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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig	
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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
Somes, Robert, G.		1891 MI

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: 1928 MI

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location): Lighthouse Service (MI)

From:	To:
1918	1921

(Agency & Location)

From:	To:

(Agency & Location) 2 folders

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:

Remarks: Submitted to Arch Search
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SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed

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Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED 1 of 2

Employee Name: SOMES, ROBERT G. **DOB:** 10/1 1/1/1891, MI

SOUNDEX: S520

Records checked:

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

AND

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

If Negative:

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

If Negative:

CMRS:	Area:	positive	negative
ARCIS:	Area:	positive	negative

Notes: **DOS: 1918-1921; DOD: 1/1/1928, MI; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, MI**

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1919.

LIGHT HOUSES APR 18 1919
Superintendent of Lighthouses Eleventh District
RECEIVED
APR 21 1919
Detroit, Mich.
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Mr. Robert G. Somes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $660 per annum, effective April 6, 1919.

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.

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Detroit, Michignn, April 11, 9.

Transfer of:

Robert G. Somes — Michigan

Keeper (2nd Asst.) — $660 p.a.

Crisp Point Light Station, Mich. — Sal. Kprs. of L.H.'s

April 6, 1919 — xxx

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Keeper (3d Asst.) — $720 p.a.

Rock of Ages Light Station, Mich.

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Harry F. House — March 30, 1919.

John Eckel, who had been transferred to this position, has offered his resignation prior to actual entrance on duty. Charges have been preferred and recommendation will be submitted later.

Promoted

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Transfer made prior to Bureau authority, owing to urgent action being required in filling positions at this station and Rock of Ages, preparatory to opening of station for season of navigation.

Transfer made at request of nominee.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

SEP 17 1918 3 PM

September 16, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses Eleventh District RECEIVED SEP 20 1918 Detroit, Mich. DEPT OF COMMERCE

Mr. Robert G. Somes,

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 Four Hundred and Fifty Six dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the Local Civil Service Board for the Eleventh Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George Henry

Legal Residence: Michigan.

(See reverse side.)

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11th

Detroit, Michigan, September 9, 8

Probationary appointment of:

Robert G. Somes — Michigan

Keeper (3d Asst.) — $456.00 p.a.

Rock of Ages Lt. Sta., Mich. — Sal. Kprs. of L.H.'s

September 3, 1918

No. 1 — Asst. Kpr. — 81.6

None. No other available eligibles on register

George Henry — May 31, 1918

Resignation

None

On account of the long period which this position had been vacant, it was essential that nominee enter upon duty as soon as possible, which precluded forwarding of nomination in advance. No quarters furnished for families of keepers. Nominee desires that his request for appointment to a station with quarters for family of keeper, be cancelled.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

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SOUNDEX: S520

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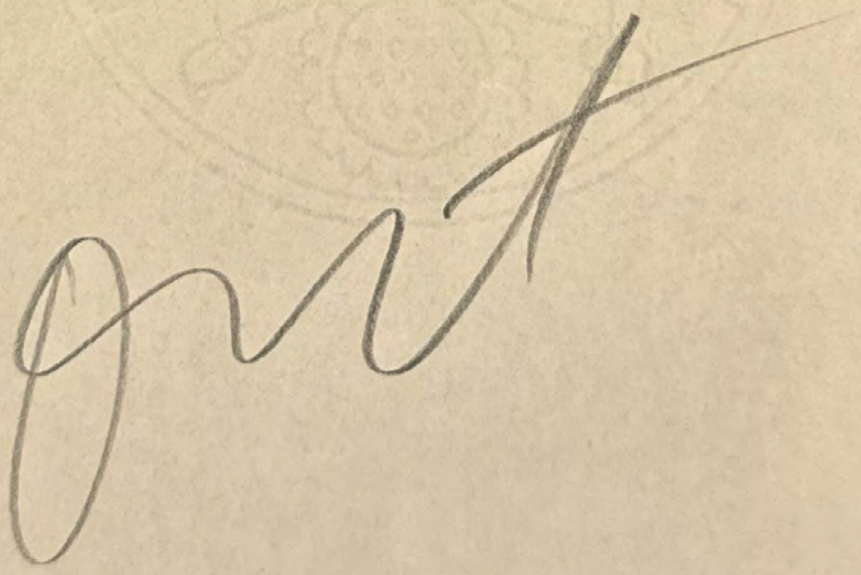
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Notes: DOS: 1918-1921; DOD: 1/1/1928, MI; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, MI

ROBERT G. SOMES



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JSH:LCN

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on June 12, 1920, to the Steamer F. R. HAZARD which had been in collision with another vessel, 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,

E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Robert G. Somes, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Crisp Point Light Station, Mich.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Detroit, Mich.

