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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Stokes, William		1895 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:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (TX)		
From: 1919	To: 1921	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers:
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Remarks:

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

William Stokes (Name)

~~Fla~~ Texas (Legal Residence)

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SERVICE AND GRADE	SALARY	ACTION	BUREAU	STATION—DISTRICT	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	—	780	TEMPORARY Pend Cert	L. H.	Sabine Bank, Tex 8th Dist	Dec. 10, 1919
		LAST DAY	OF SERVICE	Mar. 20, 1920.		
~~Keeper~~	—	840	Prob.	L. H.	Sabine Bank Tex	Canceled
Keeper	—	1320	Prob	L. H.	Sabine Pass L.S.	10-24-32
"	—	1500	Transfer	"	Los Angeles Harbor	July 1, 1933
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF		July 15, 1933.		8th Dist	
Keeper	—	1320	Reinstatement	L. H.	Sabine Pass L.S.	2-1-34
"	—	1380	Prom.	"	" "	July 1, 1936
"	—	1440	"	"	" "	
			Dismissed 6-4-37 With prejudice			

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STOKES, WILLIAM

Keeper, 8th Dist.

STOKES, WILLIAM

Keeper, 8th Dist.

Form 73

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NOMINATION

SPECIAL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City) September 17 (Date), 1932.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational appointment.

Name, William Stokes

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, September 26, 1932,

Legal residence, Texas.

Proposed salary, $1320 p. a.

Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs.of L.H.

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

Former position, - - - - - -

Location, - - - - - -

Former salary, - - - - - -

Former range, - - - - - -

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 89.5% Pref., Other eligibles considered:

Robt.N.Robson, PR; S.C.Cameron, C. Geo.R.Fletcher, PR; Arthur Marshall, C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, J.E.Harrison, $1320 P.A. (Lt.#2049) Services terminated, to be about Sept.25,1932.

Reason, To be transferred to position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Head of Passes L.S., La.

Members of family in Government service, I.J.Stokes, brother, married. Keeper in Lighthouse Service.

Date of birth, February 23, 1895.

Remarks: The filling of this position is necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property, as per justifications form attached.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,~~ SEP 19 1932, 19---

E. H. Thurmond
Secretary, TENTH Civil Service District.

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

PROBATIONAL

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, justification form accompanying.

W. P. HARMAN
WPH
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

Position No. 1

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act approved June 30, 1932.

William Stokes vice Jo. Harrison

Bureau or Office: 8th District, U. S. Lighthouse Service.

Position: Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Compensation: $1320 per annum. (range $1320-1680)

Location: Sabine Pass Light Station, etc., La.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1933.

Date of Vacancy: ~~Vacancy will occur on or about Sept. 25, 1933.~~ Transfer of incumbent pending.

Cause: Transfer.

Justification: Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine Bank Light, etc. consists of a revolving flashing main light shown from a tower on shore at Sabine Pass; Sabine Bank Light, an unwatched automatic light located about twelve (12) miles out in the Gulf of Mexico and about sixteen (16) miles from the main light; also 13 minor lights in Sabine Pass extending over a distance of eleven (11) miles. There is a radiobeacon transmitting each hour during fair weather and continuously during fog. Constant watch and service of the aids to navigation enumerated above is required during each entire twenty-four hours and the full complement of keepers is necessary to insure the operation of the aids to navigation in order to save life and property. Sabine Pass is the entrance for a large fleet of vessels and one of the most important ports in the district.

It is proposed to fill this position by appointment from a civil service register of eligibles; hence there will be no resulting vacancy. The complement of this station consists of four keepers.

Recommended by:

Approved:

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Secretary of Commerce.

Form A-39

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1932.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: John E. Harrison.

Legal Residence: Texas.

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OCT 17 1932

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

NOV 16 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses: New Orleans, La. LIGHTHOUSES

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

1933 JAN 30 AM 9:22

NAME AND DESIGNATION William Stokes -- Kpr.

(1) Give date of entrance on duty; of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet.
(3) Furnish oath of office.
(4) Furnish civil service form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit form 56-66, showing last day served by temporary appointee .
(6) Furnish standard form 15 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit inclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
(9) Miscellaneous.

For the Commissioner:
R. L. COX
Acting Chief of Personnel Division.

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Incls.

District 8th Date Jan.27.1933

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The inclosed papers give the only information this office has been able to secure from William Stokes, 3rd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, in reference to the exact date of his birth. The matter was taken up with him immediately after the receipt of Bureau letter, and, after some delay, he was again written, and he replied forwarding the sworn statement herewith attached.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(Carbon Copy)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Sabine, Texas, November 27, 1932.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Capt. I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur U. S. Lighthouse,
Via Biloxi, MISSISSIPPI.

Dear Brother :

I was admitted to the U. S. Lighthouse Service here about two months ago, and am now advised by the Department that there seems to be irregularity as to representations made by me in my application, as to place and date of my birth; and I am requested to immediately make further and more definite representation in the matter. by (1) procuring and submitting photostat copy of public records, or the record of vital statistics, showing place and date of birth; (2) Cerificate of baptism, or certified copy of family record; (3) Statement from practicing physician with his certificate of attendance at my birth, date and place of birth; and if impossible to prove by either of above methods, that I make sworn statement showing what efforts have been made, etc.

As you know, I have no definite knowledge ofwben or where I was born; though members of our family have told me that I was born in what is now Houston County, Alabama, in the year 1895. From what I have been able to learn, Houston County was Organized in 1910, being made up largely from former area of Henry County, and a small part of Geneva County, and part of Dale County.

Will you kindly write to me at once, giving such information as you have, so that I may write to County Clerk, or keeper of Vital stistics; the Doctor, if any, who attended at my birth; The church to which my parents belonged, if any, so that I may write requesting certified copy of my baptismal record; and, in general, give me all you know as to date and place of my birth ?--this particularly as to what town, or near what town and distance from such town and exact date, if you know, or as nearly the date, as you may remember it. I enlisted in the U.S.Army, May 21, 1917, giving my age as being 22 years, basing same on such recollection as I had of what my brothers had told me. How old was I whn Father and mother died? Wow long after my birth, before my parents removed from Alabama to Forida? Awaiting your reply, ~~and with~~ and with brotherly love and good wishes to you and to ~~your and~~ yours, I am,

Your brother,

William Stokes.

Form 84 b

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Subject: Request for documentary evidence as to date of birth of Keeper William Stokes.

Bureau ( ) dated

Your (indorsement) dated Jan. 27, 1933 forwarding Stokes' affidavit and letter of December 7, 1932.

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected. Affidavits as to date of birth are not acceptable, your attention in this connection being invited to Bureau circular No.271 dated July 20,1931. If Stokes cannot secure evidence in accordance with one of the first three methods, he should forward such information as is obtainable in accordance with (5) or (6)of Form 2473 inclosed.

For the Commissioner:

~~Chief Clerk~~, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Chief of Personnel Division

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To be prepared in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses whether letter, indorsement, etc.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 MAY - 1 - AM 9:28

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA
April 28, 1933

Chief of Personnel Division,
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses)

1. Referring further to the correct date of birth in the case of William Stokes, Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, as directed in letter of March 28, 1933, this office wrote Mr. Stokes to secure a report from the Bureau of the Census, with which he complied.

2. The report is forwarded herewith showing that William Stokes was 14 years of age at the time the census of 1910 was taken.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington May 3, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce together with Mr. Stokes' letter of December 7, 1932, and affidavit of January 22, 1933, in compliance with request for documentary evidence as to date of birth.

Copy to Commissioner

For the Commissioner:

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Chief of Personnel Division

Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 MAY 6 - AM 9:09

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt. 8th Lighthouse District, New Orleans, La., May 4, 1933
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on April 23, 1933.

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) (she) is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name William Stokes

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1320 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty October 24, 1932

Remarks:

J J Ohrien Keeper
(Signature of immediate superior)

Submitted:

E. S. Lamphier.
(Head of bureau or office)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

Form 2770
Oct., 1932

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 MAY - 16 - AM 9:27

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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May 12, 1933.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated May 9, 1933,
relative to the date of birth of William Stokes,
employed as Keeper,
in the Lighthouse Service,
who furnishes a Census report of April 15, 1910,
showing that February 23, 1896, is the correct date of birth.
Notation accordingly is being made on the records of this office.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

/s/ E. C. BABCOCK

Secretary.

The records show he has given four dates of birth - 1893 - 1894 - 1895 and 1896. It is suggested that his attention be called to it, and in the future adhere to the date 1896.

May 15, 1933.

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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MAY 16 1933

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

acting commissioner of lighthouses

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DISPATCH PLEASE SEND
VIA SIGNAL CORPS WAR

WASHINGTON DC JUNE 12 1933

USLHE SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

TRANSFER WILLIAM STOKES APPROVED

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confirmation

Form 73 [redacted]

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif., May 25th, 1933, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer & Change in Compensation Legal residence, TEXAS

Name, William Stokes

Position, Keeper (Second Assistant) Proposed salary, $1500.00 A. Without family quarters. Only bachelor quarters furnished. Proposed range, $1500-1860

Location, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

Effective, June 1, 1933 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Third Assistant) Former salary, $1320.00 A. Family quarters furnished

Location, Sabine Pass, La. Former range, $1320-1680

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, ~~A.B. Johnson~~ A. O. Pecor (Lt. #790) $1500. A. Services terminated, ~~March 18, 1933~~ employee. Filled temporarily by A.O.Pecor, $1500.A. May 8, 1933, pending transfer of furloughed/

Reason, ~~Death of Johnson on March 18th~~

Members of family in Government service, Brother, Keeper, Chandeleur Lighthouse, Louisiana.

Date of birth, Feb. 23, 1895

Remarks: See letter of Wm. Stokes attached accepting transfer and correspondence from 8th District re transfer. Justification Sheet attached.

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

H. W. RHODES

Secretary, Civil Service District. SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 31, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Justification is not submitted for the reason that a reduction in the gross pay of the nominee is involved.

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W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office: Office, Superintendent, 18th Lighthouse District, San Francisco, California, May 25, 1933.

Position: Keeper (Second Assistant)

Compensation: $1500.00 Annum. Range: $1500-1860

Location: Los Angeles Harbor Light Station

Appropriation: Salaries of Keepers

Date of Vacancy: March 18,1933. Caused by death of A.L.Johnson. Filled temporarily by A.O.Pecor May 8th pending transfer of furloughed employe

Justification: 1. Los Angeles Harbor Light Station is a station of primary importance on the seacoast of California on the breakwater at the entrance to Los Angeles Harbor. It is equipped with a first class compressed air fog signal and an electric light, the power for which is generated at the station and requires the operation of one generator the whole time the light is in operation. The station also has a radiobeacon which operates the first five minutes of the hour and the first five minutes after the half hour every hour night and day during clear weather and five minutes out of every fifteen minutes during foggy weather. The Keepers of this station service the Fish Harbor Fog Signal Station and Los Angeles Inner Harbor Fog Signal Station and are required to make a trip once each month to service the machinery at the Point Fermin Automatic Light Station. They also take care of the Los Angeles Harbor Lighted Beacons and must change the accumulators for these lights when necessary. They are furnished with a launch for the purpose of taking care of these various aids and must be good boatmen. Family quarters are not provided and the keepers must do their own cooking and housekeeping.

2. The keepers of this station are allowed compensatory time for Sundays and half Saturdays which it is impossible for them to take with but two keepers at the station. Two keepers must stand 12-hour watches each day in the week, in addition to performing all other work attendant to the upkeep of the station and outside lights.

3. The authorized complement of three keepers is absolutely necessary for the proper maintenance of this important light and fog signal station and to maintain the station with less than its full complement would endanger lives and property.

RECOMMENDED BY:

APPROVED:

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 JUN - 9 - AM 8:26

June 6, 1933.

M. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective June 6, 1933, or entrance on duty (change of station).

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,

F. A. DELONG
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1500 per annum.

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

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JUN 10 1933

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

July 3, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Department letter of June 6th advising Mr. William Stokes that his compensation had been changed effective on date of entrance on duty the Bureau is advised that Mr. William Stokes entered onnduty as Fourth Assistant Keeper, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station effective commencing July 1st, with compensation at $1500.00 per annum. Mr. Stokes was transferred from Third Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass, Texas, in the Eighth Lighthouse District.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
July 11, 1933

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

See 8th Supt.'s wire of June 15, Bureau reply thereto of June 19, and 8th Supt.'s wire of June 20 all re furlough of William Stokes, keeper, and his transfer to 18th, transfers of A. E. Fox to Aransas Pass and L. Buras to Sabine Pass. In file of Buras.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1933 JUL 12 AM 11:23

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

July 8, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. The attached resignation of William Stokes is for such action as is deemed best by the Bureau considering Mr. Stokes request for re-employment in the Eighth District. He was transferred on July 1st from Sabine Pass, Texas, Eighth Lighthouse District, to Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, California.

H W Rhodes

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to 8th Supt.

File

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 AUG 10 AM 10:26

August 7, 1933.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

Bureau..... Lighthouses

Position..... Keeper

Allocation.....

Salary..... $1500 per annum

Station..... Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, California

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 21 AM 8:54

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

August 14,1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Department letter of August 7, 1933, advising Mr. William Stokes that his resignation had been accepted effective at the close of business on a date later to be determined and reported.

