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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Spratley, Sidney, E.		1896 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:

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 (MS) 8th Dist	
From: 1918	To: 1919
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Archival search 9/15

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- ☐ 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:

Sidney E. Spratley

Sidney E. Spratley

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Mississippi

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Temp. (Pendelg) Keeper Horn Is. L.S. Miss	$720	L.H.	Feb. 1, 1919.
Last day served Feb. 5, 1919.			
TEMPORARY Keeper Pendelg. Horn Is. L.S. Miss	720	L.H.	April 19, 1919
Last day - Aug. 15, 1919.			
TEMPORARY (Pendant) Keeper So. Pass Pge Pr. L.D. La	$720	L.H.	Feb 19, 1920
LAST DAY OF SERVICE March 31, 1920			
" (Probj) " " " "	"	"	April 1, 1920
" " " " "	$780	"	June 1, 1920.
RESIGNED CLOSE OF Aug 16, 1920			

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses 8TH DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City.) February 5 (Date.) 1919

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Name, Sidney E. Spratley — Legal residence, Miss.

Position, Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $720.00 per annum

Location, Horn Island Lt.Station, Miss. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective February 1, 1919 — {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:

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Wm. E. Stowell TEMPORARY. — Services terminated, January 31, 1919

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, Brother, Frank P. Spratley, Keeper of Horn Island Light Station, Miss.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at Horn Island Light Station, Sidney E. Spratley was assigned to duty on February 1, 1919. He 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, Feb 6, 1919

TEMPORARY
Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB - 8 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

FEB 11

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1919.

Mr. Sidney E. 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, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective February 1, 1919.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from date of receipt of a certification of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.

ENTERED DIVISION
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DEPT OF COMMERCE
CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Keepers.

Vice: Wm. E. Stowell.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

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Form 111

APPOINTMENTS FEB 24 1919

LIGHT FEB 24 1919 HOUSES

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Sidney E. 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

1919 FEB 24 PM 2 06

Sidney E. Spratley
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 19th day of February, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Fred Taylor

(Official title) Clerk Chancery Court Jackson County Mississippi.

My commission expires ----------

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present: Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service	$720 p.a.	Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi.
Former[5]: Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

CARDED

Office of ~~Inspector~~ Eighth District

New Orleans, La., February 20, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 1, 1919.
(Date)

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(Signature, followed by) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Original Date

[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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LIGHT HOUSES FEB 14 1919

APPOINTMENTS FEB 14 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

CHIEF CLERK

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

Mr. Sidney Eugene Spratley 1919 FEB 14 PM 1 31

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

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

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

4. Position to which appointed Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service.

5. Compensation $720 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination ——, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

Pascagoula (City or town.) Miss (State or Territory.) Jackson (County.) Sixth (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

CARDED

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

11. Where were you born? Pascagoula Miss

12. When were you born? May (Month.) 23 (Day.) 1897 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

Mr. W. W. Spratley (Name.)

Pascagoula (City or town.) Miss (State or Territory.) (Number and street.)

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? Yes

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
F. P. Spratley	Pascagoula Miss.	Position Keeper Department or office U.S. Coast Survey	Brother	Married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

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

None

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

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

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

None

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

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

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

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service — Date enlisted — Date discharged — Cause of discharge.

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

Pascagoula High School

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

None

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

None

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

Yes

Date, Feb 9, 191 9

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) S. E. Stratley

P. O. Address: Pascagoula
City or town.

Number and street.

Miss
State or Territory.

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded February 11, 191 9.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.
8th District.

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 20 1919

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

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Name of employee Sidney E. Spratley, CHIEF CLERK

Designation Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service. *Compensation* $720 p.a.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED 1919 FEB 21 PM 2 24

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Place of employment Horn Island Light Station, Miss.

Date of appointment: Feb.11,1919, effective Feb.1,1919, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Last day served February 5, 1919.

CARDED

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

E. S. Lanphier.

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

First Assistant Superintendent 8th Dist.
(*Official title.*)

Date February 17, 1919.

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Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

APR 25 1919 9 12 AM

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~INSPECTOR~~ Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., April 22, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, ~~Temporary~~ appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Name, **Sidney E. Spratley.** Legal residence, **Mississippi**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$720 per annum.**

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

Effective **April 19, 1919,** { the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as practicable~~

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

Location, - - - - -

Rank on eligible list, - - - Rating, - - - Percentage, - - - -, Other eligibles considered:
No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, John Anes Services terminated, **April 5, 1919.**

Reason, **Resigned.**

Members of family in Government Service, Frank P. Spratley, Keeper, Horn Island L.S., Mississippi, brother (married).

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at Horn Island Light Station, Sidney E. Spratley was assigned to duty on April 19th. He previously served as temporary additional keeper at this station at $720 per annum from Feb. 1 to 5, inclusive, 1919. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, April 22, 1919

Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 25 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H. B. Bowerman
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, 1919.

