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National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 7/21/2025

## 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Stokes, Irving, J. | | 1886 AL |

## 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: 1957 AL

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 (AL/LA)
From: 1925 To: 1940

(Agency & Location)
From: To:

(Agency & Location) 2 folders
From: To:

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

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## STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-000 6010995

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Submitted in Arr. Search 7/23/25

Attendant Signature:

Remarks: SBR

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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:

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

# REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER
(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

1. DATE OF REQUEST

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

## 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Stokes, Irvin James | | December 18, 1886 |

5. FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYING OFFICE (*Agency, bureau or equivalent, address, and dates of employment*)
U.S. Coast Guard
Washington, D.C.
Retired 10/1/40

(*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
- [ ] b. REQUEST TRANSMISSION OF FOLDER FOR TEMPORARY USE
- [x] c. CONSOLIDATE ATTACHED PAPERS WITH OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED

7. REMARKS

## SECTION II—FOR USE BY FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MO.

8.

- [ ] a. CONSOLIDATE ATTACHED PAPERS WITH FOLDER PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED
- [ ] 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

*NOTE.—Original will be used as charge-out by Federal Records Center. Duplicate will be returned as transmittal sheet when appropriate.*

TO: Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
U.S. Coast Guard
ADDRESS: 1300- E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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

ATTN:

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—66097-1

File 3-2

PS-1
4 June 1957
P6-2/L16-4

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Sirs:

There is forwarded herewith for your consideration the claim of Ada Stokes for the final retired pay due the estate of Irvin James STOKES, Watchman, former Lighthouse Service now United States Coast Guard, Retired, deceased.

This claim in the amount of $39.99 has been examined and is approved for payment. The appropriation to be charged is 2070241, Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1957

Attached to the claim is a waiver showing funeral expenses incurred in this case have been paid in full.

Statement of pay account in the case of Irvin James STOKES is forwarded for use in connection with the settlement of the claim for final retired pay.

Very truly yours,

5 June 57

R. R. CURRY
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandantq

Encl:
(1) Form 2661
(2) Form 1055
(3) Statement of pay account
(4) Waiver

MJM:jnk, rm 2111, sta 2-4

PS-1
4 June 1957
P6-2/L16-4

Mrs. Ada Stokes
Coden, Alabama

My dear Mrs. Stokes:

Your claim for the final retired pay due the estate of Irvin James STOKES, Watchman, former Lighthouse Service, now United States ~~Coast Guard, Retired,~~ has been sent by this office to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

If there is undue delay in the settlement of this claim, it is suggested that you contact the Claims Division, General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C.

There is forwarded herewith the Withholding Tax Statement for the Year 1957, to aid you in the settlement of the estate of Irvin James Stokes.

Very truly yours,

R. R. CURRY
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

Encl:
(1) Form W-2

5 - June 57

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(To be retained by payee, and when payment is made by check, to be used as mailing copy)

# DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

U. S. COAST GUARD

*Appropriation:* 2070241, Retired Pay, Coast Guard 1957

THE UNITED STATES, *Dr.*,

*To* Irvin J. STOKES, Watchman, FLHS, Retired (814) Retired
(Name)
Goden, Alabama
Mrs. Ada Stokes(widow), *U. S. Coast Guard*
(Designation)
Codin, Ala.
(Address)

*Unit* Headquarters Retired Roll-Lighthouse

*Total years of service* _____

*Pay period, days, or grade* _____

*Monthly rate of pay* $100.00 (Base and longevity)

*For pay and allowances—*

*From* 1 Apr. 57, *to* 12 Apr. 57 (Inclusive)

| CREDITS: | | NOTATIONS |
|---|---|---|
| Subsistence allowance $ | | |
| Rental or quarters allowance | | |
| Pay | 39.99 | |
| Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher) | | |
| Sundry credits and adjustments | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS $ | 39.99 | |

| CHARGES: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Allotment $ | | |
| Clothing | | |
| Forfeited | | |
| Sundry charges and adjustments | | |
| TOTAL CHARGES $ | | |

| | | NOTATIONS |
|---|---|---|
| Total Credits $ | 39.99 | |
| Less—Total Charges, $ | | |
| Amt. retained | | |
| TOTAL $ | | |
| Net amount to be paid on this voucher $ | 39.99 | |

REMARKS: Died 12 April 1957. Last paid for the period 1-31 March 1957 on D. O. Voucher No. 2330 settled in March 1957 accounts of J. F. CANNON, CDO, SN 5100.

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)
99-72
999000

(Payee will NOT use this space)
Differences _____
Account verified; correct for $ 39.99

(Signature or initials) C/ _____

I certify that the foregoing account is true and correct and that payment therefor has not been received; that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed I was not assigned adequate quarters at my permanent station; that, if without dependents, I was not on field or sea duty during the period for which rental allowance is claimed; that, if with dependents, I did not occupy with them any public quarters assigned to me without charge at any station, nor did any of them occupy public quarters assigned to them or to any other officer or his dependents except for brief visits; that the increased allowances for dependents are claimed because of _____
(Here state whether lawful wife, unmarried child or children under 21 years, mother dependent upon officer for support, giving names and addresses of dependents, also ages of minor children)

and that, in case of dependent mother, I have contributed to her support during the current period for which allowances are claimed the sum of $_____, in cash or its equivalent, without any consideration in return, which contribution is her *chief support*, and each and every statement as set forth in her affidavit dated _____, 19____ {attached hereto / filed with voucher} for _____ (Month), 19____ is true and correct, and so remains at this time, except
(Here state fully changes occurring between date of last affidavit and signing of this voucher)

_____, 19____ (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) _____, _____
(Date) (Name) (Official designation)

I certify that I have examined the foregoing account; that the statements contained therein have been compared with the records of the United States Coast Guard and found correct except as otherwise indicated; that the officer named is entitled to the amount of pay and allowances herein approved; and that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed on this voucher, the above-named officer was not assigned adequate quarters at his permanent station.

Approved for $ 39.99

Date 30 April 1957, 19____ (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) C. C. GORDON, ACO

*Commanding, District Commander.*

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—29661-1

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## STATEMENT OF PAY ACCOUNT OF RETIRED PERSONNEL *(Deceased)*

| | SERVICE NO. | GRADE OR RATE | YEARS OF SERVICE |
|---|---|---|---|
| ...ES, FLHS, Ret. Deceased | 814 | Watchman | 18-10-28 |
| FROM *(Date)* 1957 | PAY COMPUTED TO *(Through date of death)* 12 April 1957 | | PAY GRADE |

| CREDITS | | CHARGES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PAY EARNED | $ 39.99 | ALLOTMENTS | $ |
| ADJUSTMENTS | $ | FEDERAL TAX WITHHELD AND DISPOSED OF | $ |
| TOTAL | $ 39.99 | ADJUSTMENTS | $ |
| X BALANCE DUE ___ OVERPAID | AMOUNT DUE ~~OR OVERPAID~~ 39.99 | TOTAL | $ |

REMARKS

ACCOUNT AS STATED ON RETIREMENT PAY ROLL, RETIRED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD:

| ACCOUNT FOR *(Month and year)* | VOUCHER NO. | SETTLED IN *(Month and year)* |
|---|---|---|
| March 1957 | 2330 | March 1957 |

| ACCOUNT OF | SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING CERTIFYING OFFICER |
|---|---|
| J. F. CANNON, CDO, SN 5100 | C. C. GORDON |

6085 Treasury CGHQ Wash., D.C.

...approved 29 August 1950. The Civil Service Commission is charged with the responsibility for administering the Act and the agency has devised a form to be used by eligible widows in making application for the benefits of this Act. Widows eligible for benefits should write direct to the Retirement Division, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. for the application form, and information as to the procedure for making claim therefor.

If your husband had service other than that with the former Lighthouse Service, it may be possible that as his legal widow death benefits provided by laws administered by another agency, such as the Veterans Administration or Social Security Administration may be available. In that event it is suggested that you contact the department concerned relative to your eligibility.

The forms necessary to effect settlement of the final retired pay are herewith enclosed. If a legal representative is appointed to administer the estate of your husband, the person appointed should complete the enclosed Forms No. 1055, claim for the final pay and attach thereto a copy of the court order as evidence of the appointment. If a legal representative is not appointed, the next of kin, or the person who paid or will pay the funeral expenses, should execute the enclosed Forms No. 1055, in the presence of two witnesses, taking care to answer all questions as checked. If the funeral expenses have been paid, a bill receipted by the undertaker should be forwarded, otherwise, the undertaker should sign the enclosed waiver form. This information is required to support the claim for the retired pay due on date of death.

PS-1
29 April 1957
P6-2

Mrs. Ada Stokes
Coden, Alabama

My dear Mrs. Stokes:

Information has been received at Coast Guard Headquarters of the death of your husband, Irvin James Stokes, Watchman, former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired.

It is requested that a certified copy of the certificate of death be forwarded to Commandant (PS) for our records.

At the time of death there was due the estate of your husband final retired pay for the period 1 - 12 April 1957. Retirement benefits paid by the Coast Guard ceases at the death of the retired member. Death benefits for the widows of certain employees of the former Lighthouse Service are provided by Public Law 719, 81st Congress, approved 19 August 1950. The Civil Service Commission is charged with the responsibility for administering the Act and the agency has devised a form to be used by eligible widows in making application for the benefits of this Act. Widows eligible for benefits should write direct to the Retirement Division, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. for the application form, and information as to the procedure for making claim therefor.

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PS-1
29 April 1957
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Mrs. Ada Stokes
Coden, Alabama

In the event you have in your possession any uncashed retired pay checks, these should be returned to Coast Guard Headquarters for settlement with the claim for retired pay due on date of death.

When the enclosed forms have been completed, return them to Commandant (PS) in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

R. R. CURRY
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

Encl:
(1) Forms No. 1055
(2) Waiver
(3) Envelope

MJM:dja return to room 2111 station 2-4.

(Rev. 5-55)

# REPORT OF DEATH

## OF PERSONS OTHER THAN THOSE CARRIED AS MISSING

TO: Chief, Payment and Claims Division.

DATE 26 April 1957

| NAME | SERVICE NO. | GRADE OR RATING |
|---|---|---|
| STOKES, Irvin James ✓ | (FLHS) | Watchman, Retired |
| DATE OF RECEIPT OF EVIDENCE OF DEATH | ESTABLISHED DATE OF DEATH | |
| 25 April 1957 | 12 April 1957 | |

Information concerning death of the above-listed person has been received reporting established date of death as herein set forth.

O. R. SMEDER, Commander, USCG
Chief, Special Services Division

DLP mm Jmm.

IRVIN J. STOKES.

cert

OUT FILES

IRVIN J. STOKES.

Returned - disa - 9-30-40

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

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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WJB.

Irvin J. Stokes.

Hydro.
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Chf Clk.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

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

October 14th, 1922.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Returned herewith is Notice of Change in Salary, dated October 3rd, 1922, of Irvin J. Stokes, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

2. This office made no recommendation for a change in the salary of I.J.Stokes although a recommendation was forwarded to the Bureau on Sept. 13, 1922, for the rental of a dwelling for the use of the Assistant Keeper of Pass Manchac Light Station. Information is requested as to whether the change in the salary of Mr. Stokes is in connection with the rental of the dwelling.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. Muth

First Assistant Superintendent.

LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. October 17, 1922.
Inclosure.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of October 11, 1922, transmitting copy of Department approval of Bureau recommendation of September 30, 1922, authorizing an increase in salary to I. J. Stokes, keeper of Manachac Light Station, La., in lieu rental of quarters as recommended by you, the Bureau considered this to be the most advantageous method. Inclosed herewith is Department notice of change in salary which you returned to the Bureau.

FILE

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

0245 Mobile Quar.

IN REPLYING
ADDRESS THE SURGEON GENERAL
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
AND REFER TO

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF
THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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Dep. Bureau
Commissioner.

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August 2, 1928.

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 AUG 13 AM 9 22

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I wish to submit herewith a copy of a letter received from the Medical Officer in Charge of the U.S. Quarantine Station, Mobile, Alabama, dated July 23, 1928 recommending the appointment of I.J. Stokes, Lighthouse Keeper at Fort Morgan, Alabama, as a caretaker of the buildings and property constituting the old and now disused quarantine station at Fort Morgan.

I desire to inquire whether there would be any objection on the part of your Office to the appointment of I.J. Stokes by this Bureau at a nominal salary of $100 per year, plus quarters, in order that he might act, in addition to his duties as lighthouse keeper, as custodian of this disused property, pending its final disposition. It is understood that his present compensation plus this nominal compensation will not exceed the statutory limit of $2500 per annum for joint compensation.

Respectfully,

Acting Surgeon General.

FAC:GLK
Incl.

Does, believe according to the law Is Keeper at Fort Gaines pay, 620 (1620-1920) Refer to 8th

TP 8/4

Concur
as PSW 8/6
MMM
Aug 6

LIGHTHOUSES
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS

Mobile Quarantine Station,
Sand Island, (Mobile) Ala.
July 23, 1928.

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 AUG 13 AM 9 22

The Surgeon General,
U.S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that I.J.Stokes, lighthouse keeper at Sand Island near Fort Morgan, Alabama, offers to act as caretaker of the buildings and property at the Fort Morgan station, if, in return, he is allowed to occupy as a residence, one of the buildings of the station without being required to pay rent therefor.

The Service owns at Fort Morgan nine buildings with their gangways, together with some unserviceable property consisting mostly of heavy articles which could not be easily transported to the new station. The buildings, however are equipped with valuable plumbing fixtures such as bath tubs, lavatories, etc., which might prove valuable if removed.

The Station is isolated and I understand fishermen and others frequently use the abandoned buildings, and these persons may cause destruction of some of the property by fire, or may remove some of the fixtures and sell them.

A caretaker, therefore, costing nothing to the Service might be of value, and for this reason the offer of Mr. Stokes to act as caretaker is recommended for acceptance.

Respectfully,

F. Faget,
Surgeon in Charge.

FF:OS

0245- Quarantine Sta.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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LIGHTHOUSES

1928 AUG 13 AM 9 22

August 8, 1928.

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Mar. Engr.
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Adm. Assist.
Gen. Corresp.
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Letter of August 2 from Public Health Service, inclosing copy of letter of July 23 from U.S. Quarantine Station, Mobile, Ala., relative to employment of I.J. Stokes, Keeper, Fort Morgan, Ala., as custodian of station at Fort Morgan.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for return with report and recommendation.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ESL:LEC
Incls.

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., August 11, 1928

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

2. The unused quarantine station at Fort Morgan, Ala., is three miles from Sand Island Lighthouse, Ala.

3. It is assumed that Keeper I. J. Stokes of Sand Island Lighthouse would desire to become caretaker of the buildings and property constituting the unused quarantine station at Fort Morgan because it would furnish living quarters for his family; the families of keepers not being permitted to reside at Sand Island Light Station on account of its isolation.

4. It is believed that Keeper Stokes could not render adequate service as caretaker of the unused quarantine station at Fort Morgan, and that this would interfere with his work as a lighthouse keeper three miles away. It is suggested that the same result could be obtained by the Public Health Service employing Mrs. I. J. Stokes as caretaker instead of the keeper.

E. S. LANDRIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RJ EJD

August 15, 1928.

The Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. In reference to your letter of August 2, making inquiry as to whether or not there is any objection by this Service to the appointment by your Service of I. J. Stokes Lighthouse Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, as a part time custodian of property nearby of your Service;

2. It appears that the light station is about three miles distant from the property of your Service, and it is believed that it would not be advisable for Mr. Stokes to assume this duty in addition to his present duties as Lighthouse Keeper. It is suggested, however, that a satisfactory arrangement could be made by your Service by employing Mrs. I. J. Stokes as care taker.

Respectfully,

A. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

copy to file

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1929 MAR 21 AM 11 55

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

March 19, 1929

Noted Mar 18 1929 Mar 21

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 16, 1929. Upon the last inspection of your station, the Superintendent admonished you that the I.O.V. lamp should be in readiness for exhibition in the event that, for any reason, the electric light could not be exhibited, and you were cautioned to instruct the assistant keepers in the use of the I.O.V. apparatus and to light the I.O.V. lamp at regular intervals.

2. The necessity for proper instruction of assistant keepers in the handling of I.O.V. apparatus is indicated by the inability of the assistant keeper to find and replace a burnt out fuse plug.

3. You are cautioned in regard to your duties as outlined above.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Commissioner. See letter of March 18th reporting extinguishment of Sand Island Light. A circular has been sent out because of the failure of the electric light at Sand Island, Ala.

E. S. Lanphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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ESH:LBC
1 Incls.

Received
1929 MAR 30 AM 11 45

Sand Island Light, Ala.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 28, 1929

4-17-29
Ltr to Keeper of Sand Island Light

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Replying to Bureau's indorsement of March 25, 1929, File No. 528E, on letter from this office of March 18, 1929, relative to the extinguishment of Sand Island Light on the night of March 15th, the following report is submitted:

2. It will be noted from the copy of letter of March 16, 1929, from the Keeper of Sand Island Light that, in an emergency, he took the First Assistant Keeper ashore and left the Second Assistant Keeper at the station during which time this incident occurred.

3. The Second Assistant Keeper, J. M. Hatten, is a new appointee, having entered on duty as Assistant Lighthouse Keeper on February 14, 1929.

4. Inclosed herewith are copies of letters of March 19 and 21, 1929, to the Keeper of Sand Island Light Station in which it was pointed out to him that he was derelict in his duty in not instructing the assistant keeper in the use of the I.O.V. light. It is recommended therefore that a letter of reprimand be sent to I. J. Stokes, Keeper, in this matter.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Memo read: Keeper has been reprimanded
Lewis W. Bubbs Lilian J
W.O. 1471 filed
Feb 31 Mar 30

Rec. Ltr reprimand for leaving station in charge of newly appt'd employee, without proper training and instruction. F 4/1/29

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C O P Y

LIGHTHOUSES 1929 MAR 30 AM 11 43

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 21, 1929

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

1. Referring further to the recent extinguishment of the light at your station, you are advised that the Mechanic of the Mobile Lighthouse Depot, who visited the station, reports to this office that Mr. J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper, informed him that he, Hatten, had had no instructions as to the operation of the I.O.V. lamp in the event that the electric light could not be shown.

2. Mr. Williams also reported to this office that Mr. Hatten had not had proper instructions as to the operation of the generator sets, changing of oil, etc. Very evidently Mr. Hatten had not been told anything about fuse plugs.

3. It would appear that you have been derelict in not properly instructing and drilling the new assistant keeper. You must not assume that a new man knows anything. He must be drilled and instructed continuously for several weeks after his arrival.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG EJD

April 17, 1929.

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station, Ala.
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

1. The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent relative to the extinguishment of the light at your station on the night of March 15, 1929.

2. It is noted that the Second Assistant Keeper of the station was on watch at the time and that he was apparently unable to meet the emergency by putting the I. O. V. light into operation. You are hereby reprimanded for leaving the station in charge of a newly appointed keeper without proper training and instruction in his duties, and you are cautioned in the matter of properly instructing your assistants in the future. This matter will be made a part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. D. KING
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

G. R. PUTNAM

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Enter first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

| Percentage of working time | |
|---|---|
| 40% | General cleaning of light station such as scaling, scraping paint and repainting. |
| 25% | On watch. |
| 15% | Operating and maintaining power plant |
| 10% | Trips ashore for mail and supplies |
| 5% | Correspondence with district and preparation of necessary reports. |
| 5% | Other necessary duties. |

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

I J Stokes
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

Cares for second order flashing electric light. Operates kerosene engine driven electric generators. Station isolated and difficult to access. Post office, reached by boat, 12 miles distant.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since December 17, 1927

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

SEP 20 1928, 1928 (Date) — E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of Preparing Officer) — SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1620 to $ 1920

SEP 20 1928, 1928 (Date) — E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of head of field office or station) — SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES (Title)

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SEP 20 1928, 1928 (Date) — H. B. BOWERMAN Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

*Bureau No.* 222 *Sheet No.* [illegible]

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Stokes, (Surname) Irvin (Given name) J. (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Sand Island Light Station
   (b) Subdivision Eighth Lighthouse District
   (c) City or town [illegible] State [illegible]

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1620-1920
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1620
10. Deduction for allowances $ [illegible]
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1620

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☒ Room { ☒ Furnished ☒ Unfurnished } ☒ Heat ☒ Light ☒ Fuel ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value [illegible]

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost [illegible]

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From [illegible] m. to [illegible] m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer [illegible] Winter [illegible] (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day [illegible]; number of days per { week / month / year } [illegible] (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty [illegible]

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime [illegible] (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months [illegible]

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? No (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering) [illegible]
(c) How many? [illegible]

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

Tony Lynn 8(b)-79
Cecil C. Houston 8(b)-96

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
Follows regulations, also instructions of Superintendent of Lighthouses

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior?
H. S. Lenthier, Superintendent of Lighthouses 8(c)-1

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

| Elementary | | | | | | | | High | | | | Normal | | | | College | | | | Postgraduate or professional | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | X 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | (Kind) |

Other education (describe):

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?
About three years previous experience on lighthouse keeper in the district

Form 73a

LEC

**REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSES LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1932 MAY - 9 - AM 9:14

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Supt. 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., May 6, 1932

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about May 20, 1932.

Name, Irvin James Stokes Position, Keeper

From Sand Island Light Station, Ala. ($1680 - Rge: $1680-$2040) To Chandeleur Light Station, La. ($1680 p.a.- Rge:$1680-$2040)

Previous incumbent, Will J. Laughlin (Lt.#215)

Services terminated, April 15, 1932 Reason, Deceased

The filling of this vacancy is necessary for the safeguarding of life and property.

E. S. Lanphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

New Orleans, La., May 26, 1932

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with May 23, 1932

ES LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

11—4508

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 28 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

~~Acting Commissioner.~~

Chief, Personnel Division

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

ESL:LBC
Incl.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

1935 JAN 10 AM 11 22

January 8, 1935

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
P. O. Box 591,
Gulfport, Miss.

1/22/35 Reprimanded Stokes
copy to Dept
" " 8th

Copy to Dept with action of deduction from pay (in lieu of removal) if the 15 days from date of placement of keeper's depot were not replaced, would require dept attn (Resp. Art 339 (Reg.

1. Referring to Correspondence relative to equipment of the station launch, and to inspection of that equipment which has been made by this office, it appears from your admission that the brass combination running light of the launch was lost, and that you failed to report the matter to this office. It also appears that you substituted for the brass combination running light two old secondhand side lights which you secured in some manner.

WPH 1/10

2. It has been ascertained that a brass combination light, such as was originally provided for the launch, will cost the sum of $5.20. There is inclosed herewith bill of A. Duvic's Sons, New Orleans, in the above amount, and you are required to buy a brass combination running light to replace the one lost by you, and the loss of which you failed to report.

1/10 But sec. also wrote Sec. refer to Mond to Hpr.

3. If you desire to buy a brass combination running light for the launch at some other place, it will be acceptable if the proper light is purchased which must be satisfactory to this office and approved before it will be accepted.

4. In conclusion, it is desired to caution you against a repetition of the offence of losing government property and failing to report the loss. This is a serious offence, and, if repeated, will result in severe disciplinary action.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Two copies to Commissioner

January 22, 1935.

Mrvin J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandleuer Light Station, Miss.,
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report to the effect that the brass combination running light of the station launch was lost and that instead of reporting this loss to the Superintendent you substituted two old second-hand side lights which you secured for the purpose.

While it appears that your action in this matter was not in the nature of theft or appropriation of Government property, it is nevertheless believed that your failure to report the loss was negligent and an effort to avoid responsibility for the loss of property and replacement of same. You are therefore reprimanded for this offense and advised that a repetition of such action will result in more severe disciplinary action. This matter will be made a part of your official record.

HM-KK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash. Copy to 8th Knot.

Light/ [illegible]

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THE LETTER
AND FILE NO.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

1935 MAR 20 PM 2:38

March 4, 1935.

Mr. J. C. Wallice,
Pass Christian, Miss.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of February 19, with regard to the keeper at Chandeleur Light Station, engaging in trapping:

This matter is under consideration and you will be further advised at an early date.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

H. A. Young
Deputy Commissioner.

E-K

Returned as unclaimed

Chandeleur

— 1 — Pass Christian Miss.

Feb 19th 1935

LIGHTHOUSES

1935 FEB 23 AM 9 05

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS

Lighthouse Bureau

Washington D.C.

MAR - 6 1935

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Gentlemen

I want to call your attention to the Head Light Keeper At - Chandeleur Light House He has got traps set out all over the Island to Catch the furs Animals he got some boys he leaves at the light to do his work while he tends to his traps the the boys take the furs in for him on the light house boat which Cost him Nothing you Can write the Asst. Keepers at the Light House they will tell you about it. Last Saturday he started to Biloxi in the launch

with a load of furs and
Aleuten trappers. They got
lost on the last end of
Shuyak island and nearly
lost the light house launch
the Coast Guard Cutter
Triton had to go after them.
I am a trapper and have
a permit and pay a license
to hunt and trap and
I cant see why this
man should be allowed
to take my living away
from me.
As he gets good pay from
the Goverment and a free
boat at the Governments
Expense.
I Cant Compete with him
in the trapping Business.
I hope you will be do
something about this or
I will be obliged to take
it up with the Game
warden at Jayuegna
Yours Truly
F. C. Wallace

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT

MAR - 6 1935

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

1935 MAR 23 AM 9 04

March 4, 1935.

Letter Feb.19,1935 from J.C.Wallice, Pass Christian,Miss., re keeper of Chandeleur Light Station engaging in trapping.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

H. D. King
Deputy Commissioner

E-K

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ESL:LEC
Incls.

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., March 21, 1935

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

2. The investigation of the report made in the inclosed letter, signed by J. C. Wallice, is still in progress. General denial has been entered by the keeper in question.

3. The inclosed letter, dated March 7, was written to J. C. Wallice, Pass Christian, Miss., the signer of the letter forwarded to this office by the Bureau, and has been returned. There is also transmitted the envelope in which the letter was sent, and returned by the postmaster at Pass Christian, checkmarked "unclaimed" "unknown".

Noted 3/25

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 7, 1935

1935 MAR 23 AM 9:04

Mr. J. C. Wallice,
Pass Christian,
Mississippi

Dear Sir:

1. Your letter of February 19 to the Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., has been referred to this office for attention. You are advised that the charges made by you against the Keeper of Chandeleur Lighthouse will be investigated.

Very truly yours,

E. S. Lamplier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

May 10, 1935.

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau has noted in connection with the dismissal of J. H. Chastant, second assistant keeper at your station, that he had been in the habit of abusing the leave privileges at the station, overstaying his leave allowance more or less regularly from time to time for which he gave various excuses. This matter is specially brought to your attention so that you will make every effort possible to check such practices at the station, and when they occur that you will report the circumstances fully to the Superintendent in order that he may have the details necessary to take proper disciplinary action against keepers who offend in this respect.

RC-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES—Appointment Division's files

Exam. ... signed by _____

Mailed _____ by _____

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt

Form 106.
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EFFICIENCY RATINGS

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

New Orleans, La., July 24, 1935

EFFICIENCY RATINGS of employees holding appointment certificates under direction of the Inspector of the Eighth Lighthouse District for the period ending {December 31st / June 30,} 1935, whose efficiency is BELOW $\frac{8}{10}$ for quantity of work, good for quality of work, and good for interest manifested in work.

| NAME OF EMPLOYEE (Surname last) | WHERE EMPLOYED (Abbreviate, if necessary) | EFFICIENCY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | QUANTITY | QUALITY | INTEREST MANIFESTED IN WORK | IS EMPLOYEE FULLY EARNING SALARY? |
| Stokes, I. J. | Keeper, Chandeleur Light Station, La. See letter from this office of Jan. 8, 1935, copy to Bureau, and Bureau letter of Jan. 22, 1935, to I. J. Stokes, reprimanding him due to the fact that the brass combination running light of the station launch was lost, and instead of reporting the loss to the Superintendent, two old second-hand side lights were substituted. | .75 | Average | Fair | Yes |
| Jacobson, H. P. | Second Officer in Command of the Tender "Aster". See letter from this office dated 6-28-35, recommending that Mr. Jacobson be suspended for a period of fifteen days. Various charges had been preferred against him by an ex-member of the crew. | .75 | Average | Fair | Yes |

1935 JUL 26 AM 8:29

E. V. Rauschert
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

11—6036

Form 73

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City) September 11 (Date), 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Stokes, Irvin J.

Position, Watchman in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala.

Effective, October 1, 1935.

Legal residence, Texas

Proposed salary, $1200 p.a.

Proposed range, $1200-$1500

Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Service.

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location,

Former salary, $1680 p.a.

Former range, $1680-$2040

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Oliver J.D orlon / $1200 p.a. (I.T.# 3677) / to be Services terminated, Sept. 30, 1935.

Reason, Termination of temporary appointment.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Dept Asked to waive 15 C.S. Rule 1

Remarks: Letter from Keeper Stokes accepting this transfer at a reduction in pay is attached.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19____

E. V. Lauvlie.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 13 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Hfm

APM

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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

JK

AUG 30 1935

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 26, 1935., 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

1. I desire to be considered for transfer to the position of Watchman at the U. S. Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala., at the rate of $1200 per annum, less 3½% deduction for Civil Service Retirement.

E. J. Stoker,
Keeper.

JK

Note Stoker's letter attached re 3½% for retirement. This position is under LH retirement law.

Do you see any objection to letting the letter go along bearing that statement?

HM

Let it go as is OPH

Form A[redacted]

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1935.

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1935 OCT 10 PM 2 43
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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Watchman

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Change from Keeper at $1680 per annum.

Civil Service authority: Certificate No. T-12152.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDN[illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Oliver J. Dorlon.

Legal residence: Texas.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 17, 1935

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station
P. O. Box 591
Gulfport, Miss.