2. The Bureau is advised that Mr. William Stokes' resignation from the position of Second Assistant Keeper, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, with salary at $1500.00 per annum, became effective at the close of July 15,1933. The vacancy caused by Mr. William Stokes' resignation was filled by the temporary emergency appointment of Mr. Allen O. Pecor commencing July 22,1933, pending the transfer of a furloughed employee.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

AUG 21 1933

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), December 15 (Date), 1933

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement- In accordance with C.S.Rule IX, par.1a

Name, William Stokes

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, January 1, 1934

Legal residence, Texas

Proposed salary, $1320

Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty;~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - -

Location, - - -

Former salary, - - -

Former range, - - -

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry Olsen (Lt.#2049) / $1320 p.a. to be Services terminated, about December 21, 1933

Reason, To be promoted to position of Second Asst.Keeper

#1665 Jan. 20

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, February 23, 1896

Remarks: Chart of Mr. Stokes' fingerprints was made in connection with his original appointment.

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

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, justification, Form S.S.93-A, Form 124-b, affidavit as to marital status, and medical certificate being hereto attached.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Position No. [redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of
the Act Approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office: Lighthouses, 8th District, New Orleans, La.

Position: Keeper (3d asst.)

Compensation: $1320 per annum (range $1320-1680)

Location: Sabine Pass Lightstation, La.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Date of Vacancy: Approximately December 21, 1933

Justification: The vacancy in this position will be created by the transfer of the present incumbent, whose pay is $1320 per annum, to the position of second assistant keeper at this station.

The complement necessary for the operation of this station is ~~three~~ four keepers, and the filling of this vacancy is necessary in order to maintain the complement at a minimum strength. This position requires the performance of duties directly concerned with the maintenance and/or operation of aids to navigation which must be either in actual operation or ready for immediate service at all times. In order that this service may continue without interruption, it is absolutely essential that the position be filled. The nonfilling of the position would interfere with the functioning of the aids and add to the hazards of navigation, thereby producing conditions endangering life and property.

It is proposed to fill this vacancy by the reinstatement of a former keeper with pay at the minimum of the salary range of the position.

In filling this position the need for economy and retrenchment has been given full consideration, and notwithstanding the reduction in available appropriations the position is considered essential to be filled.

Approved:

Secretary of Commerce.

Recommended by:

W. P. HARMAN,

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of Bureau or Office)

To Dept 12/21/33

Form A-3

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1934.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Reinstatement.

Civil Service authority: Certificate No. S-404.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Henry Olsen.

Legal residence: Texas.

JAN 27 1934

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Jan. 29

2 Has any appt been made
3rd asst. lighthouse keeper
8th Dist.

yes; at Sabine Pass
W. W. Stokes

Nov. 29, 1933

part time position
Honolulu - Fellow is
asking for part time
employment

2 is any opportunity now

CC
above inquiries
Mr. Mitchell
Mr. Nolan
Mr. Nims
from
Office

Mr. Wm. Stokes, appointed 3rd Asst. Keeper Jan. 20, 1934, Sabine Pass Lt. Stn.

Stokes had been previously furloughed; had been offered a transfer to 18th

Papers attached. Personnel knows of no positions open in 19th.

Dale
Admd
Mrs Nolen

1/29/34

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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.

November 27, 1934

William Stokes, Third Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Lighthouse,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from the Keeper, dated November 23, 1934, in which he reports that, on November 19, at 12:30 P.M., Seaplane NC 9378, named "Marion", with one passenger aboard, bound from New York to South America, was forced to land in front of station dock on account of a shortage of gasoline; that you assisted in bringing the plane to the dock and in transporting the men to Sabine so they could secure gasoline in Port Arthur; that they were then returned to the plane which left the dock at 6:00 P.M.

2. This office takes pleasure in commending you for the assistance which you rendered in this instance.

3. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and this commendation will be made part of your official record.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

2 copies to Commissioner

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
December 4, 1934.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), June 11 (Date), 1936

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, William Stokes

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, July 1, 1936

Legal residence, Texas

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Appropriation, Sals.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

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Former salary, $1320

Former range, $1320-$1680

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, John E. Harrison ($1380 p.a.) (Lt. #188) to be

Services terminated, June 30, 1936

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: Feb.23, 1896

Remarks:

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

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 15 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1936.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty. (Change in duties).

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. F. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1380 per annum

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 28, 1936

LIGHTHOUSES
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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

William Stokes, Second Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., effective date of change in pay.

1. Referring to Department letter of June 20, 1936, in the case of William Stokes, who was promoted from the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at that station, with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty.

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is July 1, 1936.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H. M. Zibilich
Assistant Superintendent

JUL 31 1936

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 14 8 54 AM 1936

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., (City) December 12, 1936 (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Legal residence, Texas

Name, William Stokes

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Proposed range, $1440-$1800

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, January 1, 1937

[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, $1380 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Former range, $1380-$1740

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, John E. Harrison ($1440 p.a.) (LT.#162) Services to be terminated, December 31, 1936

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: February 23, 1896

Remarks:

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

E. V. Lauphier.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 14 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~

WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

December 18, 1936.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1937, or entrance 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

Chief, Division of Personnel.

~~Chief of Appointment Division~~.

From: $1380.

To: $1440

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit):

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 22, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

William Stokes, Effective date of change in Pay

1. Referring to Department letter of December 18, 1936, in the case of William Stokes, who was promoted from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper of the same station, with pay at the rate of $1440 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is January 1, 1937.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

JAN 25 1937

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 28, 1937

7/3/37 2nd to Plat

See Page 4 for recommendations

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass Lighthouse, etc., charges against. Countercharges against Keeper John E. Harrison:

1. Letter dated June 1, 1937, not inclosed was received from J. E. Harrison, Keeper of Sabine Pass Lighthouse, stating that, on returning to duty on May 31, he found a lens broken in the field glasses belonging to the station; that none of the assistant keepers seemed to know how the glasses were broken, and that another pair of glasses were required for station use. The Keeper was directed to advise this office in whose care the glasses were while he was on leave. Reply was received that the glasses were left in the watch room where they were kept for use in case of need, and that, actually, they were in charge of the First Assistant Keeper during the Keeper's absence. The glasses are used to ascertain whether or not Sabine Bank Light is burning.

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter dated June 4 from the Keeper stating that, upon his return to the station, on June 3, he found the lens curtains in the water of the marsh alongside the tower, and that this was due to neglect of the assistants in failing to rehang the curtains after painting inside of tower. The curtains had been left on the tower gallery and had been blown off. The Keeper accused the First Assistant, Mr. William Stokes, of being impertinent to him and complained of his attitude, and reported that the First Assistant had refused to obey orders to remove spoil from a dredge which had covered a boardwalk at the station. (a)

3. By telegram dated June 5, the Keeper reported that the First Assistant, William Stokes, and the Third Assistant, B. E. Thompson, had left the station at 12, noon, June 4, and that neither had returned. This was confirmed in letter of June 5, copy inclosed. (b)

4. By telegram dated June 5, copy inclosed, William Stokes, First Assistant, advised he refused to work under the Keeper another day, and would forward his resignation immediately. (c)

5. Inclosed herewith is copy of reply sent by this office to Mr. Stokes, and copy of his reply was forwarded to the Keeper directing him to submit a report in regard to the incidents. Copy of letter of June 7 from the Keeper is inclosed. (d) (e)

Appears Kpr. Harrison did not take any matters up with office until Stokes threatened to do so likewise. Both wired on 6/5

6. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of June 8, addressed to William Stokes, advising of the charges preferred against him by the Keeper, and giving him three days in which to submit reply, in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules. The original reply of Mr. Stokes is inclosed. It will be seen that this reply was prepared by someone else and signed by Stokes. (f) (g)

7. William Stokes entered the Service in this district October 24, 1932, and expressed a desire for transfer to the Pacific Coast. He was transferred July 1, 1933, and subsequently resigned his position in the Eighteenth District. He was reinstated in this district as Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass on February 1, 1934, and gradually has been promoted to the position of First Assistant Keeper as vacancies occurred at the station.

8. It is pertinent to state that Sabine Pass Lighthouse is located in the marsh on the east side of Sabine Pass, and this locality is probably the worse mosquito infested in the district, therefore the station is not considered desirable.

9. It will be noted in Stokes' reply that he states that he does not want to go back to the station. It also will be noted that he sent this office a telegram stating that he would not return to the station, and he has not returned since he left on June 4, therefore he is guilty of abandoning his work.

10. It will be noted that Stokes does not deny having refused to obey the orders of the Keeper relative to removing the dredged spoil on a walk at the station. He simply states that the Keeper ordered him to do the work in an uncivil way.

11. This trouble has developed the fact that the keepers at this station have been accustomed to going across to their families who live in the town of Sabine Pass which is across the pass from the station, and not reporting such absences when in excess of six hours.

12. It will be noted in Mr. Stokes' reply that he states, in reply to No. 6, that he was going to send in his resignation, which he has never done.

13. It is evident that Stokes has been reluctant to work and that he has been constantly complaining and talking about quitting. A copy of Stokes' letter of June 10 was sent to the Keeper, and his reply will be found herein. (k)

14. A copy of the letter preferring charges against William Stokes and a copy of his reply were sent to Mr. A. E. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper, in letter of June 14, copy inclosed, directing that he furnish certain specific information. (l)

15. There is inclosed copy of reply, dated June 16, of Mr. A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper. It will be noted that Mr. Brooks states that First Assistant Keeper Stokes told him not to touch the dredged spoil which the Keeper had ordered moved. (i)

16. On the last inspection of this station, the three assistant keepers were engaged in painting the insids of the quarters at the station. The Keeper, Mr. J. E. Harrison, is a young man and probably has been too aggressive in his desire to make a great improvement in the general condition of the station. He failed to take into account that a sudden change in attitude, although for the benefit of the station and the Service, would seriously antagonize the assistant keepers. They were required to perform a great deal more maintenance work than they had been accustomed to before Harrison became keeper. The Keeper has been too hardboiled and aloof. He forgot that, previously, he had been an assistant keeper with these men and that tact should have been used in improving the maintenance of the station.

17. It will also be seen from Mr. Brooks' reply that there was a great deal of dissatisfaction caused by the Keeper's discontinuance of permission, which had been previously been granted the assistants, to make frequent visits to their homes in Sabine Pass.

18. Brooks states that the Keeper's wife's mother, father, sister and brother came to the station on May 28, and all but the mother left on June 1. The Keeper was guilty of an infraction of the rules in permitting this. The Keeper's defense in his reply of June 17, copy inclosed, was that his wife had been removed to a hospital seriously ill and was not expected to live, and that he sent for her relatives. However this does not excuse the Keeper's infraction of the regulations in not securing authority from this office for this visit.

19. It will be notbd that Second Assistant Keeper Brooks states that Stokes has said a number of times he was going to quit as he could make more money fishing and shrimping.

20. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of June 17 from the Keeper and of the reply of this office of June 19 relative to absences from the station. (k) (l)

21. There is inclosed letter of June 17, 1937, from A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper, which he failed to forward through the Keeper, in accordance with the regulations. In this letter he complains that Keeper Harrison had threatened him for the report which he had made, as directed by this office. A copy of this letter was sent to the Keeper in letter of June 19, and Brooks was advised on the same date that his letter should have been sent through the Keeper. Copy of the Keeper's reply of June 21 is inclosed, and it does appear from that reply that he had expressed great (m) (n)

dissatisfaction with the report which Brooks submitted. Again he showed lack of judgment. He should have received Brooks' letter and transmitted it without comment to Brooks.

22. It is recommended that William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of June 4, 1937, the date on which he left the station, to which he has not returned. The charges against William Stokes have been proven in a degree sufficient to warrant the recommendation for his dismissal. It appears that he has deserted his post without authority; that he has disobeyed the lawful orders of the Keeper, and has always been reluctant to perform the work directed by the Keeper. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, relative to political or religious opinions, will not be violated by this recommendation.

23. It is recommended that the Keeper, Mr. John E. Harrison, be demoted and transferred at the first opportunity to the position of First Assistant Keeper at another station. This recommendation is made because Mr. Harrison has shown no aptitude for the position of Keeper and lack of tact and judgment in directing the work of his assistant keepers at the station. Mr. Harrison also has been guilty of permitting unauthorized absences from the station and in not reporting them to this office, and has permitted members of his family to reside at the station without securing the necessary authority for the visits.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy

7/2-37

You may wish to write this. This involves dismissal of an asst Kpr at Sabine Pass and approval of Supts rec. to transfer & demote Keeper at first opportunity. Quite compliant but believe action proposed is proper.

7/2-37

O.K. for letter dismissal Suggest caution to Harrison putting him on probation for 6 mos. and or less if no improvement shown, further report to be had before decision as to demotion

EAP

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 4, 1937

(a)

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

During my absence from station yesterday June 3 repairing exhaust line on Sta. Launch 171 I left 1st and 3rd Assts. painting inside of tower. On my return to Sta. I found lense curtains floating in water alongside of tower about 1:30 P.M. due to neglect. The Assts. failed to rehang the shades when they quit painting and left them on galary of tower where they flew off. I picked up shades and washed and dried them but shades aren't in a very good condition as they are wrinkled and some of them have some small holes in them.

I asked the 1st Asst. why the shades was not replaced and he was very impudent and sarcastic regarding the whole matter as he is about everything else concerning the Sta. The 1st Asst. is a very lazy man. He doesn't want to do anything towards the upkeep of the Sta. and is always grumbling about the work. He keeps the other Assts. discouraged with his complaints. He doesn't keep his quarters cleaned or arranged as they should be kept. I cautioned him to clean his quarters up and he told me that it was not any of my business that he was running his quarters to suit himself.