Mr. Sidney E. 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, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective April 19, 1919.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from date of receipt of a certification of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 28 1919 BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John Anes.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS MAY 6 1919

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 3 1919 NEW ORLEANS

I, Sidney E. 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.

Sidney E. Spratley
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this 1919 MAY 6 AM day of May, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Fred Taylor

(Official title) Clerk Chancery Court & Ex-Officio ~~Notary Public, Jackson County, Mississippi.~~

My commission expires Jan. 1st 1920

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$720 p.a.	Horn Island Light Station, Miss.
Former [5] Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

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Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La., May 3, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 19, 1919. (Date) Fixed Date

CARDED

R R Darry
Superintendent of Lighthouses

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, 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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LIGHT
AUG 21 1919
HOUSES

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

CHIEF CLERK

51

Name of employee Sidney E. Spratley

APPOINTMENT 1919 AUG 22 PM 1 22

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service 1919 AUG 22 PM 3 38 *Compensation* $720 p.a.

Place of employment Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi.

Date of appointment: April 26,1919, effective April 19,1919, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Last day served August 15, 1919.

CARDED

O. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 2 5 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
(*Official title.*)

Date August 19, 1919.

Lighthouse Service
(*Bureau or service.*)

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

LIGHT HOUSE MAR 1 1920

New Orleans, La., February 26 - -, 1920.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment.

Name, Sidney E. Spratley (in Miss)

Legal residence, Mississippi

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary, $720 per annum

Location South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses. 22

Effective February 19, 1920, ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or thereafter as he enters on duty~~

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

Location, -

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

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Frank L. Staniel Services terminated, February 18, 1920.

Reason, Transferred to Cubits Gap Light Station, La., as Keeper, effective commencing February 19, 1920.

Members of family in Government Service, F.P.Spratley, brother, married, Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., etc., La. and Tex.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Sidney E. Spratley was assigned to duty on February 19, 1920. As it was impracticable to secure a competent person for this position in the vicinity of the light station, it was necessary to pay Spratley's transportation from Pascagoula, Miss., to Port Eads, La., authority for which is requested when his appointment is issued. This employee previously served as Addl.Kpr., Horn Island L.S., Miss., from Feb.1,1919 to Feb.5,1919, and from Apr.19,1919, to close of Aug.15,1919. This nomination is made to fill the lowest rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Feb. 26, 1920.

TEMPORARY
PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A REGISTER OF ELIGIBLES

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary. 10 Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
MAR 1 - 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1920 MAR 2 PM 3 50

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1920.

Mr. Sidney E. 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, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

effective February 19, 1920.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probationary appointment in the above-mentioned position.

Your actual and necessary traveling expenses have been authorized from Pascagoula, Mississippi, to Port Eads, Louisiana.

By direction of the Secretary:

CARDED

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
MAR 4 - 1920
DEPT. OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Frank L. Staniel.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

Eighth District

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LIGHT MAR 30 1920 HOUSE

Form 111 [ ] **OATH OF OFFICE** [ ]

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAR 30 1920 CHIEF CLERK

I, Sidney E. 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.

Sidney E. Spratley.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 17th day of March, A. D. 1920.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Frank J. Lobrano

(Official title) Clerk of Court, Etc

My commission expires June 2nd 1920

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$720 p.a.	South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La.
Former [5] Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probationary appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., March 27, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 19, 1920.
(Date)

CARDED

E. S. Laughlin.
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

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

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 23 1920

New Orleans, La., March 15, 1920. 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Sidney E. Spratley** Legal residence, **Mississippi**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$720 per annum**

Location, **South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **March ~~21~~ 23, 1920,** { ~~the date of his entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, ----------

Rank on eligible list, First. Rating, **Assistant Keeper** Percentage, **84.2** , Other eligibles considered:

S.E.Spratley has been within reach for three separate vacancies, but not selected. Above selection made from last certificate on which his name appeared, in accordance with paragraph b, Rule VII, Civil Service Rules.

Previous incumbent, Himself. Services ~~terminated~~ **not to be terminated.**

Reason **Now serving under temporary appointment at above station pending the establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment.**

Members of family in Government Service, Frank P.Spratley, Bro., Married, Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., etc., La. and Tex.

3/25/20

Remarks: Sidney E. Spratley has been serving at above station since February 19, 1920. He previously served as Addl.Kpr., Horn Island L.S., Miss., from Feb. 1, 1919, to Feb. 5, 1919, and from Apr.19, 1919, to close of Aug.15,1919. Quarters are not provided at South Pass Range Rear Light Station for the family of the Second Assistant Keeper.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission March 20, 1920

Secretary, 1st Civil Service District.

E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAR 24 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 23 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

APPOINTMENT DIVISION MAR 23 PM 12

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

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

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Name of employee Sidney E. Spratley.

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $720 p.a.

APPOINTMENTS

Place of employment South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana.

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Last day served March 31, 1920.