10/19

1. Referring to the inspection of your station on Wednesday, October 16, by the Assistant Lighthouse Engineer, it is reported that you were dressed in nondescript overalls with a workman's cap, not a uniform cap. Your personal condition was entirely unsatisfactory. You will be careful, hereafter, at all times, to wear the regulation uniform when on duty at the station or in the boat.

2. Blue dungaree uniform and white seaman's hat may be worn when required by the nature of the work, or a blue cloth uniform cap may be worn with the blue dungaree uniform when working. At all other times, the regulation uniform shall be worn at the station and on the motor boat.

3. Your excuse to the Assistant Engineer was that you did not have time to dress. The regulations require that you shall wear the uniform at all times while on the station.

4. An improvement is desired in your neatness and personal cleanliness, and you should bear this in mind.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 27, 1936

2/3/36 and to 8th

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Lighthouse Depot, Ala.

1. Referring to Bureau's indorsement of January 23, 1936, on the copy of the "Mobile Post" of January 17, 1936, it is believed that publicity was given to this matter by I. J. Stokes, the present watchman at the Mobile Depot.

2. Mr. Stokes was keeper of Chandeleur Lighthouse and appealed to this office to be made watchman at the Mobile Depot. He called at this office and he was verbally told of the long hours required of a watchman in the position which he desired. He persisted in stating that he still wanted the job. In order that there might be no mistake about the matter, a letter, dated August 30, 1935, was sent to him stating the hours required of the watchman at the Mobile Depot, and he was told that, if he still desired to be considered for the transfer, he should indorse one copy of this letter as having been noted and agreed to, and return same to this office. Inclosed herewith is the letter written to Mr. Stokes which he has signed, and which he mailed back to this office.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Presume no action necessary - copy of papers need not be returned
WPH 1/29

WPH-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
January 29, 1936.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, the above explanation being noted, from which it appears that Watchman Stokes had a full understanding of the conditions when he accepted the position. Your letter of August 30, 1935 with Stokes' indorsement is returned for your file. It is left to your discretion whether any notice of the newspaper item should be taken with respect to Stokes himself.

Your view, however, is desired as to whether the hours of duty of the Watchman at Mobile Lighthouse Depot are unduly long, and if so, what remedy is suggested, within reasonable expenditure of available funds.

For the Commissioner.

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

8th's letter January 27,1936, re appointment I.J.Stokes as watchman Mobile Lighthouse Depot,Ala.,and hours of watch.

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RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
February 3, 1936.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., the above explanation being noted, from which it appears that Watchman Stokes had a full understanding of the conditions when he accepted the position. Your letter of August 30, 1935 with Stokes' indorsement is returned for your file. It is left to your discretion whether any notice of the newspaper item should be taken with respect to Stokes himself.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
December 7, 1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Form 2806 - I. J. Stokes

1. Transmitted herewith, in duplicate, is Form 2806 showing record of service of I. J. Stokes, recently transferred to the position of Watchman at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

E-K

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
March 17, 1936.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La. There appears some discrepancies in the rate of pay as shown on the attached form 2806 and as shown by Department records and an explanation is requested or an amendment of the form 2806 and return to Bureau. The rates of pay and dates as shown on Department records are shown in pencil on the attached form. The notations as to disciplinary action should also be omitted, and only one copy need be returned to the Bureau.

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

LIGHTHOUSES
'35 DEC -9 AM 9:01

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
1936 APR 16 AM 8 34

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 14, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Form 2806 - I.J. Stokes

1. There is forwarded herewith revised service card (Form 2806) in the case of Irvin J. Stokes.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

WJB:K

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 7 9 12 AM '38

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
February 4, 1938.

2/10/38 2nd to 8th

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

General Investment Corporation vs. I. J. Stokes.

1. Under date of April 5, 1937, this office received a letter from Messrs. Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou, Attorneys, Mobile, Alabama, advising that they had a judgment against I. J. Stokes, Watchman at the U. S. Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala., in the amount of $100, plus court costs, which represents an indebtedness to the General Investment Corporation and which is an obligation for rent of a dwelling house occupied by Stokes and his family.

2. The matter was taken up with Mr. Stokes who advised that he did not regard this as a just debt. Considerable correspondence was involved in this case and it can best be explained by transmitting herewith copies of the following communications:

(1.) Letter dated April 5, 1937, from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou.
(2.) Letter from this office to I. J. Stokes, dated April 7, 1937.
(3.) Reply from I. J. Stokes dated April 14, 1937.
(4.) Letter from this office to the Judge, Circuit Court of Mobile County, Mobile, Ala., dated April 16, 1937.
(5.) Letter from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou dated April 19, 1937.
(6.) Letter from this office to I. J. Stokes dated April 20, 1937.
(7.) Letter from Alvin McConnell, Attorney At Law, dated April 24, 1937.
(8.) Letter from I. J. Stokes to this office dated April 28, 1937.
(9.) Letter from N. J. Jackson, dated May 3, 1937.
(10.) Letter from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou dated January 26, 1938.

3. This office is of the opinion that Stokes may deserve some measure of protection by this office. The judgment, plus court costs, would be a very heavy one for Stokes to pay. It is therefore requested that the Bureau, after reviewing the case, advise whether or not this office should compel Mr. Stokes to pay this obligation and, in the event of failure to do so, separate him from the Service.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

( C O P Y )

LAW OFFICES OF
LEO. M. BROWN AND LEO. H. POU
MOBILE, ALABAMA.

January 26, 1938.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: General Investment Corporation
VS: I. J. Stokes

Sir:

On April 16, 1937, you addressed a letter to the Judge of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Alabama, relative to the judgment we had recovered for the plaintiff in the above styled suit. At the request of the presiding judge I replied to your letter on April 19, 1937. Since that time we have heard nothing whatever about the matter and nothing has been paid on this judgment by the defendant.

We shall be obliged to you if you will advise us whether or not Mr. Stokes is still employed by the Government, and whether or not we may have your cooperation in collecting this judgment from him.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) LEO. H. POU.

LHP/H

(COPY-LEC)

Mobile, Ala.
May 3, 1937

The Supt. of the Lighthouses of La.

Sir

I am writing you in regards to that judgment against Mr. I. J. Stokes that the General Investment Corporation holds.

I was at Mr. Stokes during this time that he lived in this house. I do know that the house was in no shape to live in at that time as the roof leaked and windows leaked in around them and I know that the stove flue was bad as I did some cooking for Mrs. Stokes and I know the smoke was so bad I could hardly cook and I was there at different times when it rained and helped to fix the beds to keep them from getting wet and I know the house was not repaired while he lived there as I only lived about two blocks from him and was there at all times.

(Signed) N. J. Jackson (Colored)

650 Jefferson St.

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Mobile Depot
April 25, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

Sir.

1. In reply to your letter of April 20, 1937, relative to the judgment that the General Investment Corporation holds against me and as I stated before I was at the court house at 9-00 A.M. in Judge Grayson room at time of the trial which was in another room, so when I found that I was in the wrong room I went to see the other Judge, and he had already passed judgement on me, However he called Mr Pou, back to the court so I and Mr Pou went to talk with Judge Grayson, about me getting a trial, The Judge said that he would give me a trial right then, if I wanted it but I told him that my witnesses had all gone home, So then he said it did not make any difference about the witnesses as the judgement was already passes and according to the law he would have to pass judgement on me just the same, regardless of what I could prove, So I told the Judge if that was the case that there was no need in having a trial, then, and he said none what soever, I told him I did not see any justice in that, he said he could not helf that, He the Judge and Mr Pou, begin to talk about the judgement he asked Mr Pou, to cut it down some and Mr Pou, said he would not mind to do so if I would promise to pay the judgement but I did not say I would or would not because I knew that I would not pay the debt unless I had to for I dont think that it is just, Mr Pou, states in his letter that if I would pay the judgement "In installments without causing any further trouble he would consent to the amount being reduced, I want to say that there no such words used at all that statement is absolutly false about the installments, And also Mr Pou, states that with the agreement on my part that I would commence paying the judgement without delay which is another false statement, for I never promised anything, It looks to me as Mr Pou, has condemed every statement that I made and said they are untrue, I want to say that the that the statements that I made about the condition of the house are absolutly true and if the office wants me to do so I can get a statement that the house was unfit and not in no living condition verified by as many as six or seven diferent ones that were there at diferent times when it was raining and seen the condition of the house ahd how it leaked and also they know that the roof windows and stove flue was not repaired intil after we moved out of the house, So I trust that the office will give me a chance to prove these statements,

Respectfully,
(Signed) I. J. Stokes
Watchman

Forwarded by
(Sgd.) G. M. Galloway
Depot Keeper

(COPY-LEC)

ALVIN McCONNELL
Attorney At Law
220 Park Bldg.
MOBILE, ALABAMA

April 24, 1937

Mr. Lamphier, Supt.,
United States Lighthouse Dept.,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: General Investment Corp.
Vs. I. J. Stokes

Dear Sir:

About two weeks before the above case was set for trial in the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Mr. Stokes came to me, explained his side of the case, and asked me to act as counsel for him at the trial, his former attorney having died.

The court file showed that Mr. G. B. Dunning, local attorney, had appeared in behalf of Mr. Stokes soon after the suit was filed, but had filed no pleas and had not requested a trial by jury. He later died.

In view of the fact that the lease in question did not contain any agreements on the part of the Plaintiff, it was my opinion that Mr. Stokes defense would be unavailing in the absence of a jury trial, and I therefore declined the employment.

I give you this information at the request of Mr. Stokes without charge to him, of course.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Alvin McConnell

Alvin McConnell

AMcC/h

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

ESL:FB
Encl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 20, 1937

I. J. Stokes, Watchman,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot
P. O. Box 270
Mobile, Alabama
(Through the Depot Keeper)

1. Referring to your reply relative to your indebtedness to the General Investment Corporation, Mobile, Ala., enclosed herewith is copy of a letter received from Leo H. Pou, Attorney.

2. He had been advised of your reply, and in the letter, copy of which is hereto attached, he makes the statement that your statements are untrue.

3. Your further report is requested.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

( C O P Y )

Law Offices Of
Leo. M. Brown And Leo H. Pou
1604-10 Merchants National Bank Building
Mobile, Alabama.

April 19, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: General Investment Corporation
Vs: I. J. Stokes

Sir:

Your letter of April 16th, 1937, addressed to the Judge of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, has been handed to me for reply. This suit was tried before Judge Claude A. Grayson, who will verify the following statement as to the proceedings had in court:

Mr. Stokes was not present when the case was first called for trial and a judgment by default was entered against him for approximately $120.00, which was the correct amount then owing by the defendant. I was in court as the attorney for the plaintiff. After entry of the judgment I returned to my office, several blocks away, and when I arrived there I found a telephone call requesting my return to the Circuit Court. I went back to the Circuit Court and was informed by Judge Grayson that this defendant was at the court house but in the wrong room when the case was called, and desired to have a trial. I immediately requested the court to set aside the default judgment, which was done. The defendant had no witnesses with him, stating they had gone, which statement I did not believe. The Judge offered to delay the trial until the next day or until the next week, in order for the defendant to have his witnesses in court. The defendant then remarked that he was willing to have the case tried at that time.

The Judge conferred at length with the defendant and me, heard the evidence on both sides, and asked me if I would be willing to reduce my client's claim in order to make it lighter upon the defendant. At the same time he told Mr. Stokes that he was legally liable for the amount claimed in the suit, as he had no defense to the action. I told the Judge I was unwilling to reduce the claim merely in order to obtain a judgment, but if the defendant would agree to pay the judgment in installments without causing the plaintiff any further trouble about the matter, I would consent to the amount claimed being reduced to $100.00. Accordingly a judgment was entered by the court for that amount, and with the implied agreement on the part of Mr. Stokes that he would commence paying the judgment without delay. Mr. Stokes' representations to you, to the effect that a judgment was entered in his absence and without him having an opportunity to defend the suit, are untrue.

I may add that the statements of Mr. Stokes as to the circumstances connected with the leasing of the house are absolutely untrue. My client informs me that it not only did all of the work agreed upon at the time of the leasing of the house to Mr. Stokes, but that when informed that the roof was

not in good condition, and while the other repairs were being made, it placed an entirely new roof on the house, which roof was not called for in the original arrangement with Mr. Stokes. Furthermore, his statement that the house was again repaired and leased to some one else is untrue. As a matter of fact this house was leased to other parties after Mr. Stokes vacated it and was occupied by the new tenants without any substantial repairs whatever being made during the term for which Mr. Stokes rented the house. When the judgment was taken Mr. Stokes was given credit for the rent paid by said new tenant. If any work whatever has been done on this house since Mr. Stokes vacated it, such work was merely in the nature of minor routine repairs and the house is now occupied by tenants who appear to be perfectly satisfied with it.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated, and I shall appreciate your continued assistance. If any further information is required, please call upon me, or if you wish a statement from Judge Grayson, I have no doubt that he will be glad to furnish you any information you may desire.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) Leo H. Pou

LHP/H - RP

1. This office has received a letter dated April 5, 1937, from Leo H. Brown and Leo H. [illegible] in the National Bank Building, Mobile, Ala., re: General Investment Corporation vs. L. J. Stokes, reading:

"We shall appreciate any assistance you can render us in the collection of the judgment rendered on March 11, 1937, by Circuit Court of Mobile County in the above styled suit. The amount of the judgment is $150.00, plus costs of court. Mr. Stokes was present in court when the judgment was rendered and knows that the obligation is for rent of a dwelling house occupied by him and his family. Since the date of the judgment we have called upon him twice for payment, and he has completely ignored the matter.

"We understand that Mr. Stokes is employed at the Light House Depot at Mobile, under the control of your office."

2. The matter was immediately taken up with Mr. Stokes, who is a watchman, employed at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Alabama, and he replied as follows:

"In reply to your letter of April 7, 1937, about the $150.00 judgment for the General Investment Corporation for house rent. I moved and moved in this house on November 14, 1935, and I paid them the first month in advance and I lived in this house until January 14, 1936. At that time my wife rented another house and moved out of this one for the reason that we could not live in this house on account of roof leaking and rain blowing in around the windows and wetting everything in the house. My wife would have to pack up the beds and such and cover them up to keep them dry when it rained and I asked them several times to fix the house and they did not. Then I went to them and asked them to let us move in one of their other houses they had there in the same neighborhood and they would not do that; and also the [illegible] in the stove flue was gone and some of

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB:K

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 16, 1937.

Judge,
Circuit Court of Mobile County,
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:-

1. This office has received a letter dated April 5, 1937, from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou, 1604-10 Merchants National Bank Building, Mobile, Ala., re: General Investment Corporation vs. I. J. Stokes, reading as follows:

"We shall appreciate any assistance you can render us in the collection of the judgment rendered on March 11, 1937, by Circuit Court of Mobile County in the above styled suit. The amount of the judgment is $100.00, plus costs of court. Mr. Stokes was present in court when the judgment was rendered and knows that the obligation is for rent of a dwelling house occupied by him and his family. Since the date of the judgment we have called upon him twice for payment, and he has completely ignored the matter.

"We understand that Mr. Stokes is employed at the Light House Depot at Mobile, under the control of your office."

2. The matter was immediately taken up with Mr. Stokes, who is a Watchman, employed at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Alabama, and he replied as follows:

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the stove pipe just laid up in there and it smoked so bad we could hardly stay in the house sometimes and they would not fix that and it was danger of fire. And the agent promised when I rented the house that he would put the house in good living condition, and he failed to do so. So, then I went and consulted a lawyer and he told me to move out of the house. After we moved out they went to work and fixed the house up in good shape and rented it to other parties.

"Then they sued me for a year's rent; then I employed this lawyer, Mr. J. B. Duning. Then the trial was set to come up the 11th day of this past March and during this time Mr. Duning died. So I took my witnesses and went at 9 o'clock, we were in the room the trial was booked for, but they had moved the trial to another room. So when I found out they had moved the trial I went in there then but the Judge had already past judgment on me without giving me a trial and I want to say that I have always tried to pay my just and legal debts but I don't think that this is a just debt."

3. In view of the statement made by Mr. Stokes, especially the fact that judgment was rendered before he could give his testimony, this office is presenting this information for your further consideration and advice before taking any action.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

Eighth District
Mobile Depot
April 14, 1937

SUPT. 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 7, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

I. J. Stokes, Watchman,
Mobile Depot
P. O. Box 270
Mobile, Ala.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

Through the Depot Keeper

Sir:

1. In reply to your letter of April 7, 1937, about the $100.00 judgement due the general Investment Corporation for house rent. I rented and moved in this house on November 14, 1935, and I paid them the first month in advance and I lived in this house untill February 14, 1936. At that time my wife rented another house and moved out of this one for the reason that we could not live in this house on account of roof leaking and also blowing in around the windows and wetting everything in the house. My wife would have to pack up the beds and such and cover them up to keep them dry when it rained and I ask them several times to fix the house and they did not. Then I went to them and ask them to let me move in one of there other houses they had there in the same nabourhood and they would not do that and also the thimble in the stove flue was gone and some of the brick had fell out leaving a big round hole and we had the stove pipe just lade up in there and it smoked so bad we could hardly stay in the house some times and they would not fix that and it was danger of fire. And the agent promised when I rented the house that he would put the house in good living condition, and he failed to do so. So then I sent and consulted a lawyer and he told me to move out of the house. After we moved out they went to work and fixed the house up in good shape and rented it to other parties.

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Respectfully,

(Signed) I. J. Stokes
Watchman

Forwarded

(Signed) G. M. Galloway
Depot Keeper

COPY

Office of Superintendent, 8th District
New Orleans, La.
April 7, 1927

L. J. Ickes, Watchman,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot
P. O. Box 210
Mobile, Ala.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from Messrs. Leo M. Brown and Leo E. Pou in which it is stated that they have a judgment against you in the amount of $100.00 plus costs of court, which represents an indebtedness to the General Investment Corporation and which is an obligation for rent of a dwelling house occupied by you and your family.

2. You are aware that all employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to pay their just and legal debts and failure to do so will be considered cause for dismissal.

3. If this is a just debt, you will advise this office by return mail, through the Depot Keeper, what steps you propose to take towards its settlement.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

6th's letter Feb.4,1938,indebtedness I.J.Stokes.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
February 11, 1938.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., with advice that where a case has come to judgment, as in the present instance, a debt must in the absence of fraud be regarded as just and legal, and it is not seen how the Bureau can ignore the legal judgment in this present claim. It appears that Mr.Stokes may be assisted by the service only to the extent of arranging for reasonable payments and it is suggested that your office may assist in arranging installment payments if possible.

For the Commissioner:

S.P.Barnes,Asst.

Form 78

REPORT OF DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR INJURY TO PERSONS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

COAST GUARD (2)
REC'D JUN 28 1940
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Commander
OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ N.O. DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., 26 June, 1940

Name of vessel, station, or other aid to navigation involved: - - - - -

Date of accident: 17 June, 1940

Nature and cause of accident: Stepped on buoy chain, which rolled, causing employee to fall.

Estimated cost of damage { to property of the Department: $ - - - -
to private property: $ - - - -

What steps have been taken to recover cost of damage to Department property? - - - -

Where accidents result in injury to, or death of, any employees, or others, furnish following information for each person injured:

| NAME | OFFICIAL TITLE, IF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE | NATURE OF INJURY | HAS WORK TIME BEEN LOST BY EMPLOYEE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Irvin J. Stokes | Watchman, Mobile Repair Station, Mobile, Ala. | Strain of right sacro-illiac joint | Yes |

Reports will be duly submitted to the Employees' Compensation Commission in case any medical or other charges are involved under the Employees' Compensation Act.

Remarks or recommendations:

F. J. Birkett

F. J. BIRKETT, Commander, U.S.C.G.
Chief of Staff, New Orleans District

Date .....

Submitted, in duplicate, to the Secretary of Commerce, for his information.

*For the Commissioner.*

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ADDRESS REPLY TO:
COMMANDER, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
AND REFER TO No. 75



OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

10 September, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: STOKES, Irvin J., Watchman, Mobile Repair Station, disability retirement.

Reference: (a) Application from subject man for retirement, dated 3 August, 1940.

1. In connection with reference (a), it is desired to state that the address of subject man is: Route 1, Box 186, Toulminville, Mobile, Ala.

J. L. Ahern

J. L. AHERN

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

Date 18 September, 1940.

Memorandum for—Chief Personnel Officer:

Subject: Watchman Irvin J. Stokes, New Orleans District; physical condition.

Reference: (a) Certificate of medical examination, Mobile Marine Hospital, 12 August, 1940.

1. Papers returned.

2. The medical evidence contained in reference (a) has been reviewed and found satisfactory. It is recommended that subject-named man be retired for physical disability.

Carl Michel

CARL MICHEL,
Senior Surgeon.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

## RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Irvin J. Stokes Date of birth December 18, 1886

Designation Watchman (Former Lighthouse Keeper)

### RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

| | Beginning | | | Ending | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Month | Day | Year | Month | Day | Year | |
| Army | | | | | | | |
| Navy | | | | | | | |
| Marine Corps | | | | | | | |
| Civilian employment | | | | | | | |
| U.S.Lighthouse Service | Nov. | 3 | 1921 | June | 30 | 1939 | 18-10-28 |
| and U.S.Coast Guard | July | 1 | 1939 | Sept. | 30 | 1940 | |
| | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total service | | 18 yrs. | 10 mos. | 28 das. | | | |

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received:

### STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

| Designation | Beginning | | | Ending | | | Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel) | Rate of Pay | Pay Received |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Month | Day | Year | Month | Day | Year | | | |
| Watchman (Former L.H. Keeper) | Oct. | 1 | 1935 | Nov. | 10 | 1935 | | $1680 | $ 186.66 |
| | Nov. | 11 | 1935 | June | 30 | 1936 | | 1200 | 766.66 |
| | July | 1 | 1936 | June | 30 | 1937 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1937 | June | 30 | 1938 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1938 | June | 30 | 1939 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1939 | June | 30 | 1940 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1940 | Sept. | 30 | 1940 | | 1200 | 300.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

Total compensation for last five years of active service $6053.32

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1210.66

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1210.66 × 18.911 years (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = 572.37

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

# RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Date August 3, 1940

Commander
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

New Orleans District

New Orleans, La.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective October 1, 1940, on the basis of service shown hereon.

E. J. Stoker
(Name)

Watchman, Mobile Repair Station
(Former Lighthouse Keeper)
(Designation)

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Commander, New Orleans District
OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~
U. S. Coast Guard

*City* New Orleans, La. *Date* 4 September, 1940

Submitted to Commandant ~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 572.372 per annum, effective at the close of September 30, 1940

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

F. J. BIRKETT,
Acting ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

*Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

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FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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Form 9a

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

# CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

NAME OF CLAIMANT Irvin J. Stokes DESIGNATION Watchman (Former Lighthouse Keeper)

Height 68" Weight 170 pounds. Complexion Ruddy

Color of eyes ~~brown~~ blue Color of hair brown

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination:

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by Superintendent of Lighthouses): As watchman he is responsible for the protection of government property from damage, theft, or trespass, and performs related work as assigned, also receives telephone and radiotelephone messages, etc, while on duty.

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: States most of his trouble is in his back shoulders and hips; pain on motion and stiffness ; poor eyesight

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/50 L. E. 20/50

With correction in spectacles: R. E. 20/Not available L. E. 20/

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 0 at 13 inches, without correction. Correction not available

Reads Jaeger No. 0 at 13 inches, with correction.

Central color vision (binocular) Normal (Name method used) Ishihara

Inspection Obese white male

Pupils Equal and usual size Pupillary reaction Normal

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 6 ft., L. E. at 6 ft.

Appearance of right drum Normal, left drum Normal

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? No If so, specify

[OVER]

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Condition of nose and sinuses Normal

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth Edentulous

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Limited in spine and shoulders by pain
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system Clear

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart Not apparently enlarged

(1) Murmurs No (2) Arrhythmias None

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 64 (2) After exercise 94 (3) 2 minutes after exercise 68

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 132 Diast. 86 (2) After ex.—Syst. 140 Diast. 90

(d) Condition of blood vessels Slightly arteriosclerotic

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance Obesity

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia No hernia; pendulous abdomen

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. ~~Negr~~ 1,025 Reaction Acid Albumin Neg. Sugar Neg.

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found)

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station Normal (e) Gait Normal

(b) Tremor None (f) Coordination Good

(c) Patellar reflexes Normal (g) Peripheral circulation Good

(d) Other motor disturbances None

Alcohol None Drugs None Syphilis No evidence Epilepsy No evidence

Other neurological findings None

General impression Usual adult male, obesity. Clinical arthritis.

Here describe fully nature of disability: Pt. complains of pain when arms are abducted 100°. Pain in spine on pressure for its entire length; pain in hips

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? Yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? Yes Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? Yes

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination do find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

*The examining physician must be in the Federal Service*

Howard V. Turner

Mobile Marine Hospital
(Place of examination)

Howard V. Turner, Asst. Surg., USPHS
(Examining surgeon)

8-12-40
(Date)

(Title and branch of medical service)

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.



PAGE:

TO:

Date Prepared September 26, 1940.

Name: Stokes, Irvin J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No:

Retirement, disability

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Position | | |
| Grade | Watchman | |
| Salary | CG-3 | |
| | $1200 per annum | |
| Bureau or Div. | | |
| Organizational Subdivisions | U. S. Coast Guard | |
| Headquarters | | |
| Post of Duty | New Orleans, La. | |
| Appropriation | Mobile Depot, Ala. | |
| Allotment | Civilian Employees, C. G. | |
| Field or Deptl. | Field | |

EFFECTIVE
*Remarks:* Close September 30, 1940.

The annual rate of retired pay is $572.37

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Total Service: 18 years, 10 months and 28 days.

Computation: ($1210.66⅔ x years 18.9111 ÷ 40) $572.37

H. R. STILES,
Lt.Commander, U.S.Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION

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SEX | RACE

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VICE VACANCY | VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?

Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
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# UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.



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CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 12-18-1866

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Texas

SEX: M

RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW

ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY

VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH: 3-4-25

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

10-1-40

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Washington, D. C.

CP-75

10 October, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, New Orleans District.

Subject: Retirement of Irvin J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Depot, Ala.

Inclosure: 1. Form 2249, Department Notice of Retirement.

1. The inclosure is approval of retirement under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law.

2. In order to preclude the possibility of overpayment it is requested that Headquarters be advised as early as practicable as to the payroll (stating D.O. Voucher Number, name of disbursing officer, and symbol number) on which this person was paid for his last (final) active duty. In furnishing this information state also the period covered by the final payment and the amount thereof.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Washington, D. C.

CP-75

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U.S. COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
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Assistant Personnel Officer.

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NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

1st Indorsement

New Orleans, La.
15 October, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Retirement of Irvin J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Depot, Ala.

1. In accordance with above request, it is desired to state that subject man was last paid for period September 1-30, 1940, $96.50 net, on voucher No. 14-24200 (1287), by E. F. Allen, Chief Disbursing Officer, Symbol 101-114.

J. L. Ahern
J. L. AHERN

Form No. 2599
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
(Revised 1937)

U. S. COAST GUARD
RECD OCT 28 1940

# REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

| STOKES | Irvin | J. | Civilian | Watchman |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (Surname) | (First name) | (Middle initial) | (Service No.) | (Rank or rating) |

| NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT | New Orleans, Louisiana | 26 October, 1940 |
|---|---|---|
| (Unit) | (Place) | (Date) |

Retired for physical disability, effective at close of 30 September, 1940.

Position held: Watchman, Mobile Repair Station, Mobile, Ala.

Annual salary: $1200

AUTHORITY: Department notice 10-1-40

T. V. AWALT, Lieut. Comdr.,
Personnel Officer,
New Orleans District
(Title)

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OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

24 October, 1940

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D OCT 28 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Irvin J. Stokes, retirement under Lighthouse Retirement Act.

Reference: (a) Application for refund of retirement deductions, Civil Service Form 3005.

Inclosure: 1. Reference (a).

1. In view of the fact that Irvin J. Stokes has been retired under the Lighthouse Retirement Act of 4 March, 1925, inclosure 1 is forwarded to cover refund of retirement deductions made for the period 11 November, 1935, to 30 September, 1940, during which time he was permanently employed as watchman at the Mobile Repair Station. Prior to this employment, Mr. Stokes was a lighthouse keeper which made him eligible for retirement under the Lighthouse Act of 4 March, 1925.

F. J. BIRKETT,
Acting

U. S. COAST GUARD

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ADDRESS THE COMMANDANT, U.S. COAST GUARD AND REFER TO No. CP-75

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON 31 October, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, New Orleans District.

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

Irvin J. Stokes, watchman from 11-3-21 to 9-30-40.

NAME AND DESIGNATION

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(8) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in Civil Service Form 2473, attached.
(9) Submit enclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
XXX(10) Furnish one copy of certified Form 2806.
(11) Forward promptly address to which retirement pay checks are to be mailed.
(12) Have the enclosed form signed and returned.

Application for refund of retirement deductions will be held in abeyance pending receipt of completed form 2806.

By direction

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT 1st Indorsement New Orleans, La.
75 4 November, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Irvin J. Stokes, Watchman from 11-11-35 to 9-30-40.

Inclosure: 1. Certified copy of Form 2806.

1. Inclosure 1 is forwarded as above directed.

By direction:

F. J. BIRKETT,
Chief of Staff

2 Ltr to Dept with application for refund 12/10/40

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4 December, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, New Orleans District.

Subject: Form 2806 for Irvin J. Stokes, former watchman.

Inclosure: 1. Form 2806 for Irvin J. Stokes.

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By direction,

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N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO:
COMMANDER, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
AND REFER TO No. 75

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS, LA.
9 December, 1940

U. S. COAST GUARD
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From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commandant.

