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REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Spratley, Frank, P.		1895 MS

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: 1946

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 (LA/MS/TX)	From: 1917	To: 1921
(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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STANDARD FORM 127
APRIL 1952
PRESCRIBED BY GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
REG. 3-IV-302.

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER
(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

Submit in duplicate to the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Mo.

1. DATE OF REQUEST: 15 September 1955

SECTION I—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING OFFICE

General Services Administration
Records Management Service, Region 6
Federal Records Center
1724 Locust Street
St. Louis 3, Mo.

2. NAME (*Last, first, middle*)	3. NAME UNDER WHICH FORMERLY EMPLOYED FEDERALLY (*If other than item 2*)	4. DATE OF BIRTH
Spratley, Frank P.		8-23-1895 ~~Unknown~~

5. FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYING OFFICE (*Agency, bureau or equivalent, address, and dates of employment*)

Lighthouse Service
Horn Island and Sabine Pass, Texas
9-10-17 1917 to ~~1918~~ 2-16-21

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(*If formerly employed by agencies in addition to above, list under item 7*)

6. PERSONNEL FOLDER ACTION (*Check appropriate box*)

- [ ] a. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED. REQUEST TRANSMISSION OF FOLDER COVERING PREVIOUS FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT FOR PERMANENT RETENTION
- [X] b. REQUEST TRANSMISSION OF FOLDER FOR TEMPORARY USE
- [ ] c. CONSOLIDATE ATTACHED PAPERS WITH OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED

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- [✓] b. FOLDER ENCLOSED
- [ ] c. FOLDER NOT LOCATED
- [ ] d. FLAGGED, FOLDER TO BE FORWARDED WHEN LOCATED
- [ ] e. FOLDER PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED IS ENCLOSED
- [ ] f. FOLDER FORWARDED ON A LOAN BASIS IN LIEU OF INFORMATION REQUESTED. IF EMPLOYEE IS REHIRED, FOLDER SHOULD BE RETAINED BY YOUR AGENCY

9. REMARKS

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TO: Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
ADDRESS: U. S. Coast Guard
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Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN:

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FRANK P. SPRATLEY

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FRANK P SPRATLEY FRANK P.

LIGHT
APR 11 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Wired 4-12-17

TELEGRAM

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SU, New Orleans La. Apl 11,17. 1210PM

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washn.

Authorize Frank P. Spratley laborer Horn Island four hundred ninety two annum effective April fifteenth district secretary approves.

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Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm'r.
Commr.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, April 11, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval for the assignment of Spratley to duty.

The reasons for the necessity of this assignment will be submitted to the Department at a later date.

HTM

Acting Commissioner

EDW

Washington D C April 17 1917

Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans La

Assignment Spratley laborer Horn Island approved effective as recommended your telegram April eleventh

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Commissioner

approved & Dept.

Sent Dept 4:30 P.M.

4/17/17.

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Mar. Engr.
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Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm.,
Comm.

April 12, 1917.

LIGHT
APR 12 1917
HOUSES

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 11th instant, the Department hereby authorizes the temporary position of laborer at Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi, at $492 per annum, for a period not to exceed one month from the date of entrance on duty of the person to be appointed thereto, and grants authority for the assignment of Frank P. Spratley to duty. Formal notice of appointment will be issued to Mr. Spratley upon receipt of nomination bearing the indorsement of the local civil-service district secretary.

SIGNED E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
APR 23 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector ..... New Orleans, La.
Services of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: Telegram of April 12, 1917 Lee Bureau

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Chief Clerk

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES APR 27 1917

April 26, 1917.

Mr. Frank P. Spratley,

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, ~~Laborer at Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi,~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Four Hundred and Ninety-two~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective April 15, 1917.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed one month.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

APR 27 1917

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JAS-MCC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
APR 23 1917
HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., April 20, 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed one month.

Name, Frank P. Spratley. Legal residence, Mississippi.

Position, Laborer in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $492 per annum.

Location, Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective April 15, 1917, [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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

Location, -

Rank on eligible list, 14th - - - - Rating, Assistant Keeper. Percentage, 83.6 , Other eligibles considered:

- -

Previous incumbent, New position. Services terminated, - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Reason, Authorized by Bureau telegram dated April 12, 1917.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Pending selection and arrival of new Assistant Keeper vice Jesse C. Hilliard, resigned. Assignment to duty authorized by Bureau telegram dated April 12, 1917. Mr. Spratley has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. April 20, 1917

TEMPORARY
JOB EMPLOYMENT
In Absence of Register ___ days.

E. H. Thomas
Secretary, 1st Civil Service District.

Dorry
Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 25 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. **Attention is invited to Department letter of April 12, 1917, authorizing the assignment of Spratley to duty in the above position.**

Acting Commissioner

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

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Form 73 JAS-RSW

NOMINATION

RECEIVED JUN 23 1917 TREASURY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) June 23 (Date.)

LIGHT 1917 JUN 25 1917 HOUSES

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment, not to exceed one month.

Name, Albert T. Spratley. Legal residence, Mississippi.

Position, Laborer. Salary, $516 P. A. without rations.

Location, (Round Island Lt.Sta., Round Island (South Spit, and Round Island Spit (Lights, Mississippi. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective June 21, 1917. {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

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

Previous incumbent, New position Services terminated,

Reason, Pending filling of position of Keeper at this station by transfer or promotion.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the emergency created by the death of the Keeper of this station, John H. Portman, on June 13, 1917, Mr. Spratley was assigned to duty on June 21, 1917.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. June 23, 1917

E H Kemmerer
Secretary, Civil Service District.

Inspector.

Pending Selection

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1917.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. It is recommended that the temporary position of laborer at Round Island Light Station, etc., Miss., at $516 per annum, be authorized effective June 21, 1917, for a period not to exceed one month. The rate of pay recommended is reasonable, justified, and is not in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the preceding fiscal year. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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Acting Commissioner.

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

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

RECEIVED SEP 1 1917 U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

New Orleans, La., August 31 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT SEP 6 1917 HOUSES

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Frank P. Spratley

Legal residence, Mississippi.

Position, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Salary, $480 per annum.

Location, Halfmoon Reef Light Station and Oliver Point Light, Texas.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Former position, - - - -

Former salary, - - - -

Location, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, Fourth. Rating, Assistant Keeper. Percentage, 79.8 , Other eligibles considered:

Joseph L. Dodge, M.; Frank Coludrovich, C.; Clarence C. Olsen, M.; Silas M. Welch, D.; William S. Grieve, D.; Sidney H. Smith, C.

Previous incumbent, George H. Caraway. Services terminated, July 19, 1917.

Reason, Resigned.

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Commr.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Quarters are not provided at Halfmoon Reef Light Station for the family of the Assistant Keeper. Frank P. Spratley served as temporary Laborer at Horn Island Light Station, Miss., from April 15 to May 14, inclusive, 1917.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission Sept 3 , 191 7

Wm H. Beasley
acting Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Jerry
Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
SEP 6 - 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT
SEP 10 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1917.

Mr. Frank P. Spratley,

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, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George H. Caraway.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

(See reverse side.)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 6 1918 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 6, 1918. AUG 6 1918 2 18 PM

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LIGHT AUG 12 1918 HOUSES

Frank P. Spratley,
Appointment

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau is advised that only one copy of Department letter dated June 5, 1918, appointing Frank P. Spratley as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $540 per annum was received and it is requested that a duplicate be furnished for the files of this office.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses:

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First Assistant Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
August 13, 1918.

Returned to Eighth Superintendent, inclosing the copy of the appointment above requested.

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES
DEC 9 1918
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
DEC 9 1918 10 06 AM

December 6, 1918.

Frank P. Spratley,
keeper

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department letter of November 19th changing salary of Frank P. Spratley, keeper, to $900 per annum upon his transfer to Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi, the Bureau is advised that this change became effective on November 24, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed JUL 16 1919 by

See ind to 8th Supt.
on commendation same date
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

September 8, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses: **New Orleans, La.**

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION **Frank P. Spratley, keeper**

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet in duplicate.
(3) Furnish oath of office.
(4) Furnish civil service Form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit Form SS-66 in duplicate, showing last day served by temporary appointee.
(6) Furnish standard Form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service Form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit enclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
(9) Furnish one copy certified Form 2806.
(10) Miscellaneous.

For the Commissioner:

C.J.Ludwig,Jr.
Chief Clerk

WJB

8th District New Orleans,La. Date Sept. 19,1937.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Certified copy of Form 2806, showing service record of Frank P. Spratley, inclosed herewith.

E. V. Kauffer
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Light 10/25/37

STANDARD FORM 127
APRIL 1952
PRESCRIBED BY GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
REG. 3-IV-302

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER
(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

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St. Louis 3, Mo.

2. NAME (*Last, first, middle*)	3. NAME UNDER WHICH FORMERLY EMPLOYED FEDERALLY (*If other than item 2*)	4. DATE OF BIRTH
Spratley, Frank P.		8-23-1895 ~~Unknown~~

5. FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYING OFFICE (*Agency, bureau or equivalent, address, and dates of employment*)

Lighthouse Service
Horn Island and Sabine Pass, Texas
1917 to 1918

(*If formerly employed by agencies in addition to above, list under item 7*)

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9. REMARKS

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Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN:

Requesting agency will type name and address of office submitting request in address box. To be used to mail folder or reply.

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PS
4 October 1955
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Mrs. Margaret M. Noyes
Executive Director
The American Red Cross
Biloxi Chapter, P.O. Box 56
Biloxi, Mississippi

Re: SPRATLEY, Frank P.
(deceased)
former LHS (now USCG)
Soc. Sec. #428-16-0301
Serial #080 31 572

Dear Mrs. Noyes:

I have your letter of September 8, 1955. A search of the records at Coast Guard Headquarters reveals that subject named man served in the former Lighthouse Service (now United States Coast Guard) from 15 April 1917 to 14 May 1917 and from 10 September 1917 to 16 February 1921. His entire service in the former Lighthouse Service was in a civilian capacity. Since the Lighthouse Units at which he served during World War I were not transferred to the jurisdiction of the Army or Navy he did not attain military status which is a prerequisite to entitlement to World War I death benefits administered by the Veterans Administration.

Very truly yours,

B. V. BALL
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR
Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

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'AL DUCKETT, CHAIRMAN

E. A. DeMILLER, SECRETARY

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
BILOXI CHAPTER

MRS. MARGARET M. NOYES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P. O. BOX 56

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

D. R. FITZROY
TREASURER

September 8, 1955

U. S. Coast Guard
General Headquarters
Washington, 25, D. C.

RE: SPRATLEY, Frank P. (deceased)
Soc. Sec. #428-16-0301
Serial #080 31 572

Gentlemen:

Our chapter is interested in the welfare of the widow of the above named. In an effort to identify any WW-1 service, would you kindly check your records to determine if he was ever in federal service during this time. The widow states he was in the Light House Service and served in the Mississippi sound at Horn Island and at Sabine Pass in Texas in 1917 & 1918.

Thank you for any information you can furnish us on the basis of the identifying information given above.

