CONFIRMATION:

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Commissioner

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Incl.
Received

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 JUN 26 AM 8 58

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

June 24, 1929

James D. Smith,
Deceased

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. On June 21 this office received a telegram from the Keeper of Galveston Jetty Lighthouse, Texas, that James D. Smith, Third Assistant Keeper, had been killed by a fall at the light station. A telegram was sent the Bureau, also to Mr. Smith's mother.

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3. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter from the Keeper of Galveston Jetty Lighthouse, stating how the accident occurred.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., July 1, 1929.
Returned to 8th Superintendent with request to submit Form 93 in the usual manner for the record of the Department. It is understood that you have taken the necessary action in the matter of having claim submitted to the Employees' Compensation Commission.

H. D. KING,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Galveston Jetty
June 21, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

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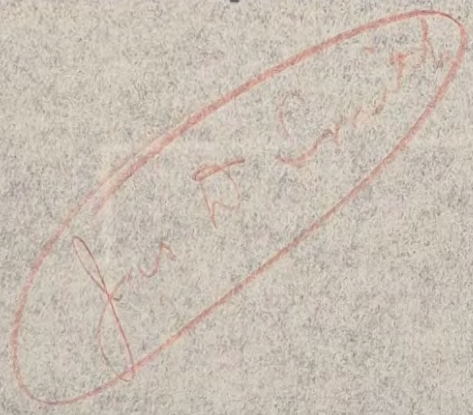
Respectfully,

(Signed) E. K. Wakefield,
Keeper

Let. of Aug. 22, 1929, from 8th re compensation for Mrs. Iva Lucille McCulloch Smith.



RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., September 4, 1929.

Returned to 8th Superintendent with advice that as the quarters in this case are not family quarters, they are not considered an allowance in fixing the compensation and no deduction from pay is therefore made. Accordingly $115 per month appears properly the gross pay of the position, and it is suggested that the Employees' Compensation Commission be so advised.

F. P. DILLON

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1929 AUG 24 AM 9 00

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

August 22, 1929

James D. Smith,
Deceased.

9/4/29 ind 8th.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the accidental death of James D. Smith, Third Assistant Keeper of Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, his wife, Mrs. Iva Lucille McCulloch Smith, has applied to the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission for compensation.

2. The U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission has forwarded to this office copy of a letter which it wrote Mrs. Smith awarding her $23.00 per month as natural guardian of two children until they die, marry or reach the age of 18, etc. The Commission wrote Mrs. Smith relative to her claim for compensation which is still under consideration.

3. The Commission has requested this office to advise whether or not the deceased employee received subsistence or quarters in addition to his regular salary of $115.00 per month, and if so, the value of same. Will the Bureau please advise what is the value of quarters furnished the deceased keeper. No quarters were furnished the family of the keeper, and this office has nothing to guide it in valuing quarters furnished the keeper at the station. Such quarters are undoubtedly of some value.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

as these are not family quarters, they are not considered an allowance, & no deduction is made from pay, & $115 p.m. thus appears properly the gross pay of the position (on which to compute compensation under the Ecc act) Sugg so advise Supt R/8/24 Concur HM Aug 26

(in fixing the compensation)

(computed this way, appears award to widow would be $63.25 p.m., including $23 for children)