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J. L. Ahern
J. L. AHERN

Form 3005
U. S. Civil Service Commission
March 19[redacted]

Claim CSR-[redacted]

# APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RETIREMENT DEDUCTIONS

(Read Carefully Instructions on Back)

To the United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.:

I, Irvin J. Stokes, born December (Month) 18 (Day) 1886 (Year),

formerly employed as Watchman at the Mobile Repair Station
(State last position under retirement act)

in the Treasury Department - U. S. Coast Guard
(Department, branch, or independent office)

at Mobile, Alabama,
(City and State)

being no longer employed in any position within the purview of the Civil Service Retirement Act, having been separated ~~automatically~~ at close of September 30, 1940, because of retirement for disability
(Date)

under the Lighthouse Act of March 4, 1925,
(State whether separation was because of resignation, involuntary separation, or for other cause)

hereby make application for the amount due me on account of retirement deductions made from my salary.

Previous claims have been filed by me as follows: ----NONE----
(See par. 6 of General Instructions on back)

I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Irvin J. Stokes
(Applicant's signature in full)

Irvin J. Stokes
Route 1, Box 186
(Number and street)

Toulminville, Mobile, Alabama
(City and State)

State of Alabama,
County of Mobile, } ss.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law, by the above-named applicant, to me personally known, this 23rd day of October, 1940.

Witness my hand and official designation:

M. Peterson
(Signature of attesting officer)

[IMPRESSION SEAL]

Recruiting Officer, Mobile, Alabama.
(Official designation)

Sent 10/15/40

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# LEAVE RECORD
## YEAR 1940

ANNUAL LEAVE CARRIED FORWARD DEC. 31, 1939 3-6-0

UNUSED SICK LEAVE CARRIED FORWARD 50

UNLIQUIDATED ADVANCES CARRIED FORWARD

| Day of Month | JANUARY D. | JANUARY H. | JANUARY M. | FEBRUARY D. | FEBRUARY H. | FEBRUARY M. | MARCH D. | MARCH H. | MARCH M. | APRIL D. | APRIL H. | APRIL M. | MAY D. | MAY H. | MAY M. | JUNE D. | JUNE H. | JUNE M. | JULY D. | JULY H. | JULY M. | AUGUST D. | AUGUST H. | AUGUST M. | SEPTEMBER D. | SEPTEMBER H. | SEPTEMBER M. | OCTOBER D. | OCTOBER H. | OCTOBER M. | NOVEMBER D. | NOVEMBER H. | NOVEMBER M. | DECEMBER D. | DECEMBER H. | DECEMBER M. | Day of Month |
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STOKES, I. J. (8) (N.O.) OATH: _____ 19____

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Coden Ala.
Nov. 10, 1946

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regards to let you know I did not receive a form to fill out and return with my last check for the month of Dec. please send me one if you wish for me to have one.

Thanking You.
Irvin James Stokes
Coden, Ala.

Answered
11/12/46

Retired, disability, Oct.1,1940

# LEAVE RECORD—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

*Name* STOKES, Irvin J. *Office* MOBILE BASE

*Date of appointment*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U. S. COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON

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9 December, 1940

**From:** Commander, New Orleans District.
**To :** Commandant.

**Subject:** Form 2806 for Irvin J. Stokes, former watchman.

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J. L. [illegible]

By direction,

[illegible],
Assistant Personnel Officer.

ADDRESS THE COMMANDANT, U. S. COAST GUARD
AND REFER TO No. CP-75

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT
## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U. S. COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
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DIST. COMDR. / CH. OF STAFF / OPERAT. / MAINT. / RESERVE / PERSONNEL / INTELL. / P & S / ORDNANCE / REPORT / RETURN TO

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By direction,

M. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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26 November, 1940.

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To: I. J. Stokes, retired, Whistler, Alabama.

Subject: Transportation, household effects.

Reference: (a) Your letter 20 November, 1940.

1. In reply to reference (a), you are advised that there is no law under which retired civilian employees in the Coast Guard can be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the transportation of household effects.

By direction,

T. Y. AWALT,
Personnel Officer.

Mr. Ala. Nov. 20. 1940

Commander of New orleans
District. New orleans. La

Ben informed by. Mr. galloway
of the. repair base. at mobile
after being retired that
can get my house hold
furniture shiped back home
to any place I would prefer
so I would like very much
to have them shiped to
Port. arthur. Tex.

so please advise

S. J. Stokes
Whistler
Ala.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
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31 October, 1940.

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To: Commander, New Orleans District.

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**Assistant Personnel Officer.**

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**NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT** **1st Indorsement** New Orleans, La.
75 4 November, 1940

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**To :** Commandant.
**Subject:** Irvin J. Stokes, Watchman from 11-11-35 to 9-30-40.
**Inclosure:** 1. Certified copy of Form 2806.

1. Inclosure 1 is forwarded as above directed.

**By direction:**

**F. J. BIRKETT,**
**Chief of Staff**

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24 October, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Irvin J. Stokes, retirement under Lighthouse Retirement Act.

Reference: (a) Application for refund of retirement deductions, Civil Service Form 3005.

Inclosure: 1. Reference (a).

1. In view of the fact that Irvin J. Stokes has been retired under the Lighthouse Retirement Act of 4 March, 1925, inclosure 1 is forwarded to cover refund of retirement deductions made for the period 11 November, 1935, to 30 September, 1940, during which time he was permanently employed as watchman at the Mobile Repair Station. Prior to this employment, Mr. Stokes was a lighthouse keeper which made him eligible for retirement under the Lighthouse Act of 4 March, 1925.

F. J. BIRKETT,
Acting

Form 3005
U. S. Civil Service Commission
March 1937

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U. S. COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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# APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RETIREMENT DEDUCTIONS

(Read Carefully Instructions on Back)

To the United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.:

I, Irvin J. Stokes, born December (Month) 18 (Day) 1886 (Year),

formerly employed as Watchman at the Mobile Repair Station
(State last position under retirement act)

in the Treasury Department - U. S. Coast Guard
(Department, branch, or independent office)

at Mobile, Alabama,
(City and State)

being no longer employed in any position within the purview of the Civil Service Retirement Act, having been

separated ~~at close of business on or about~~ September 30 (Date), 1940, because of retirement for disability

under the Lighthouse Act of March 4, 1925.
(State whether separation was because of resignation, involuntary separation, or for other cause)

hereby make application for the amount due me on account of retirement deductions made from my salary.

Previous claims have been filed by me as follows: - - - - NONE - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(See par. 6 of General Instructions on back)

I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Irvin J. Stokes
Irvin J. Stokes (Applicant's signature in full)
Route 1, Box 186
(Number and street)
Toulminville, Mobile, Alabama
(City and State)

State of Alabama. }
County of Mobile. } ss.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law, by the above-named applicant, to me personally known, this 23rd day of October, 1940.

Witness my hand and official designation:

H. Peterson, Chief Boatswain, USCG.
(Signature of attesting officer)
Recruiting Officer, Mobile, Alabama.
(Official designation)

[IMPRESSION SEAL]

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ADDRESS REPLY TO:
COMMANDER, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
AND REFER TO NO. 75

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

22 October, 1940

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U. S. COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
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From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Retired

Subject: Application for retirement deductions.

Reference: (a) New Orleans District letter 15 October, 1940.

Inclosure: 1. Three copies of Form 3005.

1. Inclosure 1 is returned for completion. As indicated this form should have been executed in the presence of a Notary Public, therefore you will have them so completed and then return all three copies to this office.

By direction:

T. Y. AWALT,
Personnel Officer

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(75)

Mobile, Alabama.
23 October, 1940.

1. Returned with inclosure completed inaccordance with instructions in basic communication.

I. J. Stokes

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22 October, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Retired

Subject: Application for retirement deductions.

Reference: (a) New Orleans District letter 15 October, 1940.

Inclosure: 1. Three copies of Form 3005.

1. Inclosure 1 is returned for completion. As indicated this form should have been executed in the presence of a Notary Public, therefore you will have them so completed and then return all three copies to this office.

By direction:

T. Y. AVALT,
Personnel Officer

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22 October, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : T. J. Stokes, Watchman, Retired

Subject: Application for retirement deductions.

Reference: (a) New Orleans District letter 15 October, 1940.

Inclosure: 1. Three copies of Form 3005.

1. Inclosure 1 is returned for completion. As indicated this form should have been executed in the presence of a Notary Public, therefore you will have them so completed and then return all three copies to this office.

By direction:

T. Y. AWALT,
Personnel Officer

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

# UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.



PAGE:

TO:

Date Prepared September 26, 1940

Name: Stokes, Irvin J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No:

Retirement, disability

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Position | Watchman | |
| Grade | CG-3 | |
| Salary | $1200 per annum | |
| Bureau or Div. | | |
| Organizational Subdivisions | U. S. Coast Guard | |
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| | | |
| Headquarters | | |
| Post of Duty | New Orleans, La. | |
| Appropriation | Mobile Depot, Ala. | |
| Allotment | Civilian Employees, C. G. | |
| Field or Deptl. | Field | |

EFFECTIVE
*Remarks:* Close September 30, 1940.

The annual rate of retired pay is $572.37

*Justification:*

Total Service: 18 years, 10 months and 28 days.

Computation: ($1210.66 x years 18.9111 ÷ 40) $572.37

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 12-16-1876

LEGAL RESIDENCE

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 3-4-25

DATE OF OATH

Recorded

SUBORDINATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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15 October, 1940

From:
To : Commander, New Orleans District.
STOKES, Irvin J. (Former Watchman, Mobile Repair Station)

Subject: Retirement on account of disability.

Reference: (a) Your application for retirement dated 3 August, 1940.

Inclosure: 1. Notice of retirement.

1. Inclosure 1 is forwarded notifying you of your retirement on account of disability, effective at the close of September 30, 1940, with retired pay at the rate of $572.37 per annum.

2. Due to your previous service as a lighthouse keeper, however, you have been retired under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act of March 4, 1918, [illegible] you may apply for refund of the amount which you have contributed to the Civil Service Retirement Fund. Inclosure 1 is [illegible] this purpose, and you will [illegible] the forms and return them [illegible] to be forwarded to headquarters, retaining [illegible] your records.

By direction:

W. J. BRAUN, JR.
Assistant
Personnel Officer

By direction:

Assistant
Personnel Officer

Copy to Commanding Officer,
Mobile Base
Keeper, Mobile Repair
Station

Copy to: Commanding Officer,
[illegible]
Keeper, Mobile Repair
Station

...REMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, ... see instructions on Form 9a)

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15 October, 1940

New Orleans District

New Orleans, La.
(City)

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : STOKES, Irvin J. (Former Watchman, Mobile Repair Station)

Subject: 3-1/2% deductions from salary on account of Civil Service Retirement.

Inclosure: 1. Form 3005, Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions.

1. When you were transferred to the position of Watchman at the Mobile Depot, it was assumed that retirement deductions would have to be made as that position is within the purview of the Civil Service Retirement Act.

2. Due to your previous service as a lighthouse keeper, however, you have been retired under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act of March 4, 1925, therefore you may apply for refund of the amount which you have contributed to the Civil Service Retirement Fund. Inclosure 1 is forwarded for this purpose, and you will sign the forms and return three copies to this office, to be forwarded to Headquarters, retaining one copy for your records.

By direction

W. J. BRAUN, JR.
Assistant
Personnel Officer

Copy to: Commanding Officer,
Mobile Base
Keeper, Mobile Repair
Station

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

# RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Commander
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~,

Date August 3, 1940

New Orleans District

New Orleans, La.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective October 1,1940, on the basis of service shown hereon.

J. J. Stoker
(Name)

Watchman, Mobile Repair Station
(Former Lighthouse Keeper)
(Designation)

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Commander, New Orleans District
OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ U. S. Coast Guard

*City* New Orleans, La. *Date* 4 September, 1940

Submitted to ~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~ Commandant Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 572.372 per annum, effective at the close of September 30, 1940

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

F. J. BIRKETT,
Acting ~~*Superintendent of Lighthouses.*~~

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

*Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

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FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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Form 9

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

## RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Irvin J. Stokes Date of birth December 15, 1886

Designation Watchman (Former Lighthouse Keeper)

### RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

| | Beginning | | | Ending | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Month | Day | Year | Month | Day | Year | |
| Army | | | | | | | |
| Navy | | | | | | | |
| Marine Corps | | | | | | | |
| Civilian employment | | | | | | | |
| U.S.Lighthouse Service | Nov. | 3 | 1921 | June | 30 | 1939 | |
| and U.S.Coast Guard | July | 1 | 1939 | Sept. | 30 | 1940 | |
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| | | | | | | | |
| Total service | | 18 yrs. | 10 mos. | 25 das. | | | |

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received:

### STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

| Designation | Beginning | | | Ending | | | Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel) | Rate of Pay | Pay Received |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Month | Day | Year | Month | Day | Year | | | |
| Watchman (Former L.H. Keeper) | Oct. | 1 | 1935 | Nov. | 10 | 1935 | | $1680 | $ 186.66 |
| | Nov. | 11 | 1935 | June | 30 | 1936 | | 1200 | 766.66 |
| | July | 1 | 1936 | June | 30 | 1937 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1937 | June | 30 | 1938 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1938 | June | 30 | 1939 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1939 | June | 30 | 1940 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1940 | Sept. | 30 | 1940 | | 1200 | 300.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | $6053.32 |

Total compensation for last five years of active service ..... 1210.664

Average compensation for last five years of active service 18.911

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1210.664 × years ..... + 40) = 572.372
(Not exceeding 30)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—10551

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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# OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

ANT Irvin J. Stokes DESIGNATION Watchman (Former Lighthouse Keeper)

ight 68" Weight 170 pounds. Complexion Ruddy

Color of eyes brown blue Color of hair brown

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination:

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by Superintendent of Lighthouses): As watchman he is responsible for the protection of government property from damage, theft, or trespass, and performs related work as assigned, also receives telephone and radiotelephone messages, etc. while on duty.

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: States most of his trouble is in his back shoulders and hips; pain on motion and stiffness ; poor eyesight

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/ 50 L. E. 20/ 50

With correction in spectacles: R. E. 20/ Not available L. E. 20/

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 0 at 13 inches, without correction.

Reads Jaeger No. 0 at 13 inches, with correction. Correction not available

Central color vision (binocular) Normal (Name method used) Ishihara

Inspection Obese white male

Pupils Equal and usual size Pupillary reaction Normal

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 6 ft., L. E. at 6 ft.

Appearance of right drum Normal, left drum Normal

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? No If so, specify

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Condition of nose and sinuses ..... Normal

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth ..... Edentulous

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Limited in spine and shoulders by pain
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and

Respiratory system ..... Clear

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart ..... Not apparently enlarged

(1) Murmurs ..... No ..... (2) Arrhythmias ..... None

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting ..... 64 ..... (2) After exercise ..... 94 ..... (3) 2 minutes after exercise ..... 88

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 132 ..... Diast. ..... 86 .. (2) After ex.—Syst. ..... 140 Diast. 90

(d) Condition of blood vessels ..... Slightly arteriosclerotic

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance ..... Obesity

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia ..... No hernia; pendulous abdomen

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. Negr 1,025 Reaction ..... Acid ..... Albumin ..... Neg. ..... Sugar ..... Neg.

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found) .....

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station ..... Normal (e) Gait ..... Normal

(b) Tremor ..... None (f) Coordination ..... Good

(c) Patellar reflexes ..... Normal (g) Peripheral circulation ..... Good

(d) Other motor disturbances ..... None

Alcohol ..... None ..... Drugs ..... None ..... Syphilis ..... No evidence Epilepsy ..... No evidence

Other neurological findings ..... None

General impression ..... Usual adult male, obesity. Clinical arthritis.

Here describe fully nature of disability: Pt. complains of pain when arms are abducted 100°. Pains in spine on pressure for its entire length; pain in hips

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? ..... Yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? ..... Yes ..... Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? ..... Yes

I ..... HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination ..... do ..... find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

*The examining physician must be in the Federal Service*

Mobile Marine Hospital
(Place of examination)

Howard V. Turner
(Examining surgeon)

Howard V. Turner, Asst. Surg., USPHS

8-12-40
(Date)

(Title and branch of medical service)

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STOKES, I. J., Watchman, Mobile Depot - Disability retirement

BORN - Dec. 18, 1886
EOD - Nov. 3, 1921

Total service to Sept. 30, 1940 - 18 yrs. 10 mos. 28 das. (18-328/360)

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LAST FIVE YEARS' SERVICE

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 1, 1935 | to | Nov. 10, 1935 | (0 | yrs. | 1 | mos. | 10 das.) | @ $1680 | $ 186.66 |
| Nov.11, 1935 | to | June 30, 1936 | (0 | " | 7 | " | 20 " ) | 1200 | 766.66 |
| July 1, 1936 | to | June 30, 1937 | (1 | " | 0 | " | 0 " ) | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| July 1, 1937 | to | June 30, 1938 | (1 | " | 0 | " | 0 " ) | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| July 1, 1938 | to | June 30, 1939 | )1 | " | 0 | " | 0 " ) | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| July 1, 1939 | to | June 30, 1940 | (1 | " | 0 | " | 0 " ) | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| July 1, 1940 | to | Sept.30, 1940 | (0 | " | 3 | " | 0 " ) | 1200 | 300.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | 6053.32 |

5) 6053.32
1210.664

1210.664 x 18.911 = $22894.867

22894.867 ÷ 40 = 572.372

572.327 ÷ 12 = 47.70

4 September, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : STOKES, I. J., Watchman, Mobile Repair Base.

Subject: Disability retirement.

Ref: (a) In connection with your application for retirement on account of disability, you are requested to advise your home address, that is where you receive your mail.

1. In connection with reference (a), it is desired to state that the address of subject man is: Route 1, Box 186, Toulminville, Mobile, Ala.

T. Y. AWALT
Personnel Officer

Copy to:
Commanding Officer,
Mobile Base
Keeper, Mobile Repair Station

10 September, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: STOKES, Irvin J., Watchman, Mobile Repair Station, disability retirement.

Reference: (a) Application from subject man for retirement, dated 3 August, 1940.

1. In connection with reference (a), it is desired to state that the address of subject man is: Route 1, Box 156, Toulminville, Mobile, Ala.

J. L. AHERN

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Mobile, Ala. 7 September, 1940

10 September, 1940

I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Repair station.
Commander, New Orleans District.

Subject: Disability retirement.

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commandant.

Ref: (a) District Office letter dated 4 Sept. 1940. (75)

Subject: STOKES, Irvin J., Watchman, Mobile Repair Station, disability retirement.

In re[illegible] mailing address is as follows:
Route 1, Box [illegible]

Reference: (a) Application from subject man for retirement, dated 3 August, 1940.

1. In connection with reference (a), it is desired to state that the address of subject man is: Route 1, Box 156, Toulminville, Mobile, Ala.

J. L. AHERN

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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(COMD.) CHIEF OF STAFF OPERAT. MAINT. RESERVE PERSONNEL COMMUN. REPORT RETURN TO INTEL. P & S ORDNANCE

Mobile, Ala. 7 September, 1940

I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Repair station.
Commander, New Orleans District.

Subject: Diability retirement.

Reference: (a) District office letter dated 4 Sept. 1940, (75)

In reply to reference (a) my mailing address is as follows:
" Route 1, Box 186, Toulminville, Mobile, Ala.

I. J. Stokes.

I. J. Stokes.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Mobile, Ala.

29 August, 1940

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From: I. J. Stokes, ~~watchman~~, Mobile repair station
To: Commander, New Orleans District.

Subject: Retirement for disability.

Reference: District letter dated 26 August, 1940 (75)

1. Papers on report of physical examination are at the U. S. Marine Hospital at Mobile, Ala., and will be forwarded by the doctor in the next few days.

Forwarded

Keeper in charge.

I. J. Stokes.

26 August, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Repair Station.
(Through Commanding Officer, Mobile Base)

Subject: Retirement for disability.

Reference: (a) Your letter 30 July, 1940 (75).
(b) New Orleans District letter 2 August, 1940.
(c) Your application for retirement 3 August, 1940.

1. Up to this writing, the report of your physical examination, to determine whether or not you should be retired at this time, has not been received from the U. S. Marine Hospital at Mobile. Have you applied for this examination as you were directed in reference (b)? Until proper report is received, no recommendation may be made for your retirement.

By direction:

W. J. BRAUN, Jr.,
Assistant Personnel Officer

Copy to:
Commanding Officer, Mobile Base.
Keeper, Mobile Repair Station

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

26 August, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Repair Station.
(Through Commanding Officer, Mobile Base)

Subject: Retirement for disability.

References: (a) Your letter 30 July, 1940 (75).
(b) New Orleans District letter 2 August, 1940.
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1. Up to this writing, the report of your physical examination, to determine whether or not you should be retired at this time, has not been received from the U. S. Marine Hospital at Mobile. Have you applied for this examination as you were directed in reference (b)? Until proper report is received, no recommendation may be made for your retirement.

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Assistant Personnel Officer

Copy to:
Commanding Officer, Mobile Base.
Keeper, Mobile Repair Station

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U.S. COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
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Mobile, Alabama,
14 August, 1940.

Stokes, I. J., Watchman, C. G. Repair Station.
Commander, New Orleans District(via Keeper,
Mobile Repair Station).

Subject: Retirement for disability.

Reference: (a) District letter 2 August, 1940.
(b) District letter (75) 9 August, 1940.

1. In reply to your letter of August 9, 1940 and in answer to the postscript on reference (a) on Form 9. I have not applied for a Pension from the Government under any law, other than Lighthouse Retirement. I have not applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act. And I have not received or applied for compensation under the Federal compensation Act as amended.

I. J. Stokes,
Watchman.

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Repair Station - 1st INDORSEMENT

14 August, 1940
Mobile, Alabama.

1. Forwarded, approved.

G. M. Galloway,
Keeper in Charge.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS, La.

9 August, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Stokes, I. J., Watchman, Mobile Repair Station.

Subject: Retirement for disability.

Reference: (a) District letter 2 August, 1940.

1. Upon returning the Form 9, which was sent you to be signed, you did not advise, in answer to the postscript on reference (a), as to whether you have applied for a pension from the Government under any law (other than lighthouse retirement); whether you have applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act, or whether you receive or have applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation act as amended. You will furnish this information by return mail, as, in the event it is necessary to recommend your retirement, it cannot be done unless this information is furnished.

such as to warrant the recommendation.

2. By direction: You will [illegible] Inclosure 1 (Form 9) in triplicate, and return all three [illegible] this office. Do not write anything else on this form.

3. Inclosure 2 (Form 9a in quadruplicate) will be presented to the doctor, together with [illegible] accompanying letter, Inclosure 3. These forms will be [illegible] by the examining physician.

W. J. BRAUN
Administrative Assistant

Copy to Keeper,
Mobile Repair Station

W. J. AWALT

P.S. Advise whether you have applied for a pension from the Government or any [illegible] whether you have applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act, or whether you receive or have applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation act as amended.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

2 August, 1940

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U. S. COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
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To: Commander, New Orleans District.
From: Stokes, I. J., Watchman, Mobile Repair Station
(Through the Keeper)

Subject: Retirement for disability.

Reference: (a) Your letter 30 July, 1940 (75)

Inclosures:
1. Form 9, Application for Retirement.
2. Form 9a, Certificate of Medical Examination, Disability Retirement.
3. Letter addressed to Medical Officer in Charge, U. S. Marine Hospital, Mobile, Ala.

1. In reply to reference (a), inclosures 1, 2 and 3 are forwarded in order that preparation may be made for your retirement if the results of the physical examination by the Public Health Service are such as to warrant the recommendation.

2. You will sign inclosure 1 (Form 9) in triplicate, and return all three copies to this office. Do not write anything else on this form.

3. Inclosure 2 (Form 9a in quadruplicate) will be presented to the doctor, together with the accompanying letter, inclosure 3. These forms will be returned to this office by the examining physician.

T. Y. AWALT

P.S. Advise whether you have applied for a pension from the Government under any law; whether you have applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act, or whether you receive or have applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation act as amended.

2 August, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To: Stokes, I. J., Watchman, Mobile Repair Station
(Through the Keeper)

Subject: Retirement for disability.

Reference: (a) Your letter 30 July, 1940 (75)

Inclosures: 1. Form 9, Application for Retirement.
2. Form 9a, Certificate of Medical Examination, Disability Retirement.
3. Letter addressed to Medical Officer in Charge, U. S. Marine Hospital, Mobile, Ala.

1. In reply to reference (a), inclosures 1, 2 and 3 are forwarded in order that preparation may be made for your retirement if the results of the physical examination by the Public Health Service are such as to warrant the recommendation.

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T. Y. AWALT

P.S. Advise whether you have applied for a pension from the Government under any law; whether you have applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act, or whether you receive or have applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation act as amended.

Copy to Depot Keeper

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

...epair Station,

2 August, 1940

Mobile Ala.
30.JULY, 1940.

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
Galveston, Texas

To: ...Watchman, Mobile Coast Guard Repair Station,
...Orleans District.

Subject: Request for retirement on account of physical disability.

Dear Sir:

Enclosure: (1) Copy of examination made by my private physician.

It is requested that the bearer, Irvin J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Repair Station, Mobile, Ala., be given a thorough physical ... to examination in order to determine whether his retirement for disability is warranted. It is requested that report of this examination be made on the attached Form 9a, and that three copies be forwarded to this office.

Very truly yours,

I.J.Stokes, ...

T. Y. AWALT, Lt. Comdr.,U.S.C.G.

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# REASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U.S. COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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...on,

Mobile Ala.
30.JULY, 1940.

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Fort Dix, N.J.
July 17-1944 8

Certificate sheet
a report
of Physical
state, given Dr
at 8 hrs today
examined me Dr. J. Hoffer
and found me a Leukemia
a. Acute Lymphatic Leukemia
much an Acute Leukemia
and during the watching
in Europe for years
but the Condition to
worse - gradually

Sincerely
Carroll

28 September, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commanding Officer, Mobile Base.

Subject: STOKES, Irvin J., Watchman, Mobile Repair Station, retirement for disability.

1. Subject man has been recommended for retirement on account of disability, effective at the close of 30 September, 1940. He will perform no active duty after that date, and you are requested to see that his services are discontinued.

By direction:

T. V. AHALT,
Personnel Officer

Copy to:
Keeper, Mobile Repair Station

Form No. 2599
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
(Revised 1937)

# REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

| STOKES | Irvin | J. | Civilian | Watchman |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (Surname) | (First name) | (Middle initial) | (Service No.) | (Rank or rating) |

| NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT | New Orleans, Louisiana | 26 October, 1940 |
|---|---|---|
| (Unit) | (Place) | (Date) |

Retired for physical disability, effective at close of 30 September, 1940.

Position held: Watchman, Mobile Repair Station, Mobile, Ala.

Annual salary: $1200

AUTHORITY: Department notice 10-1-40

T. Y. AWALT, Lt.Comdr.,
Personnel Officer,
New Orleans District
(Title)

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3 October, 1940

U. S. Employees Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of August 30, 1940, File No. 695706, with reference to the alleged injury to Mr. Irvin J. Stokes on June 16, 1940, while employed as a night watchman at Mobile, Ala., and in which you request a sworn statement from Mr. Stokes, as well as a statement from his immediate superior, you will find the above inclosed. Also inclosed are statements of his former co-workers while he was employed as a lighthouse keeper at Pass Manchac Light Station. Mr. Stokes lost no pay due to the above referred to injury as his absence was covered by sick leave.

The only sick leave which has been charged to Mr. Stokes during the last five years, other than the above, was for the period June 29-July 28, 1935 - 30 days, and for the period April 4 to 13, 1938 - 10 days. The nature of his illness was not known.

This office has no reason to question the credibility of Mr. Stokes' statements.

Very truly yours,

T. Y. AWALT
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Personnel Officer
By direction

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Mobile C.G.Repair Station,

Mobile Ala.
IO, September, I940.

From: Keeper Mobile Repair Station,
To: Commander New Orleans District,

Subject: I.J.Stokes, Watchman, injury I7.June, I940. (75)

Reference: (a) New Orleans District letter 6, September, I940. (75)

I, In connection with the injury sustained by the subject man the following is my statement of what I know regarding the alleged injury.

2, Mr Stokes, employed as night watchman, states that he was injured at 2-A.M. on I7, June, I940. He states that the injury was caused by stepping on a piece of chain which rolled and he lost his balance, This employee continued with his work until 8- A.M. I7, June, I940. departed for his home in usual manner returning to duty at regular time 4-30 P.M. on I8, June, I940. at which time he reported to me stating that he injured his back on his last watch 2-A.M. I7,June, I940. I then questioned this employee as to why he had not reported the injury before as two days and a night had passed, or from 2-A.M. June, I7, to 4-30 P.M. June, I8th, He then stated that he had not noticed the pain as being of a nature reguiring tretmant and would take his regular nights watch on I8, June, I940. However after this nights work was completed he telephoned me at my residence on morning o I9, June, stating that his back was paining him considerable, And that he desired to have medical attention, I then furnished him with the necessary Forms to admit him to the U.S.Marine Hospital, Mobile Ala.

3. There are not any of the other employees at the Depot which had any knowledge of this injury,

4. Mr Stokes, has had medical attention several times during his employment at this Station, However it is not known whether or not the trouble was with the part of the body concerned,

G.M.Galloway, Keeper

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STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MOBILE

Before me Alvin McConnell, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, personally appeared I. J. Stokes known to me, who, being by me first duly sworn deposeth and saith as follows:

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stay at the hospital following my injury on June 16, 1940, About sixteen years ago when I was assistant keeper at Pass Manchac, the keeper at that time was Henry Petterson, who is now dead. I was making my rounds of the beacons. As I went to step from the bow of the boat to the ladder going up the beacon, with five gallons of kerosene in my hand with which to fill the beacon reservoir, a swell struck the boat and knocked it from under my feet causing me to fall. With the five gallon can of kerosene in my left hand I caught one of the rungs of the ladder and kept myself from falling into the water. This wrenched my back and I was not able to do any work for several months, six to eight. I reported this to my superior officer and he told me not to go to the hospital but to get a specialist, which I did, but I do not recall his name. L. H. Barbier and H. A. Barbier were there at the time and know of my injury. I am attaching to this affidavit letter from each of these gentlemen concerning their recollection of my injury. Ever since that time I have had trouble with my back off and on.