Very truly yours,

Margaret M. Noyes

(Mrs.) Margaret M. Noyes
Executive Director

MMN:EK

September 8, 1955

U. S. Coast Guard
General Headquarters
Washington, 25, D. C.

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Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Margaret M. Noyes
Executive Director

MMN:EK

Frank P. Spratley

Frank P. Spratley

LEGAL RESIDENCE.

Miss.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
TEMPORARY Laborer {Born La. L. Sta. Miss. apr 15, 1917, not exc. 1 mo.	$492 pa.	L. H.	Apr. 15, 1917, not exc. 1 month.
Last day served May 14, 1917			
Asst Kpr Halfmoon Reef etc Tex	480.	L. H.	Sept. 10, 1917.
Keeper Brazos Rivers Tex "	540	"	June 16, 1918.
" Increases	660	"	Nov 1, 1918.
" Horn Island L. S. Miss Trans.	900	"	Nov 14, 1918
" Sabine Pass, Etc La.	960	"	Sept 26, 1919
" Cat Isl. L. S. Miss	900	"	
RESIGNED CLOSE OF Feb 16, 1921			

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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New Orleans La April 11 1917

APPOINTMENT
APR 11 1917

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
APR 12 1917
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington

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Authorize Frank P. Spratley laborer Horn Island four hundred ninety two annum effective April fifteenth district secretary approves

(Signed) Dorry

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D.I. Dec 7, 16 auth assignment of
Vice — Jesse C Hilliard — Laborer Jan 9, 1917
Ef - Dec 7 not exc 1 mo

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, April 11, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval for the assignment of Spratley to duty.

The reasons for the necessity of this assignment will be submitted to the Department at a later date.

Vice New position

4-11-17

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

April 12, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 11th instant, the Department hereby authorizes the temporary position of laborer at Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi, at $492 per annum, for a period not to exceed one month from the date of entrance on duty of the person to be appointed thereto, and grants authority for the assignment of Frank P. Spratley to duty. Formal notice of appointment will be issued to Mr. Spratley upon receipt of nomination bearing the indorsement of the local civil-service district secretary.

SIGNED E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

Indorsement filed

Form 73
JAS-MCC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 23 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., April 20, 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

CHIEF CLERK APR 25 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed one month.

Name,* Frank P. Spratley. Legal residence, Mississippi.

Position, Laborer in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $492 per annum.

Location, Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective April 15, 1917, {the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~}

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION APR 26 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Association, -

Rank on eligible list, - - - - 14th Rating, Assistant Keeper. Percentage, 83.6 , Other eligibles considered:

- -

Previous incumbent, New position. Services terminated, - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Reason, Authorized by Bureau telegram dated April 12, 1917. D.Z.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Pending selection and arrival of new Assistant Keeper vice Jesse C. Hilliard, resigned. Assignment to duty authorized by Bureau telegram dated April 12, 1917. Mr. Spratley has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. April 20, 1917

E. J. Kenney
Secretary, 16 Civil Service District.

Inspector.

TEMPORARY JOB EMPLOYMENT In Advance of Register ____ date.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 25 1917

* Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to Department letter of April 12, 1917, authorizing the assignment of Spratley to duty in the above position.

H-26-17

S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 26, 1917.

Mr. Frank P. Spratley,
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, ~~Laborer at Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi,~~ in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Ninety-two dollars per annum, effective April 15, 1917.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed one month.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 26 1917 JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Lighthouse Inspector
MAY 3 1917
New Orleans.

LIGHT
MAY5 1917
HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK
MAY 17 1917

APPOINTMENT
MAY17 1917

I, Frank P. Spratley,

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.

☞ Frank P. Spratley
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 2nd day of May, A. D. 1917

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Fred Taylor

(Official title) Clerk Chancery Court

Jackson County, Miss.

My commission expires January 4, 1920

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Laborer in the Light-house Service	$492 p.a.	Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi.
Former [5]	Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed one month.		

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., May 3, 1917.
(Address) (Date)

CARDED.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 15, 1917.
(Date)

R B Dorry
(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector 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 lighthouse inspectors 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.

Lighthouse Insp.
MAY 3 1917
New Orleans.

LIGHT
MAY5 1917
HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK
MAY 5 1917

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

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.

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.)

CARDED.

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 Frank Philip Spratley

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

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

Pascagoula	Miss.	Jackson	6th
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? Pascagoula Miss.

6. When were you born?

August	23	1895
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

Mrs M. E. Spratley
Name.

Number and street.

Pascagoula
City or town.

Mississippi
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				

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.)

Temporary appointment asst. Y. H. Keeper examination Feb 14/17

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

eyesight weak Corrected by glasses

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.
U.S. Engr Dept	Bridge Dept	Laborer	$35.00	Sept 15 1916	Oct 31 1916
War Department	U.S.Engr.Dept.				Layed off

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

No

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			

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.
	No		

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 None

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

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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 (Bureau or Service.) — Horn Island L.S., Mississippi. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) — Eighth (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Laborer in the Lighthouse Service.

3. State the date of appointment. April 26, 1917.

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

April 15, 1917.

5. State the date of the oath. May 2, 1917.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. April 15, 1917.

7. What is his salary? $492 per annum, without rations.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

10. If classified, state the date of classification. - - - - - - - - - - -

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.)

Temporary appointment from Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination, Feb.14,1917.

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.

Pascagoula (Jackson Co.), Mississippi.

14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. Not foreign born.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) R R Dorry

(Official title) Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

Date: May 3 - - - - - -, 1917.

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LIGHT MAY 19 1917 HOUSES

Report of expiration of temporary appointment.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK MAY 21 1917

MEMORANDUM.

This temporary appointment expires by limitation. No payment or compensation should be made if the temporary employe is permitted to serve beyond the period herein specified, unless authority for an extension of such period is granted by the Department.

The following blank spaces should be filled in at once after the services of the employee have been discontinued, and this form promptly mailed to the Bureau. If the services of the temporary employe are required after the expiration of the first appointment, nomination for an extension thereof should be submitted on Form 73, accompanied by a statement on the nomination, under "Remarks," showing the necessity for said extension. See the Regulations, 1914, par. 443.

APPOINTMENTS MAY 21 1917

Name of employee **Frank P. Spratley** Legal residence **Mississippi.**

Designation **Laborer in the Lighthouse Service.** Compensation **$492 p.a.**

Place of employment **Horn Island Light Station, Miss.**

Date of appointment **April 26-15, 1917. 1 mo.**

Date of final termination of temporary employe's services **May 14, 1917.**

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

E. S. Lamphier
(Signature)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 21 1917 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

May 17, 1917.
(Date)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District.
(Title)

Bureau of Lighthouses
May 19, 1917.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.
By direction of the Commissioner:

Hydrog.
Engr. Corps.
~~Mar. Engr.~~
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

J. D. Clark
Chief Clerk.

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., August 31 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Frank P. Spratley** Legal residence, **Mississippi.**

Position, **Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$480 per annum.**

Location, **Halfmoon Reef Light Station and Oliver Point Light, Texas.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **September 17, 1917,** {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location - - - -

Rank on eligible list, Fourth. Rating, **Assistant Keeper.** Percentage, **79.8** , Other eligibles considered:

Joseph L. Dodge, FR.; Frank Coludrovich, C.; Clarence C. Olsen, FR.; Silas M. Welch, D.; William S. Grieve, D.; Sidney H. Smith, C.

Previous incumbent, George H. Caraway. Services terminated, **July 19, 1917.**

Reason, **Resigned.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Quarters are not provided at Halfmoon Reef Light Station for the family of the Assistant Keeper. Frank P. Spratley served as temporary Laborer at Horn Island Light Station, Miss., from April 15 to May 14, inclusive, 1917.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission Sept. 3, 1917

Wm. H. Beasley
acting
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

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Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 6 - 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

9-8-17

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

M September 8, 1917.

r. Frank P. Spratley,
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,

in the Assistant Keeper
Lighthouse Service
at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars
per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ---)
issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation:
Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:
George H. Caraway.

Legal Residence:
Mississippi.

(Over.) reverse side.)

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 8 1917 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Form 111

Lighthouse Inspector
SEP 8 1917
New Orleans.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 19 1917

I, Frank P. Spratley,

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.

CHIEF CLERK SEP 21 1917

Frank P. Spratley
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS SEP 21 191.

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 8th day of September, A. D. 191 7.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. A. Shadduege

(Official title) Chief Clerk.

My commission expires

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Halfmoon Reef Light Station, and Oliver Point Light, Texas.
Former [5]	Laborer (temporary) Probationary appointment.	$492 p.a.	Horn Island.

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

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., September 17, 1917.
(Address) (Date)

CARDED.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 10, 1917.
(Date)

R. R. Darry
(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector 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 lighthouse inspectors 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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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 4 1918

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., June 1, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.

CHIEF CLERK

Name, Frank P. Spratley. Legal residence, Mississippi.

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Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $540 per annum. (Pay of present office)

Location, Brazos River Light Station, Texas. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective June 16, 1918, {~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Former salary, $480 p.a.

Location, Halfmoon Reef Light Station and Oliver Point Light, Texas.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 5-1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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APPOINTMENTS

Previous incumbent, Harris A. Brown. Services terminated, May 15, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

1918 JUN 5 AM 9 44

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 4 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1918 JUN 4 PM 3 27

Acting Commissioner

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1918.

Mr. Frank P. Spratley,

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 Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(Signed) Clifford Thatcher
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Harris A. Brown.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 5 - 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Frank P. Spratley

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.

Frank P. Spratley
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 18 day of June, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. A. Nelson

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1st—1920

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$540. p. a.	Brazos River Light Station, Tex.
Former[5] Asst. Keeper in the L.H. Service	$480. p. a.	Halfmoon Reef Light Station, Tex.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District

New Orleans, La. (Address), June 20, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 16, 1918. (Date)

CANCELED

R. R. Dorr
(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector 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 lighthouse inspectors 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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1918 JUN 24 AM

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

r. Frank P. Spratley,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper of the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 660 per annum, effective November 16, 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.

DATED 11/15/18
NAME OF 10935

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT.

CHIEF CLERK

LIGHT NOV 15 1918 HOUSES

1918 NOV 16 AM 8 30 49 AM

New Orleans, La., November 12, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, Frank P. Spratley — Legal residence, Mississippi

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, ~~$624 per annum.~~ 900 new rate 2 pay. 11/1/18

Location, Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective November 20, 1918, { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty;~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. — 1918 NOV 16 PM 44

Former position, Assistant Keeper in the L.H.Service — Former salary, $540 p.a. 660 new rate

Location, Brazos River Light Station, Texas.

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

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Previous incumbent, Maurice Durabb. — Services terminated ~~to~~ at close of November 15,1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

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

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 15 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED NOV 18 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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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

November 19, 1918.

M. Frank P. Spratley,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $50 per annum to $900 per annum, effective November 20, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty at the increased rate of pay.

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,

CARDED (Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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LETTER DATED
TITLE OF

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHIEF CLERK

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

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

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APPOINTMENTS

December 6, 1918.

Frank P. Spratley,
keeper

1918 DEC 14 PM 2 13

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department letter of November 19th changing salary of Frank P. Spratley, keeper, to $900 per annum upon his transfer to Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi, the Bureau is advised that this change became effective on November 24, 1918.