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner, See your report of June 12, 1920.

Chief Clerk.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

E. F. SWEET

Exact copy as signed by ---- Bureau

Mailed JUL 17 1920 by ----

Copy to supt. by ind on
copy of letter to Kpr. Crittenden.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.
AWP:AB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1920 NOV 19 AM 7 43

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

November 17, 1920.

Charges preferred against
R. G. Somes, Asst. Keeper,
Crisp Point Light Station.

Hydro.
Engr Corps
Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comr.
Comr

Commissioner of Lighthouses.
Washington, D.C.

1. Robert G. Somes, 2d Assistant Keeper, Crisp Point Light Station, Michigan, was suspended by me, under the provision of Article 412, Regulations 1918, effective at the close of November 1, 1920, following receipt of a telegram from the Keeper on that date charging Somes with sleeping in bed when supposed to be on watch at 11:30 P.M., October 29, 1920.

2. Charges were accordingly preferred against Somes and the following papers are forwarded herewith giving details of this case:

a. Report of the Keeper, dated October 30, 1920, regarding circumstances as to finding Somes sleeping on watch.

b. Copy ofcharges preferred against Somes, dated November 4, 1920, based on above.

c. Somes Reply dated November 11, 1920, to charges.

d. Report of Keeper, November 11, regarding Somes' reply to charges.

3. This employee was cautioned August 16, 1919, by me for sleeping on watch July 26, 1919, a copy of letter of caution being furnished the Bureau at that time.

4. After full consideration of all the facts in this case, I have come to the conclusion that Somes made a practice of sleeping on watch and that the specific instance covered by the charges is merely one of many. The statement by the Keeper to the effect that Somes apparently got only about five hours' sleep daily, if he properly stood his watch, bears this out. Further, it appears that Somes lacks interest in his work, does not get along with the Keeper, and is in general not up to the standard desired of employees in this Service. Notwithstanding the caution previously given him, it is evident that he has shown no improvement, although assigned to a fairly desirable shore station, with quarters for family. He served about two months at Rock of Ages Light Station on entrance into the Service, October 9, 1918, and the remainder of the time at his present station.. It is not feasible to verify the statements of either the Keeper or Somes, inasmuch as the 1st Assistant Keeper, Lewis N. Clarke, is also under charges for sleeping on watch, and his testimony could not be relied upon under the circumstances.

To Com. re R.G.Somes. 11/17/20.

5. I therefore, recommend that Somes be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of November 1, 1920. This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Edw. L. Woodruff
AP

JEH:LCH
Inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
November 22, 1920.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that Somes be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of November 1, 1920.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.
AWP:AB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

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Rec'd Department Nov 19

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Robert G. Somes

Mr. Robert G. Somes

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Michigan.

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper (Prob.) Rock Bagaces, L. Sta. Mich	456	L.H.	Sept 3 1918.
" Increases "	720	"	Nov. 4, 1918.
" Crisp Point L.S. Mich	660	"	April 6, 1919.
	Dismissed & Close Nov 1, 1920.		

INACTIVE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 11th DISTRICT,

Detroit, Michigan, September 9, 1918
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT SEP 12 1918 HOUSES

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of:

Name, Robert G. Somes — Legal residence, Michigan

Position, Keeper (3d Asst.) — Salary, $456.00 p.a.

Location, Rock of Ages Lt. Sta., Mich. — Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of L.H.'s

Effective, September 3, 1918 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.