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H. A. Barbier

Pass Manchac, La.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on this 1st day of October 1940.

Alvin McConnell
Notary Public, Mobile County, Ala.

Copy

Pass Manchac La
September 25, 1940

To Commander New Orleans District

Pass Manchac La
September 25, 1940

This is to certify that to the best of knowledge that I. J. Stokes got his back hurt while tendend a beacon while on duty on or about April 1923 and I know that for some 4 or 5 months that he was not able to do any work on account of his back.

Yours truly,

H. A. Barbier

Pass Manchac, La.

COPY

Pass Manchack Light Station
September 25, 1940

To Comander New Orleans district

In the year of 1923 if I make no mistake that Mr. I. J. Stokes was Ast' Keeper at this station he was working becons on or about Aprial or May of the same year 1923 and he fell some way and hurt his back and for some time Mr. Stokes was not able to performe his duties to my personell knowledge he could not rase his arms to use them for probably 5 or 6 months or maybe longer.

Respectfully,

Louis H. Barbier
Pass Manchac Lt Sta.
Akers P. O. La.

...SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSION

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
WASHINGTON GUARD
LOUISIANA

COMMISSIONERS
JEWELL W. SWOFFORD
CHAIRMAN
JOHN M. MORIN
JOHN J. KEEGAN

August 30, 1940

WM. McCAULEY
SECRETARY

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*In reply refer to File No.* 695706

The Commander
U. S. Coast Guard
New Orleans, Louisiana

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A copy of any official record that may be available, such as sick leave records, showing the employee's absences on account of sickness during the past five years, with the nature of the illness in each instance, if known.

The Commission will appreciate any comment the employee's official superior may be willing to make regarding the claimant's credibility and his opinion as to the merits of the case.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Carpenter

Chief Claim Examiner

WDP:hk

August 30, 1940

The Commander

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File No. 695706

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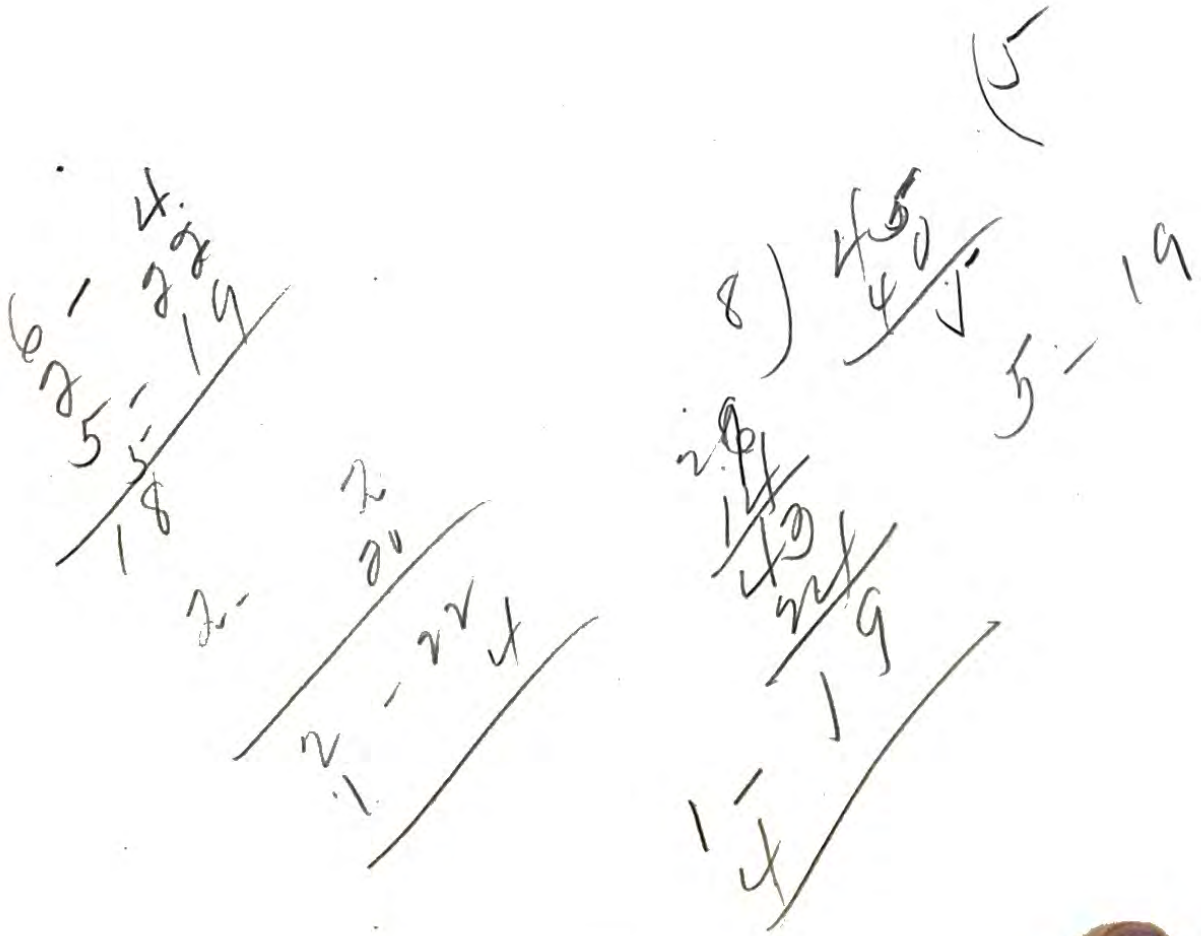

28 September, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Repair Station.
(Through Commanding Officer, Mobile Base)

Subject: Injury sustained 16 June, 1940.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LEC

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Mobile, Ala. May 22, 1939

May 16, 1939

I. J. Stokes, Watchman,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot
P. O. Box 270
Mobile, Ala.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

Sir,

1. Replying to your letter of May 16, requesting transfer to the position of Keeper of Mobile Point Light Station in the event of a vacancy, you are advised that selection to fill the vacancy at this station already has been made.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) A. M. Zibilich
Assistant Superintendent

Respectfully forwarded by

Inspector

Copy for information of G. M. Galloway, Keeper, Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 1 3 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Mobile Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May, 16, 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

Sir,

I, In the event of a vacancy or change of Keeper at Mobile Point Lighthouse in the future I respectfully request that I be considered for transfer from Watchman at the Mobile Lighthouse Depot to Keeper of Mobile Point Lighthouse,

Forwarded by

Depot Keeper

Respectfully

Watchman

Wm. Brown

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MAY 19 1909
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Mobile Depot

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STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President 8/28/24)
Revised Dec. 3, 1929

# PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment Treas.-Coast Guard-New Orleans Dist. (Watchman - CG LH Depot, Mobile, Ala.) Date December 28 1939

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Miss, or Mrs.~~) Stokes (Surname) Irving (Given name) James (Middle name)
2. Present address Route 1 (Number) Box 186 (Street) Mobile (City) Alabama (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Alabama 1st (State and Congressional District) Mobile (County) Mobile (City or town)
4. Where born Alabama (State or foreign country) Oyark (City or town) When born Dec. 18. 1886 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

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

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you ~~0~~ 8 dependents age 51-19-18-15-13-11-11-5
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

| BRANCH OF SERVICE | PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT | POSITION | SALARY | DATE APPOINTED | | | DATE SEPARATED | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Month | Day | Year | Month | Day | Year |
| Lighthouse | Sabine Bank | ast. Keeper | 12.96 | Nov | 4 | 1921 | | | |
| " | Manchac | ast. Keeper | 11.82 | Sept | 1 | 1922 | | | |
| " | Houston chanl. | Keeper | 13.40 | Sept | 5 | 1924 | | | |
| " | Sand Island | Keeper | 16.80 | Jan | 2 | 1928 | | | |
| " | Chandeleur | Keeper | 16.80 | May | 24 | 1932 | | | |
| " | Mobile Depot | Watchman | 12.00 | Nov | 11 | 1934 | | | |

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

| NAME | POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED | RELATIONSHIP |
|---|---|---|
| None | Position None<br>Department or office | None |
| | Position<br>Department or office | |
| | Position<br>Department or office | |

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

None
(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

no
(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

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

| ✓ None | Army | Navy | Marine Corps | Coast Guard | War veteran | Pensioner | Veterans' Bureau beneficiary |
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Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Rank ..... Rank .....
Organization ..... Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Rank ..... Rank .....
Organization ..... Organization .....

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) None

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER | POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK | LENGTH OF SERVICE |
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| [illegible] None | Labor | |
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15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

| Common school | High school | College | (Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 2 3 4 5 (6) 7 8 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | |

16. In case of emergency, notify Ada Stokes

Relationship Wife Post office address Route 1. Box 186. Mobile. Ala

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

L. J. Stokes

(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1930

My service in the Lighthouse Department has been continuous
mber 1921 to the present date, The places of assignment as listed
on this service statement are correct as far as it is possible for me
remember. I have no record of my service, and have listed dates of assign-
ent as near as possible from memory.

I. J. Stokes
Watchman Mobile Depot.

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| Chandeleur | Keeper | 16.80 | May | 25 | 1932 | | | |
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| | Position<br>Department or office | |

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

(Title) (Location) None (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) no (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

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

| None | Army | Navy | Marine Corps | Coast Guard | War veteran | Pensioner | Veterans' Bureau beneficiary |
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# PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

ent or Establishment Treas.-Coast Guard-New Orleans Dist. (Watchman - CG LH Depot, Mobile, Ala.) Date December 24.1939

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Stokes (Surname) Irving (Given name) James (Middle name)

2. Present address Route 1. (Number) Box. 186 (Street) Mobile (City) Alabama (State)

3. Legal (voting) residence Alabama. 1.st (State and Congressional District) Mobile (County) Mobile (City or town)

4. Where born Alabama (State or foreign country) Oyeark (City or town) When born Dec. 18. 1886 (Month Day Year)

5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien

6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

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

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you 8. dependents. age. 41-19-18-14-13-11-11-5

8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

| BRANCH OF SERVICE | PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT | POSITION | SALARY | DATE APPOINTED | | | DATE SEPARATED | | |
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| None | Position / Department or office None | None |
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| | Position / Department or office | |

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

(Title) (Location) None (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) no (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

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

| ✓ None | Army | Navy | Marine Corps | Coast Guard | War veteran | Pensioner | Veterans' Bureau beneficiary |
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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) None

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER | POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK | LENGTH OF SERVICE |
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16. In case of emergency, notify Asha Stokes

Relationship Wife Post office address Route 1. Box 186. Mobile. Ala

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

E. J. Stokes

(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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LAW OFFICES OF
LEO. M. BROWN AND LEO H. POU
1604-10 MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MOBILE, ALABAMA

FEB 21 1938

February 19, 1938.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: General Investment Corporation
Vs: I. J. Stokes
Your file ESL:LEC

Dear Sir:

Following your letter of the 14th instant, Mr. Stokes came to my office and entered into an agreement for settlement of this judgment, a copy of which agreement I am enclosing for your information.

This arrangement is satisfactory if carried out by Mr. Stokes.

I appreciate the assistance you gave me in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Leo H. Pou

LHP/H

OFFICES OF
LEO. M. BROWN AND LEO H. POU
1604-10 MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MOBILE, ALABAMA

FEB 21 1938

February 16, 1938.

Your file
ESL:LEC

Mr. I. J. Stokes,
Route 1, Box 186,
Mobile, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the statement I made to you this morning, relative to the judgment I recovered against you in favor of General Investment Corporation on March 11, 1937, for a total of $100.00, besides $11.55 costs of court.

If you will pay $5.00 per month, commencing April 5, 1938, and will continue those payments regularly each month, until the total of the judgment and costs have been paid, that arrangement will be satisfactory with my client. Of course it is understood that should you be providentially hindered and unable to make the payment during any month, and will notify me to that effect, a payment will not be required during that month.

Please signify your agreement by signing a copy of this letter at the place indicated, and then return the same to me in the envelope enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

(signed) LEO H. POU

LHP/H

I hereby agree to the proposition stated above.

This the 17th day of February, 1938.

(signed) I. J. STOKES
I. J. STOKES.

February 14, 1938

Mr. Leo H. Pou,
Law Offices of
Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou,
1604-10 Merchants Nat'l Bank Building
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Sir:

1. Replying to your letter of January 26, 1938, relative to the indebtedness of Mr. I. J. Stokes, you are advised that this office cannot recommend the dismissal of Mr. Stokes from the Service, but it is suggested that an interview be had by a representative of your firm with Mr. Stokes, and some arrangement be made for a satisfactory settlement or an installment settlement.

2. A copy of this letter is being referred to Mr. Stokes.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala. (Through the Depot Keeper)

This office has been informed by the Bureau of Lighthouses that, where a case has come to judgment, as in the present instance, a debt must, in the absence of fraud, be regarded as just and legal. In view of the Bureau's decision, this office has written the above letter in an endeavor to assist you in making some satisfactory settlement. You might offer a compromise amount, although this office could not uphold you in any such offer, and you might also offer to make installment payments on the amount which you offer as a compromise. However, if the parties holding the judgment refuse the compromise or refuse installment, there will be nothing left for this office to do but to recommend your separation from the Service in the event you fail to pay the indebtedness.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
February 4, 1938.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

General Investment Corporation vs. I. J. Stokes.

1. Under date of April 5, 1937, this office received a letter from Messrs. Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou, Attorneys, Mobile, Alabama, advising that they had a judgment against I. J. Stokes, Watchman at the U. S. Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala., in the amount of $100, plus court costs, which represents an indebtedness to the General Investment Corporation and which is an obligation for rent of a dwelling house occupied by Stokes and his family.

2. The matter was taken up with Mr. Stokes who advised that he did not regard this as a just debt. Considerable correspondence was involved in this case and it can best be explained by transmitting herewith copies of the following communications:

(1.) Letter dated April 5, 1937, from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou.
(2.) Letter from this office to I. J. Stokes, dated April 7, 1937.
(3.) Reply from I. J. Stokes dated April 14, 1937.
(4.) Letter from this office to the Judge, Circuit Court of Mobile County, Mobile, Ala., dated April 16, 1937.
(5.) Letter from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou dated April 19, 1937.
(6.) Letter from this office to I. J. Stokes dated April 20, 1937.
(7.) Letter from Alvin McConnell, Attorney At Law, dated April 24, 1937.
(8.) Letter from I. J. Stokes to this office dated April 28, 1937.
(9.) Letter from N. J. Jackson, dated May 3, 1937.
(10.) Letter from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou dated January 26, 1938.

3. This office is of the opinion that Stokes may deserve some measure of protection by this office. The judgment, plus court costs, would be a very heavy one for Stokes to pay. It is therefore requested that the Bureau, after reviewing the case, advise whether or not this office should compel Mr. Stokes to pay this obligation and, in the event of failure to do so, separate him from the Service.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., February 10, 1938.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., with advice that where a case has come to judgment, as in the present instance, a debt must in the absence of fraud be regarded as just and legal, and it is not seen how the Bureau can ignore the legal judgment in this present claim. It appears that Mr. Stokes may be assisted by the Service only to the extent of arranging for reasonable payments and it is suggested that your office may assist in arranging installment payments if possible.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman, Adm. Asst.

MOBILE, ALABAMA.

January 26, 1938.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: General Investment Corporation
VS: I. J. Stokes

Sir:

On April 16, 1937, you addressed a letter to the Judge of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Alabama, relative to the judgment we had recovered for the plaintiff in the above styled suit. At the request of the presiding judge I replied to your letter on April 19, 1937. Since that time we have heard nothing whatever about the matter and nothing has been paid on this judgment by the defendant.

We shall be obliged to you if you will advise us whether or not Mr. Stokes is still employed by the Government, and whether or not we may have your cooperation in collecting this judgment from him.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) LEO. H. POU.

LHP/H

Mobile, Ala.
May 3, 1937

Eighth District
Mobile Depot
April 28, 1937

The Supt. of the Lighthouses of La.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir.

I am writing you in regards to that judgment against Mr. I. J. Stokes that the General Investment Corporation holds.

Sir.

I was at Mr. Stokes during this time that he lived in this house. I do know that the house was in no shape to live in at that time as the roof leaked and windows leaked in around them and I know that the stove flue was bad as I did some cooking for Mrs. Stokes and I know the smoke was so bad I could hardly cook and I was there at different times when it rained and helped to fix the beds to keep them from getting wet and I know the house was not repaired while he lived there as I only lived about two blocks from him and was there at all times.

(Signed) N. J. Jackson (Colored)
650 Jefferson St.

Forwarded by
(Sgd.) G. M. Calloway
Depot Keeper

Respectfully,
(Signed) I. J. Stokes
Watchman

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Mobile Depot
April 28, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

Sir.

1. In reply to your letter of April 20, 1937, relative to the judgment that the General Investment Corporation holds against me and as I stated before I was at the court house at 9-00 A.M. in Judge Grayson room at time of the trial which was in another room, so when I found that I was in the wrong room I went to see the other Judge, and he had already passed judgement on me, However he called Mr Pou, back to the court so I and Mr Pou went to talk with Judge Grayson, about me getting a trial, The Judge said that he would give me a trial right then, if I wanted it but I told him that my witnesses had all gone home, So then he said it did not make any difference about the witnesses as the judgement was already passes and according to the law he would have to pass judgement on me just the same, regardless of what I could prove, So I told the Judge if that was the case that there was no need in having a trial, then, and he said none what soever, I told him I did not see any justice in that, he said he could not helf that, He the Judge and Mr Pou, begin to talk about the judgement he asked Mr Pou, to cut it down some and Mr Pou, said he would not mind to do so if I would promise to pay the judgement but I did not say I would or would not because I knew that I would not pay the debt unless I had to for I dont think that it is just, Mr Pou, states in his letter that if I would pay the judgement "In installments without causing any further trouble he would consent to the amount being reduced, I want to say that there no such words used at all that statement is absolutly false about the installments, And also Mr Pou, states that with the agreement on my part that I would commence paying the judgement without delay which is another false statement, for I never promised anything, It looks to me as Mr Pou, has condemed every statement that I made and said they are untrue, I want to say that the that the statements that I made about the condition of the house are absolutly true and if the office wants me to do so I can get a statement that the house was unfit and not in no living condition verified by as many as six or seven diferent ones that were there at diferent times when it was raining and seen the condition of the house ahd how it leaked and also they know that the roof windows and stove flue was not repaired intil after we moved out of the house, So I trust that the office will give me a chance to prove these statements,

Respectfully,
(Signed) I. J. Stokes
Watchman

Forwarded by
(Sgd.) G. M. Galloway
Depot Keeper

Encl.

MOBILE, ALABAMA

COPY

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

April 24, 1937 April 20, 1937

I. Mr. Lamphier, Supt.,
United States Lighthouse Dept.,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mobile, Alabama
(Through the Depot Keeper)

Re: General Investment Corp.
Vs. I. J. Stokes

Dear Sir:

1. About two weeks before the above case was set for trial in the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Mr. Stokes came to me, explained his side of the case, and asked me to act as counsel for him at the trial, his former attorney having died.

The court file showed that Mr. G. B. Dunning, local attorney, had appeared in behalf of Mr. Stokes soon after the suit was filed, but had filed no pleas and had not requested a trial by jury. He later died.

E. S. LAMPHIER

In view of the fact that the lease in question did not contain any agreements on the part of the Plaintiff, it was my opinion that Mr. Stokes defense would be unavailing in the absence of a jury trial, and I therefore declined the employment.

I give you this information at the request of Mr. Stokes without charge to him, of course.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Alvin McConnell

Alvin McConnell

AMcC/h

COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 20, 1937

I. J. Stokes, Watchman,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot
P. O. Box 270
Mobile, Alabama
(Through the Depot Keeper)

1. Referring to your reply relative to your indebtedness to the General Investment Corporation, Mobile, Ala., enclosed herewith is copy of a letter received from Leo H. Pou, Attorney.

2. He had been advised of your reply, and in the letter, copy of which is hereto attached, he makes the statement that your statements are untrue.

3. Your further report is requested.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY

1604-10 Merchants National Bank Building,
Mobile, Alabama.

April 19, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: General Investment Corporation
Vs: I. J. Stokes

Sir:

Your letter of April 16th, 1937, addressed to the Judge of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, has been handed to me for reply. This suit was tried before Judge Claude A. Grayson, who will verify the following statement as to the proceedings had in court:

Mr. Stokes was not present when the case was first called for trial and a judgment by default was entered against him for approximately $120.00, which was the correct amount then owing by the defendant. I was in court as the attorney for the plaintiff. After entry of the judgment I returned to my office, several blocks away, and when I arrived there I found a telephone call requesting my return to the Circuit Court. I went back to the Circuit Court and was informed by Judge Grayson that this defendant was at the court house but in the wrong room when the case was called, and desired to have a trial. I immediately requested the court to set aside the default judgment, which was done. The defendant had no witnesses with him, stating they had gone, which statement I did not believe. The Judge offered to delay the trial until the next day or until the next week, in order for the defendant to have his witnesses in court. The defendant then remarked that he was willing to have the case tried at that time.

The Judge conferred at length with the defendant and me, heard the evidence on both sides, and asked me if I would be willing to reduce my client's claim in order to make it lighter upon the defendant. At the same time he told Mr. Stokes that he was legally liable for the amount claimed in the suit, as he had no defense to the action. I told the Judge I was unwilling to reduce the claim merely in order to obtain a judgment, but if the defendant would agree to pay the judgment in installments without causing the plaintiff any further trouble about the matter, I would consent to the amount claimed being reduced to $100.00. Accordingly a judgment was entered by the court for that amount, and with the implied agreement on the part of Mr. Stokes that he would commence paying the judgment without delay. Mr. Stokes' representations to you, to the effect that a judgment was entered in his absence and without him having an opportunity to defend the suit, are untrue.

I may add that the statements of Mr. Stokes as to the circumstances connected with the leasing of the house are absolutely untrue. My client informs me that it not only did all of the work agreed upon at the time of the leasing of the house to Mr. Stokes, but that when informed that the roof was not in

placed an entirely new roof on the house, which roof was not called for in the original arrangement with Mr. Stokes. Furthermore, his statement that the house was again repaired and leased to some one else is untrue. As a matter of fact this house was leased to other parties after Mr. Stokes vacated it and was occupied by the new tenants without any substantial repairs whatever being made during the term for which Mr. Stokes rented the house. When the judgment was taken Mr. Stokes was given credit for the rent paid by said new tenant. If any work whatever has been done on this house since Mr. Stokes vacated it, such work was merely in the nature of minor routine repairs and the house is now occupied by tenants who appear to be perfectly satisfied with it.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated, and I shall appreciate your continued assistance. If any further information is required, please call upon me, or if you wish a statement from Judge Grayson, I have no doubt that he will be glad to furnish you any information you may desire.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED)

Leo H. Pou

LHP/H - BP

1. This office has received a letter dated April 5, 1939, from Leo F. Bryan and Leo H. Pou, [illegible], Attorneys at Law, Mobile, Alabama, in connection with the collection of the judgment rendered on March 11, 1937, by Circuit Court of Mobile County in the above styled suit. The amount of the judgment is $100.00, plus costs of court. Mr. Stokes was present in court when the judgment was rendered and knows that the obligation is for rent of a dwelling house occupied by him and his family. Since the date of the judgment we have called upon him twice for payment, and he has completely ignored the matter.

"We understand that Mr. Stokes is employed at the Light House Depot at Mobile, under the control of your office."

2. The matter was immediately taken up with Mr. Stokes, who is a Watchman, employed at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Alabama, and he replied as follows:

"In reply to your letter of April 7, 1937, about the $100.00 judgment due the general Investment Corporation for house rent. I rented and moved in this house on November 14, 1935, and I paid them the first month in advance and I lived in this house until January 14, 1936. At that time my wife rented another house and moved out of this one for the reason that we could not live in this house on account of roof leaking and also blowing in around the windows and wetting everything in the house. My wife would have to pack up the beds and such and cover them up to keep them dry when it rained and I called them several times to fix the house and they did not. Then I went to them and asked them to let me move in one of their other houses they had there in the same neighborhood and they would not do that; and also the thimble in the stove flue was gone and some of

WJB:K

April 16, 1937.

Judge,

Circuit Court of Mobile County,

Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:-

1. This office has received a letter dated April 5, 1937, from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou, 1604-10 Merchants National Bank Building, Mobile, Ala., re: General Investment Corporation vs. I. J. Stokes, reading as follows:

"We shall appreciate any assistance you can render us in the collection of the judgment rendered on March 11, 1937, by Circuit Court of Mobile County in the above styled suit. The amount of the judgment is $100.00, plus costs of court. Mr. Stokes was present in court when the judgment was rendered and knows that the obligation is for rent of a dwelling house occupied by him and his family. Since the date of the judgment we have called upon him twice for payment, and he has completely ignored the matter.

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the brick had fell out leaving a big round hole and we had the stove pipe just laid up in there and it smoked so bad we could hardly stay in the house sometimes and they would not fix that and it was danger of fire. And the agent promised when I rented the house that he would put the house in good living condition, and he failed to do so. So, then I went and consulted a lawyer and he told me to move out of the house. After we moved out they went to work and fixed the house up in good shape and rented it to other parties.

"Then they sued me for a year's rent; then I employed this lawyer, Mr. J. B. Duning. Then the trial was set to come up the 11th day of this past March and during this time Mr. Duning died. So I took my witnesses and went at 9 o'clock, we were in the room the trial was booked for, but they had moved the trial to another room. So when I found out they had moved the trial I went in there then but the Judge had already past judgment on me without giving me a trial and I want to say that I have always tried to pay my just and legal debts but I don't think that this is a just debt."

3. In view of the statement made by Mr. Stokes, especially the fact that judgment was rendered before he could give his testimony, this office is presenting this information for your further consideration and advice before taking any action.

Respectfully,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

Eighth District
Mobile Depot
April 14, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
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Through the Depot Keeper

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Watchman

Forwarded

(Signed) G. M. Galloway
Depot Keeper

April 5, 1937

Supt. of U. S. Light House Depot,
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January 26, 1938.

February 4, 1938.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

General Investment Corporation vs. I. J. Stokes.

1. Under date of April 5, 1937, this office received a letter from Messrs. Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou, Attorneys, Mobile, Alabama, advising that they had a judgment against I. J. Stokes, Watchman at the U. S. Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala., in the amount of $100, plus court costs, which represents an indebtedness to the General Investment Corporation and which is an obligation for rent of a dwelling house occupied by Stokes and his family.

2. The matter was taken up with Mr. Stokes who advised that he did not regard this as a just debt. Considerable correspondence was involved in this case and it can best be explained by transmitting herewith copies of the following communications:

(1.) Letter dated April 5, 1937, from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou.
(2.) Letter from this office to I. J. Stokes, dated April 7, 1937.
(3.) Reply from I. J. Stokes dated April 14, 1937.
(4.) Letter from this office to the Judge, Circuit Court of Mobile County, Mobile, Ala., dated April 16, 1937.
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(7.) Letter from Alvin McConnell, Attorney At Law, dated April 24, 1937.
(8.) Letter from I. J. Stokes to this office dated April 28, 1937.
(9.) Letter from N. J. Jackson, dated May 3, 1937.
(10.) Letter from Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou dated January 26, 1938.

3. This office is of the opinion that Stokes may deserve some measure of protection by this office. The judgment, plus court costs, would be a very heavy one for Stokes to pay. It is therefore requested that the Bureau, after reviewing the case, advise whether or not this office should compel Mr. Stokes to pay this obligation and, in the event of failure to do so, separate him from the Service.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

LAW OFFICES OF
LEO. M. BROWN AND LEO H. POU
1604-10 MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MOBILE, ALABAMA

January 26, 1938.

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Depot Keeper

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Watchman

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Mobile Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April, 28, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

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PHONE DEX. 2100

ALVIN McCONNELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
220 PARK BLDG.
MOBILE, ALABAMA

APR 30 1937

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 24, 1937.

Mr. Lamphier, Supt.,
United States Lighthouse Dept.,
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Re: General Investment Corp
Vs. I. J. Stokes.

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1604-10 MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MOBILE, ALABAMA

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April 20, 1937

I. J. Stokes, Watchman,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot,
P. O. Box 270,
Mobile, Alabama.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

1. Referring to your reply relative to your indebtedness to the General Investment Corporation, Mobile, Ala., enclosed herewith is copy of a letter received from Leo E. Pou, Attorney.

2. He had been advised of your reply, and in the letter, copy of which is hereto attached, he makes the statement that your statements are untrue.

3. Your further report is requested.

(SIGNED) E. S. LANDRIEU
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of G. M. Galloway, Keeper, Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala.

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LEO. M. BROWN AND LEO H. POU
1604-10 MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MOBILE, ALABAMA

April 19, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: General Investment Corporation
Vs: I. J. Stokes

Sir:

Your letter of April 16th, 1937, addressed to the Judge of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, has been handed to me for reply. This suit was tried before Judge Claude A. Grayson, who will verify the following statement as to the proceedings had in court:

Mr. Stokes was not present when the case was first called for trial and a judgment by default was entered against him for approximately $120.00, which was the correct amount then owing by the defendant. I was in court as the attorney for the plaintiff. After entry of the judgment I returned to my office, several blocks away, and when I arrived there I found a telephone call requesting my return to the Circuit Court. I went back to the Circuit Court and was informed by Judge Grayson that this defendant was at the court house but in the wrong room when the case was called, and desired to have a trial. I immediately requested the court to set aside the default judgment, which was done. The defendant had no witnesses with him, stating they had gone, which statement I did not believe. The Judge offered to delay the trial until the next day or until the next week, in order for the defendant to have his witnesses in court. The defendant then remarked that he was willing to have the case tried at that time.