Carried Free

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Inspection

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner

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Sir:

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LIGHT HOUSES JUL 17 1919

Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you on June 19, 1919, to the disabled launch DIXIE, with the owner and wife on board, bound from Pensacola, Fla., to New Orleans, La., in securing the aid of the keeper of the Pascagoula River Range, etc., Lights, Miss., when informed by telephone message from the assistant keeper of Horn Island Light Station, Miss., of the situation, and proceeding to the station in the Pascagoula River station boat during strong wind and high sea, following which the launch DIXIE was towed to Pascagoula River Light Station and restored to running order, the Department is pleased to commend you for the service thus rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

CLERK

1919 JUL 17 PM 3 25

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. Frank P. Spratley,
Keeper, Horn Island Light Station, Miss.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

dated JUL 16 1919 by Bur. of Lighthouses

Form 73

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AUG 18 1919 8 52 AM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~[illegible]~~ 8th DISTRICT.

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LIGHT AUG 18 1919 HOUSES

New Orleans, La., August 14, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, **Frank P. Spratley** Legal residence, **Mississippi**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$960 per annum**

Location, **Sabine Pass L.S., Sabine Pass Ent.Rge., E.Jetty, Inner Rge., Sabine Pass Channel and Port Arthur Canal Lts., La. and Tex.** 1919 AUG 18 PM 3 Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **August 20, 1919,** {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Former salary, **$900 p.a.**

Location, **Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi.**

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1919.

Mr. Frank P. Spratley,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $900. per annum to $960. per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty at the increased rate of pay.

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,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 21 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES NOV 8 1919

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
November 5, 1919.

Frank P. Spratley,
keeper

Engr. Corps
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comsr
Comsr.

1919 NOV 12 PM 2 27

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter dated August 21, 1919, notifying Frank P. Spratley of change in his salary from $900 to $960 per annum, effective on the date of his entrance on duty at the new rate of pay (covering his transfer from Horn Island Light Station to Sabine Pass Light Station):

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2. The Bureau is advised that this change became effective on September 26, 1919.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Chief Clerk.

CARDED

AKT C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 11 1919

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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Acting Commissioner

Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SPECIAL LIGHT DEC 4 1920 HOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) December 2nd (Date.) 1920.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, Frank P. Spratley. Legal residence, Mississippi

1920 DEC 6 AM 11 33

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $900 per annum.

Location, Cat Island Light Station, Miss. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective December 6, 1920, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Former salary, $960 per annum.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Tex.

APPOINTMENTS

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

- - - -

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
NOV 22 1920
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 21st, 1920

LIGHT
DEC 4 1920
HOUSES

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans,
Louisiana

Sir:

I hereby apply for transfer from the position of Keeper at Sabins Pass Light Station, with salary at the rate of $960.00 per annum, to the position of Keeper at Cat Island Light Station, Miss., at salary of $900.00 per annum.

Respectfully,

Frank L. Spratley
Keeper

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1920.

Mr. Frank P. Spratley,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 960 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective December 6, 1920 or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. (Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Sabine, Texas, to Gulfport, Mississippi, have been authorized.)

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 8 1920 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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LIGHTHOUSES

COPY.

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Cat Island Light Station,
January 8th, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District,
New Orleans, La.,

Sir:

The station launch is in such bad condition it was impossible for me to get to the station in same, therefore I was compelled to hire a boat at Gulfport to convey me to the station which cost $15.00, I had to leave the boat in Gulfport.

The boat being beyond repairs will require another boat for the station, being without a boat at the present time the only means we have of going to and from the station is to wait for a boat passing up or down the sound.

Being in town at the present time please advise me what to do about returning to the station.

Having to go to town with mail and for provisions which makes it necessary to have a boat at the station which will be required immediately.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Frank P. Spratley,

KEEPER.

LIGHTHOUSES
1921 JAN 31 AM 8 41

ESL-EC COPY.

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses.
New Orleans, La., Jan. 10th, 1921.

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Your letter of January 8th stating that you had hired a boat to proceed to the station has been received.

2. As you were not authorized by this office to hire any boat you will be required to pay the expense thereof.

3. Your letter is very unsatisfactory. A new motor boat will not be furnished your station. You will be required to put the motor boat in order, if the engine is out of order, and if you are unable to do so, it will be necessary to employ someone else who is able to repair the engine or renew parts, which this office will furnish upon receipt of proper requisition.

4. No complaint had been received from the previous keeper prior to his departure and your assumption that a new motor boat will be furnished simply upon receipt of a short letter without any explanation as to the exact condition of the boat and the engine shows a spirit of inefficiency, which will not be tolerated.

5. The First Assistant Superintendent will arrive in Gulfport tomorrow to investigate this matter and unless you can show the proper spirit of cooperation and assistance, it will be necessary to secure a Keeper who will.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

EP-WJB.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1921 JAN 31 AM 8 41

F. P. Spratley.

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

January 28th, 1921.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the resignation of F. P. Spratley, Keeper of Cat Island Light Station, forwarded this day, to take effect February 16, 1921:

2. The boat referred to in letter of resignation had been used by the previous keeper without complaint. Immediately upon receipt of the letter of Jan. 8th, 1921, copy enclosed, in which the keeper stated, "the boat being beyond repairs will require another boat for the station", the First Assistant Superintendent was directed to proceed to Gulfport and on Jan. 11th he found the boat hauled up on the beach with all equipment on board and no one to care for same. The engine was readily operated. Boat was found filled with water up to the floor and this water was not leaking out, which showed that the hull was not in bad condition. Bids were solicited for caulking and overhauling under-water body and painting same. These repairs have been accomplished for the sum of $60.50. This illustrates the unreliable report of the keeper. Copy of reply by this office to his letter of Jan. 8th is enclosed.

3. Just before this keeper was transferred from Sabine Pass Light Station to Cat Island Light Station he applied for leave of absence from Dec. 16th to Dec.28th, inclusive. He was advised at that time that leave would not be granted until he had assumed charge of the new station as there was an inexperienced Assistant Keeper at Cat Island. He was relieved from duty at Sabine Pass on Dec. 17th but did not report at Cat Island Light Station until Dec. 27th, having taken this length of time en route notwithstanding that his application for leave had been disapproved, thus disobeying the orders of this office. His attention was called to this in letter of Jan.10,1921, and an explanation directed. No reply having been received he was again directed in letters of Jan. 17th and 22nd to submit reply, which was finally received on Jan. 28th, stating that he made the trip from Sabine to Gulfport in an automobile (although he had been furnished transportation for travel by rail) which accounted for his delay in reporting.

4. In view of the unsatisfactory services of this keeper, as enumerated above, it is recommended that this resignation be accepted, such action being for the best interests of this service.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION [redacted] LIGHTHOUSES

1921 JAN 31 AM 8 43

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th CHIEF CLERK DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., January 28th, 1921

1921 FEB 3 PM 1 57

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Frank P. Spratley — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Mississippi — Station, Cat Island Light Station, Miss.

APPOINTMENTS

Salary, $900 per annum.

1921 FEB 3 PM 1 11

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of February 16, 1921.

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

Remarks:

See letter of this date on the subject.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN FEB 4 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

2/4/21.

E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON February 1, 1921.

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Inclosures.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Inclosed is 8th Superintendent's letter of January 28, 1921, together with its inclosures, relative to acceptance of resignation of this employee.

1921 FEB 3 PM 1 42

G. R. Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1921 JAN 31 AM 8 43

Superintendent of Lighthouses
JAN 15 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cat Island Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel.~~)

January 13th, 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir;

Referring to the 2nd Paragraph of the Office's Letter dated January 10th 1921,

I am aware that I were not authorized by the office to hire a boat to Proceed to the station, but as it was impossible to get there in any other way this was my only course.

Referring to the third Paragraph of above mentioned Letter,

As to my letter being very unsatisfactory. After reading over a copy of my Letter I must say that I can not find any part of it, which sounds disrespectful, As for the the engine it may be repaired but will require quite a number of new parts,

but for the boat itself I can not do any thing with it,

At the present time I value my life a great deal more then my position,

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1921 JAN 31 AM 8 43

JAN 15 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

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Therefore rather then to risk my life in a boat that is not trustworthy of going and coming to and from the Station,

I hereby tender my Resignation to take effect at the close of ~~January~~ February 16th 1921.

Respectfully

Frank. P. Spratley

Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1921.

M
r. Frank P. Spratley,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on
February 16, 1921.

Bureau ..... Lighthouse Service

Station ..... Cat Island Light Station, Miss.

Position ..... Keeper

Salary ..... $900 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

CARDED

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HARTRIDGE

Chief of Appointment Division.

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

FEB 15 1921

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

EP-WJB.

F.P.Spratley,
excessive leave.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1921 FEB 19 PM 3 43

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

February 17, 1921.

APPOINTMENTS

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Form 93, of January 28, 1921, transmitting the resignation of F. P. Spratley, Keeper of Cat Island Light Station, Miss., effective at the close of Feb. 16, 1921, and the statement thereon relative to his not having taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

2. Since transmitting the above referred to resignation it has come to the attention of this office that Spratley has been absent 39 days, being 27 days in excess of the accrued rate. Proper deduction from salary due accordingly will be made for this excessive absence.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
FEB 21 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

1921 FEB 21 PM 4 40

Acting Commissioner.

REQUEST FOR SERVICE RECORD

U. S. Engineer Office,
Mobile, Alabama.
(Department or Establishment)

August 11, 1937.
(Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 3 1937
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

SERVICE RECORD AND RETIREMENT DIVISION
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

(Through the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.)