CARDED

REPORT DATE ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION BUREAU MAY - 4 1920 DEPT OF COMMERCE

E. Lawshe

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Official title.)

Lighthouse Service.
(Bureau or service.)

Date April 28, 1920.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1920.

Mr. Sidney E. 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, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty 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 Secretary of the Tenth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED MAR 24 1920 DEPT OF COMMERCE

S CARDED (SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
C Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.
Eighth District

(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS APR 12 1920

I, Sidney E. Spratley,

CHIEF CLERK

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

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APPOINTMENTS

Sidney E. Spratley
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 6th day of April, A. D. 1920.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Frank J. Lebrun

(Official title) Clerk of Court

My commission expires June 2nd 1920

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service (Pro-bationary)	$720 p.a.	South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana.
Former [5] Keeper in the Light-house Service (Temporary)	$720 p.a.	do.

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

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CARDED

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., April 7, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 1, 1920.
(Date)

C. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

E. J. Lamphier
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., April 27, 1920. 191

(City.) (Dist.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

1920 MAY 3 AM 9 55

Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.

Name, Sidney E. Spratley — Legal residence, Mississippi

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $780 per annum

Location, South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective June 1, 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, $720 p.a.

Location, South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana.

APPOINTMENTS

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

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Previous incumbent, Joseph L. Schrieber — Services to be terminated, May 31, 1920.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, F.P.Spratley, brother, married, Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., etc., La. and Tex.

FAS 5/13/20.

Remarks: Sidney E. Spratley is now serving under probationary appointment. He is the only employee in his grade at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time of his appointment. There is no suitable employee in the Service who desires transfer to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, April 27, 1920

C. H. Humphrey
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAY - 3 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APR 30 1920

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H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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[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

Mr. Sidney E. Spratley, May 1, 1920.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720. per annum to $780. per annum, effective June 1, 1920 or as soon thereafter as you enter on 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.

CARDED

REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY - 4 1920 DEPARTMENT 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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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 11, 1920.

Hydrog.
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Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Commr.

APPOINTMENTS
1920 JUN 17 PM 4 07

Sidney E. Spratley,
keeper

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter dated May 1, 1920, notifying Sidney E. Spratley, keeper, South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana, of change in his salary from $720 to $780 per annum, effective on the date he entered on duty at the increased rate of pay:

2. The Bureau is advised that this change was effected on June 1, 1920.

REPORT DATA ENTERED

CARDED

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUN 15 1920

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner

Form 93

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT.

LIGHT AUG 9 1920 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK

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New Orleans, La., August 6 - - - , 1920.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Sidney E. Spratley — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Mississippi — Station, South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana.

Salary, $780.00 per annum.

APPOINTMENTS

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of August 16, 1920.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 12 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Remarks:

Letter dated August 2, 1920, from Leonard F. Edgecombe, Keeper of South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana, relative to failure of Assistant Keeper Spratley to perform his duties properly, is also attached. In view of the statements contained in Keeper Edgecombe's letter, and as Assistant Keeper Spratley is still serving in probationary period, it is recommended that his resignation be accepted.

8/11/20.

E. D. Laughlier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

AUG 9 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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E. C. Gillette

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

South Pass Range Rear L. S. La.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 2, 1920

To Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans La.

Through the Keeper.

Sir:-

Please accept my resignation as 1st Assistent Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station to take effect at the close of August 16, 1920.

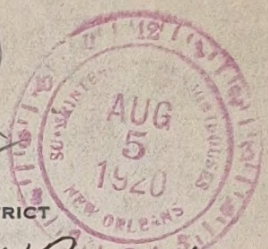
My reason for resigning is that the Keeper Mr. L. F. Edgecombe called me a "Dog-gone Liar" last night while on watch, and I am otherwise unable to get along with him.

Respectfully.
Sidney E. Spratley.
1st Assistent Keeper.

Leonard F. Edgecombe
Keeper

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

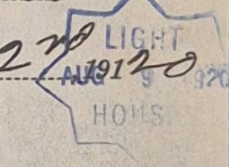
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

South Pass Range Rear
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 2nd 1920



Superintendent of Light Houses
Eight District
New Orleans La

Sir

On August 2nd 1920
at 2.15 am L & Spratley 1st Assistant
Keeper. Called me an Watch. the
Light was Stoped. Cause of Light Staping
the Machiney Runed down. at 2.20 am
Light Runing good. S E Spratley
1st Asst Keeper Should Have Called
me at 1.30 Am. Mr Spratley
Will Not or Can Not Stand Night
Watches at this Station. he Will go to
Sleep an Watch. Also he Will go Back
to Bed after he is Called an Watch
I Recammend this Resignation
to be Accepted

Yours Respectfully.
Leonard F Edgecombe
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 12,

r. Sidney D. Spratley,

M Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir: Through the

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

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service.
Station..... South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana.
Position..... Keeper
Salary..... $780 per annum

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 1 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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