During my absence on leave due to illness of my wife May 26-31, Dredge San Diego started pumping in around station. Due to neglect the 1st Asst. permitted the boardwalk which runs from the steps of watch-room to N.W. corner of dwelling and toilets to be covered up and he refuses to help dig these boards out of the mud.

He doesn't have any Keeper's uniform and refuses to buy one.

I am sorry to have to bring this to the Supt.'s attention but there seems to be no other solution as this man continually gets worse.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 5, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Wm. Stokes and E. S. Thompson. 1st and 3rd Assts., left station yesterday at 12 noon with the understanding that they return at 5 P.M. The boat waited at Sabine until 6 P.M. and neither one of them showed up. At 7:30 P.M. Thompson called from Port Arthur saying that he was very ill and had to see a doctor and didn't know when he would return to station. Thompson was in good health when he left station.

Stokes did not call up until 7:30 A.M. this morning and demanded that I send right over after him or he would wire the office. I told him that we were busy at the present time but the boat would be over after him shortly. He then wanted me to send him a sheet of official paper and I refused to send him official paper off the station. He then hung up.

At 8 A.M. A. H. Brooks, 2nd Asst. went over after him and he told Brooks that he had resigned and did not return to station.

Mr. Stokes has been saying that he was going to quit for the past 3 years. The trouble with him is he doesn't want to do anything but stand his watch and stay off the station. He thinks I am imposing on him by doing a little work toward getting the station back in condition again.

Thompson has been talking about quitting ever since he has been on the station.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

(COPY-LEC)

POSTAL TELEGRAPH

NO1 31 GOVT - TDAR SABINE TEX 5 835A

SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES

(4)

KEEPER HARRISON REFUSED SEND BOAT FOR ME IN SABINE THIS MORNING I REFUSE TO WORK UNDER HARRISON ANOTHER DAY FORWARD RESIGNATION IMMEDIATELY HARRISON REFUSED TO FURNISH WRITING PAPER WILL APPRECIATE INVESTIGATION

WM STOKES

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

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 5, 1937

(2)

William Stokes,
Sabine,
Texas

1. Your telegram of June 5th received. You should place your complaints in writing by letter to this office and not by telegram.

2. You should realize that it is not considered desirable to send anyone from this office to make investigations upon receipt of indiscriminate requests, such as yours sent to this office contrary to the provisions of the regulations which provide that all communications should be sent through the keeper.

3. Upon receipt of your complaint against Keeper Harrison in writing, stating specifically the causes for such complaints, the matter will be given immediate attention by this office. You should write your complaint in detail and hand same to Keeper Harrison, and, under the regulations, he is compelled to forward it to this office whether or not he assents to the contents thereof. Any other course on his part would be a violation of the regulations for which he would be held accountable by this office.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 7, 1937

(c)

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 5 relative to complaints made by Wm. Stokes. It is believed that my letter of June 5 covered these complaints thoroughly. If not, advise and I will explain further.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
COPY

REGISTERED MAIL

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

William Stokes
Sabine
Texas

(f)

1. The following report has been made with regard to your actions by the Keeper of Sabine Pass Lighthouse:

2. The Keeper states that the field glasses were left in the watch room during his absence from the station and, upon his return, they were found broken, and that you had no information as to how the glasses became broken. You were in charge of the station during the absence of the keeper.

3. The Keeper states that during his absence from the station on June 3, you and the Third Assistant were left painting inside of the tower; that upon his return to the station, about 1:30 P.M., the lens curtains were found in mid and water alongside of the tower; that this was due to your neglect in failing to re-hang the curtains when you finished painting; that you left them on the gallery of the tower from which they were blown. The Keeper states that he asked you why the shades had not been replaced and that you were impudent and sarcastic regarding the matter and that that is your general attitude concerning matters about the station.

4. The Keeper states that you are very lazy; that you resent doing anything towards the upkeep and maintenance of the station; that you are always grumbling about the work, and that your remarks have a tendency to discourage the other assistants.

5. The Keeper states that your quarters are not kept clean or orderly; that he had cautioned you to clean them, and that you told him, the Keeper, that it was none of his business, that you were running your quarters to suit yourself.

6. The Keeper states that, during his absence on leave May 26 to 31, the dredge started pumping around the station and that the boardwalk on the northwest corner of the dwelling was covered up, and that he, the Keeper, believes that, with proper attention, this could have been prevented. The Keeper states that you refused to help remove the mud fill from the top of this walk.

station at 12 noon on June 4 with the understanding that you would return at 5:00 P.M.; that the station boat waited for you at Sabine until 6:00 P.M., and that you did not arrive; that you did not call up until 7:30 A.M., June 5th, and that you demanded that the station boat be sent over for you at once, or that you would wire the office. The Keeper states that he told you he was busy at the time and that the boat would call for you shortly, and that you then demanded he send you a sheet of official paper, which the Keeper refused to do.

8. The Keeper states that, at 8:00 A.M., the Second Assistant Keeper went over with the station launch for you, and that you told the Second Assistant Keeper that you had resigned and did not intend to return to the station.

9. The Keeper states that you have been asserting during the past three years that you were going to quit, and that in his, the Keeper's, opinion, you do not want to do anything but stand your watch and stay away from the station as much as possible.

10. The Keeper states that you believe that you are being imposed upon by being required to perform the work necessary to maintain the station in proper order and condition. This has relation to painting and other maintenance work.

11. It also appears that you have been guilty of deserting the station and abandoning your work, having failed to report for duty since you left the station on June 4.

12. You are hereby charged with conduct unbecoming an employee in the Lighthouse Service, and, in accordance with civil service rules, you are given three days in which to submit such reply as you may deem fit to the charges preferred against you.

(Signed) M. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY REC)

Sabine, Tex
June 10, 1937

(9)

To Supt. of Lighthouses

Sir:-

In reply to your letter, I have this to say: I am writing on personal paper. I ask Harrison to send me paper from the station by Second Assistant and he absolutely refuses to let me have any. I do not want to go back on the station and have any more trouble with Harrison as the boat comes over two or three times every day and would not cause any extra trouble.

In answer to No. 2 - The field glasses were broken about a month before Harrison left station, and in his absence I dropped them and broke just like they were broken at first. I reported this to him, and told him I broke them.

No. 3 - Myself, the Second, and Third Asst. was painting in the tower. I came down to catch the 10:50 radio run, and found Harrison's boy had been in the radio room and turned every knob on both sets as high as he could reach standing on a chair, and the chain was setting in front of No. 1 set when I went in. About that time the Third Asst. came down after tobacco I suppose and heard the alarm bell ringing. He came in radio room and we began working to find the trouble so we missed that run completely, trying to get the set adjusted again. It was about 11:15 when we got it to working again, and I stood by to catch the 11:20 run, to make sure everything was alright. The Third went back to the tower, and 11:30 Second and Third closed up tower and came down for noon, and the curtains had been neglected being brought in. I came to Sabine for dinner and returned to the station at four o'clock that evening and Harrison did not speak to me until the next morning when he came out giving orders, telling us what we had to do. He does not give orders like we were men, but tries to drive us like we were dogs. He does not let us stand any radio watch during the morning. He has more important work to do. His children use the radio room for a play house.

No. 4 - I refer you to the other keepers I have worked under, also the other men on the station, if I have influenced them in any way.

No. 5 - My quarters have been inspected by all the inspectors that come to the station, and are the same now as they were at that time, but Harrison orders me I have got to clean them up. He did not order me in a mannerly way.

- We were not notified by the dredge. They started pumping nd by 8 o'clock everything was covered with mud. Harrison me in an uncivil way that I had to remove the mud fill.

No. 7 - I left the station at 12 o'clock, noon, and I told the d Asst. if I was not there at 5:00 P.M. not to wait on me. It been a rule that the boat never waits on anyone, if not there at ted time. All the keepers have been staying home nights when off tch for the past two years. Harrison did the same until he moved is family on station. The morning of June 5 I waited, as the boat always came over at 6:30 A.M., and he did not come. I waited until 7:30 then called up and ask him to send the boat after me. He told me he would not send it. I ask him the second time, and he said the boat would be over after awhile. I ask what time and he said sometime during the day.

No. 8 - The station launch was sent over about 9:30 by Second Asst. Keeper, and I told him that I had wired the office and was going to send in my resignation as I did not want to have any further trouble with Harrison.

No. 9 - I have said I was going to quit when I could get something better, but I have done my work along with the other keepers. I would like you to ask the other keepers about this, and also the way Harrison did his work before he was made keeper.

No. 10 - I have never failed to do any work I was ordered to do in a mannerly way.

No. 11 - I wired the office that I could not work under Harrison another day, to keep down further trouble.

Further Remarks: - When Harrison came back on station, off of leave, he measured the gasoline and accused the keepers of stealing 10 gals. of gasoline. The gasoline was used to bring his wife's relatives back and fortn across to Sabine in the statipn launch. There was 6 adults stayed on the station part days and nights while he was on leave, and one has been there ever since he has been back.

If an investigation is held I have other reports to make against Harrison in regards to other rules he has violated.

(Signed) William Stokes

(C O P Y)

Sabine Pass Lighthouse,
June 1[illegible], 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

(h)

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 14th relative to reply from William Stokes, I have the following comments to make.

1. Field glasses had been slightly damaged some three months previous to my absence but these glasses were in good serviceable condition when I left station. Stokes did not report to me that he broke glasses during my absence.

2. With reference to 10:50 radio run, I can't say what happened because I was not on the station, but from what I could find out set got overloaded and automatically kicked out causing alarm bell to ring. Stokes being a man with such a small understanding of how things are supposed to operate, he probably turned all of the setting adjustments himself instead of using his head and first trying the overload switch to see if it was thrown. This set sometimes will overload and automatically kick out from different causes. I don't know how Stokes knew that my child had been in radio room as no one saw him in the radio room. I understand Stokes was in radio room when bell started to ring. My children do not play in radio room at any time. I will refer Superintendent to Radio Electrician during his visits to station if he ever saw any of my children in radio room. I will also refer Superintendent to former Keeper as to Stokes' ability to do things right and his interest in his job.

3. I have asked Stokes a number of times to clean up his quarters and he consistently did not. He didn't want his quarters painted, said he didn't want to smell the paint and after his quarters were painted he hung his frying pans and cook pots on the walls of his bath room also tin cans, lamp shades, old magazines, papers, dirty rags on bath room shelves, dirty waste in his bath tub, stove dirty sink, dirty floors, dirty. I finally told Stokes if he didn't clean his quarters up I would have to make a report on it. He then started using profane language and said that was all he wanted me to do was just report him about something. He also said that it wasn't time to start work yet and that he was running his quarters to suit himself, that it wasn't any of my business.

4. I have never used profane or abusive language in giving or carrying out orders.

5. With further reference to morning radio watch I try to do some work each day towards the upkeep of the station. I arrange the work so the man on morning watch is near the radio room so that the radio is checked once an hour. Stokes would like to have some excuse not to do any work at all.

6. Further reference to paragraph 1, the reason Stokes refuses to come to station to write his complaints is that he is unable to write an intelligent letter. He has to get someone else to help him. With reference to further remarks of Stokes concerning gasoline when I made out monthly reports I found that 20 gallons of gasoline was short and not 10 as reported by Stokes. I simply asked all three assistants if they knew anything about it and all said no. I then told them that I couldn't make this gasoline up and if any more was missing I would have to bring it up to the station so we could watch it.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) J. E. HAMILTON, KEEPER.

rence to my wife's relatives being on station, my wife left station being taken to the hospital in a Clayton & Thompson ambulance and was transfusions and wasn't expected to live. I sent for her relatives making over 700 mile trip and as there wasn't any place in Sabine to em I let them use my quarters and to my knowledge there was no extra Sabine for them as they went back and forth on the boat's regular trips. y two trips each day wrote up in the station journal during the time they My wife is still ill and unable to do anything and I had to have someone ousework as I could not do the housework and keep the station work both up oaded her mother to stay with her until she is able to do her work again. es was Keeper here and Stokes 3rd Assistant, Stokes frequently brought his the station and spent several days and nights on the station. I refer the endent to J. A. Ryan for verification of this. Visiting rules have never been this station since I have been here and was not kept at Head of Passes during e I was at that station.

. With reference to Keeper's staying off station at nights, this has been a cus- ver since Peeples was made Keeper here. I told all three Assistants on June 4th this practice would have to stop as it wasn't official and I could not let it con- e. Stokes then remarked with an oath saying he was going at noon and didn't care the Superintendent or anyone else liked it or not. I then told him to be back at P.M., but he did not return and did not call up until 7:30 A.M. June 5th as previously sported.

9. I have never been able to send Stokes to do one single thing that I did not have to do over again. He has the least understanding and least interest in his job of any- body that I have ever had anything to do with. Stokes would have been all right if I would have let him stay off station all the time and did his work for him and let the station stay dirty and let him have his own way everything would have gone along all right; but as I did not I have caused him and all the other Assistants to dislike me. In fact, I have overheard some conversation between the Assistants which let me know how things were going. Stokes is also sore because I requested him to return the sta- tion tools so that we could use them when they were needed. During my absence on leave May 26-31 Stokes entered my quarters and used my shot gun and shot all my shells and did not say anything about this to me. About 4 days after my return to station I asked Stokes about this and he said Yes, that he killed some ducks.