Gentlemen:

It is requested that the complete official service record and retirement deductions by fiscal years be furnished for the following-named employee:

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Mrs., or Miss~~) Spratley (Surname) Frank (First name) Philip (Middle name)
(Give name or names under which service was rendered)

2. Date of birth August 23, 1895 Date appointed to this office August 2, 1937.

3. Service claimed as follows:

DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S.Lighthouse Service, Washington,D.C.	Pascagoula,Miss. Shreveport,Texas Palacious,Texas Sabine,Texas Gulfport,Miss.	Lighthouse Keeper	$53. to $114. per month.	4 15 ~~9 - 17~~	17		2	16	31

Form 2800 requested
SEP 7 1937

4. Military and Naval Record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, also give dates of enlistment and discharge. Under organization give company, regiment, and branch of service, i. e., infantry, artillery, marines, vessel, etc.:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	Pensioner	Veterans Bureau beneficiary

World War ☐ War with Spain ☐ Other ☐

MILITARY RECORD

ORGANIZATION	DATE OF ENLISTMENT OR COMMISSION	DATE OF HONORABLE DISCHARGE

For the District Engineer:

Very respectfully,

R. E. Ros,
Chief Administrative Assistant.
(Title of appointing officer)

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Form 2865—March 1933

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—417

Extra copy 1201(Spratley, Frank P.)-1

No. _____

Spratley	Frank	Phillip
(SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH			LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN
Aug.	23	1895	Miss. (6)	Jackson	Pascagoula

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MILITARY SERVICE _____ YES _____ NO X

RETIREMENT AGE 70

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION _____ YES _____ NO X

REFERENCE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY		EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE		
			PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	BASIC PAY			MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Temp.appt.	Laborer	$	$492 pa	4-15-17	Com-8 LHS dist.New Orleans,La(Horn Id.L.S. Miss.)			
	Disc.	do		492 "	5-14-17	do		do	
	Prob.appt.	Keeper		480 pa	9-10-17	do (Halfmoon Rf LS,Tex)			
	Trans.	do		540 "	6-16-18	do (Brazos Riv L.S.Tex)			
	Incr. Comp.	do		660 "	11- 1-18	do		do	
	Trans.	do		900 "	11-24-18	do (Horn Id.L.S.			
	Trans.	do		960 "	9-26-19	do (Sabine PassLS,Tex)			
	Trans.	do		900 "	12-18-20	do (Cat Id.L.S.Miss.)			
	Res.	do		900 "	2-16-21	do		do	

EDUCATION: (INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS) COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 COLLEGE 1 2 3 4 DEGREES, IF ANY _____

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS _____

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

SEP 7 1937

TRANSMITTED Lighthouses

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For action as indicated:

Returned as requested
For information and file
In accordance with telephonic arrangement
x Request for Form 2806 (in duplicate)

Spratley, Frank Philip Born 8/23/95 Lighthouse keeper at Pascagoula, Miss., Shreveport, Texas, Palacious, Texas, Sabine, Texas, Gulfport, Miss. @ $53 to $114 per month 4/15/17 2/16/21

ADM. J. GARDNER

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

SEP 10 1937

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

September 8, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses: New Orleans, La.

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION ~~Frank P. Spratley, keeper~~

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet in duplicate.
(3) Furnish oath of office.
(4) Furnish civil service Form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit Form SS-66 in duplicate, showing last day served by temporary appointee.
(6) Furnish standard Form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service Form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit enclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
(9) Furnish one copy certified Form 2806.
(10) Miscellaneous.

For the Commissioner:

C.J.Ludwig,Jr.
Chief Clerk
R. J. Gross,
Chief of Personnel Division.

WJB

District 8th Date New Orleans,La. Sept. 19,1937.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Certified copy of Form 2806, showing service record of Frank P. Spratley, inclosed herewith.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses
JUL 12 1921
New Orleans

Pascagoula, Miss.

July 11, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir;

There being A vacancy for the position of Assistent Keeper at Horn Island Light Station will the Office please give my name consideration for appointment at that station.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley

Pascagoula Miss.

P.O.Box 385

No answer

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSE

1921 FEB 5 AM 11 20

February 4, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
FEB 7 1921
New Orleans

M. Frank P. Spratley,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on February 16, 1921.

Bureau ..... Lighthouse Service

Station ..... Cat Island Light Station, Miss.

Position ..... Keeper

Salary ..... $900 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Cat Island L.S
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FEB 24 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Gulfport Miss.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 23rd, 1921.

To Supt of Lighthouses.
New Orleans La.

Sir.

Mr. F. P. Spratley's letters was forwarded to him to P. O. Box 385. Pascagoula. Miss.

Very Respectfully
Lawrence Larsen
Keeper.

EP-WJB.

February 21, 1921.

Lawrence Larsen, Keeper,
Gulfport Channel Lights,
2316 - 24th Avenue,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Advise this office if the letters addressed to F.P.Spratley, in your care, forwarded from this office on Feb. 17th and Feb. 18th respectively, were delivered to Mr. Spratley by you. If not, return both letters to this office promptly.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lights
FEB 21 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pascagoula, Mississippi.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 19, 1921, 19

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, Louisiana.
Sir;

Referring to the Office's letter of February 7th 1921, I left Sabine, Pass Light Station, at Noon on December 17th and oweing to the ill conditions at cat island light station I have only been able to be 8 days at the station to date of February 16th.

Please send my check for the month of January 1921, as I am extreamly inneed of the money.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley
Former Keeper in the L.H.Service.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
FEB 21 1921
New Orleans

REQUEST

Cat Island Light, Feb. 19th 1921, 191
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted Fifteen (15) days of shore liberty or leave, from January ~~21st~~ 20th to February 4th, inclusive, 1921 I have had NO days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

None, ,
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

P. O. Box 385., Pascagoula, Mississippi.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

Frank P. Spratley
(Applicant's signature.)

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper in charge.

Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT, ..., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 191 .

Substitute ..... be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

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Inspector, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 5 P. M. Jan 20, 1921
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 4 P. M. Feb. 14, 1921
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... days.

Period charged: ..... days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Frank P. Spratley.
Keeper in charge.

Frank P. Spratley
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper.
(Title.)

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Received at Cat Island Lighthouse
FEB 21 1921
New Orleans

REQUEST

Cat Island Light (Station.), Feb. 19th 1921, 191

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted Fifteen (15) days of shore liberty or leave, from January ~~28th~~ 20th to February 4th, inclusive, 1921 I have had NO days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

None. (Name.), ... (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

P. O. Box 385. (Street or R. D. Route.), Pascagoula, (City.), Mississippi. (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

Frank P. Spratley
(Applicant's signature.)

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper in charge.

Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT, ..., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 191 .

Substitute ..... be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

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Inspector, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 5 P. M. Jan 20, 1921
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 4 P. M. Feb. 14, 1921
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... x ..... days.

Period charged: ..... days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Frank P. Spratley.
Keeper in charge.

Frank P. Spratley
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper.
(Title.)

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EP-WJB.

February 17, 1921.

F. P. Spratley.
c/o Lawrence Larsen,
2316 - 24th Avenue,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Referring to your letter of February 13th, 1921, making request for your check in payment of salary for the month of January:

2. Checks will be drawn for $72.33, in payment for your services at Cat Island Light Station during January and February, in full, it being noted that you arrived at Cat Island on January 4th and left on January 7th; returned on January 20th and left the same day; returned on February 14th and resigned at the close of February 16th; making a total of eight (8) days. In addition to this you have been granted one and one-half months' accrued annual leave at 96 days per year, which allowance will give you twelve (12) days additional, making a total of 20 days in all.

3. Check for $65.00 is enclosed. Check for $7.33 will be sent you when all property in your charge at Cat Island has been properly accounted for.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:
First Assistant

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EP-WJB.

F.P.Spratley,
excessive leave.

February 17, 1921.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Form 93, of January 28, 1921, transmitting the resignation of F. P. Spratley, Keeper of Cat Island Light Station, Miss., effective at the close of Feb. 16, 1921, and the statement thereon relative to his not having taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

2. Since transmitting the above referred to resignation it has come to the attention of this office that Spratley has been absent 39 days, being 27 days in excess of the accrued rate. Proper deduction from salary due accordingly will be made for this excessive absence.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WJB.

February 17, 1921.

F. P. Spratley,
c/o Lawrence Larsen,
2316 - 24th Avenue,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Transmitted herewith, to be retained by you, is Department letter dated February 4, 1921, accepting your resignation as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of business on February 16th, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

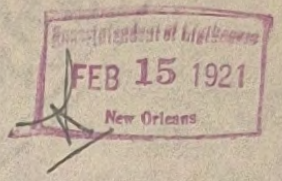
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Pratt advised of acceptance of resig. close Feb 16th. Ford to report actual time spent @ Oak Island since his transfer thereto. Hold Pratt's acceptance till report comes in as a modification of date may be in order.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cat Island Light Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

February 13th 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
Sir;

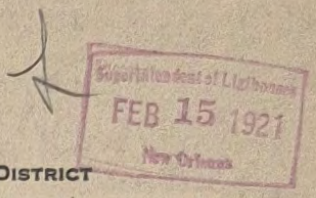
As I have not enough money to pay my train fare to Gulfport to turn the station over to my successor I will thank the Office for my salary check for January 1921,.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cat Island L. S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 14th, 1921

To the Superintendent
Through Keeper

Sir

Mr Spratley having informed me that he has resigned from the service, I beg to request that in making the appointment of a successor my name may be considered

Yrs respectfully
Charles Bateman.

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
FEB 15 1924
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

To the Superintendent
Through Keeper.

Cat Island L. S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 14th, 1924

Sir

Since mailing my letter dated Feb 6th but not mailed until today 14th owing to bad weather I have seen the Spratley & we are leaving Gulfport for Cat Island Light Station at 3 p.m.

Yrs respectfully
Charles Bateman

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

KP/RHG

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans La Feb 14 1921

Lawrence Larson
Twenty Three sixteen twenty fourth avenue
Gulfport Miss

Advise assistant keeper Bateman to receipt for transfer of Government property from Spratley February sixteenth

Lamphier

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
F. A. MUTTY
First Assistant Superintendent

Superintendent Lighthouses

EP/RHC

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans La February 14 1921

Frank P Spratley
Care Lawrence Larson
Twenty three sixteen twenty fourth avenue
Gulfport Miss

Transfer all Government property to assistant keeper
Bateman who will succeed you as keeper

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent
F. A. MUTH.
F. A. MUTH
First Assistant Superintendent.

Superintendent Lighthouses

Form 1204

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Superintendent of Lighthouses
FEB 14 1921
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IN GULFPORT RETURNING TO STATION ADVISE ME WHO WILL BE MY SUCCESSOR

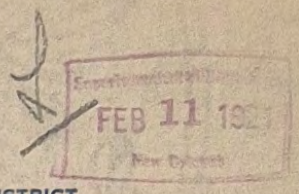
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cat Island E Light Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

February 9th 1921, 191

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, Louisiana.
Sir;

Referring to the station launch, the launch was moored to the pier with anchor cable on January 12, & 13th when I was there, Mr Lawerance Larson had told me that he had every thing in the Beacon launch, he had not mentioned anything about not having the compass which was left in the launch when I went out to the station on January 4th, as I had no place to leave them the man that brought me to the station promised to look out for the boat and everything in it for me, this was the only thing I could do, as the Department has no place in Gulfport inwhich such things may be kept under lock and key,

for the skiff as I have advised the Office I have been sick in bed I left the skiff in care of a boatman in Gulfport who was taking care of it for me,

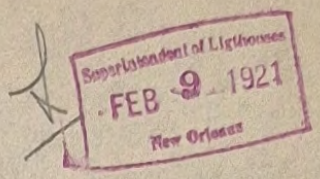
Mr Larson will bring the skiff to the station as soon as the weather permitts and I will go out there with him, will the Office please send my check so I can pay my bills and have train fare to Gulfport.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cat Island Light Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

February 6th 1921, 191

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, Louisiana.
Sir;

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office's letter dated ~~January~~ February 1st 1921,

The $70.00 borrowed from the assistant keeper, was at his own request as he was aware that I was extreamly short of funds, and a part of this amount was used to buy him stores and other personal expenses of his own,

As the assistant keeper wanted the position of keeper of this station I am aware now why he so strongly insisted on me using his money instead ~~an~~ of waiting for my check last month for such purpose,

As for me accepting gifts from anyone I dont consider that any gift for I have to pay this money back to him as well as I would a bill for stores,

Referring to my absence from the station I was unable to return to the station on account of the condition of the station boat, and Mr Lawerance Larson would not bring me to the station between January 7th and January 20th 1921, I reported to the Office that I was unable to get back to the station and asked the Office's advise in this matter but received no reply to same, therefore I didnot think it necessary to make applacation for leave of absent, but from January 20th to February 4th 1921, I have been sick in bed and intended to make necessary leave forvsame as soon as I could return to the station.