The Judge conferred at length with the defendant and me, heard the evidence on both sides, and asked me if I would be willing to reduce my client's claim in order to make it lighter upon the defendant. At the same time he told Mr. Stokes that he was legally liable for the amount claimed in the suit, as he had no defense to the

action. I told the Judge I was unwilling to reduce the claim merely in order to obtain a judgment, but if the defendant would agree to pay the judgment in installments without causing the plaintiff any further trouble about the matter, I would consent to the amount claimed being reduced to $100.00. Accordingly a judgment was entered by the court for that amount, and with the implied agreement on the part of Mr. Stokes that he would commence paying the judgment without delay. Mr. Stokes' representations to you, to the effect that a judgment was entered in his absence and without him having an opportunity to defend the suit, are untrue.

I may add that the statements of Mr. Stokes as to the circumstances connected with the leasing of the house are absolutely untrue. My client informs me that it not only did all of the work agreed upon at the time of the leasing of the house to Mr. Stokes, but that when informed that the roof was not in good condition, and while the other repairs were being made, it placed an entirely new roof on the house, which roof was not called for in the original arrangement with Mr. Stokes. Furthermore, his statement that the house was again repaired and leased to some one else is untrue. As a matter of fact this house was leased to other parties after Mr. Stokes vacated it and was occupied by the new tenants without any substantial repairs whatever being made during the term for which Mr. Stokes rented the house. When the judgment was taken Mr. Stokes was given credit for the rent paid by said new tenant. If any work whatever has been done on this house since Mr. Stokes vacated it, such work was merely in the nature of minor routine repairs and the house is now occupied by tenants who appear to be perfectly satisfied with it.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated, and I shall appreciate your continued assistance. If any further information is required, please call upon me, or if you wish a statement from Judge Grayson, I have no doubt that he will be glad to furnish you any information you may desire.

Yours very truly,

Leo H. Pon

LHP/H - BP

April 16, 1937.

Judge,
Circuit Court of Mobile County,
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:-

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2. The matter was immediately taken up with Mr. Stokes, who is a Watchman, employed at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Alabama, and he replied as follows:

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Mobile Depot,
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Watchman

1604-10 MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
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(Signed) N. J. Jackson (Colored)

650 Jefferson St.

May 7, 1921

Mobile Depot

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The Supt. of the Lighthouses of La.

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Sir

I am writing you in regards to that judgment against Mr. I. J. Stokes that the General Investment Corporation holds.

I was at Mr. Stokes during this time that he lived in this house. I do know that the house was in no shape to live in at that time as the roof leaked and windows leaked in around them and I know that the stove flue was bad as I did some cooking for Mrs. Stokes and I know the smoke was so bad I could hardly cook and I was there at different times when it rained and helped to fix the beds to keep them from getting wet and I know the house was not repaired while he lived there as I only lived about two blocks from him and was there at all times.

(Signed) N. J. Jackson (Colored)

650 Jefferson St.

Mobile Depot

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April, 28, 7

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

Sir,

I, In reply to your letter of April, 20, 1937 relative to the judgment that the General Investment Copporation holds against me and as I stated before I was at the court house at 9-00 A.M. in Judge Grayson room at time of the trial which was in another room, so when I found that I was in the wrong room I went to see the other Judge, and he had already passed judgement on me, however he called Mr Pou, back to the court so I and Mr Pou went to talk with Judge Grayson, about me getting another a trial, The Judge said that he would give me a trial right then,if I wanted it but I told him that my witnesses had all gone home, So then he said it did not make any difference about the witnesses as the judgement was already passes and according to the law he would have to pass judgement on me just the same, regardless of what I could prove, So I told the Judge if that was the case that there was no need in having a trial,then, and he said none what soever, I told him I did not see any justice in that, he said he could not helf that, He the Judge and Mr Pou, begin to talk about the judgement he asked Mr Pou, to cut it down some and Mr Pou, said he would not mindx to do so if I would promise to pay the judgement but I did not say I would or would not because I knew that I would not pay the debt unless I had to, for I dont think that it is just, Mr Pou, states in his letter that if I would pay the judgement "In installments without causing any further trouble he would consent to the amount being reduced, I want to say that there no such words used at all that statement is absolutly false about the installments, And also Mr Pou, states that with the agreement on my part that I would commence paying the judgement without delay which is another false statement,for I never promised anything, It looks to me as Mr Pou, has condemed every statement that I made and said they are untrue, I want to say that the that the statements that I made about the condition of the house are absolutly true and if the office wants me to do so I can get a statement that the house was unfit and not in no living condition verified by as many as six or seven diferent ones that were there at diferent times when it was raining and seen the condition of the house and how it leaked and also they know that the roof windows and stove flue was not repaired intil after we moved out of the house,So I trust that the office will give me a chance to prove these statements,

Forwarded by

Depot Keeper

Respectfully

Watchman

COPY

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

April 24, 1937

April 20, 1937

Mr. Lamphier, Supt.,
United States Lighthouse Dept.,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mobile, Alabama
(Through the Depot Keeper)

Re: General Investment Corp.
Vs. I. J. Stokes

Dear Sir:

About two weeks before the above case was set for trial in the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Mr. Stokes came to me, explained his side of the case, and asked me to act as counsel for him at the trial, his former attorney having died.

The court file showed that Mr. G. B. Dunning, local attorney, had appeared in behalf of Mr. Stokes soon after the suit was filed, but had filed no pleas and had not requested a trial by jury. He later died.

In view of the fact that the lease in question did not contain any agreements on the part of the Plaintiff, it was my opinion that Mr. Stokes defense would be unavailing in the absence of a jury trial, and I therefore declined the employment.

I give you this information at the request of Mr. Stokes without charge to him, of course.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Alvin McConnell

Alvin McConnell

AMcC/h

COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 20, 1937

I. J. Stokes, Watchman,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot
P. O. Box 270
Mobile, Alabama
(Through the Depot Keeper)

1. Referring to your reply relative to your indebtedness to the General Investment Corporation, Mobile, Ala., enclosed herewith is copy of a letter received from Leo H. Pou, Attorney.

2. He had been advised of your reply, and in the letter, copy of which is hereto attached, he makes the statement that your statements are untrue.

3. Your further report is requested.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

2. The matter was immediately taken up with Mr. Stokes, who is a [illegible] employed at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Alabama, and he replied as follows:

"In reply to your letter of April 7, 1937, about the [illegible] judgment due the general Investment Corporation for house rent. I rented and moved in this house on November 1st, 1935, and I paid them the first month in advance and I lived in this house until January 1st, 1936. At that time we rented another house and moved out of this one for the reason that we could not live in this house on account of roof leaking and also blowing in around the windows and wetting everything in the house. My wife would have to move the beds and such and cover them up to keep them dry when it rained and I asked them several times to fix the house and they did not. Then I went to them and asked them to let me move in one of their other houses they had there in the same neighborhood and they would not do it; and also the humble in the above file was gone and out of

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Through the Depot Keeper

Sir:

1. In reply to your letter of April 7, 1937, about the $100.00 judgement due the general Investment Corporation for house rent. I rented and moved in this house on November 14, 1935, and I paid them the first month in advance and I lived in this house untill February 14, 1936. At that time my wife rented another house and moved out of this one for the reason that we could not live in this house on account of roof leaking and also blowing in around the windows and wetting everything in the house. My wife would have to pack up the beds and such and cover them up to keep them dry when it rained and I ask them several times to fix the house and they did not. Then I went to them and ask them to let me move in one of there other houses they had there in the same nabourhood and they would not do that and also the thimble in the stove flue was gone and some of the brick had fell out leaving a big round hole and we had the stove pipe just lade up in there and it smoked so bad we could hardly stay in the house some times and they would not fix that and it was danger of fire. And the agent promised when I rented the house that he would put the house in good living condition, and he failed to do so. So then I sent and consulted a lawyer and he told me to move out of the house. After we moved out they went to work and fixed the house up in good shape and rented it to other parties.

They they sued me for a years rent then I employed this lawyer Mr. J. B. Duning. Then the trial was set to come up the 11 day of this past March and during this time Mr. Duning died. So I taken my witnesses and went at 9 o'clock, we were in the room the trial was booked for but they had moved the trial to another room. So when I found out they had moved the trial I went in there then but the Judge had already passed judgement on me without giving me a trial and I want to say that I have always tried to pay my just and legal debts but I dont think that this is a just debt.

Respectfully,

(Signed) I. J. Stokes
Watchman

Forwarded

(Signed) G. M. Galloway
Depot Keeper

NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
C O P Y

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 7, 1937

I. J. Stokes, Watchman,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot
P. O. Box 270
Mobile, Ala.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from Messrs. Leo M. Brown and Leo H. Pou in which it is stated that they have a judgment against you in the amount of $100.00 plus costs of court, which represents an indebtedness to the General Investment Corporation and which is an obligation for rent of a dwelling house occupied by you and your family.

2. You are aware that all employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to pay their just and legal debts and failure to do so will be considered cause for dismissal.

3. If this is a just debt, you will advise this office by return mail, through the Depot Keeper, what steps you propose to take towards its settlement.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ces of
LEO M. BROWN AND LEO H. POU
1604-10 Merchants National Bank Building
MOBILE, ALABAMA

April 5, 1937

Supt. of U. S. Light House Depot,
Mobile, Alabama

Re: General Investment Corporation
Vs: I. J. Stokes

Dear Sir:

We shall appreciate any assistance you can render us in the collection of the judgment rendered on March 11, 1937, by Circuit Court of Mobile County in the above styled suit. The amount of the judgment is $100.00, plus costs of court. Mr. Stokes was present in court when the judgment was rendered and knows that the obligation is for rent of a dwelling house occupied ny him and his family. Since the date of the judgment we have called upon him twice for payment, and he has completely ignored the matter.

We understand that Mr. Stokes is employed at the Light House Depot at Mobile, under the control of your office.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Leo H. Pou

LHP/H - HP



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

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAY 15 1937

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Mobile Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May, 14, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir,

I, Attached is completed leave slip for I.J.Stokes, Watchman, Mr Stokes had requested seven and one half days annual leave and is believed he returned to duty before he has completed the full 7-I/2 days, The following is correct time he departed and returned to duty,

Completed his last tour of duty at 8-00 A.M. May, 4, I937
Reported for duty at 4-30 P.M. May, I3, I937

2, For depot files please advise the exact number of days which would be charged to the above employee as annual leave,

Respectfully

Depot Keeper

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LRC

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., May 17, 1937

1. Returned to Keeper, Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala., with advice that seven days leave should be charged to Mr. Stokes.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 4 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Mobile Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May, I, 193 7

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir,

I, I.J.Stokes, Watchman, has requested that he be granted seven and one half days of annual leave for which application is attached from May, 4th, to May, I2, inclusive 1937,

2, The following imformation is requested for my imformation and guidance in connection with preparing leave for the above named employee, Mr Stokes, will be on duty on the night of May, 3d. Monday night, and I have prepared the application to read from May, 4th, to May, I2, 1937 Mr Stokes claims that his leave should not begin ~~xx~~ until Wednesday at 4-30 P.M. which would be just the time for him to return to duty the next following night,

3, Mr Stokes, is on duty Monday night May, 3d, and remains on duty until Tuesday morning until 8-00 A.M. he is then off all day Tuesday and all day Wednesday, and should his leave begin at 4-30 Wednesday P.M. he would have two days off in advance of time his leave had started, And as requested above when Stokes completes his night's watch at 8-00 A.M. Tuesday morning what time would his leave begin,

Respectfully

Depot Keeper

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ESL:LEC

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., May 4, 1937

1. Returned to Keeper, Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala. There is no objection to Mr. Stokes' leave beginning May 5th. If you go on leave commencing Monday morning, you are not charged for any leave from Saturday at 12:15 until Monday morning, therefore there is no reason why Stokes' leave should commence prior to the time when he would next report for duty after completing his last prior tour of duty.

E. S. LANPHIER

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

April 14, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Form 2806 - I.J. Stokes

1. There is forwarded herewith revised service card (Form 2806) in the case of Irvin J. Stokes.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
March 17, 1936.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La. There appears some discrepancies in the rate of pay as shown on the attached form 2806 and as shown by Department records and an explanation is requested or an amendment of the form 2806 and return to Bureau. The rates of pay and dates as shown on Department records are shown in pencil on the attached form. The notation as to disciplinary action should also be omitted, and only one copy need be returned to the Bureau.

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

December 7, 1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Form 2806 - I. J. Stokes

1. Transmitted herewith, in duplicate, is Form 2806 showing record of service of I. J. Stokes, recently transferred to the position of Watchman at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Incl.

February 6, 1936

I. J. Stokes, Watchman,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot
P. O. Box 270
Mobile, Ala.
(Through the Depot Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of an article which appeared in the "Mobile Post" of Friday, January 17, 1936. Do you know the source from whom the article was secured?

2. You will remember that, before you were transferred to this position, it was impressed upon you that long hours were necessary, and, in order that there might be no misunderstanding, a letter, dated August 30, 1935, was written to you stating that the watchman was required to work every night, and the hours were stated in the letter. You were requested to sign and return one copy of the letter to this office if you still desired the transfer to the position of watchman at the Mobile Lighthouse Depot. You did this, and therefore you thoroughly understood the requirements of the position before you accepted same.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of G. M. Galloway, Keeper, Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY OF NEWS ITEM FROM "THE MOBILE POST" OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1936

## WORKING FEDERAL WATCHMEN

We were under the impression that Government employees worked under a rule of not over eight hours a day. In fact we believed that forty-six hours was the maximum for the week.

However, we learned that the U. S. Government in the Light House Department, employed three watchmen and that these men were being worked sixteen hours a day on a basis of seven days a week or a total of 112 hours in a calendar week.

Our information was authoritative and we learned upon investigation that one of these workers lived in this city and the two others in neighboring towns.

There is something wrong here and appears utterly at variance with the methods of Uncle Sam, who employs hundreds of thousands of workers throughout the country, both in Civil Service and outside of it.

The watchmen in question, however, are working under Civil Service rules and investigation should be made into the hours worked by these three watchmen.

To work people sixteen hours a day is inhuman to say the least and to work them on Sundays as well is nothing short of being barbarous and we greatly feat that some mistake is being made in the cases of these three watchmen who are working under the Civil Service.

We reiterate, that an investigation should be made by the Government, and if it is a mistake, the hours of these men should be adjusted and in all fairness and justice, they should be placed on an eight hour schedule, which is only equitable and right.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB - 5 1936
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 27, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

I. J. Stokes, Watchman, Mobile Lighthouse Depot, Ala.

1. Referring to Bureau's indorsement of January 23, 1936, on the copy of the "Mobile Post" of January 17, 1936, it is believed that publicity was given to this matter by I. J. Stokes, the present watchman at the Mobile Depot.

2. Mr. Stokes was keeper of Chandeleur Lighthouse and appealed to this office to be made watchman at the Mobile Depot. He called at this office and he was verbally told of the long hours required of a watchman in the position which he desired. He persisted in stating that he still wanted the job. In order that there might be no mistake about the matter, a letter, dated August 30, 1935, was sent to him stating the hours required of the watchman at the Mobile Depot, and he was told that, if he still desired to be considered for the transfer, he should indorse one copy of this letter as having been noted and agreed to, and return same to this office. Inclosed herewith is the letter written to Mr. Stokes which he has signed, and which he mailed back to this office.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
February 3, 1936.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., the above explanation being noted, from which it appears that Watchman Stokes had a full understanding of the conditions when he accepted the position. Your letter of August 30, 1935 with Stokes' indorsement is returned for your file. It is left to your discretion whether any notice of the newspaper item should be taken with respect to Stokes himself.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

ESL:LBC

January 27, 1936

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E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 30, 1935

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station
P. O. Box 591
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Referring to your desire to be transferred as watchman at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala., in order that there may be no misunderstanding in this matter, it is desired to state that the watchman must work every night, Sundays and holidays included, from 4:30 P.M. until 8:15 o'clock the next morning. If you still wish to be considered for this transfer, indorse one copy of this letter as having been noted and agreed to, and return same to this office.

E. S. LANPHIER
E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(Signed) I. J. Stokes,
Keeper

(Copy signed by I. J. Stokes sent to Bureau - 1-27-36)

ITEM FROM "THE MOBILE POST" OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1936

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October 17, 1935

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station
P. O. Box 591
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Referring to the inspection of your station on Wednesday, October 16, by the Assistant Lighthouse Engineer, it is reported that you were dressed in nondescript overalls with a workman's cap, not a uniform cap. Your personal condition was entirely unsatisfactory. You will be careful, hereafter, at all times, to wear the regulation uniform when on duty at the station or in the boat.

2. Blue dungaree uniform and white seaman's hat may be worn when required by the nature of the work, or a blue cloth uniform cap may be worn with the blue dungaree uniform when working. At all other times, the regulation uniform shall be worn at the station and on the motor boat.

3. Your excuse to the Assistant Engineer was that you did not have time to dress. The regulations require that you shall wear the uniform at all times while on the station.

4. An improvement is desired in your neatness and personal cleanliness, and you should bear this in mind.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Form A-30

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

OCT 19 1935

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

# OATH OF OFFICE

September 25, 1935.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses. Superintendent, Eighth Lighthouse District
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

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

I, Irvin J. Stokes do solemnly swear (or affirm) 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

Watchman

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

(Signed) Irvin J. Stokes
(Signature of Appointee)

Nature of appointment: Change from Keeper at $1680 per annum.

Civil Service authority: Certificate No. T-12152.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of November, A. D. 1935

Mobile, Alabama (City or place) Alabama (State)

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary: (Signed) Georgie Bishop

GEORGIE BISHOP
NOTARY PUBLIC
MOBILE CO., ALA.

Respectfully, Notary Public, Mobile Co., Ala.
My commission expires Dec. 23, 1936

EDW. J. GARDNER
Chief of Appointment Division.

If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Oliver J. Dorlon. Watchman in the Lighthouse Service (Mobile Depot)

Position to which appointed

Legal residence: Texas. November 11, 1935

Date of entrance on duty

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1935 16—8657

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Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)
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# OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, Eighth Lighthouse District
New Orleans, La.
(Bureau or Office)

I, Irvin J. Stokes
(Name in full, printed or typed), do solemnly swear (or affirm) 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.

(Signed) Irvin J. Stokes
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of November, A. D. 1935

at Mobile, Alabama (City or place), Alabama (State)

[SEAL]
S(GEORGIE BISHOP)
E(NOTARY PUBLIC )
A(MOBILE CO.? )
L( ALA. )

(Signed) Georgie Bishop

Notary Public, Mobile Co., Ala.
My commission expires Dec. 29, 1938

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

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*Position to which appointed* Watchman in the Lighthouse Service (Mobile Lighthouse Depot)

*Date of entrance on duty* November 11, 1935

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

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November 26, 1935

G. M. Galloway, Keeper,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot
P. O. Box 270
Mobile, Ala.

I. Referring to the transfer of I. J. Stokes to the position of Watchman at the Lighthouse Depot, you are advised that he should be shown on the pay roll as having entered on duty as November 11 as that is the date on which his successor at Chandeleur is being taken up. Accordingly, Mr. Dorlon will be returned to the position of Laborer as of November 11.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,
New Orleans, La., (City) September 11 (Date), 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Transfer

Name, Stokes, Irvin J. — Legal residence, Texas

Position, Watchman in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed salary, $1200 p.a.

Location, Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala. — Proposed range, $1200-$1500

Effective, October 1, 1935. — Appropriation, Salaries, L.H. Service.

~~The anniversary of his entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1680 p.a.

Location, — Former range, $1680-$2040

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

**Previous incumbent and his pay,** Oliver J.D orlon $1200 p.a. to be Service terminated, Sept. 30,1935.

Reason, Termination of temporary appointment.

**Members of family in Government service,** None.

**Remarks:** Letter from Keeper S tokes accepting this transfer at a reduction in pay is attached.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19----

E. V. K.

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

*Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEP 6 - 1935

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 30, 1935

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station
P. O. Box 591
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Referring to your desire to be transferred as watchman at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala., in order that there may be no misunderstanding in this matter, it is desired to state that the watchman must work every night, Sundays and holidays included, from 4:30 P.M. until 8:15 o'clock the next morning. If you still wish to be considered for this transfer, indorse one copy of this letter as having been noted and agreed to, and return same to this office.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

I. J. Stokes
Keeper.

WJB:JK

August 26, 1935.

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Lighthouse,
P. O. Box 591,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Replying to your letter of recent date, have you fully considered the fact that if you were transferred as Watchman at the Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala., you would lose the benefits of the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act and you will be transferred to the Civil Service Retirement Act, under the provisions of which each month there would be deducted from your salary of $100.00 the sum of $3.50 which would go towards retirement under the Civil Service Retirement Act?

2. You would get no benefit for the years which you have heretofore served so far as retirement is concerned and the number of years applying to your retirement benefits would only be the number of years for which the monthly deduction of $3.50 will have been made at the time of such retirement. If, after you consider these matters, you still desire the position of Watchman, you are requested to sign the inclosed letter and return same to this office.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 21 1935
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

aug. 14, 1934

Supt. of. Lighthouses
New orleans. La
Mr. E. S. Lanphier. sir

Is that vacancy for a night watchman at mobile. Depot. Is yet open.

Would you please consider me for the position. as watchman thier as I would like an awful lot to get stationed ashore some where

Respt
J J Stoker
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

August 30, 1935

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E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(Signed) I. J. Stokes,
Keeper

(Copy signed by I. J. Stokes sent to Bureau - 1-27-36)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OCT - 5 1935

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

oct. 4, 1935

Supt. of Lighthouse
New orleans. La

Mr. E. S. Tanphin. sir

Would you plear advise me Wheather I will be transfered to. mobile depot or not. If so about when will It be the reson why I have ask this Is on acount of my children going to school!

I dont want to halft to buy. 2. two sets of books. If I buy books heare thea wont be no good over thire I am barrowing books for them now and can continue to do so If not to long

Respt
J J Stoker
Keep

T. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station
P. O. Box 591
Gulfport, Miss.

October 5, 1935

1. Replying to your letter of October 4, 1935, you are advised that you have been recommended for transfer and appointment as watchman at the Mobile Lighthouse Depot. Your appointment has not yet been received. There is no certainty at the present time.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

October 15, 1935

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station
P. O. Box 591
Gulfport, Miss.

1. You are advised that this office has been informed that it will be necessary for you to take a non-competitive examination for the position of watchman; therefore you should take no steps preparatory to moving to Mobile, Ala., until you are finally advised that you will be appointed watchman. There is no certainty at the present time.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

...IGHTHOUSES
...ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Mr. Braun:

October 24, 1935.

In accordance with your request, I have obtained rates on household furniture from Gulfport to Mobile, as follows:

Coast Transportation Co., Inc. (water route) - - - - - - - - - - 60¢ per cwt.
(Furniture need not be crated, and free pick up in Gulfport, and free delivery in Mobile will be furnished).

L. & N. RR - - (rail route) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 70¢ " "
(Furniture must be crated, and NO free pick-up or delivery service will be furnished on this commodity)

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quired.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., October 29, 1935

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., it being noted that depot laborers are on a monthly basis as to pay. This fact was unknown to the Bureau previously in connection with this matter. In salary payment on a monthly basis there would be no overtime compensation for work in excess of 40 hours a week as indicated in Bureau indorsement of October 9, and overtime in such cases is appropriately provided for by compensatory time off in lieu of extra compensation. While in general hours of labor of laborers who are paid on monthly basis should be arranged so as to limit them to 40 hours per week, if it is necessary to employ them in excess of this time, overtime pay does not accrue to them, see 13 Com.Gen. 265. Your separate recommendation of October 17 for an additional laborer at the Galveston Depot is noted, and is separately returned approved.

W.P.Harman

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 14, 1935.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Watchmen at Lighthouse Depots,
Substitutes for.

1. Referring to Bureau endorsement of October 9, 1935, Bureau File No. 1639, on letter from this office of September 27, 1935, relative to watchmen.

2. Instructions in the endorsement will be carried out in that no laborer will be permitted to work more than 40 hours per week.

3. It is respectfully submitted that if a laborer substitutes for a watchman from 4:30 P.M. one day to 8:15 A.M. the next day, he will have worked 40 hours during the course of two nights of 15 hours each and 10 hours the succeeding night.

4. Laborers in this District are paid by the month. Certification of a payroll presents a problem. If the actual facts, as stated above, are written on the payroll, will the General Accounting Office approve the payment of a full weeks' pay on a monthly basis.

5. The only relief would be the employment of two watchmen at each depot, and as the 40-hour law does not seem to apply to watchmen, their hours should be so arranged as to permit the absence of one watchman while the other one performs the actual period of work required.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RG-EK

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Administrative Assistant

TIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

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J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
(10)
OCT 29 1935

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT=

| MINUTES IN TRANSIT | |
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TRANSPORTATION VIA TRUCK WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO LIGHTHOUSE WORK HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS I J STOKES APPROVED=

KING.

WESTERN UNION ALONE SERVES 89% OF THE PLACES HAVING TELEGRAPH OFFICES

...ould be duly noted. For the Commissioner:

W. P. Norman,
Administrative Assistant

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of Fred Thomas, Keeper, Gulfport ... Lights, ... Miss.

... Thomas is not ..., you will take ... the contents of this letter and get from him the information desired in ... letter, making a ... report of same to this office.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 31 1935
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
October 29, 1935.

of Lighthouses

R.T. Stokes, Keeper,
Channel Light Station,
[illegible]
Gulfport, Miss.

Contg.Exps.Dept.of Commerce, 1936

Lighthouse Superintendent
New Orleans, Louisiana

Washington D C October 29 1935

**Transportation via truck without detriment to lighthouse work household effects i j stokes approved**

[illegible] approved the transportation of your household effects via [illegible], Stokes. Immediately upon receipt of this letter you will advise this office when you will have your household furnishings in Gulfport ready for shipment by truck. You will get a definite date so that upon receipt of your letter this office can notify the keeper of the White Depot to have the depot truck proceed to Gulfport at the date and time specified by you. Give this matter your very prompt attention.

KING

**Confirmation - Unless this transfer is being made for the good of the Service Mr. Stokes should be required to pay for the gasoline consumed. In the event the Government stands the cost of the gasoline advise the Bureau the amount used and cost of same.**

[illegible] you [illegible] of the [illegible] will proceed [illegible] keeper of Channel Gulfport Lighthouse, [illegible] and will be duly notif

For the Commissioner:

W P Norman

**Administrative Assistant**

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of Fred Shumaker, Keeper, Gulfport Channel Lights, 1402 - 21st Ave., Gulfport, Miss.

If Keeper Stokes is not [illegible], you will telephone him at once the contents of this letter and get from him the information desired in this letter, making an immediate report of same to this office.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV - 2 1935
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 31, 1935

Supt. of Lighthouses
New orleans. La

Sir. E. S. Tanphin. sir
In regards to moving to
mobile
I Would like to go ahead
to mobil and locate me
a house be fore having
my furnitur shiped
so When I get thire and
get ahouse ready then I
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV - 1 1935
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Gulfport Channel Lights
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 31, 1935., 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.
Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday to Keeper I.J.Stokes, copy to Fred Shuman, relative to use of truck for moving Stokes household goods to Mobile.

Mr. Stokes phoned me he would proceed to Mobile, when notified by you, and then secure a house. He will then notify you of the exact day he will be ready for the truck. He says he already has the Property Returns in shape to turn over all property to his successor.

Very Respectfully,

Fred Shuman

Keeper, Gulfport Channel Lights.

October 31, 1935.

I.J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
P.O. Box 591,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. With further reference to letter from this office advising you that your household furnishings would be transported from Gulfport to Mobile by the Lighthouse Depot truck:

2. You are advised that the Bureau of Lighthouses stated that it will be necessary for you to pay for the gasoline actually consumed by the depot truck. After the articles are delivered to Mobile, you will reimburse Mr. Galloway, Keeper, either in cash or by purchasing gasoline and surrendering it to Mr. Galloway.

(Signed) E.S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of G.M. Galloway, Keeper, U.S. Lighthouse Depot, Box 270, Mobile, Ala.

You will instruct the truck driver to keep an accurate check on the number of gallons of gasoline consumed in connection with the moving of Mr. Stokes' household effects and see that you secure reimbursement from him on his arrival in Mobile.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

NOV - 5 1935

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
EIGHTH DISTRICT

Mobile Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November, 4, 1935

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir,

I, When the new watchman Mr I.J.Stokes, arrives at the Depot, authority is requested to have the man now acting watchman to remain on night duty two or three nights, or until the new man thoroughly understands his routine of work,

x2, When O.Dorlon, now acting watchman is relieved of the watchman job, Will the office approve of employing this man as laborer, Dorlon is well able to preform any general depot work or the painting of buoys,

Respectfully

Depot Keeper

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WJB:JK

Office of the Sup't. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., Nov. 6, 1935.

1. Returned to Keeper, Mobile, Depot:

2. You are authorized to detail Mr. Dorlon as a laborer to duty with the new watchman, when he reports to duty, for not more than two nights, as this is deemed sufficient time for the new watchman to become acquainted with the routine duties of that position. You will see that instructions recently given you relative to the 40-hour-week for laborers is not violated in Dorlon's case; in other words, he should not work more than 40 hours in a week. When the new watchman enters on duty, you are authorized to employ Dorlon as a laborer at the Depot, provided the present complement of laborers for the depot is not exceeded. If you hired a laborer in Dorlon's place when he was put on as a watchman, it will be necessary to discontinue the laborer's service when Dorlon returns to duty as a laborer.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Supt:—

Stoker phoned from Chandelum L. V. to see when he should leave Delong is on leave. Burdwell at sta. Gleason is using launch. & Cole Lin of the mail plane Lin Wed.