10. Stokes never wipes lenses off or sweeps watch room when on last watch as dir- ected to do. I have also found Stokes asleep on watch several times. On June 4th I cautioned Stokes not to sleep on watch any more. He told me that it was his business what he did when he was on watch.

11. I will refer Superintendent to anyone in Sabine as to Stokes being a good worker or holding a job or being reliable.

12. As to Stokes having further charges against me, I don't know what they might be. I would welcome an investigation as I have nothing to hide. I have caused myself all of this trouble by trying to get this station up in good condition. I realize that I have broken some rules by continuing some practices that were started by former Keepers. I have one comment to make on 2nd Assistant A.H. Brook's letter in regards to his having to put my two small children out of watch room several times. This was the first time that this was brought to my attention. I can say with all fairness to everyone con- cerned that Brooks is prejudiced against me as is the majority of all Assistants are prejudiced against the Keeper. I now stand convicted if the testimony of the Assistants is to weigh heavily. I also am ready to take my punishment whatever it may be as I have done my best the way I see it for the Service.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) J. E. HARRISON, KEEPER.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 14, 1937

(2)

A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter preferring charges against William Stokes. It is requested that you will submit a report to this office through the Keeper commenting on each paragraph, if you have any information thereto, and return the inclosed letter with your reply. It is desired to secure an unbiased and truthful report in regard to matters contained in this letter, of which you have knowledge.

2. There is also sent to you copy of reply of William Stokes to charges preferred by the Keeper. It is desired that you furnish information in regard to the following matters, if you have knowledge in regard thereto:

Were the field glasses broken a month before Harrison left the station, and did Mr. Harrison know that they were broken before he left the station?

Have the Keeper's children used the radio-room for a playhouse?

Did Mr. William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, refuse to remove the mud fill from the walk?

Have all of the keepers been remaining at Sabine at nights when off watch? If so, was this for a longer period than six hours? You will specifically report with regard to the Keeper, the First and Third Assistants, and also in regard to yourself.

Was the station boat used to bring the Keeper's wife's relatives from and to Sabine, and did the Keeper's wife's relatives remain at the station part of days and nights? If so, state the length of the stay and the persons who remained at the station who were not members of the Keeper's immediate family.

Did Mr. Stokes repeatedly assert during the past three years that he was going to quit, and expressed general dissatisfaction with his duties?

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

- C O P Y -

Sabine Pass Lighthouse

June 16th 1937.

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans
La.

Dear Sir

In reply to inclosed letter.

I

I wish to state that I have nothing personal against either man, I will submit my answers in an unbiased & truthful manner to the best of my ability.

II

Have read the inclosed charges of William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper & counter charges of Keeper J. E. Harrison.

A.

In regards to Field glasses.

Field glasses was dropped & one side of them broken by B.S.Thompson, erd Ass't Keeper a few months after he entered on duty at the Station, Keeper J. E. Harrison knew this, the glasses could still be used however.

While Keeper J. E. Harrison was on leave the Last time, I came on watch in the Radio Room & found both sides broken, I asked 1st Ass't Stokes who broke the other side of them & he said he dropped them & finished breaking them.

B.

In regards to Keepers children using the radio Room as a play house.

I cannot say they used it as a playhouse. However, I had to put the two smallest children out of the Radio Room several times. I have never had to put the two older ones out however.

C.

In regards to 1st Ass't William Stokes refusing to remove the mud Fill.

I came on watch in the Radio Room & was checking the 7 A.M. run, Keeper Harrison come out of his quarters & came to the Radio Room. He asked Mr. Stokes & Mr. Thompson if they seen all the Beacons when they were on watch that nite & they said yes, all were burning. He told them he wanted them to report to him hereafter when they looked for them at nite, They said allright, then he asked them if they checked the Beacon Batteries (Hydrometer Reading) when they were on watch, They Said No.

He said he wanted them checked & a report made to him in the future when they were on watch.

Then he said that this carelessness would have to stop, that the glasses was broken, the curtains was left out & blew in the mud & the walk was covered up by the Dredge.

He said we would have to get in the mud & get it out, Stokes said the Dredging Company was supposed to remove the walk & put it back when they were through.

Then Keeper Harrison said he was going to inspect quarters Monday Morning.

He told Stokes he would have to clean his quarters up, that they were dirty, Stokes said they passed the Superintendent's inspection the last time he was here & Keeper Harrison told him to gl clean his quarters, Stokes told him it was not time to turn to, He told Stokes that he would tell him when to turn to, that he was Boss of the Station & we would have to get the walk out of the mud fill, Stokes told him he would not get in the Mud & get it out, Then Keeper Harrison told us we would have to stay on the station in the Future. After that Stokes went & cleaned his quarters.

Said walk was covered in Keeper Harrison's absence, I asked 1st Ass't Stokes about getting the walk out of the mud when the Dredge started covering it up & he told me the Dredge's contract called for them to remove all walks & replace them back when they were through, He asked the Dump Foreman about it & the Foreman went to the Dredge & came back & said he was told to leave it where it was, Stokes told me not to touch it to leave it alone, that the Dredge was responsible for any damage done.

In regards to curtains, Mr. Stokes & Mr. Thompson & myself were painting in the Tower, Mr. Stokes & Mr. Thompson in the lens room & myself part way down the tower on the steps, Mr. Stokes went down to check the 10.50 run & Mr. Thompson also went down, Pretty soon I heard the Bell ringing, when Mr. Thompson returned I asked him what was wrong with the Radio & he said Mr. Harrison's Boy had gotten in there & turned every knob & switch he could reach. They missed a run & Mr. Stokes stayed down toncatch the 11:20 run to put the Radio back in tune with Galveston, shortly after Mr. Stokes hollered up to us to knock off & Mr. Thompson closed the Lens room up & I wiped the steps down & the curtains was left out on the porch, I asked Mr. Stokes in regards to the Radio incident & he told me the same as Mr. Thompson told me.

D

In regards to Keepers staying in Sabine at nights when off of watch.

Yes, the Keeper, First Assistant, Second Assistant & Third Assistant all stayed at their respectives houses in Sabine, Sabine Pass & Port Arthur when off watch.

Yes it was for a Longer period than six hours, can not say how long this was in practice prior to the time I came to this station, It was in practice however, when I came here, Aug 13, 1936.

I never questioned it when I was told I could do this, neither did I question it when I was told the practice would have to stop, when Mr. Stokes & Mr. Harrison had the argument I stayed on the Station.

Keeper Harrison moved to the station the last of March, so of course he did not go any more, but prior to that time he want to, when I was told to remain on the Station at Nights I did.

E

In regards to Keepers wife's relatives being at station & riding to & from Sabine in Lighthouse Launch.

Will Say Keepers wife's relatives did ride in Launch.

Keepers Wife's relatives came to Station the evening of May 28th 1937, In this group were Mother, Father, Sister & Brother & Sisterinlaw of Keepers Wife, the next day another brother came, all but the Mother left on June 1st 1937.

Mrs. Harrisons Mother is still at the station, Most of the party spent the nights at the Station but were gone most of the day up to Port Arthur to the Hospital where Keepers wife was Ill.

The Keepers wifes relatives were called here on account of Keepers wife's illness.

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In regards to Mr. Stokes saying he was going to quit.

I will say yes, since I came to this Station Aug 13th 1936, prior to that I dont know I was not here prior to that

He said a number of times he was going to quit if he could get a boat & go shrimping, that he could make more money fishing & shrimping or if he could get a better job where he could be more home with his Family.

He said his check here did not go around in other words did not make both ends meet.

Yours respectively

(Signed) Alex. H. Brooks
2nd Assistant Keeper
Sabine Pass Lighthouse

Forwarded
(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
June 17, 1937.

J. E. Harrison, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

It seems that because I am Keeper that all of the Assistants are prejudiced against me because I have did my best to get things up in good condition at this Station. It seems very unfair to me that they should be my judge.

Please advise as to whether or not there is any authority for the assistants to use the station launch to go to Sabine to get their dinner each day, also how many hours each man should work each day, and if each man should have 6 hours off the station every day, also how many men should be on station at all times. My comments on Stokes' charges will follow in tomorrow's mail.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J.E.Harrison,
Keeper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 19,1937.

J. E. Harrison, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

(2)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 17,1937.

2. There is no authorization for the assistants to use the station launch to go to Sabine each day for their dinner. The Instructions to Keepers provide that: "Keepers are not considered absent from duty when engaged in regular routine of station, such as attending minor lights, getting supplies, mail, etc., and attending church, except where such absences exceed six hours in any one day, in which case the absence in excess of six hours, unless on official business and so shown in the record, shall be charged to leave, provided that all absences at night shall be recorded on Form 303 and so reported monthly on Form 65."

3. The Instructions provide that keepers leaving the station temporarily must notify the senior assistant present of their departure, return, probable duration of absence, and any other matter necessary to an intelligent execution of their duties. It also provides that keepers will require assistants to obtain permission before leaving the station, to report their departure, return, and, if practicable, directions for reaching them in an emergency.

4. There is nothing in the Instructions to Keepers which permits regular departure from the station for the purpose of getting meals. There is nothing in the Instructions which permits each keeper or assistant keeper to have six hours off the station every day. The Keeper and the Assistants should remain at the station at all times except when absent on official duty, which includes going for mail and attending minor lights, or to secure supplies. Attendance at church is permitted provided it does not exceed six hours.

too rigid interpretation /Carl

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
June 17, 1937.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

(m)

Dear Sir:

I wish to state I answered the questions in letter sent to me truthfully and to the best of my ability. When I presented said answers to Keeper Harrison to read when he came to the answer of the question that asked if Keeper Harrison's children used the Radio room as a play house he objected to the way I had answered it.

He said, "You could have said No" - That I did not have to state that I had put them out of the Radio Room.

I wish to state that I have put the children out, so has Keeper Harrison himself. His little girl two years and seven months old had a burn on her arm where she ran against the exhaust pipe in the Radio room.

When I told Keeper Harrison I could only tell the truth he said: "I see what side you are on and you had better wish I am put off of this station because if I am not I am surely going to make it mighty unpleasant for you."

Mr. Lanphier I wish to respectively state I tried not to get into this argument that Keeper Harrison and First Asst. Stokes had, but since I have been brought into it, I respectively beg that this argument be settled as quickly as you can conveniently do it. As the attitude of Keeper Harrison has now toward me will make working conditions very unpleasant and no man can give his work the best that is in him under such conditions.

I did not ask Keeper Harrison to sign this as I know it would only lead to more arguments which I do not wish to have while on duty or at the station.

Yours respectively,

(Signed) Alex H. Brooks,
2nd Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass Lighthouse.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 21, 1937

(2)

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19 relative to copy of letter written by A. H. Brooks, 2nd Asst. Keeper.

I did not tell Mr. Brooks that I was going to make it mighty unpleasant for him. I will try here to quote as near as possible the conversation between Mr. Brooks and myself.

Mr. Brooks came to my quarters at about 11:15 A.M. June 17 and handed me his letter and seemed very impatient and after reading his letter I told him that I thought he was being unfair toward me by answering the question about the children as he did, and asked him why he had not brought this to my attention before now. Brooks then said you can sign that letter if you want to and if you don't want to you don't have to. I then told Brooks that I thought he had leaned toward Stokes throughout his entire letter, and that he had better wish that I was put off the station because we were going to go according to rules from now on; that I was not going to get myself in any more trouble for anyone again. I then signed his letter and handed it to him and told him that it was his radio watch that evening. He then took the letter and left station at 11:30 A.M. and did not return to station until 1:30 P.M. He did not ask permission to leave station and did not return to take his watch until 1:30 P.M. He was supposed to have went on watch at 12 noon. I suppose he was at his house in Sabine writing his complaints instead of returning to station to take his watch. Mr. Brooks seems to emphasize the fact that he was telling the truth. I have personally heard Mr. Brooks boast about giving false information in regards to a certain investigation which was held by the Supt.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

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Sept copy both cases approved

8th's letter June 26, 1937, dismissal 1st asst.kpr. William Stokes, Sabine Pass LS and demotion Keeper John E. Harrison.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
July 3, 1937.

Enclosures.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that William Stokes, first assistant keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La., be dismissed for the reasons given by the Superintendent, effective at the close of June 4, he having left the station on that date without official authority.

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H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

RELET AUGUST TWENTY ONE NOMINATION ABNER E BRABHAM NOT RECEIVED BUT MAY BE ASSIGNED DUTY IF EMERGENCY REQUIRES AND AGREEABLE DISTRICT MANAGER IF DONE REPORT EFFECTIVE DATE PROMPTLY DISMISSAL WILLIAM STOKES APPROVED JOHN E HARRIS TO BE CONTINUED PRESENT STATUS SEE CONFIRMATION

Harrison

A. KING

CONFIRMATION

Information as to the action taken in the case of Stokes and Harris has been received informally from the Department. Formal notice will be forwarded upon receipt in the Bureau, at which time a letter of caution will be addressed to Mr. Harris.

Harrison

August 26, 1937.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of desertion of your post of duty, disobedience of lawful orders of the Keeper, and reluctance to perform work which you were directed to do, having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper at $1440 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of June 4, 1937.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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August 30, 1937.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In approving the action recommended by the Bureau on July 3, 1937, in the case of John E. Harrison, it is noted that the Bureau proposes to address a letter of caution to Mr. Harrison and that a copy thereof will be furnished the Department; also that a further report will be submitted to the Department at the end of six months.