It was impossible for me to rent a house in Gulfport, Miss., so on January 19th I payed the storeage on my Furniture and had it shipped to Pascagoula, Miss., therefore I have no street address at Gulfport.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

EP/RHG

February 7th, 1921.

Frank.P.Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. With further reference to letter from this office of February 1st, to which up to date you have failed to reply, and relative to paragraph two thereof regarding the matter of your having borrowed the sum of $70.00 from the assistant keeper.

2. You are informed that you violated the regulations in borrowing money from a subordinate and you are, therefore, directed to return this money to Mr. Bateman at once, and advise this office when you have done so.

3. Your resignation has been accepted, effective at the close of February 16th.

4. You are directed to render a report to this office of the exact number of days spent by you at Cat Island Light Station and the time you left Sabine Pass Light Station on December 17th up to the close of February 16th.

[illegible] Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 30 instructions should also be sent to Gulfport address

Copy to Pascagoula, Miss.

Enclosed you will find two copies of Form 30 on which you will obtain receipt for all property transferred to your successor, forwarding same to this office after checking, when you leave the station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 8TH DISTRICT
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ESL/RHC

February 7th, 1921.

Lawrence Larsen, Keeper,
Gulfport Channel Lights,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Referring to your letter of February 3rd, relative to finding the Cat Island Light Station skiff in the harbor with only one oar, you are directed to care for this skiff and turn same over to the keeper at first opportunity.

(Signed) E.S.Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Assistant Keeper Cat Island Light Station for his information.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

F. P. Spratley

Copy to the keeper of Cat Island Light Station. It is reported to this office that the station skiff was left moored to the pier for eight or ten days and was found half full of water. Submit an explanation.

E. S. L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FEB 4 1921

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Gulfport Miss.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

5 Feby 3d, 1921,

To Supt of Lighthouses.
New Orleans
La,

Sir.

Cat Island St. Sta. Skiff is here
in the pier half full of water
I bailed it out & was told to day that Skiff
has been here for 8. or 10. days
lying in among some other
Boats. when I brought the launch
to Station was no Skiff there
Launch 80. Trade no anchor cable.
And no Compass.
Keeper Sprinkle I was told as in
Pascagoula. I brought Official
Mail over to Station & then
I brought the Launch.

Very Respectfully
Laurence Stone
Keeper

ESL/REG.

February 7th, 1921.

Frank. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Referring to the station launch which you abandoned at Gulfport, when recovered by this office it was found that that the launch had no anchor cable and no compass. Report whether or not there was a cable and compass in the boat when you abandoned it.

E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ESL/RHC

February 1, 1921.

Charles Bateman, Asst. Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 31st, 1921. It is assumed now that you have the motor boat in good condition, that you will be able to make the trip in to Gulfport and return to the station on the same day, when the weather is favorable. If you need gasoline or any supplies for the boat, telegraph this office, collect, and give your address in Gulfport to which a reply should be sent.

2. Acknowledge receipt of this letter and advise in regard to these matters.

3. Report to this office the date of the return of Mr. F.P. Spratley, Keeper, to the station, sending a report direct to this office in the event that Mr. Spratley does not promptly return, sending it through the keeper, Mr. Spratley, if he should return to the station within the next week or so.

(Signed) EANPHIER.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Mr. Lawrence Larson, Keeper, who is directed to deliver this copy to Mr. Bateman, if, in his opinion, the original of this letter which has been mailed direct to Mr. Bateman to the Post Office at Gulfport, will not be delivered to him.

(Signed) EANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
FEB 1 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cat Island.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Law 31st., 1921

To the Superintendent
In the absence of the
Keeper.

Sir

I beg to inform you the Lawson brought launch No 80 out to the station this day The keeper has been absent since the 20th inst. Mr Bradley arrived on this station, in a launch he had hired, on the 4th instant. He brought no stores and I was short myself. On the 7th He therefore took the skiff & went in to Gulfport & did not return until Law 20th when he came again in a hired boat & returned same day to Gulfport leaving me again without the skiff or Launch on the station. He took my four checks for $93.95/100 to deposit for me in the bank and also he had borrowed from me the sum of $70 with which to buy stores & to get his furniture etc to his house. Since that I have seen nothing of him.

I am yrs respectfully
Charles Bakemeier
asst Keeper. (in the absence of the Keeper)

ESL/RHC.

February 1, 1921.

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. You are advised that your letter of January 15th, 1921, tendering your resignation as keeper, to take effect at the close of February 16th, 1921, has been forwarded with recommendation for its acceptance. You will be given further orders relative to transfer of property to your successor. Mr. Lawrence Larson was directed to turn the light station boat over to you either at Gulfport or at the station. He reported that you had not shown up at Gulfport, and delivered the boat to the assistant keeper at the station on January 31st, 1921.

2. The assistant keeper, under date of January 31st, 1921, writes this office that you arrived at the station on January 4th, returned to shore on the 7th; did not return to the station until January 20th, and again returned to shore on that date, and that he has not seen you since. He also reports that you borrowed the sum of $70.00 from him to buy stores and to get your furniture to your home.

3. Referring to the two long periods of time reported above, during which you were absent from the station, it appears that you have not submitted an application for leave, but simply reported that the station boat was out of order. In this connection, when your first report was received, the First Assistant Superintendent was directed to proceed immediately to Gulfport, and there was no trouble experienced in operating the engine. The boat was found hauled up on the beach, with all of her equipment in her, where it could have been easily stolen, and the boat was found full of water, which did not leak out, therefore, your report that the boat was in a dangerous condition, was not supported by the facts ascertained upon investigation. The boat has been caulked, over-hauled and returned to the station, and it does not appear that you have been aware of what became of the boat, or whether it was under repair, for if you had visited the boat to take care of it and the Government property therein, you would have ascertained that the boat was under repair.

4. Your action in borrowing money for your personal use from the assistant keeper (if his statement is true) violates the intent of the regulations relative to accepting gifts from an employee receiving

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

February 1, 1921.

a less salary, in other words, from one under your direction.

5. You are directed to acknowledge receipt of this letter and to state therein your street address in order that you may be found while still in the employ of this Service.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EP-WJB.

F. P. Spratley.

January 28th, 1921.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the resignation of F. P. Spratley, Keeper of Cat Island Light Station, forwarded this day, to take effect February 16, 1921:

2. The boat referred to in letter of resignation had been used by the previous keeper without complaint. Immediately upon receipt of the letter of Jan. 8th, 1921, copy enclosed, in which the keeper stated, "the boat being beyond repairs will require another boat for the station", the First Assistant Superintendent was directed to proceed to Gulfport and on Jan. 11th he found the boat hauled up on the beach with all equipment on board and no one to care for same. The engine was readily operated. Boat was found filled with water up to the floor and this water was not leaking out, which showed that the hull was not in bad condition. Bids were solicited for caulking and overhauling under-water body and painting same. These repairs have been accomplished for the sum of $60.50. This illustrates the unreliable report of the keeper. Copy of reply by this office to his letter of Jan. 8th is enclosed.

3. Just before this keeper was transferred from Sabine Pass Light Station to Cat Island Light Station he applied for leave of absence from Dec. 16th to Dec.28th, inclusive. He was advised at that time that leave would not be granted until he had assumed charge of the new station as there was an inexperienced Assistant Keeper at Cat Island. He was relieved from duty at Sabine Pass on Dec. 17th but did not report at Cat Island Light Station until Dec. 27th, having taken this length of time en route notwithstanding that his application for leave had been disapproved, thus disobeying the orders of this office. His attention was called to this in letter of Jan.10,1921, and an explanation directed. No reply having been received he was again directed in letters of Jan. 17th and 22nd to submit reply, which was finally received on Jan. 28th, stating that he made the trip from Sabine to Gulfport in an automobile (although he had been furnished transportation for travel by rail) which accounted for his delay in reporting.

4. In view of the unsatisfactory services of this keeper, as enumerated above, it is recommended that this resignation be accepted, such action being for the best interests of this service.

E.S.K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EP-WJB.

F. P. Spratley.

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

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

thus disobeying the orders of this office

ESL-EC

COPY

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La., Jan. 10,1921.

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Mississippi.

1. Your letter of January 6th stating that you had hired a boat to proceed to the station has been received.

2. As you were not authorized by this office to hire any boat you will be required to pay the expense thereof.

3. Your letter is very unsatisfactory. A new motor boat will not be furnished your station. You will be required to put the motor boat in order, if the engine is out of order, and if you are unable to do so, it will be necessary to employ someone else who is able to repair the engine or renew parts, which this office will furnish upon receipt of proper requisition.

4. No complaint had been received from the previous Keeper prior to his departure and your assumption that a new motor boat will be furnished simply upon receipt of a short letter without any explanation as to the exact condition of the boat and the engine shows a spirit of inefficiency, which will not be tolerated.

5. The First Assistant Superintendent will arrive in Gulfport tomorrow to investigate this matter and unless you can show the proper spirit of cooperation and assistance, it will be necessary to secure a Keeper who will.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WJB

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., January 28th , 1921.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Frank P. Spratley Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Mississippi Station, Cat Island Light Station, Miss.

Salary, $900 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of February 16, 1921.

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

Remarks:

See letter of this date on the subject.

E. S. L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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COPY.

WJB.

Cat Island Light Station,
January 13th, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Referring to the second paragraph of the office's letter dated January 10th, 1921:

I am aware that I were not authorized by the office to hire a boat to proceed to the station, but as it was impossible to get there in any other way this was my only course.

Referring to the third paragraph of above mentioned letter:

As to my letter being very unsatisfactory. After reading over a copy of my letter I must say that I cannot find any part of it, which sounds disrespectful. As for the the engine it may be repaired but will require quite a number new parts, but for the boat itself I can not do anything with it.

At the present time I value my life a great deal more than my position. Therefore rather than risk my life in a boat that is not trustworthy of going and coming to and from the station,

I hereby tender my resignation to take effect at the close of February 16th, 1921.

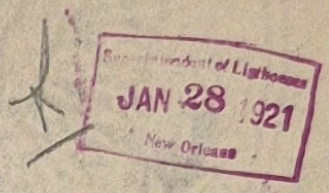
Respectfully,

(Signed) Frank P. Spratley,

KEEPER.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

CatIsland Light Station.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

January 26th. 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th. District.

New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir;

Referring to the Office's letter dated January 10th. 1921. Having an Automobile freight rates being so high I drove the Car to Gulfport which taken(10) ten days, This is my reason for not reaching Gulfport sooner, also for failing to use the Government transportation request.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
JAN 28 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cat Island Light Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 26th 1921, 19

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, Louisiana.
Sir;

Having no motor boat at the station, and as our rations were getting short, I was compelled to pull ashore and hire a boat to bring me back to the station with stores, this was the second $15.00 I have had to pay for this purpose I am unable to pay such prices to get to the station, Therefore I will have to remain in t town untill the station Launch is repaired, or otherwise advised by the Office.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

EP/RHG.