CHIEF CLERK SEP 12 1918 SEP 14 AM 9 18

Former position, -- — Former salary,

Location, --

Rank on eligible list, No. 1 Rating, Asst. Kpr. Percentage, 81.6 Other eligibles considered:

None. No other available eligibles on register

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Previous incumbent, George Henry — Services terminated, May 31, 1918

Reason, Resignation

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: On account of the long period which this position had been vacant, it was essential that nominee enter upon duty as soon as possible, which precluded forwarding of nomination in advance. No quarters furnished for families of keepers. Nominee desires that his request for appointment to a station with quarters for family of keeper, be cancelled.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Sept. 10, 1918.

Peter Newton
Secretary, 7th Civil Service District.

Edw. L. Woodruff
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 12 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 16 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1918 SEP 13 PM 4 10

Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1918.

Mr. Robert G. Somes,

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 Four Hundred and Fifty Six dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Local Civil Service Board for the Eleventh Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 17 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George Henry

Legal Residence: Michigan.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 2 1918

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NOV 2 1918 8 47 AM

CHIEF CLERK

I, Robert G. Somes

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.

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Robert Gilmore Somes.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below)[4] and subscribed before me, this[3] Ninth day of October, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Jas. O. Gaughan

(Official title) Clerk of the Circuit Court

Chippewa County, Michigan.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 3d Asst. Keeper	$456.00 p.a.	Rock of Ages Lt. Sta., Mich.
Former[5] --		

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 11th DISTRICT

Detroit, Michigan (Address), October 31, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 3, 1918. (Date)

Edw. L. Woodruff
(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 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.

[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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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
[illegible]ERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1918.

r. Robert G. Somes,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 558 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

NOV 2 1918 8 47 AM

March 5, 1913.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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

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William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

Mr. Robert Gilmore Somes

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

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

Sault Ste Marie (City or town.) Michigan (State or Territory.) Chippewa (County.) 11th (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Algonquin Mich. U.S.

6. When were you born? October (Month.) 1st (Day.) 1891 (Year.)

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

Mrs. Margarette Somes (Name.) 1007 Seymour st. (Number and street.)

Sault Ste Marie (City or town.) Michigan (State or Territory.)

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No				
Russell Somes	Cousin	Army		Private
Sidney Somes	"	"	Machine Gun Co.	
William McKay	Brother in Law	"		Private

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

August 3rd 1918 examination

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

None

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
None.					

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

None

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No. ~~Wagon~~	No.		

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
None.			

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
~~Wagon~~ No.			

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Motor Inspector Union combustion Co.

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

X. 7. Grade Public school

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

None.

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

Asst. Kpr. Light House, Aug. 3rd 1918.

20. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Sept 30, 1918.

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Robert G. Lomo

P. O. Address: Duluth
City or town.

Rock of Ages Light sta
Number and street.

Minn. % Rock Lig.
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded October 31, 1918.

(Signature) Edw. L. Woodruff

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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PART II.

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

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

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) | Rock of Ages Lt. Sta., Mich. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) | 11th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? 3d Asst. Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Sept. 16, 1918

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

5. State the date of the oath. Oct. 9, 1918

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Sept. 3, 1918

7. What is his salary? $456 p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Sal. Kprs. of L.H.'s

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

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)
C. S. Examination

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) Edw. L. Woodruff

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses

Date: October 31, 1918.

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 14 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 11th DISTRICT,

Detroit, Michigan, April 11, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer of:

Name, Robert G. Somes — Legal residence, Michigan

CHIEF CLERK

Position, Keeper (2nd Asst.) — Salary, $660 p.a.

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Location, Crisp Point Light Station, Mich. — Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of L.H.'s

Effective April 6, 1919 {'the actual date of entrance on duty, xxx
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Former position, Keeper (3d Asst.) — Former salary, $720 p.a.

Location, Rock of Ages Light Station, Mich.

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

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Previous incumbent, Harry F. House Services terminated March 30, 1919.
John Eckel, who had been transferred to this position, has offered his resignation prior to actual entrance on duty. Charges have been preferred and recommendation will be submitted later.

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, --

Remarks: Transfer made prior to Bureau authority, owing to urgent action being required in filling positions at this station and Rock of Ages, preparatory to opening of station for season of navigation.

Transfer made at request of nominee.

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

Edw. L. Woodruff

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 14 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

4-15-19

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Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1919.

Mr. Robert G. Somes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $660 per annum, effective April 6, 1919.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.
August 16, 1919.