By direction of the Secretary:

[illegible] E. GARDNER

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Chief, Division of Personnel.

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AUG 23 1937
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August 2, 1937.

Memorandum for Mr. Kerlin

The Superintendent of the Eighth Lighthouse District, New Orleans, Louisiana, proposes the following disciplinary action in the cases of two keepers at Sabine Pass Light Station, Louisiana:

Dismissal of William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, for desertion of his post, disobedience of lawful orders of the Keeper, and reluctance to perform work he was directed to do.

Demotion and transfer of Principal Keeper John E. Harrison, because of lack of tact and judgment in directing the work of the station, permitting unauthorized absences from the station, without authority of the Superintendent, and permitting members of his family to reside at the station without obtaining authority.

The Bureau concurs with the recommendation of the Superintendent as does this office that First Assistant Keeper Stokes be dismissed. The Commissioner, however, disagrees with the Superintendent as to the action in Principal Keeper Harrison's case and recommends that he be cautioned and further report submitted by the Superintendent after observation for six months. The reasons for the Commissioner's recommendation are stated in his endorsement of July 3.

This office believes that Principal Keeper Harrison's derelictions warrant some disciplinary action which should not be so severe as to discourage his apparent industry and zeal for the betterment of the Lighthouse Service. Therefore, in lieu of the action suggested by the Superintendent and that proposed by the Bureau, this office suggests that the Department give consideration to cautioning Mr. Harrison and transferring him to another station at his present compensation.

I like the recom. of Comm. of Lighthouses to transfer to another station would mean better, as station, the Supt. stating that this is a better station, the worst mosquito infested station in the district

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Chief, Division of Personnel.

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dissatisfaction with the report which Brooks submitted. Again he showed lack of judgment. He should have received Brooks' letter and transmitted it without comment to Brooks.

22. It is recommended that William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of June 4, 1937, the date on which he left the station, to which he has not returned. The charges against William Stokes have been proven in a degree sufficient to warrant the recommendation for his dismissal. It appears that he has deserted his post without authority; that he has disobeyed the lawful orders of the Keeper, and has always been reluctant to perform the work directed by the Keeper. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, relative to political or religious opinions, will not be violated by this recommendation.

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23. It is recommended that the Keeper, Mr. John E. Harrison, be demoted and transferred at the first opportunity to the position of First Assistant Keeper at another station. This recommendation is made because Mr. Harrison has shown no aptitude for the position of Keeper and lack of tact and judgment in directing the work of his assistant keepers at the station. Mr. Harrison also has been guilty of permitting unauthorized absences from the station and in not reporting them to this office, and has permitted members of his family to reside at the station without securing the necessary authority for the visits.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Action O. K.

Adm. Asst. to Secy:

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

15. There is inclosed copy of reply, dated June 16, of Mr. A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper. It will be noted that Mr. Brooks states that First Assistant Keeper Stokes told him not to touch the dredged spoil which the Keeper had ordered moved.

16. On the last inspection of this station, the three assistant keepers were engaged in painting the inside of the quarters at the station. The Keeper, Mr. J. E. Harrison, is a young man and probably has been too aggressive in his desire to make a great improvement in the general condition of the station. He failed to take into account that a sudden change in attitude, although for the benefit of the station and the Service, would seriously antagonize the assistant keepers. They were required to perform a great deal more maintenance work than they had been accustomed to before Harrison became keeper. The Keeper has been too hardboiled and aloof. He forgot that, previously, he had been an assistant keeper with these men and that tact should have been used in improving the maintenance of the station.

17. It will also be seen from Mr. Brooks' reply that there was a great deal of dissatisfaction caused by the Keeper's discontinuance of permission, which had been previously ~~been~~ granted the assistants, to make frequent visits to their homes in Sabine Pass.

18. Brooks states that the Keeper's wife's mother, father, sister and brother came to the station on May 28, and all but the mother left on June 1. The Keeper was guilty of an infraction of the rules in permitting this. The Keeper's defense in his reply of June 17, copy inclosed, was that his wife had been removed to a hospital seriously ill and was not expected to live, and that he sent for her relatives. However this does not excuse the Keeper's infraction of the regulations in not securing authority from this office for this visit.

19. It will be noted that Second Assistant Keeper Brooks states that Stokes has said a number of times he was going to quit as he could make more money fishing and shrimping.

20. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of June 17 from the Keeper and of the reply of this office of June 19 relative to absences from the station.

21. There is inclosed letter of June 17, 1937, from A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper, which he failed to forward through the Keeper, in accordance with the regulations. In this letter he complains that Keeper Harrison had threatened him for the report which he had made, as directed by this office. A copy of this letter was sent to the Keeper in letter of June 19, and Brooks was advised on the same date that his letter should have been sent through the Keeper. Copy of the Keeper's reply of June 21 is inclosed, and it does appear from that reply that he had expressed great

6. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of June 8, addressed to William Stokes, advising of the charges preferred against him by the Keeper, and giving him three days in which to submit reply, in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules. The original reply of Mr. Stokes is inclosed. It will be seen that this reply was prepared by someone else and signed by Stokes.

7. William Stokes entered the Service in this district October 24, 1932, and expressed a desire for transfer to the Pacific Coast. He was transferred July 1, 1933, and subsequently resigned his position in the Eighteenth District. He was reinstated in this district as Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass on February 1, 1934, and gradually has been promoted to the position of First Assistant Keeper as vacancies occurred at the station.

8. It is pertinent to state that Sabine Pass Lighthouse is located in the marsh on the east side of Sabine Pass, and this locality is probably the worse mosquito infested in the district, therefore the station is not considered desirable.

9. It will be noted in Stokes' reply that he states that he does not want to go back to the station. It also will be noted that he sent this office a telegram stating that he would not return to the station, and he has not returned since he left on June 4, therefore he is guilty of abandoning his work.

10. It will be noted that Stokes does not deny having refused to obey the orders of the Keeper relative to removing the dredged spoil on a walk at the station. He simply states that the Keeper ordered him to do the work in an uncivil way.

11. This trouble has developed the fact that the keepers at this station have been accustomed to going across to their families who live in the town of Sabine Pass which is across the pass from the station, and not reporting such absences when in excess of six hours.

12. It will be noted in Mr. Stokes' reply that he states, in reply to No. 8, that he was going to send in his resignation, which he has never done.

13. It is evident that Stokes has been reluctant to work and that he has been constantly complaining and talking about quitting. A copy of Stokes' letter of June 10 was sent to the Keeper, and his reply will be found herein.

14. A copy of the letter preferring charges against William Stokes and a copy of his reply were sent to Mr. A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper, in letter of June 14, copy inclosed, directing that he furnish certain specific information.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 26, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass Lighthouse, etc., charges against. Countercharges against Keeper John E. Harrison:

1. Letter dated June 1, 1937, was received from J. E. Harrison, Keeper of Sabine Pass Lighthouse, stating that, on returning to duty on May 31, he found a lens broken in the field glasses belonging to the station; that none of the assistant keepers seemed to know how the glasses were broken, and that another pair of glasses were required for station use. The Keeper was directed to advise this office in whose care the glasses were while he was on leave. Reply was received that the glasses were left in the watch room where they were kept for use in case of need, and that, actually, they were in charge of the First Assistant Keeper during the Keeper's absence. The glasses are used to ascertain whether or not Sabine Bank Light is burning.

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter dated June 4 from the Keeper stating that, upon his return to the station, on June 3, he found the lens curtains in the water of the marsh alongside the tower, and that this was due to neglect of the assistants in failing to rehang the curtains after painting inside of tower. The curtains had been left on the tower gallery and had been blown off. The Keeper accused the First Assistant, Mr. William Stokes, of being impertinent to him and complained of his attitude, and reported that the First Assistant had refused to obey orders to remove spoil from a dredge which had covered a boardwalk at the station.

3. By telegram dated June 5, the Keeper reported that the First Assistant, William Stokes, and the Third Assistant, B. S. Thompson, had left the station at 12, noon, June 4, and that neither had returned. This was confirmed in letter of June 5, copy inclosed.

4. By telegram dated June 5, copy inclosed, William Stokes, First Assistant, advised he refused to work under the Keeper another day, and would forward his resignation immediately.

5. Inclosed herewith is copy of reply sent by this office to Mr. Stokes, and copy of his reply was forwarded to the Keeper directing him to submit a report in regard to the incidents. Copy of letter of June 7 from the Keeper is inclosed.

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 21, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19 relative to copy of letter written by A. H. Brooks, 2nd Asst. Keeper.

I did not tell Mr. Brooks that I was going to make it mighty unpleasant for him. I will try here to quote as near as possible the conversation between Mr. Brooks and myself.

Mr. Brooks came to my quarters at about 11:15 A.M. June 17 and handed me his letter and seemed very impatient and after reading his letter I told him that I thought he was being unfair toward me by answering the question about the children as he did, and asked him why he had not brought this to my attention before now. Brooks then said you can sign that letter if you want to and if you don't want to you don't have to. I then told Brooks that I thought he had leaned toward Stokes throughout his entire letter, and that he had better wish that I was put off the station because we were going to go according to rules from now on; that I was not going to get myself in any more trouble for anyone again. I then signed his letter and handed it to him and told him that it was his radio watch that evening. He then took the letter and left station at 11:30 A.M. and did not return to station until 1:30 P.M. He did not ask permission to leave station and did not return to take his watch until 1:30 P.M. He was supposed to have went on watch at 12 noon. I suppose he was at his house in Sabine writing his complaints instead of returning to station to take his watch. Mr. Brooks seems to emphasize the fact that he was telling the truth. I have personally heard Mr. Brooks boast about giving false information in regards to a certain investigation which was held by the Supt.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 18 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sabine Pass Light St.
Sabine Texas
June 17, 1937

Supt. of Light Houses
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir -

I wish to state I answered the questions in letter sent to me truthfully and to the best of my ability. When I presented said answers to Keeper Harrison to read when he came to the answer of the question that asked if Keeper Harrison's children used the Radio room as a play house he objected to the way I had answered it.

He said, "you could have said, 'No' that I did not have to state that I had put them out of the Radio Room.

I wish to state that I have put the children out, so has Keeper Harrison himself. His little girl two years and seven months old had a burn on her arm where she ran against the exhaust pipe in the Radio room.

When I told Keeper Harrison, I could only tell the truth, He said "I see what side you are on. And you had better wish I am put off of this Station for cause if I am not I am surely going to make it mighty unpleasant for you."

Mr Lanphier I wish to respectively state I tried not to get into this argument that Keeper Harrison and first assist Stoker had but

since I have been brought into it I respectively beg that this arguement be settled as quickly as you can conveniently do it. As the Attitude of Keeper Harrison has now toward me will make working conditions very unpleasant. And no man can give his work the best that is in him under such conditions.

I did not ask Keeper Harrison to sign this as I know it would only lead to more arguements which I do not wish to have while on duty or at the Station

Yours respectively
Alex. H. Brooke Jr
2nd Assistant Keeper.
Sabine Pass Light House

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 19,1937.

J. E. Harrison, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 17,1937.

2. There is no authorization for the assistants to use the station launch to go to Sabine each day for their dinner. The Instructions to Keepers provide that: "Keepers are not considered absent from duty when engaged in regular routine of station, such as attending minor lights, getting supplies, mail, etc., and attending church, except where such absences exceed six hours in any one day, in which case the absence in excess of six hours, unless on official business and so shown in the record, shall be charged to leave, provided that all absences at night shall be recorded on Form 303 and so reported monthly on Form 65."

3. The Instructions provide that keepers leaving the station temporarily must notify the senior assistant present of their departure, return, probable duration of absence, and any other matter necessary to an intelligent execution of their duties. It also provides that keepers will require assistants to obtain permission before leaving the station, to report their departure, return, and, if practicable, directions for reaching them in an emergency.

4. There is nothing in the Instructions to Keepers which permits regular departure from the station for the purpose of getting meals. There is nothing in the Instructions which permits each keeper or assistant keeper to have six hours off the station every day. The Keeper and the Assistants should remain at the station at all times except when absent on official duty, which includes going for mail and attending minor lights, or to secure supplies. Attendance at church is permitted provided it does not exceed six hours.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
June 17, 1937.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

It seems that because I am Keeper that all of the Assistants are prejudiced against me because I have did my best to get things up in good condition at this Station. It seems very unfair to me that they should be my judge.

Please advise as to whether or not there is any authority for the assistants to use the station launch to go to Sabine to get their dinner each day, also how many hours each man should work each day, and if each man should have 6 hours off the station every day, also how many men should be on station at all times. My comments on Stokes' charges will follow in tomorrow's mail.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J.E.Harrison,
Keeper.

(C O P Y)

Sabine Pass Lighthouse,
June 17, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 14th relative to reply from William Stokes, I have the following comments to make.

1. Field glasses had been slightly damaged some three months previous to my absence but these glasses were in good serviceable condition when I left station. Stokes did not report to me that he broke glasses during my absence.

2. With reference to 10:50 radio run, I can't say what happened because I was not on the station, but from what I could find out set got overloaded and automatically kicked out causing alarm bell to ring. Stokes being a man with such a small understanding of how things are supposed to operate, he probably turned all of the setting adjustments himself instead of using his head and first trying the overload switch to see if it was thrown. This set sometimes will overload and automatically kick out from different causes. I don't know how Stokes knew that my child had been in radio room as no one saw him in the radio room. I understand Stokes was in radio room when bell started to ring. My children do not play in radio room at any time. I will refer Superintendent to Radio Electrician during his visits to station if he ever saw any of my children in radio room. I will also refer Superintendent to former Keepor as to Stokes' ability to do things right and his interest in his job.