January 22nd, 1921.

F.P.Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. No reply has been received from you relative to letter of this office dated January 10th, regarding your delay in reporting at the Cat Island Light Station on the occasion of your transfer from Sabine Pass.

2. Your attention was invited to this matter under date of January 15th.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EP-WJB.

January 15th, 1921.

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. No reply has been received from you to letter from this office dated January 10th, 1921, copy enclosed, relative to your delay in reporting to Cat Island Light Station upon the occasion of your transfer from Sabine Pass Light Station.

2. An immediate reply is requested.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. M.

First Assistant Superintendent.

EP-WJB.

January 10, 1921.

F.P.Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

Dec. 27th

1. Referring to your telegram reporting your arrival at Cat Island Light Station, information has been received to the effect that you departed from Sabine Pass on December 17th, and it is noted that you did not arrive at Cat Island Light Station until after Christmas. You are requested to report by letter the reason for your delay in reporting at Cat Island.

2. It is also noted that you failed to use the Government transportation request. Your reasons for failing to use the Government transportation request should also be stated.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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January 10, 1921.

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Mississippi.

1. Your letter of January 8th stating that you had hired a boat to proceed to the station has been received.

2. As you were not authorized by this office to hire any boat you will be required to pay the expense thereof.

3. Your letter is very unsatisfactory. A new motor boat will not be furnished your station. You will be required to put the motor boat in order, if the engine is out of order and if you are unable to do so, it will be necessary to employ someone else who is able to repair the engine or renew parts, which this office will furnish upon receipt of proper requisition.

4. No complaint had been received from the previous Keeper prior to his departure and your assumption that a new motor boat will be furnished simply upon receipt of a short letter without any explanation as to the exact condition of the boat and the engine shows a spirit of inefficiency, which will not be tolerated.

5. The First Assistant Superintendent will arrive in Gulfport tomorrow to investigate this matter and unless you can show the proper spirit of cooperation and assistance, it will be necessary to secure a Keeper who will.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cat Island Light Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

January 8th 1921, 191

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, Louisiana.
Sir;

The Station launch is in such bad condition it was impossible for me to get to the Station in same, therefore I was compelled to hire A Boat at Gulfport to convey me to the Station which cost $15.00, I had to leave the boat in Gulfport.
The Boat being beyond repairs will require another Boat for the Station, being without A Boat at the present time the only means we have of going to and from the Station is to wait for A Boat passing up or down the sound.

Being in town at the present time please advise me what to do about returning to the Station.

Having to go to town with mail and for provisions which makes it necessary to have A Boat at the Station which will be required immediately.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

EP-JRB

December 6, 1920.

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Your application of December 4 for thirteen days shore liberty from December 16th, to 28th, inclusive, in not approved, in view of your proposed transfer to Cat Island Light Station, Mississippi, which transfer is being made at your own request. Therefore no leave of absence can be granted you until you have assumed charge of the new station and feel satisfied that your assistant is able to care for the station by himself.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA.

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

December 28, 1920

F. P. Spratly, Keeper,
Cat Island Light Station,
Gulfport, Miss.

Shuman in Gulfport returning to station to-day Shuman will return to Gulfport this evening or tomorrow

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(SIGNED) LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 1204

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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Superintendent of Lighthouses
DEC 28 1920
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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Superintendent of Lighthouses
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1920.

M r. Frank P. Spratley,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 960 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective December 6, 1920 or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. (Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Sabine, Texas, to Gulfport, Mississippi, have been authorized.)

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

Date: 10/20/2025

REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Spratley, Frank, P.		1895 MS

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: 1946

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns A.B.

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (LA/MS/TX)	1917	1921
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Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature: KH

Remarks: Submitted to Arch Search 12/3/25 KH
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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:

WJB.

December 13, 1920.

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Dec. 6, 1920, notifying you that your salary as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $960 to $900 per annum, in connection with your transfer to Cat Island Light Station, as Keeper. No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change and an oath of office is not required.

2. Upon receipt of this letter you will make arrangements to proceed as early as possible to Gulfport, Miss. There is enclosed herewith transportation request No.C-102822. Sign the request and stub where indicated. Hand the request to the ticket agent at Sabine, who will furnish you a ticket from Sabine, Tex., to Gulfport, Miss. Return the stub to this office after you have secured your ticket.

3. Upon your arrival at Gulfport, you will get in touch with Mr. Lawrence Larson, Keeper of the Gulfport Channel Lights, whose address is 2325 - 24th Avenue. He has been directed to transport you to Cat Island Light Station in the station launch. Telegraph this office promptly upon your arrival at Gulfport.

4. Before leaving Sabine Pass Light Station you will comply with instructions contained in letter from this office dated Dec. 3rd, regarding the transfer of Government property on Form 30.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Fred Shuman, Keeper, Cat Island L.S., Gulfport, Miss., for his information.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of L.Larson, Keeper Gulfport Channel Lts. Transport Keeper Spratley to Cat Island L.S. in the station launch, weather permitting.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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Form 73

WJB.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) December 2nd (Date.), 1920.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, **Frank P. Spratley.** Legal residence, **Mississippi.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$900 per annum.**

Location, **Cat Island Light Station, Miss.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **December 6, 1920,** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Former salary, **$960 per annum.**

Location, **Sabine Pass Light Station, Tex.**

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

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Rcd. 11-22-1920.

C O P Y.

Sabine Pass Light Station,

November 21, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans,
Louisiana.

Sir:

I hereby apply for transfer from the position of Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, with salary at the rate of $960.00 per annum, to the position of Keeper at Cat Island Light Station, Miss., at salary of $900 per annum.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Frank P. Spratley,

Keeper.

EP-WJB.

December 3, 1920.

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. You have been nominated for the position of Keeper of Cat Island Light Station, at a salary of $900 per annum, plus the bonus of $20 per month. You will be directed to proceed from Sabine Pass Light Station to Cat Island Light Station upon receipt of your appointment from the Department at Washington, of which you will be later advised. Transportation from Sabine to Gulfport will be sent you.

2. First Asst.Keeper Fath has been nominated to succeed you as Keeper at $960 per annum, plus bonus and rations. Second Asst. Keeper Wright will succeed Fath at $780 per annum, plus bonus and rations. Mr. Eli A. Malone has been nominated to succeed Wright as Second Asst. Keeper (temporary), at $720 per annum.

3. You will instruct Mr. Fath as to the proper method of making shipments of accumulators for recharging to the Prest-O-Lite Company at St. Louis, and also give him full directions regarding the lighting and operation of the AGA lights and handling of the accumulators.

4. Enclosed find three copies of Form 30, on which you will list all Government property at the station and obtain receipt for same from Mr. Fath after he has satisfied himself, by examination, that all property shown on the form is at the station.

E.S.K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EP-LEC

November 19, 1920

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

1. Referring to your letter of November 14th making application for transfer to Cat Island Light Station, you are informed that Cat Island Light Station is now a two-keeper station, the salary of the keeper being $900.00 per annum, plus bonus and rations.

2. There are no quarters for the families of the keepers at Cat Island, thus making it necessary for families to reside ashore.

3. If you wish to accept transfer to Cat Island as Keeper at $900.00 per annum, you are directed to sign the inclosed letter and return same to this office.

E. S. K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
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New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 14, 1920.191

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, Louisiana.
Sir;

Referring to my letter of September 11, 1920, listing stations that I would like to be transfered to, as there is a vacancy at Cat Island Light Station, and that being a more convenient station for me, on account of having my wife in town where she can secure a physician in case of necessity, will the Office please give my name consideration for a transfer to that station,

Hoping this will meet with your favor I remain,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Spratley
Keeper.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 21 1919

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS AUG 25 1919

August 21, 1919.

Mr. Frank P. Spratley,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $900. per annum to $960. per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty at the increased rate of pay.

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,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Sabine Pass L.D. etc. Fa. 1st Lt.

MCC

Frank P. Spratley,
keeper

November 5, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter dated August 21, 1919, notifying Frank P. Spratley of change in his salary from $900 to $960 per annum, effective on the date of his entrance on duty at the new rate of pay (covering his transfer from Horn Island Light Station to Sabine Pass Light Station):

2. The Bureau is advised that this change became effective on September 26, 1919.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Chief Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Incs.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

September 11, 1919.

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 9, 1919, reporting on the ability of temporary assistant keeper Ollie K. Clayton to maintain the light station alone until the arrival of the new keeper, Mr. Louis Buras.

2. You are directed to make all arrangements to leave Horn Island Light Station enroute to Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, by September 15th, if practicable. The date on which Mr. Buras leaves Sabine for Horn Island will be considered the effective date of your entrance upon duty at the new station. Inclosed is Department letter dated August 27, 1919, notifying you of the change in your salary.

3. Inclosed are three copies of Form 30 which you should prepare as a receipt for transfer of property in accordance with Instructions "B" on inside of cover, having temporary assistant Clayton sign the certificate of receipt as your successor.

4. The present keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station has been directed to prepare a receiptfor transfer of property at that station, which you will check over, sign, and forward in accordance with instructions "B" after your arrival there.

5. In order to reach Sabine, it will be necessary for you to pass through New Orleans and you are directed to call at this office (Room 311, Custom House) for further instructions.

(Sgd.) LANPHIER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished Louis Buras, Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., Sabine, Tex., for his information and the station files. Inclosed is Department letter of August 20th notifying you of change in salary. The date you leave Sabine Pass enroute to Horn Island will be considered as the date of your entrance on duty in the new position.

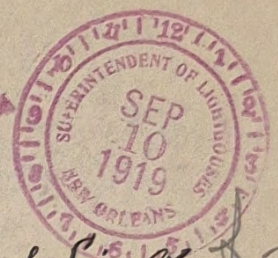
Inclosed are three copies of Form 30 which you will prepare as a receipt for transfer of property in accordance with Instructions "B" thereon, having Mr. Spratley check over and sign the certificate of receipt after his arrival.

You are directed to remain at Sabine Pass Light Station after Spratley's arrival until you have sufficiently instructed him in the care of the lights, shipment of gas flasks for recharging, and all duties in connection with the proper maintenance of the lights and station. Advise this office the exact date of Mr.Spratley's arrival and the date of your departure for Horn Island Light Station.

L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Horn Island Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

~~September~~ 9th, 1919

Superintendent of L. Hs.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

In Reply to your letter of ~~September~~ 6th 1919. Ollie K. Clayton Temporary Assistant Keeper is Competent to handle the station by himself and has about Six years Motor Boating experience to my personal knowledge.

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Keeper

Direct the transfer

EP-EC

September 6, 1919.

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula,
Mississippi.

1. Referring to previous correspondence regarding the necessary qualifications of the Assistant Keeper in connection with your proposed transfer to Sabine Pass Light Station:

2. Upon receipt of your statement to the effect that Ollie K. Clayton, Temporary Assistant Keeper, is competent to handle the station by himself and has sufficient motor boating experience, arrangements will be made to put into effect, your authorized transfer to Sabine Pass Light Station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Horn Island Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Sept. 3rd, 1919

Superintendent of L. Hs.
New Orleans La.