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Phoned Stoker to leave Chandelum when Delong returns from leave. x

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
1935 OCT - 11 - AM 8 39
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 8th DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 14 1935
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

New Orleans, La., October 9, 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
*Washington, D. C.*

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communications (as shown below: )
from this office dated on the subject of

Nominations:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 11, 1935 | Irvin J. Stokes | Watchman, Mobile Depot, Ala. |
| Sept. 14, 1935 | Viggo H. R. Sanne | Second Officer, ASTER |
| Sept. 14, 1935 | Nels P. Jacoson | Second Officer, SUNFLOWER |
| Sept. 23, 1935 | Viggo E. Sorenson | Master, Lightship 81 |
| Sept. 23, 1935 | Henry Olsen | Mate, Lightship 81 |

Referring to Bureau indorsement of October 1, 1935, on Form 84 of this office, dated September 26, 1935, in regard to Albert Davis, it is stated that the reinstatement of Albert Davis has been approved. This office is still without formal notification.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

Returned to 8th Superintendent. The Stokes case is still pending at the Civil Service Commission; it involves a change in status from keeper to watchman, for which examination will no doubt be required by the Commission.

Sanne's appointment was approved October 1; notice was forwarded you October 9.

Jacobsen's transfer was approved October 2, with temporary demotion to $1800; Department notice forwarded with Bureau letter of October 11.

Olsen's transfer was approved October 8, accordingly to informal advice from the Department; notice will be forwarded upon receipt in Bureau.

Record shows that Department notice of reinstatement of Albert Davis was received in the Bureau October 9 and forwarded to your office the same date.

In addition to the above, Bureau is informally advised that appointment of Wm. H. Monaly was approved October 10; notice will be forwarded upon receipt in Bureau.

Bureau has just learned informally that Sorenson's promotion has also been approved.

For the Commissioner: Chief of Personnel Division

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication—that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1931

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

To 8th

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAY 13 1935

May 10, 1935.

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau has noted in connection with the dismissal of J. H. Chastant, second assistant keeper at your station, that he had been in the habit of abusing the leave privileges at the station, overstaying his leave allowance more or less regularly from time to time for which he gave various excuses. This matter is specially brought to your attention so that you will make every effort possible to check such practices at the station, and when they occur that you will report the circumstances fully to the Superintendent in order that he may have the details necessary to take proper disciplinary action against keepers who offend in this respect.

2. The fact that this letter has been written to you by the Bureau will be made part of your official record.

HC-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.

Received

LHC

May 27, 1935

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station
P. O. Box 591
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Transmitted herewith is Bureau letter of May 10, 1935, advising that it had been noted, in connection with the dismissal of J. H. Chastant, Second Assistant Keeper at your station, that he had been in the habit of abusing the leave privilege at the station, overstaying his leave allowance more or less regularly, from time to time, for which he gave various excuses and that when these practices occur at the station, you should report the circumstances fully to the Superintendent.

2. The fact that this letter has been written to you by the Bureau will be made part of your official record.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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January 22, 1935.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Ervin J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandleuer Light Station, Miss.,
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

1. The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report to the effect that the brass combination running light of the station launch was lost and that instead of reporting this loss to the Superintendent you substituted two old second-hand side lights which you secured for the purpose.

2. While it appears that your action in this matter was not in the nature of theft or appropriation of Government property, it is nevertheless believed that your failure to report the loss was negligent and an effort to avoid responsibility for the loss of property and replacement of same. You are therefore reprimanded for this offense and advised that a repetition of such action will result in more severe disciplinary action. This matter will be made a part of your official record.

HA-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(BALANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS )
(SUBJECT IN STATION FILE )

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.

Learned 2/8/35

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 8, 1935

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
P. O. Box 591,
Gulfport, Miss.

1. Referring to Correspondence relative to equipment of the station launch, and to inspection of that equipment which has been made by this office, it appears from your admission that the brass combination running light of the launch was lost, and that you failed to report the matter to this office. It also appears that you substituted for the brass combination running light two old secondhand side lights which you secured in some manner.

2. It has been ascertained that a brass combination light, such as was originally provided for the launch, will cost the sum of $5.20. There is inclosed herewith bill of A. Duvic's Sons, New Orleans, in the above amount, and you are required to buy a brass combination running light to replace the one lost by you, and the loss of which you failed to report.

3. If you desire to buy a brass combination running light for the launch at some other place, it will be acceptable if the proper light is purchased which must be satisfactory to this office and approved before it will be accepted.

4. In conclusion, it is desired to caution you against a repetition of the offence of losing government property and failing to report the loss. This is a serious offence, and, if repeated, will result in severe disciplinary action.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Two copies to Commissioner

Form 73a

LHC

**REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans, La., May 6, 1932

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about May 20, 1932.

Name, Irvin James Stokes Position, Keeper

From Sand Island Light Station, Ala. ($1680 - Rge: $1680-$2040) To Chandeleur Light Station, La. ($1680 p.a.- Rge:$1680-$2040)

Previous incumbent, Will J. Laughlin

Services terminated, April 15, 1932 Reason, Deceased

The filling of this vacancy is necessary for the safeguarding of life and property.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

New Orleans, La., May 26, 1932

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with May 23, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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**BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES**

**WASHINGTON**

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

*Acting Commissioner.*

learned 6/7/32

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 31 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 28, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New orleans. La

sir. E. L. Lanphier. sir

I arived to. Chandeleur. Light
Station about. 3. P.M.
May. 29. th. for dutie

Respt

J J Stoker
Keeper

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Incls.

May 17, 1932

F. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

1. Referring to your transfer to the position of Keeper at Chandeleur Light Station, you are advised that you may proceed to Gulfport, Miss., on or about May 20. You will report to Fred Shuman, Keeper of Gulfport Channel Lights, who lives at 905 - 40th Avenue and request his assistance in proceeding to Chandeleur.

2. W. W. DeLong, First Assistant Keeper, was directed to list all property at the station on three copies of Form 30, and when you arrive at Chandeleur, you will go over same with him, signing all three copies of the form; then give one copy to Mr. DeLong, you will retain one copy and forward one copy to this office for checking.

3. You will report the date of your arrival at Gulfport. Show this letter to Mr. Shuman so that he may know he is to render you assistance in reaching Chandeleur.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of W. W. DeLong, First Assistant Keeper in Charge of Chandeleur Light Station, P. O. Box 591, Gulfport, Miss. In accordance with instructions above given, you will turn the station over to Mr. Stokes upon his arrival.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

P.S. No member of any keeper's family is permitted to reside at the station.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LBC
Incls.

May 9, 1932

K. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

Sir:

1. You are advised that you will be transferred, at a later date, to the position of Keeper of Chandeleur Light Station and Tonsy Ryan will be promoted to the position of Keeper at Sand Island Light Station. You will be advised later when this change will take place, and you will not leave Sand Island until you receive definite orders from this office to do so.

2. Inclosed herewith you will find three copies of Form 30 on which you will list all property at the station. All three copies must be alike. When you are ordered to leave Sand Island, you will turn over all property to Tonsy Ryan, secure his signature to all three copies of the form, you will also sign all three copies. One copy is then to be forwarned to this office, one copy to be retained by Mr. Ryan, one copy to be retained by you until all property is checked and found correct.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses



ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY - 3 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Sand Island Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 2, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans La.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter April 26 1923.
I would be very glad to be considered
for transfer to Chandeleur Light Station
as Keeper.
This is the first offer I have got to
to be promoted to Keeper since I have
been in the service.
I sure would like to considered.

Tomey Ryan.
2nd Asst Keeper
In Absence of the Keeper.

ESL:LEC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island, April 26, 1932
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Toney Ryan, Second Asst.Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.
(Through the Keeper)

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2. Advise this office whether you wish to be considered for transfer and promotion of keeper. Others are being given consideration for the position.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of I. J. Stokes, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Dauphin Island, Ala.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

April 28, 1932

Supt of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La

Mr. E. S. Lanphier - sir

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May. 2.

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Approved

Respectfully
I. J. Stokes
Keeper

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY -4 1932
EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sand Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 28, 1932

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New orleans, La

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Keeper

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COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur Light, La. April 26, 1932.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1932

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

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Consideration for Transfer as Keeper at this Station.
I will give it my best attention

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

to the Service

Respectfully
W. W. DeLoach
1st Asst Keeper in charge.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAY - 2 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur La.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1932

Supt of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir

I Respectfully reguist I be considered for the Position as Keeper at this Station.
I will give my very best attention to the Service

Respectfully
W.W.S. DeLong
1st asst Keeper in charge.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUBMITTED
APR 23 1932
NEW O
EIGHTH DISTRICT LA.

Merrill Shell Bank L H S
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 22, 1932

Superintendent of Light Houses
Sir

I am respectfully writeing and asking to be Transfered from merrill shell Bank ~~Light~~ station to Chandeleur Light station. La to fill the vacancy as Keeper in charge.

I D. May.
asst Keeper.

Through Keeper
C. H. Carlson

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

SUPT. 8TH DIST. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN - 9 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

December 31, 1930

April 17, 1929.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(Thru Supt. 8th District of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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,

EDW. J. GARDNER, G. R. PUTNAM

Chief of Appointment Division.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

From: $1620

To: $1680

Service and grade: $1620-1980 Range

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

8th District.

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ORIGINAL SENT 1/9/31

Received 2/28/31

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

RG EJD

8th

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 20 1929
NEW ORLEANS

April 22, 1929

April 17, 1929.

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station, Ala.
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

1. The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent relative to the extinguishment of the light at your station on the night of March 15, 1929.

2. It is noted that the Second Assistant Keeper of the station was on watch at the time and that he was apparently unable to meet the emergency by putting the I. O. V. light into operation. You are hereby reprimanded for leaving the station in charge of a newly appointed keeper without proper training and instruction in his duties, and you are cautioned in the matter of properly instructing your assistants in the future. This matter will be made a part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.

Reminded 5/7/29

April 22, 1929

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

1. Transmitted herewith is letter from the Commissioner of Lighthouses, dated April 17, 1929, reprimanding you for leaving the station in charge of a newly appointed keeper who had not been properly instructed by you in the use of the I.O.V. light in order to meet an emergency, and cautioning you that your assistants must be properly instructed in their duties.

2. This matter will be made part of your official history.

K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

4 Ala.

March 28, 1929

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Replying to Bureau's indorsement of March 25, 1929, File No. 5288, on letter from this office of March 18, 1929, relative to the extinguishment of Sand Island Light on the night of March 15th, the following report is submitted:

2. It will be noted from the copy of letter of March 16, 1929, from the Keeper of Sand Island Light that, in an emergency, he took the First Assistant Keeper ashore and left the Second Assistant Keeper at the station during which time this incident occurred.

3. The Second Assistant Keeper, J. M. Hatten, is a new appointee, having entered on duty as Assistant Lighthouse Keeper on February 14, 1929.

4. Inclosed herewith are copies of letters of March 19 and 21, 1929, to the Keeper of Sand Island Light Station in which it was pointed out to him that he was derelict in his duty in not instructing the assistant keeper in the use of the I.O.V. light. It is recommended therefore that a letter of reprimand be sent to I. J. Stokes, Keeper, in this matter.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 19, 1929

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 16, 1929. Upon the last inspection of your station, the Superintendent admonished you that the I.O.V. lamp should be in readiness for exhibition in the event that, for any reason, the electric light could not be exhibited, and you were cautioned to instruct the assistant keepers in the use of the I.O.V. apparatus and to light the I.O.V. lamp at regular intervals.

2. The necessity for proper instruction of assistant keepers in the handling of I.O.V. apparatus is indicated by the inability of the assistant keeper to find and replace a burnt out fuse plug.

3. You are cautioned in regard to your duties as outlined above.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
COPY

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Sand Island Light, Ala.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 21, 1929

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

1. Referring further to the recent extinguishment of the light at your station, you are advised that the Mechanic of the Mobile Lighthouse Depot, who visited the station, reports to this office that Mr. J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper, informed him that he, Hatten, had had no instructions as to the operation of the I.O.V. lamp in the event that the electric light could not be shown.

2. Mr. Williams also reported to this office that Mr. Hatten had not had proper instructions as to the operation of the generator sets, changing of oil, etc. Very evidently Mr. Hatten had not been told anything about fuse plugs.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Sand Island Light, Ala.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 18, 1929

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 28 1929
NEW ORLEANS

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. The Bureau is advised that Sand Island Light was not shown on the night of March 15th. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter dated March 16, 1929, from the Keeper in regard to this incident.

2. A telegram was received on the night of March 15th through a radio message from the Keeper of Mobile Point Lighthouse that Sand Island Light was not exhibited. Immediate instructions were given the Keeper of Mobile Depot to send the Mobile Channel Lights launch to Sand Island Light Station on the morning of March 16th with the Electrician from the depot.

3. Mr. J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper, is a new appointee. He had been quartermaster on the Tender "Magnolia" for more than a year and it is regretted that he was not able to find the burned fuse plug.

4. All stations in this district having electric lights, except the primary cell electric light automatic stations, are equipped with two flashers, two lamp stands, at least two generators, and additional fuse plugs. Therefore, an incident, such as the one reported herein, was not expected to occur.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., March 25, 1929.

Returned to 8th Superintendent with statement that in view of Sand Island Light Station being a primary coast light, the failure to show any light for a whole night is a serious reflection upon the efficiency of the Lighthouse Service. It is noted that your letter of March 18 to the Bureau does not mention the most serious fault, which was the failure to put the reserve I.O.V. light into operation. Under the circumstances, the Bureau considers that some more drastic action should be taken, and your recommendation as to a letter of reprimand by the Bureau to those responsible is requested.

Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Incl.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sand Island Light Sta.
March 16, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.
Mr. E. S. Lanphier

Sir:

The 1st Asst.Keeper, Mr. J. F. Goodson, returned to duty 3-6-1929 and on the 7th I started ashore with the 2nd Asst. Keeper Mr. J. M. Hatten to go for examination, so I went by Fort Morgan to carry mail and as the phone was not in working order there was a telegram at Fort Morgan for Mr. Goodson stating that his father was dying, so I came back to station to notify Mr. Goodson.

I took Goodson ashore to go to see his father and the wind got so heavy that I could not get back to station so the weather got worse. I made two attempts to get to station but could not and was unable to get to station until the 16th at 9 a.m. I found that the light was out on the night of the 15th caused by heavy lightning and Mr. Hatten was unable to locate the trouble. I found the trouble was the fuse in the switch in tower was burned out. The light is working good now. Mr. Hatten would have wired the office but the telephone was out of order.

Respectfully,

(Signed) I. J. Stokes

Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1929 MAR 20 PM 3 47

Eighth District
Sand Island Light Sta.
March 16, 1929

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
Enclosure
NEW ORLEANS

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.
Mr. E. S. Lanphier

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Keeper

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March 19, 1929

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3. You are cautioned in regard to your duties as outlined above.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Commissioner. See letter of March 15th reporting extinguishment of Sand Island Light. A circular has been sent out because of the failure of the electric light at Sand Island, Ala.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

March 21, 1929

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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SUPT LIGHTHOUSES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 16 1929
NEW ORLEANS

TROUBLE LOCATED LIGHT BURNING OK LETTER FOLLOWS

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KEEPER

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Copy sent to Commissioner

TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1201-S

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1929 MAR 15 PM 7 47

SUPT LIGHTHOUSES=

NEWORLEANS LA=

Duplicate of telephoned telegram

SANDISLAND LIGHT IS NOT BURNING THEY RAISED FLAG FOR PILOT BOAT TO STOP THIS AM BUT WAS SO ROUGH SHE COULD NOT LAND TELEPHONE CABLE OUT OF COMMISSION=

THOMAS BROXSON MOBILE POINT.

Gu 2683
Mrs Braun
MJS 8097
Braun

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Copy sent to Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 19, 1929

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Dauphin Island, Ala.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 18 1929
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 16, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New orleans La

Mr. E. S. Lanphier. Sir

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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J J Stotser
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

M r. Irvin J. Stokes,
Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,
Chief of Appointment Division.

No new appointment will be issued as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting

Chief of Appointment Division.

11—0504

From: $1500

To: $1620

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Original
sent 8/4/28

Recorded
8/11/28

Form A-21

# NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
## KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1927 NOV 10 PM 2 40

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes, November 14, 1927.

1. Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1440 per annum to $ 1500 per annum, effective November 25, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

Acting EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I. J. Stokes, Effective
date of change in pay

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Automatic Lights

January 4, 1928

1927

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Superintendent of Lighthouses

1. Referring to Department letter of November 14, 1927, in the case of I. J. Stokes, formerly Keeper of Houston Channel Lights, Texas, at $1440 per annum, who was transferred to the position of Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Ala., with pay at the rate of $1500 per annum, effective November 21, 1927, or as soon thereafter as he entered on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of the above change in pay was December 17, 1927.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Respectfully
I J Stokes
Keeper

Form A-21

# NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
## KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 NOV 10 PM 2 40

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes, November 14, 1927.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Respectfully,

Acting EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Houstanch Lights
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

12 - 21, 1927

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New orleans La

Mr E. S. Lamphier sir

this is to inform yo that
mr. J. D. Balsillie keeper has releaced
me and I am leaveing at once
on my car with my family
for new orleans

Respectfully
J J Stoker
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

WJB:LEC
Incl.

December 8, 1927

E. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Houston Channel Lights,
Leporte, Texas

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of November 14, 1927, advising that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1440 per annum to $1500 per annum effective November 21, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. This change in salary is brought about by reason of your transfer to the keepership of Sand Island Light Station, Ala.

2. Do not leave your present station until you are relieved by J. D. Balsillie, Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, who will succeed you.

3. Immediately upon Keeper Balsillie's arrival, you will thoroughly instruct him in the operation of your lights.

4. After properly instructing Balsillie, you will proceed to this office for further instructions before proceeding to Sand Island Light Station.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

WJB:LEC
Incl.

December 6, 1927

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Houston Channel Lights,
Laporte, Texas

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E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,
New Orleans, La. (City.), November 7 (Date.), 1927

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Transfer

Name, Irvin J. Stokes

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Legal residence, Texas

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Ala. — Salary, $1500 p.a. (Rge:$1500-$1860 p.a.)

Effective November 21, 1927 — Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Keepers

{ ~~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, $1440 p.a. (No rge.)

Location, Houston Channel Lights, Texas

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

**Previous incumbent,** Admiral D. Ward — Services terminated, October 19, 1927

Reason, Resigned

**Members of family in Government Service,** NONE

**Date of birth,** December 15, 1886

**Remarks:** This recommendation is subject to approval of the recommendations made in letter relative to discontinuance of keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex., and Form 50 on same subject.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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OCT 29 1927
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Houston ch Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 28, 1927

Superintendent of Lighthouse
New orleans La
Mr E. S. Lamphier sir
In reply to your letter
of the 25th. as to a vacancy
as keeper ship. at sand
Island. Light. Station
so If it. pleases the office
I would like be considerd
for the position as keeper
as I would like very much to
get back over on that parte
of the coast. I think we would
have better health as this climate
dont seem to agree with us here.

Respectfully
I. J Stoker
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

November 8, 1927

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Houston Channel Lights,
Laporte, Texas

1. In accordance with your request, you have been nominated for transfer to the position of Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Ala., with pay at the rate of $1500 per annum.

2. It will be several weeks before this transfer can be effected and you will remain at your station until you receive definite orders to proceed to your new station. In the meantime you will list on Form 30 all government property in your charge and be in readiness to turn same over to Keeper Balsillie, securing his receipt therefor when notified.

3. The families of the keepers are not allowed to live at Sand Island Light Station. There is quite a settlement and a post office at Dauphin Island, Ala., about seven or eight miles from the station and you might find it convenient to have your family reside there.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 5 1927
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Houma La.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 28, 1927

Pt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Dear Sir.

Referring to your letter concerning Transfer to Sand Island L.S. as keeper. I wish to state that I do not desire a transfer to that Station.

Respectfully
G R Carpenter
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Point au Fer Reef Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 1st, 1927

Superintendent Of Light houses.
New Orleans. La
through the Keeper.

Sir.

I do not desire transfer for the position as Keeper Of Sand Island Light Station. Alabama.

Respectfully

E. C. Kiffe asst Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island La
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 31, 1927

Supt of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir-

I no that it is vacancy here for Keeper and I would be very glad to be appointed Keeper for this Station

Resp.
Thos Ryan 1st Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 31 1927
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

East Jetty Light and Fog. Signal Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Port Eads, Oct. 28, 1927

Superintendent of Lightthouses.
New Orleans, La.

Mr. Bauer Hold out

Sir: —

Referring to your letter of Oct. 25. in regards to a vacancy as Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, I wish to advise you that I do not desire to transfer to the above position in account that the entrance salary of Keeper of that Station is less, than the salary of 1st Asst. Keeper of South Pass Jetty Lights

Respectfully.

H. C. Buhse
1st Asst. Keeper.

John B. Mason
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 31 1927
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

East Jetty Light and Fog. Signal Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Port Eads, Oct. 28, 1927

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New Orleans, La.

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Sir: —

Referring to your letter of Oct. 25. in regards to a vacancy as Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, I wish to advise you that I do not desire to transfer to the above position in account that the entrance salary of Keeper of that Station is less, than the salary of 1st Asst. Keeper of South Pass Jetty Lights

Respectfully.

H. C. Buhse
1st Asst. Keeper.

John B. Mason
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 2 1927
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 31st, 1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I Respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 25th 1927, Of which I appreciate very much being considered as Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, But as I am a Man with a Family, Do not desire to be transfered to this Station at this time, thanking you for your consideration,

Respectfully
E. L. O Marler.
Asst Keeper,

J R Linton
Keeper

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
**LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE**

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 29 1927
NEW ORLEANS

**EIGHTH DISTRICT**

Galveston Harbor Light Station.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 27th., 1927

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

New Orleans La.

Through the Keeper.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of October 25th. regarding the vacancy in the position of Keeper at the Sand Island Light Station, will say that I do not care to be considered for appointment for the position.

Respectfully.

J.P. Simmons.

1st. Assistant. Galveston Harbor Light Station.

Forwarded.

G.A. Bardwell
Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE
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October 25, 1927

J. D. Balsillie, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Lighthouse,
San Leon, Texas.

1. There is a vacancy as Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at the entrance to Mobile Bay. This is a tower 131 feet high with a third-order fixed lens using an I.O.V. light.

2. Shortly an electric light will be established in this lens. Electricity will be produced by a house generating set and there will be storage batteries from which the current for the light will be drawn at night.

3. There is a separate dwelling on iron piles for the Keeper and two Assistants. The families of the Keepers are not allowed to reside at the station.

4. The tower is surrounded by a rock pile and is somewhat exposed. It is about 25 miles from the city of Mobile and 6 or 7 miles to the Post Office, Dauphin Island.

5. It is almost a certainty that Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station will be made an unwatched station and Keepers removed. Therefore, this vacancy as Keeper is offered to you. The Assistant Keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station will, when Red Fish Bar Cut Light is made an unwatched station, probably be transferred as one of the Assistant Keepers of Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog Signal Station.

6. If transferred to the above position, your pay will be $1620.00 per annum, the third step in the range of $1500-$1860.

7. Submit your reply to this letter promptly.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. G. M.

Assistant Superintendent.

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October 25, 1927

J. P. Simmons, 1st Asst. Kpr.,
Galveston Harbor Lights,
P. O. Box 84,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper).

1. There is a vacancy as Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at the entrance to Mobile Bay. This is a tower 131 feet high with a third-order fixed lens using an I.O.V. light.

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3. There is a separate dwelling on iron piles for the Keeper and two Assistants. The families of the Keepers are not allowed to reside at the station.

4. The tower is surrounded by a rock pile and is somewhat exposed. It is about 25 miles from the city of Mobile and 6 or 7 miles to the Post Office, Dauphin Island.

5. Do you desire transfer to this position? If selected, your pay will be $1500 per annum, the first step in the range of $1500-1860.

6. Submit your reply to this letter promptly.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. Muth,
(Signed) Assistant Superintendent.

Copy referred to G. W. Bardwell, Keeper, Galveston Harbor Lights, Box 84, Galveston, Texas, for his information and guidance.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. M.
Assistant Superintendent.

October 25, 1927

E. H. Marler, Assistant Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Indian Pass, Florida.
(Through the Keeper).

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4. The tower is surrounded by a rock pile and is somewhat exposed. It is about 25 miles from the city of Mobile and 6 or 7 miles to the Post Office, Dauphin Island.

5. Do you desire transfer to this position? If selected, your pay will be $1500 per annum, the first step in the range of $1500-1860.

6. Submit your reply to this letter promptly.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth,

Assistant Superintendent.

Copy referred to J. R. Linton, Keeper, Cape San Blas Lighthouse, Indian Pass, Fla., for his information and guidance.

For and in the absence of theSuperintendent.

F. A. M.

Assistant Superintendent.

October 25, 1927

G. C. Kiffe, Assistant Keeper,
Point Au Fer Reef Lighthouse,
Morgan City, La.
(Through the Keeper).

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2. Shortly an electric light will be established in this lens. Electricity will be produced by a house generating set and there will be storage batteries from which the current for the light will be drawn at night.

3. There is a separate dwelling on iron piles for the Keeper and two Assistants. The families of the Keepers are not allowed to reside at the station.

4. The tower is surrounded by a rock pile and is somewhat exposed. It is about 25 miles from the city of Mobile and 6 or 7 miles to the Post Office, Dauphin Island.

5. Do you desire transfer to this position? If selected, your pay will be $1500 per annum, the first step in the range of $1500-1860.

6. Submit your reply to this letter promptly.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.
(Signed) F. A. Muth,
Assistant Superintendent.

Copy referred to Peter Dumy, Keeper, Point Au Fer Reef Lighthouse, Morgan City, La., for his information and guidance.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. M.
Assistant Superintendent.

October 25, 1927

G. R. Carpenter, Keeper,
Timbalier Lighthouse,
P. O. Box 722,
Houma, Louisiana.

1. There is a vacancy as Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at the entrance to Mobile Bay. This is a tower 131 feet high with a third-order fixed lens using an I.O.V. light.

2. Shortly an electric light will be established in this lens. Electricity will be produced by a house generating set and there will be storage batteries from which the current for the light will be drawn at night.

3. There is a separate dwelling on iron piles for the Keeper and two Assistants. The families of the Keepers are not allowed to reside at the Station.

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5. Do you desire transfer to this position? If selected, your pay will be $1620 per annum, the third step in the range of $1500-1860.

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. M.

Assistant Superintendent.

October 25, 1927

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Per and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. G. M.

Assistant Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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NEW ORLEANS.

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GAINER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper

Salary: $1440

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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Houston Channel Lts

Form A-21

# NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
## KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 AUG 30 PM 12 54

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1924.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1020 per annum to $ 1200 per annum, effective September 1, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Houston Channel Lights, Tex.

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Irvin J. Stokes,
eff.date of change in salary.

October 4, 1924.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department Notice of Change in Salary dated August 26, 1924, in the case of Irvin J. Stokes, whose salary was changed from $1020 to $1200 per annum, in connection with his transfer to the position of Keeper of Houston Channel Range Lights, Texas, from that of Asst. Keeper at Pass Manchac Light Station, La.

2. The Bureau is informed that the above change in salary became effective beginning September 1, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WJB.

September 10,1924.

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Houston Channel Lights,
La Porte, Texas.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of August 26, 1924, notifying you that your salary as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1020 per annum to $1200 per annum, in connection with your transfer to the position of Keeper of Houston Channel Lights, Texas. The effective date of this change in pay will be September 1,1924.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

First Assistant Superintendent.

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September 2, 1924.

P. A. Petterson, Commanding,
Lighthouse Tender ASTER,
Route 1, Box 89,
Laporte, Texas.

1. Mr. I. J. Stokes will report at Laporte, Texas, in a day or so as Keeper of the Houston Channel Lights above Morgan Point (which lights you are now building).

2. Turn over to Mr. Stokes Launch No. 47 and give him all necessary instructions and directions relative to the maintenance of the lights already established. Mr. Stokes will take up the maintenance of the remaining lights as they are established in the future.

3. If Mr. Stokes should require it, you are authorized to permit him to sleep on board of the ASTER until he secures a place of his own in which to live.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Houston
Texas.

August 30, 1924

E. J. Stelzer, Asst. Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,

1. You have been appointed Keeper of Houston Channel Lights above Morgans Point on the San Jacinto River. As the present time only eleven of these lights have been established. These lights are all 6-day, Type B, post lanterns.

2. Notwithstanding the fact that the lights are called 6-day lanterns they must be attended not less than every third day and a careful patrol of the nine miles, over which these lights extend, must be maintained to see that all lights are maintained at maximum efficiency.

3. Upon arrival at LaPorte, the Tender "Aster" will turn over to you Launch No. 47 which has been fitted with a new 8-cylinder Lathrop engine. You will become familiar with its use.

4. You will maintain all lights at present established and as they are established in the future by the Tender "Aster." The Second Officer, F. A. Patterson, in command of the Tender "Aster" will instruct you fully in this matter.

5. It is proposed to have an assistant keeper appointed to work with you and this person will probably be Mr. Hugh A. Arthur. You will be advised later in regard to this.

6. Until advised that a contract has been entered into for gasoline and lubricating oils at LaPorte, you will solicit bids for gasoline, etc., on inclosed form four or five days in advance of actual need and forward the forms to this office for acceptance with your requisition for gasoline.

7. You and the assistant keeper are expected to give your full time, at least eight hours per day, to the work of maintaining these lights in a most efficient condition. You are cautioned to keep the lanterns clean, the wick and burners clean and well trimmed.