R. G. Somes, 2nd Asst. Kpr.,
Crisp Point Light Sta.,
Through the Keeper.

CHIEF CLERK

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1. Under date of July 27th, 1919 the Keeper of the station reported as follows:

> "This is to report that on the morning of July 26th, at 7:20 A. M.] two or three steamers were sounding their whistles off the station, on account of smoke, as the signal was not sounding. I got up to look for the Second Assistant, who was on watch at the time; found him asleep on the floor in his part of the house with his shoes off."

2. The above is a violation of Paragraph 7 of Instructions to Employees, 1915, and may be considered cause for dismissal. It is noted, however, that in your reply to charges made inthis connection you state that you had not been getting your regular rest, that you fell asleep unawares; and that the weather had apparently cleared up shortly before you laid down for a rest.

3. In view of your past good records, no more drastic action will be taken at this time than to caution you for your conduct in this case. Should a violation by you of the Instructions to Employees of this character be again brought to the attention of this office, you will be recommended for dismissal.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
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Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
[redacted] Eleb Aug 18 noted
Commr.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy forwarded to the Bureau for its information and files.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 27 1919

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Commissioner

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JUL 16 1920

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on June 12, 1920, to the Steamer F. R. HAZARD which had been in collision with another vessel, 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,

E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Robert C. Somes, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Cnisp Point Light Station, Mich.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

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E. F. SWEET

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed JUL 17 1920 by

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Crisp Point Light Sta.
(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)

October 30th. 1920 19

Superintendent of Lighthouses
11th. Dist. Detroit, Mich.

Sir:-

At 11.30 P.M. October 29th, having some mail for the Assistants, I knocked on the back door two or three times, no one came to the door so I went in, no one around down stairs, lights in house burning brightly, went down to the signal, and in the tower, could not find the man on watch, so I came back to the house, and woke up the 1st. Asst. asked him who was supposed to be on watch, he said the 2nd. Asst. in flashing the flash light around, saw the 2nd. Asst. in his bed asleep, called him twice from part way down the stairs before he answered, and to my question as to who was on watch said he was, and on coming out doors has the impudence to ask me who is standing this watch he or I. thought that I had no business around to see how he stood his watch.

This man was reported July 26th. last year, for being found asleep on the floor while on watch, and boats blowing for fog.

I have been allowing each Asst. and myself one night off a week for the three or four weeks, so they can get a good nights rest if they wish, and on my nights off, this is the way they are caught standing watch.

I reported verbally last winter to Mr. Pesek that these Assistants could not be depended upon, and were not fit men for the service.

I have long suspected that this man must sleep while on watch, for to my knowledge he only gets about five hours sleep during the 24, for the above five hours does not seem enough for him to properly stand his watch.

Yours Respectfully,

H. P. Crittenden

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

November 4, 1920.

R. G. Somes, 2d Asst Kpr.,
Crisp Point Light Station,

(Through the Keeper)

1. There is quoted below extract from report of October 30, received from the Keeper of the Station relative to your sleeping on watch.

> "At 11:30 P.M. October 29th, having some mail for the Assistants, I knocked on the back door two or three times, no one came to the door so I went in, no one around down stairs, lights in house burning brightly, went down to the signal, and in the tower, could not find the man on watch, so I came back to the house, and woke up the 1st Asst. asked him who was supposed to be on watch, he said the 2d asst. In flashing the flash light around, saw the 2nd asst. in his bed asleep, called him twice from part way down the stairs before he answered, and to my question as to who was on watch said he was, and on coming out doors has the impudence to ask me who is standing his watch, he or I. Thought that I had no business around to see how he stood his watch."

2. You are accordingly charged with a violation of Paragraph 7, Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service 1915, which is as follows:

> "No officer, keeper, or other employee shall sleep during his watch, or at his post, or leave his station or post before being regularly relieved. Violation of this instruction may be considered cause for dismissal."

3. You are hereby given three days from the receipt of this communication to submit such reply as you may care to make.

Edw. L. Woodruff

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Crisp Point Light Sta
(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)

November 11th. 1920

Superintendent of Lighthouses

11th. Dist. Detroit, Mich.