Sir:-

If I am to make the transfer to Sabine Pass Light Station. let me know right away as I dont want to remain here any longer then possiable.

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., August 14, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, Frank P. Spratley — Legal residence, Mississippi

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $960 per annum

Location, Sabine Pass L.S., Sabine Pass Ent.Rge., E.Jetty, Inner Rge., Sabine Pass Channel and Port Arthur Canal Lts., La. and Tex. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 20, 1919, { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary $900 p.a.

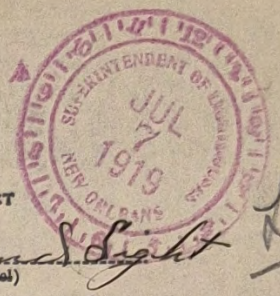
Location, Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Island Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

July 5th, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir:-

The Keeper at Sabine Light Station wants to Transfer stations with me as he is a single man and prefers an out side station.

There being Quarters at that Station I would like very much to make the Transfer as the cost of House rent and living in Pascagoula is so high it Keeps me in Debt all the time.

Hoping you will favor me in making the transfer I remain Yours.

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

Write him as outlined

EP-LEC

August 1, 1919

F. P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.

1. Your letter of July 30th on the subject of your transfer to Sabine Pass Light Station;

2. Necessary forms for transfer of property will be forwarded to you with instructions when the date of your transfer is decided upon. The matter of your transfer is being held in abeyance pending receipt of information from you regarding the employment by you of a suitable person for the position of Temporary Assistant Keeper in place of Sidney E. Spratley, it being understood that Sidney E. Spratley desires to resign at an early date. As previously stated to you, the person you employ should be competent to maintain the station by himself from the time you leave for Sabine and until the arrival of Mr. Buras.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 31 1919
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Horse Island Light
(Station, ~~Parish or County~~)

July 30th, 1919

Superintendent of L. Hs.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

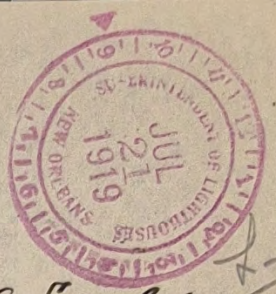
Please let me know when I am to report at Sabine Pass. Light Sta. I am still waiting for the six(6) copies of form #30 that I made requisition for to transfer the property.

Please send me my check as soon as possible as I will need money for train fare.

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Horse Island Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

July 19th, 1919

Superintendent of L. Hs.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

As to my personal knowledge the present assistant Keeper at Horse Island Light Sta. Sidney E. Spratley is competent and qualified to maintain the Station after my departure and untill the arrival of the Bureau.

Sidney E. Spratley intended to resign on or about Aug 15th 1919 weather I were to remain or not, so he will not remain with the new Keeper after the above date.

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

Write and tell him to endeavor to hire another assistant and report results as soon as possible. L.

EP-ACK

July 15, 1919

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Mississippi.

1. With further reference to your proposed transfer to Sabine Pass Light Station, you are informed that it is desired that you arrive at Sabine Pass Light Station prior to the departure of Mr. Buras, the present Keeper, in order that he may give you the necessary instructions before leaving.

2. In this regard you are requested to advise this office if the present Assistant Keeper at Horn Island Light Station, Sidney E. Spratley, is competent and qualified to maintain the station for a period of about one week after your departure and until the arrival of Mr. Buras.

3. Inasmuch as this transfer is to be made solely upon the joint request of yourself and Mr. Buras, in accordance with the regulations, expenses of travel incidental thereto will not be paid by the Government.

(SIGNED) LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

PS: Inform this office, by return mail, if Sidney E. Spratley will remain with the new Keeper.

Copy to Louis Buras, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, for his information and guidance.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EP-EC

July 12, 1919.

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Mississippi.

1. With further reference to your application for transfer to South Pass Light Station, you are informed that your transfer to the station in question will be made on or about August 1st.

2. You will be further informed in due time as to transfer of property to a successor and date of leaving Horn Island for Sabine, Texas.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Mr. Proctor -
We should, if it can be arranged,
proceed to Sabine P.L.H. + be instructed
by Burton before Burton leaves. Is there
anyone to hold down Horn Isld. meanwhile?
L.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Horn Island Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

July 10th, 1919

Superintendent of L. Hs.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

In reply to your letter dated July 7th 1919. it is noted that I still Desire to be considered for transfer as far as the work is concerned I am better satisfied.

Respectfully
T. P. Gbratley
Keeper.

Recommend transfer August 1st for future date say if no reason to contrary.

CR-ACK

July 7, 1919

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.

1. With reference to your application of July 5th for transfer to Keepership of Sabine Pass Channel Lights, the following is quoted for your information:

"Three (3) Keepers are assigned to the Sabine Pass Channel Lights. There is a single ten room dwelling at this station, five rooms of which are allotted to the Keeper, and the other side to the Assistant Keepers.

The main light is a Type B Incandescent Oil Vapor Flashing Light. The channel lights consist of four lens lanterns and three flashing Acetylene Gas Lights. The lights in Sabine Pass are distributed over a distance of 7½ miles."

2. Besides the actual care of the lights there is a great deal of work in connection with their up-keep, painting at station, boating, shipment of gas flasks for recharging, etc., and all of the Keepers are kept constantly at work in order to maintain the lights and station in proper condition.

3. This information is furnished you in order that you may be acquainted with existing conditions, and you are requested to advise this office, by return mail, if you still desire to be considered for transfer.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Horn Island Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

March 4th, 1919

Superintendent of L. Ht.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

In reply to letter of March 3rd in regard to the present Status of my indebtedness to Mrs. Bentley of Palacios Texas, You are hereby informed that I sent Mrs Bentley the money ~~card~~ when I recieved my check and recieved a reciept from her this Morning.

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

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March 3, 1919.

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.

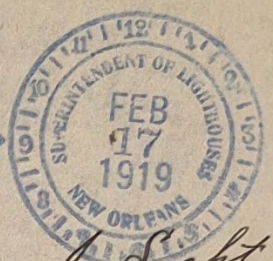
1. Your letter of February 15th.

2. You are requested to reply by return mail advising the present status of your indebtedness to Mrs. Bentler, of Palacios, Texas.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Horse Island Light.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

2/13th, 1919

Superintendent of L. Hs.
New Orleans La.

Sir:-

I hereby acknowledge receipt of District circular no 24 Dated Feb. 11th 1919.

In reply to letter Dated Feb. 14th 1919 referring to my indebtedness to Mrs. John Bentler Palacios Texas you are hereby informed that I can not pay this debt until I recieve my Salary Check which I wish you would please send at once as I am realy in need of it.

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

E.C. note & return
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EP-T

February 14, 1919.

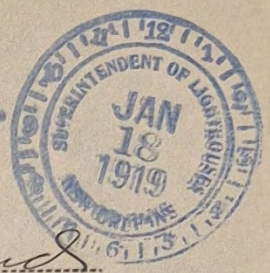
Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.

1. Referring further to the matter of your indebtedness to Mrs. John Bentler, of Palacios, Texas, you are requested to advise this office if you have as yet settled this debt amounting to $2.50.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Horse Island
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Jan, 1919

Superintendent of L. H.
New Orleans La.

Sir:-

In reply to Letter of Jan 9th 1919 in regard to Mrs John Buntler's letter stating that I owe her some room rent, I have not been able to pay this debt before the raise in salry and also lost her address but will try to pay her next month as as soon as I get a reply to my letter I ~~will~~ am writing her about some things I left in her house when we left Palacios.

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Keeper

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January 9, 1919.

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.

1. Mrs. John Bentler, Box 255, Palacios, Texas, advises this office under date of January 7, 1919, that you are indebted to her in the sum of $2.50 for room rent, and that she has written to you twice without result.

2. Advise this office by return mail if you owe the above amount, and, if so, state what steps you have taken towards settling same.

3. In this connection, your attention is invited to Paragraph 32 of "Instructions to Employees, 1915," reading as follows:

> "Payment of debts.-- All persons in the Lighthouse Service must pay their honest, just, and legal debts; failure to do so will be considered cause for dismissal."

Superintendent of Lighthouses.



Palacios Jan 7th

Sirs

One of your
Employees Frank P Spratley
left Palacios owing me
$2.50 Its past due have
written him twice and
received no answer So
will depend upon you
to get it for me
yours in haste

Mrs John Beutler
Palacios
Box 253 Texas

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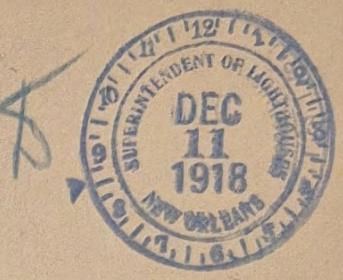
December 12, 1918.

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Replying to your letter of December 9th regarding the vacancy as Assistant Keeper, you are informed that inasmuch as you have been recently transferred and promoted to your present position, it will be necessary for you to prove your efficiency in the keepership of Horn Island Light before your name can be considered for any other station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Pascagoula Miss.
Dec 9th 1918

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans La.

Sir:—

There is a vacancy at Round Island Light Station for an Asst Keeper as there is Quarters on it there I would like very much to be considered for transfer to that place.

Hoping this will meet with your favor I remain Yours

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Keeper
Horn Island U.S.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

District Circular No.24.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Eighth District, New Orleans, La.,
November 21, 1918.

F. P. Spratley, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas

As a result of a recent reclassification of light stations in this district, you are informed that beginning November 1, 1918, the following revised schedule of pay at ~~your station is in effect:~~ Horn Island Light Station is in effect:

Keeper	$900	per annum
Assistant Keeper	$720	per annum

Keepers will receive the usual commutation allowance for rations of forty-five cents (45¢) per day.

The rates of pay under this revision are base rates and keepers receiving the $120 per annum increase of compensation granted by legislative act for one year will continue to receive same up to the close of June 30, 1919, in addition to the new base rates, and those not now receiving the $120 per annum increase may be recommended to receive same, provided the ability and qualifications in each case justify the increase of compensation.

Longevity pay will be allowed all keepers who have completed five years' continuous service. This will amount to $60 per annum and will also be in addition to the base rates above stated.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

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HOUSES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 4 1918
NEW ORLEANS

r. Frank P. Spratley,
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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 $ 660 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective November 20, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty at the increased rate of pay.

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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December 6, 1918.

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Horn Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 19, 1918, notifying you of increase in salary from $660 per annum to $900 per annum, effective commencing November 24, 1918. This covers your transfer and promotion to Horn Island Light Station as Keeper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Frank P. Spratley,
keeper

December 6, 1918.

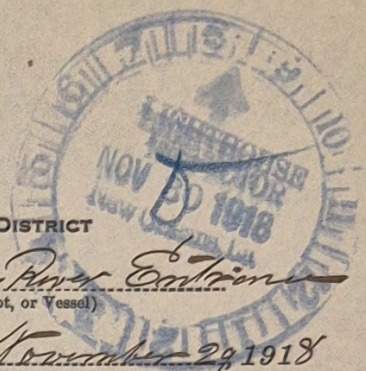
Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department letter of November 19th changing salary of Frank P. Spratley, keeper, to $900 per annum upon his transfer to Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi, the Bureau is advised that this change became effective on November 24, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pascagoula River Entrance
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 29 1918

Superintendent of Light Houses 8 District
New Orleans La.