3. I have asked Stokes a number of times to clean up his quarters and he consistently did not. He didn't want his quarters painted, said he didn't want to smell the paint and after his quarters were painted he hung his frying pans and cook pots on the walls of his bath room also tin cans, lamp shades, old magazines, papers, dirty rags on bath room shelves, dirty waste in his bath tub, stove dirty sink, dirty floors, dirty. I finally told Stokes if he didn't clean his quarters up I would have to make a report on it. He then started using profane language and said that was all he wanted me to do was just report him about something. He also said that it wasn't time to start work yet and that he was running his quarters to suit himself, that it wasn't any of my business.

4. I have never used profane or abusive language in giving or carrying out orders.

5. With further reference to morning radio watch I try to do some work each day towards the upkeep of the station. I arrange the work so the man on morning watch is near the radio room so that the radio is checked once an hour. Stokes would like to have some excuse not to do any work at all.

6. Further reference to paragraph 1, the reason Stokes refuses to come to station to write his complaints is that he is unable to write an intelligent letter. He has to get someone else to help him. With reference to further remarks of Stokes concerning gasoline when I made out monthly reports I found that 20 gallons of gasoline was short and not 10 as reported by Stokes. I simply asked all three assistants if they knew anything about it and all said no. I then told them that I couldn't make this gasoline up and if any more was missing I would have to bring it up to the station so we could watch it.

7. With reference to my wife's relatives being on station, my wife left station on a stretcher, being taken to the hospital in a Clayton & Thompson ambulance and was given two blood transfusions and wasn't expected to live. I sent for her relatives and they came, making over 700 mile trip and as there wasn't any place in Sabine to accomodate them I let them use my quarters and to my knowledge there was no extra trips made to Sabine for them as they went back and forth on the boat's regular trips. There are only two trips each day wrote up in the station journal during the time they were here. My wife is still ill and unable to do anything and I had to have someone to do the housework as I could not do the housework and keep the station work both up and I persuaded her mother to stay with her until she is able to do her work again. When Peeples was Keeper here and Stokes 3rd Assistant, Stokes frequently brought his family on the station and spent several days and nights on the station. I refer the Superintendent to J. A. Ryan for verification of this. Visiting rules have never been kept on this station since I have been here and was not kept at Head of Passes during the time I was at that station.

8. With reference to Keeper's staying off station at nights, this has been a custom ever since Peeples was made Keeper here. I told all three Assistants on June 4th that this practice would have to stop as it wasn't official and I could not let it continue. Stokes then remarked with an oath saying he was going at noon and didn't care if the Superintendent or anyone else liked it or not. I then told him to be back at 5 P.M., but he did not return and did not call up until 7:30 A.M. June 5th as previously reported.

9. I have never been able to send Stokes to do one single thing that I did not have to do over again. He has the least understanding and least interest in his job of anybody that I have ever had anything to do with. Stokes would have been all right if I would have let him stay off station all the time and did his work for him and let the station stay dirty and let him have his own way everything would have gone along all right; but as I did not I have caused him and all the other Assistants to dislike me. In fact, I have overheard some conversation between the Assistants which let me know how things were going. Stokes is also sore because I requested him to return the station tools so that we could use them when they were needed. During my absence on leave May 26-31 Stokes entered my quarters and used my shot gun and shot all my shells and did not say anything about this to me. About 4 days after my return to station I asked Stokes about this and he said Yes, that he killed some ducks.

10. Stokes never wipes lenses off or sweeps watch room when on last watch as directed to do. I have also found Stokes asleep on watch several times. On June 4th I cautioned Stokes not to sleep on watch any more. He told me that it was his business what he did when he was on watch.

11. I will refer Superintendent to anyone in Sabine as to Stokes being a good worker or holding a job or being reliable.

12. As to Stokes having further charges against me, I don't know what they might be. I would welcome an investigation as I have nothing to hide. I have caused myself all of this trouble by trying to get this station up in good condition. I realize that I have broken some rules by continuing some practices that were started by former Keepers. I have one comment to make on 2nd Assistant A.H. Brook's letter in regards to his having to put my two small children out of watch room several times. This was the first time that this was brought to my attention. I can say with all fairness to everyone concerned that Brooks is prejudiced against me as is the majority of all Assistants are prejudiced against the Keeper. I now stand convicted if the testimony of the Assistants is to weigh heavily. I also am ready to take my punishment whatever it may be as I have done my best the way I see it for the Service.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) J. E. HARRISON, KEEPER.

- C O P Y -

Sabine Pass Lighthouse

June 16th 1937.

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans
La.

Dear Sir

In reply to inclosed letter.

I

I wish to state that I have nothing personal against either man, I will submit my answers in an unbiased & truthful manner to the best of my ability.

II

Have read the inclosed charges of William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper & counter charges of Keeper J. E. Harrison.

A.

In regards to Field glasses.

Field glasses was dropped & one side of them broken by B.S.Thompson, 3rd Ass't Keeper a few months after he entered on duty at the Station, Keeper J. E. Harrison knew this, the glasses could still be used however.

While Keeper J. E. Harrison was on leave the Last time, I came on watch in the Radio Room & found both sides broken, I asked 1st Ass't Stokes who broke the other side of them & he said he dropped them & finished breaking them.

B.

In regards to Keepers children using the radio Room as a play house.

I cannot say they used it as a playhouse. However, I had to put the two smallest children out of the Radio Room several times. I have never had to put the two older ones out however.

C.

In regards to 1st Ass't William Stokes refusing to remove the mud Fill.

I came on watch in the Radio Room & was checking the 7 A.M. run, Keeper Harrison come out of his quarters & came to the Radio Room. He asked Mr. Stokes & Mr. Thompson if they seen all the Beacons when they were on watch that nite & they said yes, all were burning. He told them he wanted them to report to him hereafter when they looked for them at nite, They said allright, then he asked them if they checked the Beacon Batteries (Hydrometer Reading) when they were on watch, They Said No.

He said he wanted them checked & a report made to him in the future when they were on watch.

Then he said that this carelessness would have to stop, that the glasses was broken, the curtains was left out & blew in the mud & the walk was covered up by the Dredge.

He said we would have to get in the mud & get it out, Stokes said the Dredging Company was supposed to remove the walk & put it back when they were through.

Then Keeper Harrison said he was going to inspect quarters Monday Morning.

He told Stokes he would have to clean his quarters up, that they were dirty, Stokes said they passed the Superintendent's inspection the last time he was here & Keeper Harrison told him to gl clean his quarters, Stokes told him it was not time to turn to, He told Stokes that he would tell him when to turn to, that he was Boss of the Station & we would have to get the walk out of the mud fill, Stokes told him he would not get in the Mud & get it out, Then Keeper Harrison told us we would have to stay on the station in the Future. After that Stokes went & cleaned his quarters.

Said walk was covered in Keeper Harrison's absence, I asked 1st Ass't Stokes about getting the walk out of the mud when the Dredge started covering it up & he told me the Dredge's contract called for them to remove all walks & replace them back when they were through, He asked the Dump Foreman about it & the Foreman went to the Dredge & came back & said he was told to leave it where it was, Stokes told me not to touch it to leave it alone, that the Dredge was responsible for any damage done.

In regards to curtains, Mr. Stokes & Mr. Thompson & myself were painting in the Tower, Mr. Stokes & Mr. Thompson in the lens room & myself part way down the tower on the steps, Mr. Stokes went down to check the 10.50 run & Mr. Thompson also went down, Pretty soon I heard the Bell ringing, when Mr. Thompson returned I asked him what was wrong with the Radio & he said Mr. Harrison's Boy had gotten in there & turned every knob & switch he could reach. They missed a run & Mr. Stokes stayed down toncatch the 11:20 run to put the Radio back in tune with Galveston, shortly after Mr. Stokes hollered up to us to knock off & Mr. Thompson closed the Lens room up & I wiped the steps down & the curtains was left out on the porch, I asked Mr. Stokes in regards to the Radio incident & he told me the same as Mr. Thompson told me.

D

In regards to Keepers staying in Sabine at nights when off of watch.

Yes, the Keeper, First Assistant, Second Assistant & Third Assistant all stayed at their respectives houses in Sabine, Sabine Pass & Port Arthur when off watch.

Yes it was for a Longer period than six hours, can not say how long this was in practice prior to the time I came to this station, It was in practice however, when I came here, Aug 13, 1936.

I never questioned it when I was told I could do this, neither did I question it when I was told the practice would have to stop, when Mr. Stokes & Mr. Harrison had the argument I stayed on the Station.

Keeper Harrison moved to the station the last of March, so of course he did not go any more, but prior to that time he want to, when I was told to remain on the Station at Nights I did.

E

In regards to Keepers wife's relatives being at station & riding to & from Sabine in Lighthouse Launch.

Will Say Keepers wife's relatives did ride in Launch.

Keepers Wife's relatives came to Station the evening of May 28th 1937, In this group were Mother, Father, Sister & Brother & Sisterihlaw of Keepers Wife, the next day another brother came, all but the Mother left on June 1st 1937.

Mrs. Harrisons Mother is still at the station, Most of the party spent the nights at the Station but were gone most of the day up to Port Arthur to the Hospital where Keepers wife was Ill.

The Keepers wifes relatives were called here on account of Keepers wife's illness.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 14, 1937

A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter preferring charges against William Stokes. It is requested that you will submit a report to this office through the Keeper commenting on each paragraph, if you have any information thereto, and return the inclosed letter with your reply. It is desired to secure an unbiased and truthful report in regard to matters contained in this letter, of which you have knowledge.

2. There is also sent to you copy of reply of William Stokes to charges preferred by the Keeper. It is desired that you furnish information in regard to the following matters, if you have knowledge in regard thereto:

Were the field glasses broken a month before Harrison left the station, and did Mr. Harrison know that they were broken before he left the station?

Have the Keeper's children used the radio-room for a playhouse?

Did Mr. William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, refuse to remove the mud fill from the walk?

Have all of the keepers been remaining at Sabine at nights when off watch? If so, was this for a longer period than six hours? You will specifically report with regard to the Keeper, the First and Third Assistants, and also in regard to yourself.

Was the station boat used to bring the Keeper's wife's relatives from and to Sabine, and did the Keeper's wife's relatives remain at the station part of days and nights? If so, state the length of the stay and the persons who remained at the station who were not members of the Keeper's immediate family.

Did Mr. Stokes repeatedly assert during the past three years that he was going to quit, and expressed general dissatisfaction with his duties?

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 11 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sabine Tex.
June 10, 1937.

To Supt. of Lighthouse;
Sir;—
In reply to your letter, I have this to say: I am writing on personal paper, I ask Dtannison to send me paper from the station by second assistant and he absolutely refuses to let me have any; I do not want to go back on the station and have any more trouble with Dtannison as the boat comes over two or three times every day and would not cause any extra trouble,
In answere to No. 2.
The field glasses were broken about a month before Dtannison left station, and in his absence I dropped them and broke just like they were broken at first, I reported this to him, and told him I broke them.
No. 3.
Myself, the second, and third assis.

was painting in the tower, I come down to catch the 10.50 Radio run, and found D'Arcisen's boy had been in the Radio room and turned every knob on both sets as high as he could reach standing on a chair, and the chair was setting in front of No. 1 set. when I went in, about that time the third asst. came down after tobacco I suppose and heard the alarm bell ringing he came in Radio room and we began working to find the trouble so we missed that run completly, trying to get the set adjusted again, it was about 11.15 when we got it to working again, and I stood by to catch the 11.20 run, to make sure every thing was alright, the third went back to the tower, and 11.30 second and third closed up tower and come down for noon, and the curtains had been neglected being brought in, I come to

Saline for dinner and returned to the Station at four o'clock that evening, and Harrison did not speak to me until the next morning when he came out giving orders, telling us what we had to do. He does not give orders like we were men, but tries to drive us like we were dogs. He does not let us stand any Radio watch during the morning, he has more important work to do. His children use the Radio room for a playhouse.

No. 4.

I refer you to the other keepers I have worked under, also, the other men on the station, if I have influenced them in any way.

No. 5.

My quarters have been inspected by all the inspectors that come to the station, and are the same now as they were at that time, but Harrison

always came over at 6:30 A. M., and he did not come, I waited until 7:30 then called up and ask him to send the boat after me, he told me he would not send it, I ask him the second time and he said the boat would be over after a while. I ask what time and he said sometime during the day.

No. 8.

The Station launch was sent over about 9:30 by second assist keeper, and I told him that I had mined the office and was going to send in my resignation as I did not want to have any further trouble with Harrison.

No. 9.

I have said I was going to quit when I could get something better, but I have done my work along with the other keepers, I would like you to ask the other keepers about

this, and also, the way Dr Annison did his work before he was made keeper.

No. 10.

I have never failed to do any work I was ordered to do in a mannerly way.

No. 11.

I wined the Office that I could not work under Dr Annison another day, to keep down further trouble.

Futher Remarks:

When Dr Annison come back on Station, off of leave, he measured the gasoline and accused the keepers of stealing 10 gals. of gasoline, the gasoline was used to bring his wife's relatives back and forth across to Saline in the Station launch. There was 6 adults stayed on the Station past days and nights while he was on leave, and one has been there ever since he has

been back.
If and investigation is held I have other reports to make against Davidson in regards to other rules he has violated.