Sir:-

I am enclosing Second Assistants reply to charges of sleeping on watch Oct.29th. also some counter charges.

Charges stand as in my orriginal complaint against this man.

He was in bed asleep,and the door was wide open,and I flashed the flash light enough to see that he was there in bed, his children sleep in another room, wife baby and himself inthe other.

One other time I flahed the light in his wifes room, when they had changed rooms with the First Asst. without telling me, so of course that is the room Iwould go to call the First Asst. as the Second was away for supplies.

Why was he in talking to the First Asst. at 11-15 P.M. keeping him awake, when the First Asst. was to be called at midnight to stand watch until 6 A.M.

He did not answer until called twice from the stairs.

He is wrong about the remarks at the Coast Guard Station, it was not on the day the telegram was sent to the Office, but two days later when I received the message to suspend Somes that I made the remark that I had to get back to the Station, and suspend a man for sleeping on watch.

AS for the gasoline, I said as some of it was over a year old, and he never got any bills or receipts for it. I thought it was outlawed the First Asst. looked up the records as to dates and ammounts, got duplicate bills, also received half of the money for doing the writing.

Any man that will deliberately go to bed while on watch, would no doubt lie to get out of it.

Yours Respectfully,

H. P. Crittenden

Keeper.

Crisp Point. Light St'a,
Nov. 11, 1920
Vermilion. Mich,

Sup'T. Of:-
- Light Houses.
Detroit. Mich,

Lighthouses
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NOV 15 1920
Detroit, Mich.
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Sir:-.

Am in receipt of your letter of recent date. In regards to the report sent in to you by the Keeper of this Station. Stating that he caught me asleep in bed while I was sopposed to be on Watch, and in reply to the same. I wish to inform you that it is not so. I was upstairs in my childrens room with my youngest child. wich had been crying for some time. and I went up to him with the intentions of putting him back to sleep again. wich I did by laying him down on the bed and rocking the spring with my hand as I stood be side the bed, I had only been there the sum of ten minnuts when I herd the Keeper coming up stairs. And as he diden't speak at the time I did not think it nessary to ask who it was that came up. He then walked to the First Assistants room and inquired for who was on Watch at the time. and the First Assistant told him that I was,

He then walked down stairs again. but returned after seeing that there was no one down there . and called out aloud/ Who's on watch? Gill'. I then imeadatly answered him. stating that I was, and if I was he would of had to call too or more times. as he knew knows . by the way that he would call me when he would come in at twelve oclock ,midnight,,

And on the other hand if I had herd what he had said to the First Assistant in his room . I would of answered him then. but I did not know what he said untill later. And I did not whant to m make any more noise than I possible could help at the time on acount of getting the child to sleep. but as soon as he called I did not consider the putting the child to, sleep But- answered him -answered him. so I cant see where he gets that sleeping on watch from. If any body makes any noise on watch. he tells them about it. and on theother hand if I keep quiet he has suspition that I am asleep on watch. so I cant see how any man can get along with him with out having trouble.

It was at eleven therty when he came into my House and at eleven fifteen I was into the First Assistants room talking to h him. and as it was just fifteen minutes from the time that he came in untill I was in the Firsts room. I cant see how I could of been asleep, Now I whant to draw your attention to the matter of the fact that if he had to prove what he has reported about me he couldent do it. where if I had of been sleeping it would be easy done. as to my idea it is nothing but his evil minded ness and a little prejudiceness added to it, wich as been the case ever since I arived at this Station.

And in regards to the lights burning brightly down stairs is correct as I was intended to be down in just a few minutes, wich I was, I also wish to draw your attention to the matter of the fact that it is a poor policy to my idea for him to be flashing a bright light around in peoples Bed rooms at an early

Hour of the Morning as he comes in at times, as there are other w ways for him to find out if I am attending to my busness without the aid of a flash light. And as I could make a number of complaints such as mentioned, against this Man, it would be a great more satis--factory to my idea all the way around if there could be a real invest--igation held . weathere it be now or later on , or in the Spring,

He also passed the remarks up at the Coast Guard Station on the Morning that he sent the Telegram to the Office that he just had to suspend a man this Morning for sleeping on Watch , and to my idea such remarks as that are not nessary , in a place like that and out side of the Station also, at that. He is also making a big mistake when he says he saw me laying in the bed, as I had the door partly shut to, on acount of keeping the light of the Baby's face, as he wont go to sleep when the light shines on his face, This keeper has also passed a number e of vulger remarks, and it is not the first time that he has walked into my bed room at a late hour at night flashing a flash light in my Wifes face , even Nights that I have been away on my supply trip, and may I ask you if you people have ortherized your Keepers with this --privalage, but I wish to say that on that perticular Night of October 29th, he did not flash the flash light in to my room, which was sure an exception .