8. In an emergency, you are authorized to telegraph this office using telegraph blanks inclosed herewith for the purpose, and, at the same time, do every thing that you can to meet any emergency which may arise.

9. If you do not understand how to operate the 8-day lanterns, communicate with this office and ask for instructions.

10. The reservoir of the 8-day lanterns are filled through the supply tube and you must be careful to see that the lamps do not overflow.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy forwarded to P. A. Petterson, Second Officer, Commanding Lighthouse Tender "Aster," - LaPorte, Texas and Galveston, Texas - for his information and guidance. Keep Mr. Stokes instructed as to the lights established and render him any necessary assistance in getting his work started.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Incls.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 30, 1924

I. J. Stokes, Asst. Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,

1. You have been appointed Keeper of Houston Channel Lights above Morgans Point on the San Jacinto River. At the present time only eleven of these lights have been established. These lights are all 8-day, Type B, post lanterns.

2. Notwithstanding the fact that the lights are called 8-day lanterns they must be attended not less than every third day and a careful patrol of the nine miles, over which these lights extend, must be maintained to see that all lights are maintained at maximum efficiency.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

for and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Signed) A.M.Zibilich.

First Assistant Superintendent.

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Aug.29th 1924.

I.J. Stoke, Asst.Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,
Akers P.O., La.
(Thru the Keeper.)

1. Referring to your transfer to the position of keeper of Houston Channel Lights, above Morgan Point, you are now directed to report to this office on Tuesday Sept. 2nd in readiness to proceed to La Porte, Tex. to take up your duties as keeper. Upon your arrival at this office you will be given further instructions and transportation request for railroad fare from New Orleans to La Porte, Tex.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Signed)A.M.Zibilich.

First Assistant Superintendent.

1. Copy to Keeper of Pass Manchac Light Station, for his information and guidance. As previously instructed you are directed to place a laborer on duty when Stokes leavesthe station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

First Assistant Superintendent.

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August 22, 1924.

H.C.Petersen, Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,
Akers, P.O. La.

1. Deliver the inclosed letter to Mr. Irvin J. Stokes. You are authorized to employ a laborer temporarily until a regular assistant is appointed, pay to be $1020 per annum. He must be an American Citizen over eighteen years of age and able to read and write.

2. You will have the person employed fill out the inclosed personal history sheet. You will be careful that he writes his first name in full and his whole name clearly so that it can be easily read by this office.

3. You will go to the post office on August 30, and if you do not find written orders for Mr. Stokes to proceed to his new station you will ring up this office by long distance telephone, charging the expense of same to Main 6300. This telephone message must be put in before twelve noon.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

P.S. Do not employe laborer until Stokes leaves.

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., August 22nd, 19 24.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.**

Name, **Irvin J. Stokes,** Legal residence, **Texas.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$1200 per annum.**

Location, **Houston Channel Lights, Texas.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **September 1st, 1924.** {'~~the date of his appointment~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Former salary, **$1020 per annum.**

Location, **Pass Manchac Light Station, La.**

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

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

Reason,

**Members of family in Government Service,**

**Date of birth, Dec. 18, 1886.**

**Remarks: The above position was authorized by Department letter of August 7,1924, transmitted to this office by Bu. endorsement of August 14, 1924.**

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 19

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*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

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**Superintendent of Lighthouses.**

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Aug. 23rd 1924.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes, Asst. Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,
Akers P.O., La.
(Through the Keeper)

1. This office has recommended your transfer and appointment as Keeper of the Houston Channel Lights, with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum. Your railroad fare from Pass Manchac to your new station will be paid by this office. Hold yourself in readiness to proceed upon receipt of orders.

2. Yourwill be directed to call at this office enroute to Texas for further instructions. The Keeper of Pass Manchac Light Station will be requested to proceed to the post office on Saturday August 30th for your travel orders and if your appointment is received you will be expected to come to this office on Monday September 1st in readiness to proceed to Texas.

(Signed)E.S.Lanphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

1. Copy to H.C.Petersen, Keeper, Pass Manchac Light Station, for his information.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 11 1924
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pass manchac
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 9, 1924

through the keeper
Superentendent of Light House
Mr. E. S. Lanier Dear sir
wrighing in Regrds of your Letter of
of august the 6th. In Regards of
keeper of the Houston channel Light
I would Like veary much to Be
considerd for the Position as
keeper of the Post Lanterns
as I would Like veary much to
Send my children to School as
I have 4 children of School age

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I J Stokes
Ast Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Lighthouse Depot.
August 6, 1924

July 31st, 1924

I. J. Stokes, Assistant Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,
Akers P. O., La.
(Through the Keeper)

Sir.

1. Do you wish to be considered for the position of Keeper of the Houston Channel Lights extending from Morgans Point to the head of Galveston Bay, a distance of about eight miles up the San Jacinto River. This part of the Houston Channel is above Morgans Point, not in the bay.

2. There will be about forty-five 6-day post lantern lights and there will be an assistant keeper. This office will furnish a motor boat, gasoline, lubricating oil, etc. No quarters will be furnished for the keepers. The keeper will be expected to live at LaPorte or Morgans Point, which is at the head of Galveston Bay where the Houston Channel enters the San Jacinto River and Buffalo Bayou. Morgans Point or LaPorte, Texas, is reached by the Southern Pacific Railroad.

3. The pay of the position will be $1200 per annum, which includes the bonus formerly paid, and 45¢ per day ration allowance. The keeper and the assistant keeper will be expected to give all of their time to this work.

4. Report by return mail whether or not you desire to be considered for the position.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy forwarded to H. C. Petersen, Keeper, Pass Manchac Light Station, Akers P. O., La., for his information.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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AUG 2 1924
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Lighthouse Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 31St., 1924

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

Sir.

In referrence to your letter of July 29Th.with reference to the Keepership of the Lights above Morgans'Point. I do desire to be made Keeper of those lights a s I do not see where I could keep up and meet my expenses on the salary at that place.I would rather prefer Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station as there is more money at that place,but I would much rather prefer to stay at the Galveston Depot,and will try hard to give you more satisfaction if I am allowed to stay at this place.Hoping that you will decide to let me stay .

Respectfully,
John D Balcellie.
Keeper.
Galveston Lighthouse Depot.
P.O.Box.No.180.Galveston,Texas.

Give him Red Fish

July 29, 1924

J. D. Balsillie, Laborer-Caretaker,
U. S. Lighthouse Depot,
P. O. Box 180,
Galveston, Texas

1. It is the present plan of this office to employ two keepers to care for the new lights above Morgans Point. There will be twenty-two sets of ranges, consisting of thirty-six or more 8-day post lantern lights also eleven post lantern lights in the water. The pay recommended for the keepers is $1200 per annum, plus 45¢ daily ration allowance, for the keeper, and $1020 per annum, plus ration allowance, for the assistant. No quarters will be furnished. The launch now at the Galveston Depot will be the launch assigned to these new lights and gasoline and supplies will be furnished by the Government. The keepers must reside at Morgans Point.

2. Advise this office whether you would prefer the position of Keeper of these new lights when they are established, or would prefer to remain as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 7 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 23 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
**APPOINTMENT DIVISION**
**WASHINGTON**

October 3, 1922.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

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 October 3, 1922, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

A
G
8th

WJB.

Irvin J. Stokes.

December 14, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department Notice of Change in Salary, dated Oct. 5, 1922, in the case of Irvin J. Stokes, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, whose salary was increased from $720 to $780 per annum, authorized by the Bureau in lieu of rental of quarters recommended by this office:

2. The Bureau is informed that this increase in salary became effective beginning Oct. 3rd.1922.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB.

Irvin J. Stokes.

November 16,1922.

I. J. Stokes, Asst. Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,
Akers P.O., La.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith, for your files, is Department letter dated October 3, 1922, notifying you that your salary as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $780 per annum, effective beginning October 3rd, 1922. This increase was authorized by the Bureau in lieu of rental of quarters recommended by this office. You will be required to pay the rent of quarters.

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

Copy for information of H.C.Petersen, Keeper, Pass Manchac Light Station, Akers P.O., La.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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...RICATIONS TO
...INTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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NEW ORLEANS.

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

WJB.

Irvin J. Stokes.

October 14th, 1922.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Returned herewith is Notice of Change in Salary, dated October 3rd, 1922, of Irvin J. Stokes, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

2. This office made no recommendation for a change in the salary of I.J.Stokes although a recommendation was forwarded to the Bureau on Sept.13,1922, for the rental of a dwelling for the use of the Assistant Keeper of Pass Manchac Light Station. Information is requested as to whether the change in the salary of Mr. Stokes is in connection with the rental of the dwelling.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. Muth
First Assistant Superintendent.

LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. October 17, 1922.
Inclosure.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of October 11, 1922, transmitting copy of Department approval of Bureau recommendation of September 30, 1922, authorizing an increase in salary to I. J. Stokes, keeper of Manachac Light Station, La., in lieu rental of quarters quarters as recommended by you; the Bureau considered this to be the most advantageous method. Inclosed herewith is Department notice of change in salary which you returned to the Bureau.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

KP:LEC

September 11, 1922

I. J. Stokes, Assistant Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,
Akers P. O., La.
(Through the Keeper)

1. The Keeper, Mr. Peterson, has reported that you have a wife and six children, and that the quarters in the main dwelling are inadequate for that number of people.

2. When you were transferred, this office was cognizant of the fact that Mr. Peterson was unmarried, and, without making inquiry, presumed that your family would not be too large for the quarters available.

3. In view of the size of your family, this office will make an effort to rent a dwelling now in existence outside the reservation, and, if this dwelling is rented, you will be required to move your family thereto. In any event, it will be impracticable to care for yourself, wife and six children, a total of eight people, in the main dwelling.

4. Mr. Peterson, the Keeper, will advise you later when other arrangements have been made.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy forwarded to H. C. Peterson, Keeper, Pass Manchac Light Station, Akers P.O., La., for his information.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

ESL-WJB.

September 21, 1922.

H. C. Peterson, Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,
Akers P. O., La.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to that portion of your letter of September 18th, 1922, relative to the uniform of Assistant Keeper I. J. Stokes:

2. There is no reason why Mr. Stokes should not purchase the white Navy seaman uniform, the cost of which for cap, jacket and trousers is $3.47. This can be supplied from stock in this office. If he immediately secures the white uniform he will be given until October 15th to purchase the blue cloth uniform. You will report further in regard to this matter.

E. S. LANPHIER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 20 1923
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pass Manchac Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 18th, 1923

Superintendent of Lighthouse
Mr. E S. Longfuir

Dear Sir

In writing in regards of J. J. Stoker Asst For indebted amount #6.25 to C M. Erickerson Stoker the asst. Claims that he not indebet #6.25 Stoker claims he is indebet to C.M. Erickson the amount of 3.00 only.

P.S. Stoker Asst would you kindley grant him till next month. To get the regulation inform. Which he has had a very big epence. Transfering his family to the station

Respectfully
Henry C. Peterson
Keeper

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 11 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
**APPOINTMENT DIVISION**
**WASHINGTON**

**September 5, 1922.**

**M**
**r. Irvin J. Stokes,**
**Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.**

**Sir:**

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective **August 23, 1922.**

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,**

**Superintendent of Lighthouses**

**Chief of Appointment Division.**

**A**
**G**
**8th**

WJB.

I.J.Stokes, effective
date change in salary.

September 14th,1922.

I. J. Stokes, Asst.Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department notice of change in salary dated September 5th,1922, in the case of Irvin J. Stokes, who was transferred from the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex., to the position of Asst. Keeper at Pass Manchac Light Station, La., his salary being changed from $840 to $720 per annum:

2. The Bureau is informed that the above change in salary became effective beginning Aug.25,1922.

(Signed) K. S. Lanphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of Mr.Peterson, Keeper, Pass Manchac Light Station, Ponchatoula, La.

K. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Booked

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: New Orleans, La., Aug. 5th 1922.

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment. September 12th,1922.

Name, Irvin J. Stokes,

Position, L.K. I. J. Stokes, Asst.Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,
Akers, La.
(Through the Keeper)

Location, Pass Manchac Light Station, La. Salary, $720 per annum.

Effective August 23rd,1922. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

{The actual date of entrance on duty, xx

Former position, Keeper in the L.H.Service. Former salary, $840 per annum.

Location, 1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated September 5th,1922, notifying you that your salary as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $840 to $720 per annum in connection with your transfer from Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex., to Pass Manchac Light Station, La. The effective date of this change in salary is August 23rd, 1922.

Rank on eligible list, xxxx

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: New Orleans, La., Aug. 30th, 19 22.
(City.) (Date.)

**Action recommended,** Transfer and appointment.

Name, Irvin J. Stokes,

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Legal residence, Texas.

Location, Pass Manchac Light Station, La. Salary, $720 per annum.

Effective August 23rd, 1922. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

**Former position,** Keeper in the L.H.Service. Former salary, $840 per annum.

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

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

- - - - - - - - - -

**Previous incumbent,** Anthony J.Shields Services terminated, April 30th, 1922.

Reason, Resigned.

**Members of family in Government Service,** Allen Stokes, brother, married; Public Health Service, Sabine, Texas.

**Remarks:** Letter from Keeper Stokes accepting the above transfer attached. Owing to isolation of Sabine Bank L.S. the actual date of Keeper's relief could not be determined in advance.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. A. M.

First Assistant Superintendent.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 5 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pass Manchac
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 2nd, 1922

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Mr. E. S. Lanphier

Dear Sir

Mr. J. Stokes has this day Sept 1st P.M. reported for duty as Asst Keeper, Which is this day Sept 1st P.M. Discontid the service of Mr. H. A. Barbier as Temporey laborer

Respectfully

Henry le Peterson
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 31st, 1922.

H. C. Petersen, Keeper,
Pass Manchac Light Station,
Akers, La.

1. The bearer, I.J.Stokes, has been appointed Assistant Keeper at Pass Manchac Light Station. Upon his arrival at the station you will discontinue the services of the temporary laborer, Mr.Barbier.

2. Advise this office of the arrival of Mr. Stokes.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.A.M.

First Assistant Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 29 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

aug 28, 1922

Superintendent

sir

I am leaving in the morning throug the cuntry in my car with my family

I J Stober
2 dist keeper

QQFX.

Sabine Bank Light,
Aug. 4th, 1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Absent of the 1st Ast. Keeper in Charge.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 30th I will say that I will accept of the offer at Pass Manchac Light Station but I want to ask you if their is eny chance to get you to let the tender trancefer my furniture and family or at least the furniture as I am realy not able without the ade to get theor.

(Signed) I.J.Stokes,

2nd Asst. Keeper.

EP:GD

August 24th, 1922.

I. J. Stokes,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Inclosed find Government Transportation Request No. C-106700, covering transportation for yourself from Sabine to New Orleans. Upon arrival in New Orleans you will report to this office at Room 224 Customhouse, and instructions will be given you as to how to reach Pass Manchac Light Station.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

FAM:EC

August 7, 1922.

I. J. Stokes, 2d Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through 1st. Asst. Kpr. in Charge).

1. Referring to your letter of August 4th requesting information as to whether or not you can have your household effects transferred to Pass Manchac Light Station by a tender.

2. You are advised that it is impracticable to have a tender transfer your furniture, etc., to Pass Manchac Light Station but while this office will authorize the transfer of your belongings via. a tender to either Port Eads or Mobile, it would not be to your advantage to do so as the additional cost of transportation and hauling involved in transferring the articles at your expense either from Mobile or Port Eads to Pass Manchac would be too great.

3. It is suggested that you ship your articles by freight to Manchac, Louisiana, the railroad point nearest Pass Manchac Light Station, and this office will permit the use of the station motor boat for making trips as necessary in transferring the articles from Manchac to Pass Manchac Light Station. Do not ship anything until you are further advised.

4. For your information, it is stated, that the Post Office address is Akers, Louisiana, but the railroad station is Manchac, Louisiana.

5. This office will pay your own personal travel expenses to Pass Manchac Light Station, but this does not include the travel of your family or the transfer of your furniture, etc.

6. The above is furnished to you as information only and not as instructions to proceed. You will later be advised as to steps to be taken.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.
(Signed) F. A. Muth,
First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy referred to I. C. M. Ericksen, First Assistant Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information and guidance.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. M.
FIRST ASST. SUPERINTENDENT

WJB:LEC

July 26, 1922

James Stokes, Second Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the First Asst.Keeper in Charge)

1. There is a vacancy in the position of Assistant Keeper at Pass Manchac Light Station, Akers, La., with pay at the rate of $720 per annum base pay. This station comprises Pass Manchac Light Station, Pass Manchac Bar East & South Channel, and Tangipahoa Lights (4 lights). The distance between the furthermost lights is 3-3/4 miles and a motor boat is assigned to the station. The work involves climbing in connection with the care of the beacons, which you must take into consideration. Family quarters are provided at this station.

2. If you desire to be considered for the above position, you will advise this office with the least possible delay.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to I. C. M. Erickson, First Assistant Keeper in Charge, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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EP-WJB.

November 30th,1921.

I. J. Stokes, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your inquiry of Nov. 30th, relative to leave of absence due to your wife's illness.

2. You are informed that leave for the period of one week is hereby granted you. If an extension of this leave is necessary advise this office. Owing to the short time you have been at Sabine Bank Light Station it may be necessary for you to take the leave without pay in case the amount desired exceeds the amount accrued.

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

Copy for information of Wm. Collette, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

...ICATIONS TO
...NT OF LIGHTHOUSES
...EW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 30 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Superintendent of
Light Houses
new orleans La

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Sabine Bank. L. H. S
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
nov 30, 19 21

Through reper
Sir I would like to aske
you if it is Posible that
you will grant me a
leaf of absence as my wife
is in a very delicate
condation and thire is
no one I can get just
now sutible for the
accasion and it leavs her
very Badly in need of my
asistance Please advise

I. J. Stokes
2. ass. Keeper

William Collette Keeper

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1921.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 27 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

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 Eight Hundred and Forty 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,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Dalton E. Whittington.

Legal Residence: Texas.

(See reverse side.)

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8th district.

Sabine Bank L. H.

Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Irvin J. Stokes

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.

(Signed) Irvin J. Stokes.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 12th day of November, A. D. 1921.

(Affix official seal here)

(S) Notary Public,
(E) County of
(A) Jefferson,
(L) Texas.

[4] (*Name*) (Signed) W. A. Vaughan

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1st, 1923.

| OFFICIAL TITLE | RATE OF PAY | NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. |
|---|---|---|
| Present Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. | $840 p.a. | Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas. |
| Former [5] Probationary appointment. | | |

WJB.

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., (Address), December 1st, 1921. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 3rd, 1921. (Date)

E.S.K.
(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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Booked

...UNICATIONS TO
...NTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS
DEC 1 1921
NEW

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Bank Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 30, 1921

Superintendent of light Houses
New orleans La

Sir

In Refering to
your letter date Nove 14 for the Exact date
Irvin J stokes 2 asst Keeper Repart for duty
it was on the 3 of Nove

Very Resp
William Collette Keeper
Sabine Bank light

WJB.WJB.

November 29th,1921.

William Collette, Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. When did Irvin J. Stokes go on duty at Sabine Bank Light Station?

2. NO PAY CAN BE SENT STOKES UNTIL THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS FURNISHED.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

WJB. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

November 7th, 1921.

Irvin J. Stokes, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Returned herewith is Oath of Office executed by you before David H. Cabal, Acting Deputy Collector of Customs, in connection with your appointment as 2nd Assistant Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

2. Your attention is called to paragraph 4, at the bottom of the form, which states in part "This oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, clerk of Court, etc., but never before a Collector of Customs or Postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases."

3. There is enclosed another form of Oath which you will have executed before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths. Return same to this office with as little delay as possible.

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

Copy for information of William Collette, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Advise this office the exact day Mr. Stokes entered on duty.

E.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 111

**OATH OF OFFICE**

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Irvin J. Stokes,

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.

(Appointee signs here)

Sworn to [2] (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 21. day of

, A. D. 1921.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*)

(*Official title*)

My commission expires

| OFFICIAL TITLE | RATE OF PAY | NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. |
|---|---|---|
| Present: Keeper in the Light house Service. | $840 p. a. | Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas. |
| Former [5]: Probationary appointment. | | |

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

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

New Orleans, La. (Address), 1921. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on (Date)

(Signature, followed by title)

[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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WJB.

October 28th,1921.

Irvin J. Stokes,
Sabine,Texas.

1. In connection with your appointment as 2nd Asst. Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, you will subscribe to the enclosed Oath of Office before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same to this office without delay.

2. NO PAY CAN BE SENT YOU UNDER THIS APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE OATH OF OFFICE IS RETURNED, PROPERLY EXECUTED.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished I. C. M. Ericksen, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WJB.

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

October 28th, 1921.

Irvin J. Stokes,
Sabine, Texas.

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated October 24th, 1921, appointing you Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $840 per annum, plus a monthly bonus of $20 and a daily ration allowance of 45¢. This appointment will become effective the day you enter on duty at the station.

2. You are directed to proceed to Sabine Bank Light Station in the station launch on the next trip from Sabine and report to I.C.M.Ericksen, Keeper, for instructions concerning your duties.

3. You will fill out, sign, and return to this office with as little delay as possible, the following forms enclosed herewith:

Form No. 124, "Declaration of Appointee".
"Personal Question Sheet".

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished I. C. M. Ericksen, Keeper, for his information and guidance. On your next trip, before leaving Sabine for the station, you will write this office a letter stating the exact time of your departure from Sabine with 2nd Asst.Keeper Stokes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Light House
(Branch of service or department.)

Sabine, Texas
(Name of city.) (State.)

Texas

11/3/21

## DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly. Appointee will retain attached form.

1. State where you were born and date Dale County Alabama December 18-1886

2. What examination did you take?

3. Give place and date of examination Port arthur Texas Sept 9th 1921

4. To what position have you been offered appointment or actually appointed? 2nd assistant Keeper

5. Are any members of your family or relatives (either blood or by marriage) in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" Yes If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

| Name. | Post-office address. (Give street No., if any.) | Position and department or office in which employed. | Relationship. | Married or single. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allen Stokes | Sabine Texas | Position U.S. Public Health Department or office Engineer | Brother | Married |
| J C Rucker | Sabine Texas | Position Temporary Keeper Department or office Sabine Pass Light | | |
| | | Position Department or office | Brother in Law | Married |

6. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination? No If so, give the name of each such person

7. What is your present address (including street and number, city, and State)? Sabine ~~Texas~~ State Texas Jefferson Co

8. How long have you resided at your present address? Since April 15th 1920

**I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true in every particular.**

Irvin J. Stokes
(Signature.)

**The officer before whom the above certificate is made is requested to sign the following:**

If the answer to question 5 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted for approval before appointment is made.

The above certificate was executed before me, in his own handwriting, by the identical person who has reported for assignment to duty.

Was photograph of appointee furnished you? ..... If so, is it a correct likeness of the person who executed this form? .....

J C M Erickson
(Signature.)

Keep
(Official title.)

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.

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**(This paper should be returned to the District Secretary when completed.)**

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...re you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If so, state ...nk spaces below the information called for by the headings.

| Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service. | Relationship to you. |
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| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Regular occupation fishing.

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Reached 5th grade in school.

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

None.

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

Asst.Lighthouse Keeper Exam. 9/9/21.

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

David H. Cahal, Beaumont, Texas.

Date, Nov. 3rd, 19 21.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) (Signed) Irvin J. Stokes.

(Present address)
(Number and street.)
Sabine (City or town.) Texas. (State or Territory.)

WJB.

## INDORSEMENT.

(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.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded November 8th, 19 21.

(Signature)

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

**This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.**

**The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.**

### PART I.

1. Name of employee Irvin J. Stokes,

2. Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

3. Bureau or Service Lighthouse, District 8th

4. Place of duty Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary $840 per annum.

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

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From Asst. Lighthouse Keeper Exam. - 9/9/21.

### PART II.

**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:**

**The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.**

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, so state.)

Mr. Irvin James Stokes

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

Irvin J. Stokes

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

| Texas | Jefferson | Sabine | 2nd |
|---|---|---|---|
| (State or Territory.) | (County.) | (City or town.) | (Congressional district.) |

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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Witnessed by: D.H.Cahal & H.M.Gaudit.

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6. Where were you born? Charlton, Dale County, Ala.

7. When were you born? December (Month.) 18th (Day.) 1886 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Married.

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

Mrs. Ada Stokes. (Name.) (Number and street.)

Sabine (City or town.) Texas. (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes If so, state 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. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allen Stokes | Sabine, Texas. | Position U.S.Public Health Department or office | Brother | Married. |
| J. C. Rucker | Sabine Texas | Position Temp.Keeper. Department or office L.H.Serv. | Brother-in-law | do |
| | | Position Department or office | | |

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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15. 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. |
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16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

| Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. | Salary. | Appointed. | Separated. |
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**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,
New Orleans, La., October 18th, 19 21.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended, Probationary appointment.**

Name, **Irvin J. Stokes** Legal residence, **Texas.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$840 per annum.**

Location, **Sabine Bank Light Station.Texas.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **October 26th,1921,** {~~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, 1st** Rating, **Asst. Keeper.** Percentage, **86** , Other eligibles considered:

**Thos.J.Dybchal, C; Chas.H.Carlson, C.**

**Previous incumbent, Jack C. Rucker** Services to be terminated, **about October 25th,1921.**

Reason, **Temporary employee.**

**Members of family in Government Service, Allen Stokes, brother, married, Engineer in U.S.Public Health Service, Sabine, Texas.**

**Remarks: Mr. Stokes has never been employed under any branch of the Dept. of Comm. Quarters are not provided at the above station for the families of keepers (isolated). There are no employees in the service who desire transfer to this station. Mr. Stokes was born Dec. 18, 1886.**

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19 **For and in the absence of the Supt.**

F. A. M.

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*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

**First Assistant Superintendent.**

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB.

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

October 18th, 1921.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,
Sabine, Texas.

Sir:

1. You have this day been nominated for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex., with pay at the rate of $840 per annum, plus a monthly bonus of $20 and daily ration allowance of 45¢, effective beginning October 26th, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty at the station. You will be duly notified of the Department's action in the matter.

2. Just as soon as this office receives your appointment from Washington you will be given definite instructions relative to proceeding to the light station, etc. You will hold yourself in readiness to proceed to the station but do not leave until you receive further instructions from this office.

3. You will fill out, sign, and return to this office with as little delay as possible, the following forms enclosed herewith:

Form No. 124, "Declaration of Appointee".
"Personal Question Sheet".

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

First Assistant Superintendent.

## LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

Jerry M. Jordan,
P. O. Box 124,
Crestview, Fla.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

New Orleans, La., Oct. 10th, 1921.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 3rd Asst. Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Sta., Texas.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

TOTAL COMPENSATION: $ 1184.25 per annum, (which includes; Salary, $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)
LONGEVITY PAY: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.
QUARTERS AND FUEL: There are no quarters at this station for the families of keepers.
FURNITURE: None.
PROMOTION: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

**Shore Liberty:** Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

**Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.**

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sabine Bank is an isolated station, situated in the Gulf of Mexico about 4 miles out from Sabine, Texas, equipped with an incandescent oil vapor light. four keepers at this station. Quarters are not furnished for the fa

**The following questions should be filled in by applicant:**

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? No

If selected, I can report for duty in —— days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." ——— If yes, state how many ———; and fill in the following blanks.

| Name. | Post-office address. | Where employed. | Relationship. | Married or single. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Position<br>Department or office | | |
| | | Position<br>Department or office | | |

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

I Answered an enquiry & join
Coup a go.

(Signature) Jerry M Jordan

Date Oct 12/21

(Post-office address) Crestview Fla

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COMMERCE
SERVICE

**LETTER TO ELIGIBLES**

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 15 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

John H. Edwards,
Apalachicola, Florida.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

New Orleans, La., Oct. 10th, 19 21.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 3rd Asst. Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Stat. Texas.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

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**The following questions should be filled in by applicant:**

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 30 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Do not remember

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes If yes, state how many 2; and fill in the following blanks.

| Name. | Post-office address. | Where employed. | Relationship. | Married or single. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chester William | East Pass Fla. | Position Beacon Light Tender<br>Department or office | uncle | Married |
| Talcar Willia | do not remember | Position Worden expedite<br>Department or office | Cousin | Single |

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) John H. Edwards

Date

(Post-office address) Apalachicola Fla
Box 183

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**LETTER TO ELIGIBLES**

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.

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...vin J. Stokes,
Sabine, Texas.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 10th, 1921.

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Respectfully,

E. S. Laughlin.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 10 ten days from to-day.

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| Name. | Post-office address. | Where employed. | Relationship. | Married or single. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allen Stokes | Sabine Texas | Position Engineer<br>Department or office U.S.L.H.S. | Brother | Married |
| J.C. Rucker | Sabine texas | Position Assistant Keeper<br>Department or office Sabine Bank Light | Brother in law | Married |

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

In Regards to the Service offered me I would Prefure the Sabine Pass

(Signature) Orvin J Stokes

Date oct 12/1921

(Post-office address) Sabine Texas

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**LETTER TO ELIGIBLES**

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...SERVICE

SENT TO:
...Jordan, Box 124, Crestview, Fla.
...H. Edwards, Apalachicola, Fla.
Irvin J. Stokes, Sabine, Texas.

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| Name. | Post-office address. | Where employed. | Relationship. | Married or single. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Position..... | | |
| | | Department or office..... | | |
| | | Position..... | | |
| | | Department or office..... | | |

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

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(Signature).....

Date.....

(Post-office address).....

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

# UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION*

PAGE: 54104

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date September 26, 1940.