William L Stokes

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

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

REGISTERED MAIL

William Stokes
Sabine
Texas

1. The following report has been made with regard to your actions by the Keeper of Sabine Pass Lighthouse:

2. The Keeper states that the field glasses were left in the watch room during his absence from the station and, upon his return, they were found broken, and that you had no information as to how the glasses became broken. You were in charge of the station during the absence of the keeper.

3. The Keeper states that during his absence from the station on June 3, you and the Third Assistant were left painting inside of the tower; that upon his return to the station, about 1:30 P.M., the lens curtains were found in mid and water alongside of the tower; that this was due to your neglect in failing to re-hang the curtains when you finished painting; that you left them on the gallery of the tower from which they were blown. The Keeper states that he asked you why the shades had not been replaced and that you were impudent and sarcastic regarding the matter and that that is your general attitude concerning matters about the station.

4. The Keeper states that you are very lazy; that you resent doing anything towards the upkeep and maintenance of the station; that you are always grumbling about the work, and that your remarks have a tendency to discourage the other assistants.

5. The Keeper states that your quarters are not kept clean or orderly; that he had cautioned you to clean them, and that you told him, the Keeper, that it was none of his business, that you were running your quarters to suit yourself.

6. The Keeper states that, during his absence on leave May 26 to 31, the dredge started pumping around the station and that the boardwalk on the northwest corner of the dwelling was covered up, and that he, the Keeper, believes that, with proper attention, this could have been prevented. The Keeper states that you refused to help remove the mud fill from the top of this walk.

7. The Keeper states that you and the Third Assistant Keeper left the station at 12 noon on June 4 with the understanding that you would return at 5:00 P.M.; that the station boat waited for you at Sabine until 6:00 P.M., and that you did not arrive; that you did not call up until 7:30 A.M., June 5th, and that you demanded that the station boat be sent over for you at once, or that you would wire the office. The Keeper states that he told you he was busy at the time and that the boat would call for you shortly, and that you then demanded he send you a sheet of official paper, which the Keeper refused to do.

8. The Keeper states that, at 8:00 A.M., the Second Assistant Keeper went over with the station launch for you, and that you told the Second Assistant Keeper that you had resigned and did not intend to return to the station.

9. The Keeper states that you have been asserting during the past three years that you were going to quit, and that in his, the Keeper's, opinion, you do not want to do anything but stand your watch and stay away from the station as much as possible.

10. The Keeper states that you believe that you are being imposed upon by being required to perform the work necessary to maintain the station in proper order and condition. This has relation to painting and other maintenance work.

11. It also appears that you have been guilty of deserting the station and abandoning your work, having failed to report for duty since you left the station on June 4.

12. You are hereby charged with conduct unbecoming an employee in the Lighthouse Service, and, in accordance with civil service rules, you are given three days in which to submit such reply as you may deem fit to the charges preferred against you.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 7, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 5 relative to complaints made by Wm. Stokes. It is believed that my letter of June 5 covered these complaints thoroughly. If not, advise and I will explain further.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 5, 1937

William Stokes,
Sabine,
Texas

1. Your telegram of June 5th received. You should place your complaints in writing by letter to this office and not by telegram.

2. You should realize that it is not considered desirable to send anyone from this office to make investigations upon receipt of indiscriminate requests, such as yours sent to this office contrary to the provisions of the regulations which provide that all communications should be sent through the keeper.

3. Upon receipt of your complaint against Keeper Harrison in writing, stating specifically the causes for such complaints, the matter will be given immediate attention by this office. You should write your complaint in detail and hand same to Keeper Harrison, and, under the regulations, he is compelled to forward it to this office whether or not he assents to the contents thereof. Any other course on his part would be a violation of the regulations for which he would be held accountable by this office.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

POSTAL TELEGRAPH

NO1 31 GOVT - TDAR SABINE TEX 5 835A

SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES

KEEPER HARRISON REFUSED SEND BOAT FOR ME IN SABINE THIS MORNING I REFUSE TO WORK UNDER HARRISON ANOTHER DAY FORWARD RESIGNATION IMMEDIATELY HARRISON REFUSED TO FURNISH WRITING PAPER WILL APPRECIATE INVESTIGATION

WM STOKES

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 5, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Wm. Stokes and B. S. Thompson. 1st and 3rd Assts., left station yesterday at 12 noon with the understanding that they return at 5 P.M. The boat waited at Sabine until 6 P.M. and neither one of them showed up. At 7:30 P.M. Thompson called from Port Arthur saying that he was very ill and had to see a doctor and didn't know when he would return to station. Thompson was in good health when he left station.

Stokes did not call up until 7:30 A.M. this morning and demanded that I send right over after him or he would wire the office. I told him that we were busy at the present time but the boat would be over after him shortly. He then wanted me to send him a sheet of official paper and I refused to send him official paper off the station. He then hung up.

At 8 A.M. A. H. Brooks, 2nd Asst. went over after him and he told Brooks that he had resigned and did not return to station.

Mr. Stokes has been saying that he was going to quit for the past 3 years. The trouble with him is he doesn't want to do anything but stand his watch and stay off the station. He thinks I am imposing on him by doing a little work toward getting the station back in condition again.

Thompson has been talking about quitting ever since he has been on the station.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 4, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

During my absence from station yesterday June 3 repairing exhaust line on Sta. Launch 171 I left 1st and 3rd Assts. painting inside of tower. On my return to Sta. I found lense curtains floating in water alongside of tower about 1:30 P.M. due to neglect. The Assts. failed to rehang the shades when they quit painting and left them on galary of tower where they flew off. I picked up shades and washed and dried them but shades aren't in a very good condition as they are wrinkled and some of them have some small holes in them.

I asked the 1st Asst. why the shades was not replaced and he was very impudent and sarcastic regarding the whole matter as he is about everything else concerning the Sta. The 1st Asst. is a very lazy man. He doesn't want to do anything towards the upkeep of the Sta. and is always grumbling about the work. He keeps the other Assts. discouraged with his complaints. He doesn't keep his quarters cleaned or arranged as they should be kept. I cautioned him to clean his quarters up and he told me that it was not any of my business that he was running his quarters to suit himself.

During my absence on leave due to illness of my wife May 26-31, Dredge San Diego started pumping in around station. Due to neglect the 1st Asst. permitted the boardwalk which runs from the steps of watchroom to N.W. corner of dwelling and toilets to be covered up and he refuses to help dig these boards out of the mud.

He doesn't have any Keeper's uniform and refuses to buy one.

I am sorry to have to bring this to the Supt.'s attention but there seems to be no other solution as this man continually gets worse.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

August 2, 1937.

Memorandum for Mr. Kerlin

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Dismissal of William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, for desertion of his post, disobedience of lawful orders of the Keeper, and reluctance to perform work he was directed to do.

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The Bureau concurs with the recommendation of the Superintendent as does this office that First Assistant Keeper Stokes be dismissed. The Commissioner, however, disagrees with the Superintendent as to the action in Principal Keeper Harrison's case and recommends that he be cautioned and further report submitted by the Superintendent after observation for six months. The reasons for the Commissioner's recommendation are stated in his endorsement of July 3.

This office believes that Principal Keeper Harrison's dereliction warrant some disciplinary action which should not be so severe as to discourage his apparent industry and zeal for the betterment of the Lighthouse Service. Therefore, in lieu of the action suggested by the Superintendent and that proposed by the Bureau, this office suggests that the Department give consideration to cautioning Mr. Harrison and transferring him to another station at his present compensation.

AUG 2 1937

GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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Chief, Division of Personnel.

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Mrs. Gardner:

This isn't such a short summary but there is so much correspondence.

I feel the action recommended by the bureau is justified

A

Mr Gardner:
Do you think
the amt. Keepers
is being disciplined
too severly as compared
to the Keepers?
JH

Stokes served temporarily as keeper at $780 of Sabine Bank L.S. Pct. from 12-10-19 to 3-20-20.

He eod under prob. appt at Sabine Pass L.S. on 10-24-32; trans. to Los Angeles Harbor L.S. Calif. 7-1-33 because, as a measure of economy, he was placed in C.C.C. status at Sabine Pass; voluntarily resigned 7-15-33. reins. at Sabine Pass L.S. 2-1-34, as 3d asst keeper.

On Nov. 27, 1934, Stokes & other keepers were commended for assistance rendered a seaplane which was forced to land in front of station dock because of shortage of gasoline.

Promoted to 2nd asst keeper 7-1-36

" " 1st " " 7-1-37

June 4, 1937. Keeper J E Harrison reported to Supt. that upon his return to station on 6-3-37 he found lense curtains floating in the water alongside the tower. Stokes & other assts. failed to hang curtains after painting inside of tower & wind blew them off galary tower. Harrison accused Stokes of being impudent & sarcastic when asked why shades were not replaced. Also reported that Stokes is lazy & doesn't do any thing towards upkeep of station & is always grumbling about

the work; discourag[illegible]
his complaints; doesn't keep his quarters clean;
refused to help remove mud from board walk.

June 5 Keeper Harrison reported Stokes &
Ass't keeper B. S. Thompson as having station
at 12 noon June 4, with understanding they
would return at 5 p.m. At 7.30 p.m. Thompson
called from Port Arthur stating he (Thompson) was very ill
& could not say when he would return. Stokes
called at 7.30 a.m. June 5 & demanded someone
come after him. At 8.00 a.m. 2nd. asst. keeper
A H. Brooks called for Stokes but the latter
did not return to station.

June 5 Stokes by telegram, advised Supt.
that Harrison refused to send boat for him,
also stated he would not work under Harrison
another day & he would forward resignation
immediately. Also asked for investigation.

June 5 Supt. requested Stokes to submit
complaints in accordance with regulations after
which they would be given attention.

June 8. Stokes is furnished with report as to his
actions as made by Harrison in letter of June 4 & is charged with
conduct unbecoming an employee in the L.H. Service.

June 10 Stoner [illegible]
he does not want to return to station & have more trouble with Harrison. He reports that Harrison's children used radio room as a playhouse & that Harrison used station boat to transport his relatives to & from station also that some relatives remained at station while he was on leave. States he has other reports to make against Harrison if investigation is held. Accuses Harrison of giving orders to asst. as if they were dogs. States his quarters are same as when inspected. As to being lazy etc. he refers Supt. to other keepers under whom he worked. Reports Harrison ordered him in uncivil manner to remove mud fill from walk. Applins failure to return to station at 5:00 p m June 4 & states all keepers have stayed home at night when off watch for past 2 years. Denies he failed to do any work when ordered in a manly way.

June 14 Supt forwards to A H Brooks 2nd asst. keeper copy of charges against Stokes & requests his comments

June 16 Brooks states he put 2 of Harrison's children out of radio room on several occasions

Stokes as refusing to remove mud from walk also that he did clean his quarters after a considerable exchange of words with Harris. States all keepers have remained at home nights when off watch & that practice was being followed when he came there, Aug 13, 1936.

June 17 Harrison denies his children play in radio room. Refers Supt. to former keeper as to Stokes' ability to do things right & his interest in his job. States that Stokes refused to clean quarters on number of occasions. Denies using profane or abusive language in giving orders. States there were no accomodations at Saline for relatives & he therefore let them use quarters. Reports that visiting rules never have been adhered to since his assignment at Station; also that it has been custom for keepers to remain away from station at nights. Informed asst. on June 4 that practice must stop. Stokes remarked with oath he was going at noon and didn't care if Supt or anyone else liked it. Harrison told Stokes to return at 5.00 p.m. He did not return nor call until 7.30 next morning.

several [illegible] he remarked it was his business what he did when he was on watch. Harrison states he would welcome investigation. He admits violating some rules by continuing practices which were in existence before he took charge of station.

Conclusions

There appeared to be no doubt but that Stokes is guilty of deserting his post without authority and that he has disobeyed orders in not removing mud from walk, also that he has been reluctant in performing other duties

Harrison has violated the rules in permitting visitors to remain at the station, also in permitting keepers to stay at their homes at night.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 26 1937
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 22, 1937

CHIEF CLERK LIGHTHOUSES

JAN 25 9 03 AM '37

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

William Stokes, Effective date of change in Pay

1. Referring to Department letter of December 18, 1936, in the case of William Stokes, who was promoted from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper of the same station, with pay at the rate of $1440 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is January 1, 1937.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

JAN 25 1937

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

R J Groom

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~

WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

December 18, 1936.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1937, or entrance 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

DEC 28 1936

Chief, Division of Personnel.

~~Chief of Appointment Division~~.

From: $1380.

To: $1440

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit):

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 15 1936
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

1936 DEC 14 PM 2 03

New Orleans, La., December 12, 1936
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

1936 DEC 14 PM 2 03

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 18 1936
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Action recommended, Promotion

Legal residence, Texas

Name, William Stokes

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Position, Keeper (in the Lighthouse Service)

Proposed range, $1440-$1800

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, January 1, 1937

[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, $1380 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Former range, $1380-$1740

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, John E. Harrison ($1440 p.a.) (Lt. #162) Services to be terminated, December 31, 1936

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: February 23, 1896

Remarks:

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

E. V. Lamplier.

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 14 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

W. 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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 30 8 29 AM '36

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 28, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

William Stokes, Second Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., effective date of change in pay.

1. Referring to Department letter of June 20, 1936, in the case of William Stokes, who was promoted from the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at that station, with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty.

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is July 1, 1936.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

ENTERED ON COMPLETION OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 7/31/36

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CHIEF CLERK

JUL 31 1936

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1936.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty. (Change in duties).