Sir

I hereby report to Jas this I have this Day Transported Mr Frank Sprowdly the Keeper of Horn Island Light Station to his Station

Respectfully

Vicks Vikers

Keeper

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November 22, 1918.

Frank P. Spratley, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

Inclosed is Government Transportation Request from Velasco, Texas, to Pascagoula, Mississippi. Surrender the Transportation Request to the Station Agent at Velasco and he will furnish you with a ticket to Pascagoula, Mississippi. The stub of this Transportation Request is to be returned to this office upon the completion of the journey. You should also advise the time of departure from Velasco and arrival at Horn Island Light Station,

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Signed) E. S. LANPHIER,
First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy furnished A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River L.S., for his information and the station files.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

L.
First Assistant Superintendent

PS.--After you secure your ticket, date the stub, show the value, and sign same and return promptly to this office.



Velasco Texas
Brazos River L. S.
Nov 18th 1918

Superintendent of L. H's.
New Orleans La.

Sir:-

your agrement was to pay my transportation to Pascagoula Miss if I excepted Horn Island L. S. as Keeper:-

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Asst Keeper
Brazos River L. S.

MCC

November 18, 1918.

Frank P. Spratley, Assistant Keeper,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
P.O.Box 385,
Pascagoula, Miss.

Referring further to letter from this office dated November 12, 1918, you are directed to proceed to Horn Island Light Station on the morning of November 20th and assume charge as Keeper, signing receipt for transfer of property (Form 30) which Mr. Albin Johannesson has been directed to prepare.

In order to reach Horn Island Light Station with as little delay as possible, if you will call on Mr. Niels Nilsen, the Keeper of Pascagoula River Entrance Lights, Pascagoula, Mississippi, shewing him this letter as your authority, he will convey you to Horn Island in the Government launch.

Advise this office promptly the exact date you arrive at Horn Island.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Signed) E. PROTIN,
Chief Clerk.

Copy furnished Niels Nilsen, Keeper, Pascagoula River Entrance Lights, Box 213, Pascagoula, Miss., for his information and the station files. Immediately upon Mr. Spratley's reporting to you, weather permitting, you will take him out to Horn Island, advising this office promptly when you have done so.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Signed) E. PROTIN,
Chief Clerk.

Copy furnished Albin Johannesson, additional keeper in charge, Horn Island L.S., for his information and the station files.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

S. P.

Chief Clerk.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
OFFICE OF ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., November 12, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, **Frank P. Spratley** Legal residence, **Mississippi**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$624 per annum.**

Location, **Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi.** Appropriation **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **November 20, 1918,** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper in the L.H.Service Former salary, **$540 p.a.**

Location, **Brazos River Light Station, Texas.**

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

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Previous incumbent, Maurice Durabb. Services terminated, **to at close of November 15,1918.**

Reason, **Resigned.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

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

[SIGNED] BORRY

Secretary, Civil Service District. **Superintendent of Lighthouses.**

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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November 12, 1918.

Frank P. Spratley, Assistant Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
P. O. Box 385,
Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Referring to your letter of November 9, 1918, you are informed that you have been nominated for the position of Keeper of Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi, at a salary of $624 per annum and the usual ration allowance of 45¢ per day in cash, effective commencing November 20, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty at the new station.

You will be duly advised of the Department's action on above recommendation, at which time definite instructions will be given you as to when to proceed to Horn Island and assume charge of that station.

(Signed) DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished Albert B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas, for his information and the station files.

The vacancy which will occur at your station upon Mr. Spratley's transfer to Horn Island will be filled as soon as practicable.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.



Pascagoula Miss
Nov 9th 1918

Superintendent of L. Hs.
New Orleans La.

Sir:-

I will except the offer of Horn Island Light Station, if the salary is not less then Six hundred and Eighteen dollars ($618.00) ~~dollar~~ per annum and Rations

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Asst Keeper Brazos River
L. S.

Present address
Box 385
Pascagoula Miss.

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October 4, 1918.

Mr. J. L. Parker,
Racket Store,
Palacios, Texas.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 13, 1918, you are informed that Mr. Frank P. Spratley has advised this office that he forwarded to you on September 14, 1918, remittance to settle his indebtedness.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Personnel
Rights Privileges

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR SEP 26 1918 New Orleans, La.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Brazos River Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 23rd, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir:- Through the keeper
Mr. J. L. Parkers Statement was
correct,
and I remitted the money on the 14th day
of September 1918 to have this bill with
others paid as I was unable to pay
all at once, Owing to the small wages
I am getting, Mr Parker should have his money
by now.

Respectfully
Frank P. Spratley
Asst Keeper
Brazos River L. S.

A B. Mcdowell.
Keeper.

MCC

September 20, 1918.

Frank P. Spratley, Assistant Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

Mr. J. L. Parker, Proprietor of the Racket Store, Palacios, Texas, advised this office under date of September 13, 1918, that you were still indebted to him for goods purchased by you while employed at Halfmoon Reef Light Station.

You are directed to advise this office promptly whether or not Mr. Parker's Statement is correct, and, if so, what action you intend taking towards settling the account.

Paragraph 32, of "Instructions to Employees, 1915," is quoted below for your information:

> "Payment of debts.--All persons in the Lighthouse Service must pay their honest, just, and legal debts; failure to do so will be considered cause for dismissal."

(Signed) DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River L.S., Velasco, Texas, for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RACKET STORE

J. L. PARKER. PROP.

Chinaware, Matting, Rugs, Window Shades, Etc.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SEP 16 1918

PALACIOS, TEXAS, Sept 13 1918

Light House Inspector

Dear Sir:—

The present keeper of the light house here was in my store and I ask him if he was Mr. Spratley and he informed me that Mr. Spratley had left here and that if I would write to you you would present this little bill for me. I do not give credit only as a favor to those ~~who~~ promise to pay at their next pay day or some other reasonable excuse. Will you kindly see that Mr. Spratley tends to this little bill at once

Yours truly. J. L. Parker

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.



r. Frank P. Spratley,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper of the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 540 per annum to $ 660 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.

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November 25, 1918.

F. P. Spratley, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 19, 1918, notifying you of increase in salary to $660.00 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas, for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Above letter mailed to Spratley at Horn Island L.S.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

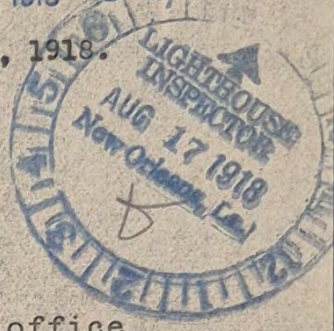
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON



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June 5, 1918.



Mr. Frank P. Spratley,

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 Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Harris A. Brown.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 6 1918 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 3, 1918.

LIGHT AUG 12 1918 HOUSES

Frank P. Spratley,
Appointment

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR AUG 17 1918 New Orleans, La.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau is advised that only one copy of Department letter dated June 5, 1918, appointing Frank P. Spratley as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $540 per annum was received and it is requested that a duplicate be furnished for the files of this office.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses:

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First Assistant Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
August 13, 1918.

Returned to Eighth Superintendent, inclosing the copy of the appointment above requested.

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Acting Commissioner

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Frank P. Spratley,
Appointment

August 3, 1918.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses:

First Assistant Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

June 10, 1918.

Frank P. Spratley, Assistant Keeper,
Halfmoon Reef Light Station,
Palacios, Tex.
(Through the Keeper.).

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated June 5, 1918, promoting you to the position of "Keeper" at Brazos River Light Station, Texas, at salary of $540 per annum (plus 10 per cent. during the fiscal year to end June 30, 1918) and the usual ration allowance.

As previously advised it is desired to have you report for duty at Brazos River Light Station on the morning of June 16, 1918.

B. B. DORRY,

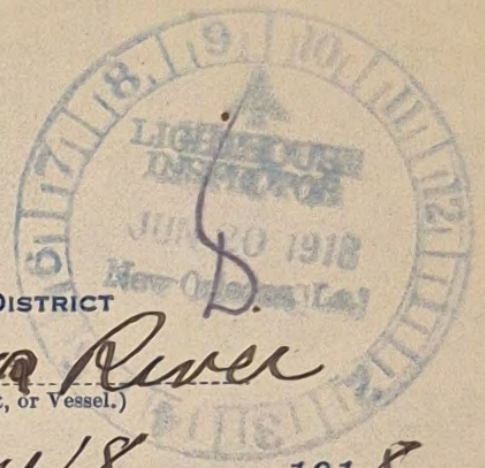
Inspector.

Copy furnished A. J. Garland, Keeper, Halfmoon Reef Light Station, Tex., for his information and the station files.

Inspector.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Bragg River
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

June 18, 1918

Light House Inspector.
New Orleans. La.

Sir.

Mr. H. P. Spratley Reported for duty at this Station on June 16th 11 30 Am. The services of Wm Passarra Laborer, were discontinued at the close of June 15th.

Respectfully.
A. B. Modawell.
Keeper

COPY

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Frank P. Spratley

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.

Frank P. Spratley
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 18 day of June, A. D. 191 8.

(Affix official seal here)

S { Notary Public,
E { County of Brazoria,
A { Texas.
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[4] (*Name*) W. A. Nelson

(*Official title*) Notary Public,

My commission expires June 1st, 1920.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$540. p. a.	Brazos River Light Station, Tex.
Former [5] Asst.Keeper in the L.H. Service	$480. p. a.	Halfmoon Reef Light Station, Tex.

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., June 20, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 16, 1918.
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector 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 lighthouse inspectors 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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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., June 1, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.

Name, **Frank P. Spratley** Legal residence, **Mississippi.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$540 per annum.**

Location, **Brazos River Light Station, Texas.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **June 16, 1918,** {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Former salary, **$480 p.a.**

Location, **Halfmoon Reef Light Station and Oliver Point Light, Texas.**

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

- - - - - - - - -

Previous incumbent, Harris A. Brown. Services terminated, **May 15, 1918.**

Reason, **Resigned.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

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

Secretary, Civil Service District. Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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November 26, 1917.

Arthur J. Garland, Keeper,
Halfmoon Reef Light Station,
Palacios, Texas.

Your request of November 23, 1917, for permission to use the station boat to move your furniture from Matagorda Island, is approved.

Inspector.

Lighthouse Inspector
NOV 26 1917
New Orleans.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Halfmoon Reef Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 23, 1917

Lighthouse Inspector
New Orleans La

Sir.

Referring to my last letter in regard to the shortage of water will say that we had a rain on the 18 inst and will have water enough to last for 6 or 7 weeks longer

Enclosed you will find application for leave of absence for my self. I would like prediszcon to take the Station boat to more some of my furniture from Matagorda Island. I have it stored on the island and have been unable to get a boat to more it for me as they are all busy in the oyster business. I am now renting a furnished house in Palacios and can not afford it at salary I am getting

Hopeing you will give this your approval I am your respectfully
A Garland