Name: Stokes, Irvin J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard (BUREAU OR DIVISION) Bureau No:

*Nature of Recommendation*

One Retirement, disability

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Position | Watchman | |
| Grade | CU-3 | |
| Salary | $1200 per annum | |
| Bureau or Div. | U. S. Coast Guard | |
| Organizational Subdivisions | | |
| Headquarters | New Orleans, La. | |
| Post of Duty | Mobile Depot, Ala. | |
| Appropriation | Civilian Employees, C. G. | |
| Allotment | | |
| Field or Dept'l | Field | |

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 12-18-1886

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Texas

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

EFFECTIVE Close September 30, 1940.

*Remarks:*

The annual rate of retired pay is $572.37

*Justification:*

Total Service: 18 years, 10 months and 28 days.

Computation: ($1210.66⅔ x years 18.9111 ÷ 40) $572.37

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act ✓ 3-4-25

DATE OF OATH

Consideration given all other eligible employees
Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds

N. R. STILES,
Lt.Commander, U.S.Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. TREASURY DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

INTERLEAVED-PATD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

# RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Irvin J. Stokes Date of birth December 18, 1886

Designation Watchman (Former Lighthouse Keeper)

## RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

| | Beginning | | | Ending | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Month | Day | Year | Month | Day | Year | |
| Army | | | | | | | |
| Navy | | | | | | | |
| Marine Corps | | | | | | | |
| Civilian employment: | | | | | | | |
| U.S.Lighthouse Service | Nov. | 3 | 1921 | June | 30 | 1939 | |
| and U.S.Coast Guard | July | 1 | 1939 | Sept. | 30 | 1940 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total service | | 18 yrs. | 10 mos. | 28 das. | | | |

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No If so, state the compensation received:

## STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

| Designation | Beginning | | | Ending | | | Number days in pay status (P. D. or P. H. personnel) | Rate of pay | Pay received |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Month | Day | Year | Month | Day | Year | | | |
| Watchman (Former L.H. Keeper) | Oct. | 1 | 1935 | Nov. | 10 | 1935 | | $1680 | $ 186.66 |
| | Nov. | 11 | 1935 | June | 30 | 1936 | | 1200 | 766.66 |
| | July | 1 | 1936 | June | 30 | 1937 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1937 | June | 30 | 1938 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1938 | June | 30 | 1939 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1939 | June | 30 | 1940 | | 1200 | 1200.00 |
| | July | 1 | 1940 | Sept. | 30 | 1940 | | 1200 | 300.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

Total compensation for last five years of active service $6053.32

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1210.66

Annual rate of retired pay ($1210.66 × 18.911 (Not exceeding 30) years ÷ 40) = 572.37

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—10551

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

# RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Date August 3, 1940

Commander
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses,~~

New Orleans District

New Orleans, La.
(City)

U. S. COAST GUARD (1)
REC'D SEP 7 1940 By
ANS'D

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective October 1, 1940, on the basis of service shown hereon.

J. J. Stoker
(Name)

Watchman, Mobile Repair Station
(~~Former Lighthouse Keeper~~)
(Designation)

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Commander, New Orleans District
OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~
U. S. Coast Guard

*City* New Orleans, La. *Date* 4 September, 1940

Submitted to Commandant ~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $572.372 per annum, effective at the close of September 30, 1940

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

F. J. BIRKETT,
Acting ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

*Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

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FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

Form 9a

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

# CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925) Born 12/18/1886

NAME OF CLAIMANT Irvin J. Stokes DESIGNATION Watchman (Former Lighthouse Keeper).

New Orleans Dist

Height 68" Weight 170 pounds. Complexion Ruddy

Color of eyes ~~brown~~ blue Color of hair brown

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination:

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D SEP 18 [illegible] BY
MEDICAL SECTION

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by Superintendent of Lighthouses): As watchman he is responsible for the protection of government property from damage, theft, or trespass, and performs related work as assigned, also receives telephone and radiotelephone messages, etc. while on duty.

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: States most of his trouble is in his back shoulders and hips; pain on motion and stiffness ; poor eyesight

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/50 L. E. 20/50

With correction in spectacles: R. E. 20/Not available L. E. 20/

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 0 at 13 inches, without correction.
Reads Jaeger No. 0 at 13 inches, with correction. Correction not available

Central color vision (binocular) Normal (Name method used) Ishihara

Inspection Obese white male

Pupils Equal and usual size Pupillary reaction Normal

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 6 ft., L. E. at 6 ft.

Appearance of right drum Normal, left drum Normal

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? No If so, specify

[OVER]

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Condition of nose and sinuses Normal

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth Edentulous

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Limited in spine and shoulders by pain
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system Clear

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart Not apparently enlarged

(1) Murmurs No (2) Arrhythmias None

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 64 (2) After exercise 94 (3) 2 minutes after exercise 68

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 132 Diast. 86 (2) After ex.—Syst. 140 Diast. 90

(d) Condition of blood vessels Slightly arteriosclerotic

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance Obesity

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia No hernia; pendulous abdomen

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. ~~Negx~~ 1,025 Reaction Acid Albumin Neg. Sugar Neg.

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found)

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station Normal (e) Gait Normal

(b) Tremor None (f) Coordination Good

(c) Patellar reflexes Normal (g) Peripheral circulation Good

(d) Other motor disturbances None

Alcohol None Drugs None Syphilis No evidence Epilepsy No evidence

Other neurological findings None

General impression Usual adult male, obesity. Clinical arthritis.

Here describe fully nature of disability: Pt. complains of pain when arms are abducted 100°. Pains in spine on pressure for its entire length; pain in hips

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? Yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? Yes Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? Yes

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination do find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

*The examining physician must be in the Federal Service*

Mobile Marine Hospital
(Place of examination)

Howard V. Turner
(Examining surgeon)
Howard V. Turner, Asst. Surg., USPHS

8-12-40
(Date)

(Title and branch of medical service)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
11—10543

APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE MUST FILL THE FOLLOWING

male

Name (in full) Irvin James Stokes Sex [redacted]

Present address Saulsinville Ala Date of birth Dec 18

Give below all places of residence during the past FIVE years

| From-- (Month and year) | To-- Month and year) | Number and Street | City and State |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 1933 | | 30th St | gulfport miss |
| nov 1935 | | Byron St, Wilkinson St | Mobile Ala |
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Give, in your own handwriting, the information requested below

Have you ever been arrested for any reason whatsoever? YES (Yes or no)

If so, give details in space provided below.

| Date of Arrest | Age | Charge | Court and Location | Judge | Disposition |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| unknown | 12 | Burglary | Pensacola Fla | dont no | no trial |
| " " | 30 | running moving Ruby | Panama city Fla | " " | no trial |
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No Reply Received From F. B. I.
Apparently No Criminal Record.

Have you ever been fingerprinted? No Where?

When? If for the Civil Service, what position?

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the above statements are complete and accurate in every detail.

Irvin J Stokes

Irvin J. Stokes,
Customary payroll signature of employee

U. S. COAST GUARD

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of October, 1939.

M. Peterson, Lieutenant, USCG.
Notary Public

My commission expires

July 1, 1939. Lighthouse Districts No. Eighth

consolidated with New Orleans Coast Guard District,

Headquarters New Orleans, La.

See U. S. Coast Guard General Order No. 37, dated June 20, 1939.

7/1/39 Transferred from Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, and consolidated with United States Coast Guard, under terms of Plan No. 2 of Reorganization Act of 1939, approved by Congress April 3, 1939.

File received - FEB 9 1940

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Irvin J. Stokes (Name) — Texas (Legal Residence)

## STATUS

11—8940

| DESIGNATION | ACTION | SALARY | BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION | DATE OF EFFECT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keeper | Prob appt. | 840 | L H Sabine Bank Texas | Nov. 8, 1921 |
| " | Trans | 720 | " Pass Manchac L.S. La. | Aug 23, 1922 |
| " | Prom | 780 | " " " " " | Oct. 3, 1922 |
| " | Readj of Pay | 1020 | " " " " " | July 1, 1924 |
| " | Trans | 1200 | " Houston Channel Lts. Tex. | Sept. 1, 1924 |
| " | Readj of Pay. Act Dec 6/24 | 1440 | " " " " " | Feb 1, 1925 |
| " | Transfer | 1500 | " Sand Isl. L.S. Ala. | Dec 17, 1927 |
| " | COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928. | 1620 | " " | JUL 1 1930 |
| " | INCREASE IN COMPENSATION | 1680 | " " | JAN 1 1931 |
| " | Trans. (73a) | 1680 | " Chandeleur L.S. La. | May 23, 1932. |
| Watchman | Transfer & Chge desig | 1200 | " L.H. Depot, 8th Dist Mobile, Ala. | Nov. 11, 1935 |
| Cu-3 | CODE ASSIGNED PURSUANT TO CIR CL. ADVICE 38. FILE 454-12A2. | | | |

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Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)
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REC'D NOV 29 1935 NOV -30-
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AM 9:50
DEC - 2 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

# OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, Eighth Lighthouse District
New Orleans, La.
(Bureau or Office)

I, Irvin J. Stokes, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)
solemnly swear (or affirm) 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.

11/30/35

Irvin J Stokes
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of November, A. D. 192

at Mobile, Alabama, Alabama
(City or place) (State)

[SEAL]

Georgie Bealle
Notary Public, Mobile Co. Ala.
My Commission Expires Dec 29 1938

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

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*Position to which appointed* Watchman in the Lighthouse Service (Mobile Lighthouse Depot)

*Date of entrance on duty* November 11, 1935

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1935.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Watchman

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Change from Keeper at $1680 per annum.

Civil Service authority: Certificate No. T-12152.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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WM. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Oliver J. Dorlon.

Legal residence: Texas.

U S GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1935

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Form 2005
February 1934

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN STATUS

No. T-12152

# UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

SRR:MEJ

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 11 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington, D. C., October 9, 1935

To the Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your request of October 1, 1935 the CHANGE IN STATUS

of Irvin J. Stokes
(Name)

FROM Keeper, $1680 per annum,
(Position, grade, and salary)

in the classified service of the Lighthouse Service, New Orleans, Louisiana,

TO Watchman, $1200 per annum, in the
(Position, grade, and salary)

classified service of the Lighthouse Service, Field,

is hereby authorized. Effective October 1, 1935.

Action must be taken upon the authority contained in this certificate and report made to the Commission within thirty days.

Very respectfully,

L. A. Moyer

L. A. Moyer,

Chief Examiner.

Examination

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ACTION TAKEN
10/15
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NOTE.—The certificate as issued is subject to the provisions of the act making appropriations for the department, bureau, or establishment.

6—7083 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

October 1, 1935.

The Civil Service Commission:

Authority is requested for the change in designation and salary of Irvin J. Stokes from keeper at $1680 to watchman at $1200 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective October 1, 1935, or entrance on duty.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

M. A. DELONG

OCT -2 1935

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1935 SEP 10 PM 8:48

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 19 1935 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1935 SEP 19 AM 10:03

New Orleans, La., September 11, 1935
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 25 1935 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

**Action recommended,** Transfer — Legal residence, Texas

Name, Stokes, Irvin J. — Proposed salary, $1200 p.a.

Position, Watchman in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1200-$1500

Location, Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala. — Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Service.

Effective, October 1, 1935. — [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, $1680 p.a.

Location, Chandeleur L.S., La — Former range, $1680-$2040

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

(LT.# 3677)

**Previous incumbent and his pay,** Oliver J.D orlon/ $1200 p.a. to be Services terminated, Sept. 30, 1935.

Reason, Termination of temporary appointment.

**Members of family in Government service,** None.

**Remarks:** Letter from Keeper Stokes accepting this transfer at a reduction in pay is attached.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19----

E. S. Lamphier.

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

9/19/35

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 16 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION

Action U. K.

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Acting Adm. Asst. to Secy

NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN 10/15/35 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

To ext 10/1

C. P. Harman

*Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 30 1935

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 26, 1935., 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

1. I desire to be considered for transfer to the position of Watchman at the U. S. Lighthouse Depot, Mobile, Ala., at the rate of $1200 per annum, less 3½% deduction for Civil Service Retirement.

L. J. Stoltz
Keeper.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

To Dept

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 11 1935
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 10, 1935.

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau has noted in connection with the dismissal of J. H. Chastant, second assistant keeper at your station, that he had been in the habit of abusing the leave privileges at the station, overstaying his leave allowance more or less regularly from time to time for which he gave various excuses. This matter is specially brought to your attention so that you will make every effort possible to check such practices at the station, and when they occur that you will report the circumstances fully to the Superintendent in order that he may have the details necessary to take proper disciplinary action against keepers who offend in this respect.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CARDED

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 24 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

To Light

January 22, 1935.

Irvin J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandleuer Light Station, Miss.,
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report to the effect that the brass combination running light of the station launch was lost and that instead of reporting this loss to the Superintendent you substituted two old second-hand side lights which you secured for the purpose.

While it appears that your action in this matter was not in the nature of theft or appropriation of Government property, it is nevertheless believed that your failure to report the loss was negligent and an effort to avoid responsibility for the loss of property and replacement of same. You are therefore reprimanded for this offense and advised that a repetition of such action will result in more severe disciplinary action. This matter will be made a part of your official record.

CARDED

G. R. PUTNAM
G. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSES—Appointment Division's files
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Form 73a
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# REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

LIGHTHOUSES
1931 MAY-28- AM 9:04

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 31 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
1932 MAY - 3 AM 10:49

New Orleans, La., May 6, 1932

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about May 20, 1932.

Name, Irvin James Stokes — Position, Keeper

From Sand Island Light Station, Ala. ($1680 - Rge: $1680-$2040) — To Chandeleur Light Station, La. ($1680 p.a.- Rge:$1680-$2040)

Previous incumbent, Will J. Laughlin (LT.#215)

Services terminated, April 15, 1932 — Reason, Deceased

The filling of this vacancy is necessary for the safeguarding of life and property.

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E. J. Laughlin.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

New Orleans, La., May 26, 1932

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with May 23, 1932

E. J. Laughlin.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 28 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

R. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division

~~Acting Commissioner.~~

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 31, 1930

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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,

EDWIN P. [illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1620

To: $1680

Service and grade: $1620-1980 Range

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses,

8th District.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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SHEET NO. 2232
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
1929 APR 18 PM 3 42

April 17, 1929.

I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station, Ala.
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

1. The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent relative to the extinguishment of the light at your station on the night of March 15, 1929.

2. It is noted that the Second Assistant Keeper of the station was on watch at the time and that he was apparently unable to meet the emergency by putting the I. O. V. light into operation. You are hereby reprimanded for leaving the station in charge of a newly appointed keeper without proper training and instruction in his duties, and you are cautioned in the matter of properly instructing your assistants in the future. This matter will be made a part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. D. KING

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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From: $1500

To: $1620

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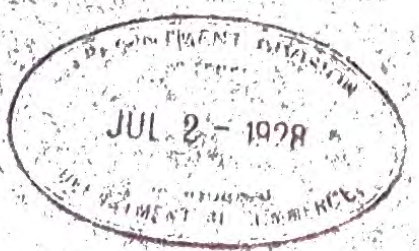

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JAN 8 1928
AUDITOR
DISTRICT

I. J. Stokes, Effective date of change in pay

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 JAN 6 PM 12 28

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 4, 1928

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of November 14, 1927, in the case of I. J. Stokes, formerly Keeper of Houston Channel Lights, Texas, at $1440 per annum, who was transferred to the position of Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Ala., with pay at the rate of $1500 per annum, effective November 21, 1927, or as soon thereafter as he entered on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of the above change in pay was December 17, 1927.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 7 1928

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Form A-21

# NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
## KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes, November 14, 1927.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1440 per annum to $ 1500 per annum, effective November 21, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

NOV 19 1927

Acting

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES 1927 NOV 10 AM 11 53

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CHIEF CLERK NOV 14 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City.) November 7 (Date.), 1927

NOV 15 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Transfer

Name, Irvin J. Stokes — Legal residence, Texas

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $1500 p.a. (Rge: $1500-$1860 p.a.)

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Ala. — Appropriation, ~~Salaries, L.H.Keepers~~ Such

Effective November 21, 1927 — ~~the date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1440 p.a. (No rge.)

Location, Houston Channel Lights, Texas

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

**Previous incumbent,** Admiral D. Ward 1620 — Services terminated, October 19, 1927

Reason, Resigned

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 19 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION NEW ORLEANS ACTION TAKEN

**Members of family in Government Service,** NONE

**Date of birth,** December 18, 1886

**Remarks:** This recommendation is subject to approval of the recommendations made in letter relative to discontinuance of keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex., and Form 80 on same subject. cmbs 11-14-27

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

E. S. Lamplier.

Secretary, Civil Service District. — Superintendent of Lighthouses 8

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON November 11, 1927.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. 11/14/27 EMF

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

Secretary
R. W. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#1

NAME Stokes, Irvin J. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 8th Dist.

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

| BASE PAY | Bonus | Total | Allowances | | | As Classified for estimate purposes | | | Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Items | Value | Aggregate | Service | Grade | Pay | Is differential recommended | Amt. per annum to be Added | Subtracted |
| 780 | 240 | 1020 | XCR | 404.25 | 1424.25 | LHS | 2 | 1200 | Yes | 120 | |

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

approved - 1200

GRADE RECOMMENDED 4

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM 1080 TO 1320

Subsistence - cash $104.25 per annum

16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:

Kind of equipment --- ; annual cost, $ ---

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)

(a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

(b) High school; years ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3

(d) College: Name ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

| | Percentage of total time given to each task |
|---|---|
| 1. Custodian of property.(Assistant) | 5% |
| 2. Assists with reports and correspondence. | 10% |
| 3. Assists in maintenance of 5th order fixed oillight on tower and three minor lights on beacons in water, which includes cleaning of lamps, lenses, lanterns, etc.; stands watch six hours each night. | 10% |
| 4. Assists in maintenance and operation of fog signal operated by machinery | 5% |
| 5. Assists in boating 6 miles from station to Manchac, La. for mail and supplies, and 5 miles from station to lights; operates motor boat. | 10% |
| 6. Cleaning and maintenance of beacon structures, tower, quarters, wharf, boathouse, boat, and painting of structures. | 60% |

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1. Stokes (Surname) Irvin (Given name) J. (Initial)

| DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE | | | |
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2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Pass Manchac L.S., etc. (3 lts.)
   (b) Subdivision Eighth Lighthouse District
   (c) City or town ____ State Louisiana
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 24; per week 168
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; or per week ---
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From one-half each night m. to alternating periods m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
   During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ---
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 780 per annum; bonus, $240 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 780 per annum; bonus, $240 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; Subsistence - cash $164.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment ---; annual cost, $ ---
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ---
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

| | Percentage of total time given to each task |
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| 1. Custodian of property.(Assistant) | |
| 2. Assists with reports and correspondence. | 5% |
| 3. Assists in maintenance of 5th order fixed oillight on tower and three minor lights on beacons in water, which includes cleaning of lamps, lenses, lanterns, etc.; stands watch six hours each night. | 10% |
| 4. Assists in maintenance and operation of fog signal operated by machinery | 10% |
| 5. Assists in boating 6 miles from station to Manchac, La. for mail and supplies, and 5 miles from station to lights; operates motor boat. | 5% |
| 6. Cleaning and maintenance of beacon structures, tower, quarters, wharf, boathouse, boat, and painting of structures. | 10% |
| | 60% |

19. Does employee work under immedia[illegible]upervision, or to a large extent upon his own resp[illegible]bility? (Describe fully.)

Under immediate supervision of the Keeper.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? August 23, 1922.

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

JUN 7 - 1923 (Date), 1923.

E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of Preparing Officer)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES (Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

Signature not secured owing to inaccessibility of employee.

E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of Employee)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

| | High Degree | Average | Not Essential |
|---|---|---|---|
| Judgment | X | | |
| Accuracy | | | |
| Initiative (originality and resourcefulness) | | | |
| Trustworthiness (dependability) | X | | |
| Speed (quickness) | | | |
| Physical Qualities (strength and endurance) | X | | |

| EDUCATIONAL TRAINING | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Essential | Desirable But Not Essential |
| College | | |
| High School | | |
| Common School | X | |

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent

Boating - one year.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 900 to $ 1140

JUN 7 - 1923 (Date), 1923.

E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of head of field office or station)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper ✓

Salary: $1440

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses,
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Irvin J. Stokes,
eff.date of change in salary.

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

October 4, 1924.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department Notice of Change in Salary dated August 26, 1924, in the case of Irvin J. Stokes, whose salary was changed from $1020 to $1200 per annum, in connection with his transfer to the position of Keeper of Houston Channel Range Lights, Texas, from that of Asst. Keeper at Pass Manchac Light Station, La.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 7 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

2. The Bureau is informed that the above change in salary became effective beginning September 1, 1924.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 7 1924

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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# NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
## KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1924.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1020 per annum to $ 1200 per annum, effective September 1, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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**NOMINATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
**LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE**

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City.) August 22nd (Date.), 1924.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 26 1924 APPOINTMENT

**Action recommended,** Transfer and appointment.

Name, **Irvin J. Stokes,** Legal residence, **Texas.**

Position, **Keeper** in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $1200 per annum.

Location, Houston Channel Lights, Texas. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective September 1st, 1924. {~~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, $1020 per annum.

Location, Pass Manchac Light Station, La.

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

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

Reason,

**Members of family in Government Service,**

**Date of birth,** Dec. 18, 1886.

**Remarks:** The above position was authorized by Department letter of August 7,1924, transmitted to this office by Bu. endorsement of August 14, 1924.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 19

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*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

E. J. Lamblier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 25 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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(CROSS REFERENCE)

Staples, Irving J. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $1020, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 24 1924 File No. 1095/21.

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Irvin J. Stokes.

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

December 14, 1922.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department Notice of Change in Salary, dated Oct. 3, 1922, in the case of Irvin J. Stokes, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, whose salary was increased from $720 to $780 per annum, authorized by the Bureau in lieu of rental of quarters recommended by this office:

2. The Bureau is informed that this increase in salary became effective beginning Oct. 3rd.1922.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 18 1922

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
**APPOINTMENT DIVISION**
**WASHINGTON**

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P. Irvin J. Stokes, October 5, 1922.

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 October 5, 1922, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

W. J. [illegible]

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Pass Manchac L.S., La.,
rental of quarters

September 13, 1922

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Upon the discontinuance of the I.O.V. light, and the establishment of an A.G.A. light at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, on August 22nd, I. J. Stokes, Second Assistant Keeper. was transferred to the position of Assistant Keeper at Pass Manchac L.S., La., where families of keepers have heretofore been allowed to reside. It transpires, since the arrival of Stokes at Pass Manchac L.S., that he has a wife and six children, the oldest child being 12 years of age. There is not sufficient room in the single light station dwelling for the keeper and the Assistant Keeper and his family. As there is insufficient head-room, the rooms in the attic of this dwelling are not considered useful except for storage.

2. There is a dwelling just outside the reservation which can be rented for the sum of $5.00 per month and which will be suitable for the Assistant Keeper and his family. In view of the large family of the Assistant Keeper and the Bureau's policy to provide quarters, wherever it can be done economically, it is recommended that this office be authorized to rent from the Jones Island Realty Company, of New Orleans, La., the dwelling just outside the reservation for the nominal sum of $5.00 per month, in accordance with the written agreement, dated September 12, 1922, signed by E. M. Stafford, Agent for said company, which agreement is inclosed; and that this office be authorized to prepare the necessary lease in triplicate on Department form, as provided in Article 232 of the Regulations. There are sufficient funds in the allotment heretofore made under the appropriation "General Expenses" to pay this expense. This will be the only dwelling in this district rented for a keeper. There are no other quarters within several miles of the station for the family of the Assistant Keeper.

3. The inclosed form of lease which was prepared in this office is submitted for approval.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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September 30, 1922.

Subject: 8th Supt's. letter Sept. 13, 1922, Pass Manchac Light Station, La.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the pay of the assistant keeper of Pass Manchac Light Station, La., be increased from $720 base pay, per annum, to $780 base pay, per annum, effective upon the date of Department approval thereof, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent in his attached letter. Should this recommendation be approved it is requested that the present incumbent, I. J. Stokes, be issued a notice of change in salary.

2. The Bureau considers that it would be more advantageous to increase the base pay of the assistant keeper $5 per month, than concur in the recommendation of the Superintendent that the United States execute a lease for the rental of a dwelling at this sum.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:

October 3, 1922.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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I.J.Stokes, effective
date change in salary.

CHIEF CLERK

September 14th, 1922.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department notice of change in salary dated September 5th, 1922, in the case of Irvin J. Stokes, who was transferred from the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex., to the position of Asst. Keeper at Pass Manchac Light Station, La., his salary being changed from $840 to $720 per annum:

2. The Bureau is informed that the above change in salary became effective beginning Aug.23,1922.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
**APPOINTMENT DIVISION**
**WASHINGTON**

September 5, 1922.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $840 per annum to $720 per annum, effective August 25, 1922.

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 HASTIN
Chief of Appointment Division.

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**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., Aug. 30th, 1922.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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**Action recommended,** Transfer and appointment.

Name, Irvin J. Stokes, Legal residence, Texas.

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

Location, Pass Manchac Light Station, La. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective August 23rd, 1922. {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~the date of the order assigning to duty.~~

**Former position,** Keeper in the L.H.Service. Former salary, $840 per annum.

Base

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

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

- - - - - - - - - -

**Previous incumbent,** Anthony J.Shields Services terminated, April 30th, 1922.

Reason, Resigned.

**Members of family in Government Service,** Allen Stokes, brother, married; Public Health Service, Sabine, Texas.

**Remarks:** Letter from Keeper Stokes accepting the above transfer attached. Owing to isolation of Sabine Bank L.S. the actual date of Keeper's relief could not be determined in advance.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. A. Smith
First Assistant Superintendent.

*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 5 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Supendent of Light Houses

Sabine Bank Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

aug 4, 1922

Absent of the 1st ast keeper in charge sir in reply to yure letter of 20th I will say that I will except of the offer at Pass manchac Light Stacion But I want to ask you if thire is eny chance to get you to let the tender trance my furniture and family or at least the furniture as I am realy not able with out the ade to get thier

J. J. Stoker
2 dst Keeper

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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## PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

**This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.**

**The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.**

### PART I.

1. Name of employee: Irvin J. Stokes,
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse, District: 8th
4. Place of duty: Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas. (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $840 per annum.
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ——, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——." stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From Asst. Lighthouse Keeper Exam. - 9/9/21.

### PART II.

**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:**

**The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.**

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, so state.)

Mr Irvin James Stokes

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

CANCELLED Irvin J Stokes

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

Texas (State or Territory.) Jefferson (County.) Sabine (City or town.) ~~Dont no~~ 2nd (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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5. What is your race? (Answer "white," "~~colored,~~" or "~~Mongolian.~~") Irvin J Stokes

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Witnessed by: D. H. Cahill
N. M. Gaudit

6. Where were you born? Charlton, Dale Co. Alabama.

7. When were you born? Dec. (Month.) 18th (Day.) 1886. (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Married

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

Mrs. Ada Stokes (Name.) ..... (Number and street.)

Sabine (City or town.) ..... Texas (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If so, state 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. |
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| Allen Stokes | Sabine | Position U.S. Public Health | Brother | married |
| | Tex. | Department or office | | |
| J C Rucker | Sabine | Position Light House | Brother in | |
| | Tex. | Department or office Jamaica ass't Keeper | law. | Married. |
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| | | Department or office | | |

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.).....

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

none

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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15. 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. |
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16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

| Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. | Salary. | Appointed. | Separated. |
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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

| Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service. | Relationship to you. |
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| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Regular Occupation Fishing.

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Reached 5th grade in School.

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

None.

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

For Light House Service. March 1921.

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

David H Cabal. Beaumont Tex.

Date Nov 3rd, 1921.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Irvin J Stokes

(Present address) Sabine
(Number and street.)

Sabine Texas
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

WJB.

## INDORSEMENT.

(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.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded November 8th, 1921.

(Signature) E. S. Langhier.

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF L.H.
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I, Irvin J. Stokes

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.

Irvin J Stokes
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 12th day of Nov, A. D. 1921.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. A. Vaughn

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1st 1923.

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment. |
|---|---|---|
| Present: Keeper in the Light house Service. | $840 p.a. | Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas. |
| Former [5]: Probationary appointment. | | |

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., (Address) December 1st, 1921. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 3rd, 1921. (Date)

CARDED

E. S. 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 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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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1921.

Mr. Irvin J. Stokes,

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 Eight Hundred and Forty 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,

CARDED

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Dalton E. Whittington.

Legal Residence: Texas.
8th district (See reverse side.)

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**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) October 18th (Date.), 19 21.

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended, Probationary appointment.**

Name, **Irvin J. Stokes** Legal residence, **Texas.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$840 per annum.**

Location, **Sabine Bank Light Station.Texas.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **October 26th,1921,** ~~the date of his discharge from the military or naval service,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 1921 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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

Location, p p p - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

**Rank on eligible list, 1st** Rating, **Asst. Keeper.** Percentage, **86** , Other eligibles considered:

**Thos.J.Dybchal, C; Chas.H.Carlson, C.** Vice - Dallas E. Whillington - Resigned Nov 31/19

**Previous incumbent,** ~~(Jack C. Rucker~~ to be Services terminated, **about October 25th,1921.**

Reason, **Temporary employee.** at 780.)

**Members of family in Government Service, Allen Stokes, brother, married, Engineer in U.S.Public Health Service, Sabine, Texas.**

**Remarks: Mr. Stokes has never been employed under any branch of the Dept. of Comm. Quarters are not provided at the above station for the families of keepers (isolated). There are no employees in the service who desire transfer to this station. Mr. Stokes was born Dec. 18, 1886.**

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,~~ OCT 19 1921, 19 **For and in the absence of the Supt.**

10/24/21

E. H. Runyon
Secretary U. S. Civil Service District.

F. A. Muth
**First Assistant Superintendent.**

PROBATIONAL.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 24 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON OCT 22 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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