The report that he sent in to my idea is as I have stated befor just prejudiceness, as I have noticed the difference since I sent in that Bill to you r Office for the Monney that I had paid out for ---Gasoline for this Station Launch, as he told me thayt it was out lawed But as I knew different I thaught that I would ask for it , as I considered it to much to lose at the pressent cost of living.

Hoping that you will under-stand the above mentioned clearly, I will asure you that any further correspondence from you will -- receive my best attention. I will remain yours respectfully.

R. G. Gomes
2nd Ass'ist,

Sent through Keeper Nov 1-12th P.M.
H. P. Crittenden

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
DETROIT, MICH.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

November 17, 1920.

Charges preferred against
R. G. Somes, Asst. Keeper,
Crisp Point Light Station, Mich

Commissioner of Lighthouses.
Washington, D.C.

1. Robert G. Somes, 2d Assistant Keeper, Crisp Point Light Station, Michigan, was suspended by me, under the provisions of Article 412, Regulations 1918, effective at the close of November 1, 1920, following receipt of a telegram from the Keeper on that date charging Somes with sleeping in bed when supposed to be on watch at 11:30 P.M., October 29, 1920.

2. Charges were accordingly preferred against Somes and the following papers are forwarded herewith giving details of this case:

a. Report of the Keeper, dated October 30, 1920, regarding circumstances as to finding Somes sleeping on watch.

b. Copy ofcharges preferred against Somes, dated November 4, 1920, based on above.

c. Somes' Reply dated November 11, 1920, to charges.

d. Report of Keeper, November 11, regarding Somes' reply to charges.

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3. This employee was cautioned August 16, 1919, by me for sleeping on watch July 26, 1919, a copy of letter of caution being furnished the Bureau at that time.

4. After full consideration of all the facts in this case, I have come to the conclusion that Somes made a practice of sleeping on watch and that the specific instance covered by the charges is merely one of many. The statement by the Keeper to the effect that Somes apparently got only about five hours' sleep daily, if he properly stood his watch, bears this out. Further, it appears that Somes lacks interest in his work, does not get along with the Keeper, and is in general not up to the standard desired of employees in this Service. Notwithstanding the caution previously given him, it is evident that he has shown no improvement, although assigned to a fairly desirable shore station, with quarters for family. He served about two months at Rock of Ages Light Station on entrance into the Service, October 9, 1918, and the remainder of the time at his present station.. It is not feasible to verify the statements of either the Keeper or Somes, inasmuch as the 1st Assistant Keeper, Lewis N. Clarke, is also under charges for sleeping on watch, and his testimony could not be relied upon under the circumstances.

CHIEF CLERK
1920 NOV 24 AM 9 04
SECRETARY

To Com. re R.G.Somes.

11/17/20.

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5. I therefore, recommend that Somes be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of November 1, 1920. This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Edw. L. Woodruff
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Inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
November 22, 1920.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that Somes be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of November 1, 1920.

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Secretary of Commerce.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
NOV 29 1920
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JDS 11/24/20

November 29, 1920.

Sir:

Charges of sleeping on watch having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper (Second Assistant) of Crisp Point Light Station, Michigan, at $660 per annum, effective at the close of November 1, 1920.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Robert G. Somes,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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11th.

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NOV 30 1920
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA
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Robert G. Somes

Mr. Robert G. Somes

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Michigan.

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STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper (Prob.) Rock of Ages, L. Sta. Mich	456	L.H.	Sept 3, 1918.
" Increases "	720	"	Nov. 4, 1918.
" Crisp Point L.S. Mich	660	"	April 6, 1919.
	Dismissed & Close Nov 1, 1920.		

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