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,

COMMR. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 23 1936

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1380 per annum

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 15 1936 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

1936 JUN 16 AM 10 00

New Orleans, La., June 11, 1936
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 20 1936 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Promotion — **Legal residence,** Texas

Name, William Stokes — Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. (2nd Dist.) — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, July 1, 1936 — ~~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, $1320

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. (3rd Dist.) — Former range, $1320-$1680

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, John E. Harrison (Lt. #188) $1380 p.a. to be Services terminated, June 30, 1936

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: Feb.23, 1896

Remarks:

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

E. S. Land
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 15 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Chief Clerk

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC - 5 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
November 27, 1934

DEC - 5 AM 9:48
CHIEF CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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William Stokes, Third Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Lighthouse,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from the Keeper, dated November 23, 1934, in which he reports that, on November 19, at 12:30 P.M., Seaplane NC 9378, named "Marion", with one passenger aboard, bound from New York to South America, was forced to land in front of station dock on account of a shortage of gasoline; that you assisted in bringing the plane to the dock and in transporting the men to Sabine so they could secure gasoline in Port Arthur; that they were then returned to the plane which left the dock at 6:00 P.M.

2. This office takes pleasure in commending you for the assistance which you rendered in this instance.

3. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and this commendation will be made part of your official record.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

2 copies to Commissioner

noted

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
December 4, 1934.

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

R. J. Trover
Chief, Personnel Division.

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Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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CHIEF CLERK

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, Eighth Lighthouse Dist.,
New Orleans, La., January 29, 1934
(Bureau or Office)

I, William 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.

William Stokes
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, A. D. 1934

at Sabine, Texas
(City or place) (State)

[SEAL]

Carlton Adamson
Ex officio Notary Public

APPROVED:

CHIEF CLERK

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

With office Feb 8 1st 1934

Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (Third Assistant)
Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Date of entrance on duty February 1, 1934

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 10—1689

CARDED Date 2/15/34

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1934.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Reinstatement.

Civil Service authority: Certificate No. S-404.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

JAN 26 1934

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Henry Olsen.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 22 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

REINSTATEMENT CERTIFICATE No. S-404

January 20, 1934

To the Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to your request of January 12, 1934, (Date) the following reinstatment is hereby authorized:

William Stokes (Name) of Texas (Residence)

FORMER STATUS	STATUS AUTHORIZED
Department of Commerce (Department)	Department of Commerce (Department)
Lighthouse Service (Bureau or office)	Lighthouse Service (Bureau or office)
Keeper (Position, grade, and salary)	Keeper (Position, grade, and salary)
$1500 per annum	$1320 per annum
Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, California (City in which formerly employed)	Sabine Pass Light Station, Louisiana (City in which to be employed)
July 15, 1933, resigned, w.o.p. (Date and manner of separation)	

Fingerprints received.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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TION TAKEN
JAN 25 1934
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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. ~~Secretary~~.

NOTE.—The certificate as issued is subject to the provisions of the act making appropriations for the department, bureau, or establishment.

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REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT

of _____

FIRST INDORSEMENT

(To be executed by department or office where person was formerly employed)

_____, _____
(Department) (Place and date)

Returned to _____

1. Total length of service 12-10-19, to 3-20-20, and 10-24-32 to 7-15-33

2. How many days sick leave were taken during last year of employment? State number of occasions when such leave was taken None

3. What was his latest efficiency rating? Not rated

4. What was the reason for his leaving the service? Resignation

5. If he resigned, was such resignation entirely of his own initiative and volition? Yes

6. Is he unqualifiedly recommended for further Government employment? Yes

7. If removed on charges or permitted to resign in lieu of removal, give resumé of charges, or reasons, or attach copy:

(Signature) _____

(Title) _____

SECOND INDORSEMENT

(To be executed by department or office in which reinstatement is proposed)

Commerce, January 12, 1934.
(Department) (Date)

To the U. S. Civil Service Commission:

Certificate for the reinstatement of the person named in the basic communication is requested, such reinstatement being desirable for the following reasons:

1. State what particular need he can fill that can not just as well be filled by promotion or appointment from a register:

Mr. Stokes was formerly employed at this station to which it is proposed to assign him. Form 2413 and Marital Status Affidavit are herewith. Mr. Stokes' fingerprints were submitted in connection with his original appointment.

2. State any other reasons favoring reinstatement

By direction of the Secretary:

WM. J. GARDNER. JAN 12 1934

(Signature) _____

(Title) Chief of Appointment Division.

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Standard Form No. 15
Approved by the President March 10, 1926

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT

COMMERCE
(Department, bureau, or office)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 12, 1934.

(To be executed by department in which reinstatement is proposed and sent to department or office where person was formerly employed)

To: The Civil Service Commission:

With a view to the reinstatement of Mr. William Stokes, date of birth February 23, 1896, who resides at Sabine, Texas it is requested that the information called for in the first indorsement hereon be furnished this department:

FORMER STATUS:	STATUS TO BE AUTHORIZED:
Department of Commerce (Department)	Department of Commerce (Department)
Lighthouse Service (Bureau or office)	Lighthouse Service (Bureau or office)
Keeper at $1500 per annum (Position, grade, and salary)	Keeper at $1320 per annum (Position, grade, and salary)
Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, Calif. (City in which formerly employed)	Sabine Pass Light Station, Louisiana (City in which to be employed)
Resignation, July 15, 1933 (Date and manner of separation)	None (Members of family in civil service)*

MILITARY OR NAVAL RECORD

(Signature) _____

(Official title) _____

Inclosure.

* State names, degree of relationship, and where employed.

NOTE.—The reverse side of this request must be properly executed in all cases. If reinstatement is proposed in the same department or office where formerly employed, the same officer may sign the basic communication and First Indorsement. If former service was in a different department, the First Indorsement must be signed by the proper official of the department where formerly employ

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In April of this year Mr. Stokes was given the choice of being furloughed from the position of Keeper at Sabine Pass Lightstation, Texas, for a period of one year, or transferred to Los Angeles Harbor Lightstation, California. He accepted the transfer, effective July 1. Shortly thereafter, by reason of illness in his family, he resigned in order that he may return to Texas. He was promised that he would be given consideration for appointment to the first vacancy at Sabine Pass Lightstation. The attached recommendation is for his reinstatement to a position at that station.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 22 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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8th DISTRICT.

a., December 15 2 9, 1933
(Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 29 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

al residence, Texas

posed salary, $1320

posed range, $1320-$1680

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 9 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. Appropriation, Sals. L.H. Keepers

Effective, January 1, 1934 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty; or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, - - - Former range, - - -

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

(Lt.#2049)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry Olsen / $1320 p.a. to be Services terminated, about December 21, 1933

Reason, To be promoted to position of Second Asst.Keeper

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, February 23, 1896

Remarks: Chart of Mr. Stokes' fingerprints was made in connection with his original appointment.

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

E. S. Lanphier.

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, justification, Form S.S.93-A, Form 124-b, affidavit as to marital status, and medical certificate being hereto attached.

THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION
Action O. K.
Kerlin
Asst. Asst. to Secy.

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C. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form 73
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LIGHTHOUSES
1933 DEC -18- AM 9:10

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 22 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 20 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

New Orleans, La., (City) December 15 (Date) 19 33

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement- In accordance with C.S.Rule IX, par.1a

Name, William Stokes

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, January 1, 1934

Legal residence, Texas

Proposed salary, $1320

Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 9 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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

Former position, - - -

Location, - - -

Former salary, - - -

Former range, - - -

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry Olsen (Lt.#2049) $1320 p.a. Services to be terminated, about December 21, 1933

Reason, To be promoted to position of Second Asst.Keeper

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, February 23, 1896

Remarks: Chart of Mr. Stokes' fingerprints was made in connection with his original appointment.

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

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1933

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Assistant to Secretary

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Form S. S. 93-A

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[1] STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY REINSTATEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON

Name: William Stokes Date of Birth: February 23, 1896

Address Sabine, Texas

Members of family (if any) in the service—

Name: - - - Relationship: - - -

Where employed: - - -

What particular need the person proposed for reinstatement can fill that can not just as well be filled by promotion or appointment from a register: Mr. Stokes was formerly employed as 3rd Asst. Keeper at Sabine Pass L.S.Texas, and was furloughed June 1,1933, due to the fact that it was necessary to place an older employee in his position at that station.

Such other reasons favoring reinstatement as may be applicable: He was transferred to the 18th Dist as 2nd Asst.Kpr.at Los Angeles Harbor L.S.from which position he resigned. His reemployment is recommended as he did not leave this district voluntarily

CASES OF REINSTATEMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

Total length of service: About 8 mos. 7 das.

Number of days of sick leave taken during last year of employment: None

Number of occasions when such leave was taken: - - -

Last efficiency rating: Above .8

Reason for leaving the service. (If by resignation, whether such resignation was entirely of employee's own initiative and volition): Resigned.of his own accord.

Whether unqualifiedly recommended for further Government employment. (Should be answered "Yes" or "No"): Yes

If removed on charges or permitted to resign in lieu of removal, give résumé of charges or reasons, or attach copy:

W P Harman

Head of Bureau.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

[1] This Form should accompany Form S. S. 93, "Personnel Recommendation," when reinstatement is proposed.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Form 124 b—Field
November, 1931

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Light House Service.
(Branch of service or department)

DEC 13 1933

Sabine, Texas
(Name of city) (State)

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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. (a) State place of birth Houston County Ala. (b) Exact date of birth Feb 23 1896 (Month, day, and year)
2. What examination did you take? Physical only 3. State race white
4. To what position have you been offered appointment or actually appointed? Asst. Light House 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. (See Sec. I of attached form.) 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
I J Stokes	Address unknown	Position Light House Department or office Keeper	Brother	married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

6. Were any of the above-named persons appointed to the Government service after you made your application for examination? No If so, give the name of each such person and state whether he is living in the same house with you:
7. What is your present address (give street and number, city, and State)? Sabine Texas How long have you resided at this address? 14 years
8. Since you filed your application for this position, have you held any position or office under the United States or under any State, county, or municipality? No If so, state the place, position, and salary
9. Have you been retired from the military or naval service of the United States? No If so, state (a) Whether for age, length of service, or disability (b) Amount of retirement pay
10. Have you been discharged for cause or have you resigned any position under compulsion since filing your application for examination? No
11. Have you been arrested, fined, or convicted of any offense since filing your application for examination? No If your answer is "Yes," give details on the back of this sheet, showing dates, places, and nature of offenses.
12. Have you paid or offered or promised to pay any money or any other thing of value to any person, firm, or corporation for the use of influence to procure your appointment? No
13. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form? Yes

I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true in every particular.

Date Dec 10 1933 William I Stokes
(Signature)

THE NOMINATING OFFICER MUST EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATE ON THE REVERSE OF THIS SHEET.

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(OVER)

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? ----------

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belcngs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.

H. H. Braun Jr.
(Signature)

Chief Clerk
(Official title)

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This Paper should be returned to the District Manager when completed.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

EMA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 22 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1933 AUG-22- AM 9:46
AUG-21- AM 8:54
CHIEF CLERK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

August 14,1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Department letter of August 7, 1933, advising Mr. William Stokes that his resignation had been accepted effective at the close of business on a date later to be determined and reported.

2. The Bureau is advised that Mr. William Stokes' resignation from the position of Second Assistant Keeper, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, with salary at $1500.00 per annum, became effective at the close of July 15,1933. The vacancy caused by Mr. William Stokes' resignation was filled by the temporary emergency appointment of Mr. Allen O. Pecor commencing July 22,1933, pending the transfer of a furloughed employee.

H. W. Rhodes

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Report in general

AUG 22 1933
CARDED

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
AUG 26 1933
SHEET NO. 4340
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 7, 1933.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

Bureau..... Lighthouses

Position..... Keeper

Allocation.....

Salary..... $1500 per annum

Station..... Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, California

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

AUG 10 1933

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CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

EMA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG - 7 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, California, July 6th, 1933

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William Stokes — Position, Keeper (Second Assistant)

Legal residence, Texas — Station, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, Calif.

Salary, $1500.00 per annum

The acceptance without prejudice of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 15, 1933, or as soon thereafter as he is released

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

Remarks:

See attached letter.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
AUG 8 - 1933
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1933 AUG - 7 - AM 9:50
CHIEF CLERK

H. W. Rhodes
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, the effective date to be reported.

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A. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 7 1933
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Los angeles Harbor
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 6, 1933

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Assoc. Eng. 1
Assoc. Eng. 2
Chf. Clk.
Accounts
Personnel
Purch. & Cont.
Files
Trans. & Prop.
Hydrog.
Airways
Messenger

Sup of Lighthouses
San Francisco Calif
Sir I Wish to Resign From the
Position of Second assistant keeper
at Los angeles Harbor Lightstation
My Wife is expecting a baby
the first in September and She
just Will not Stay
I Wish my Resignation to
take effect not Later than July 15th
because after that time
my Wife Will be unable to
travele
By Doing this I do
not Wish to Lose out in the Light
House Service But Would Like to get
Back in the 8 th District Respectfully

Will Stokes

Forwarded July 6, 1933
J. D. Conklin.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 12 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

TO Dept

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1933 JUL 11 PM 3:15
CHIEF CLERK

July 3, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Department letter of June 6th advising Mr. William Stokes that his compensation had been changed effective on date of entrance on duty the Bureau is advised that Mr. William Stokes entered on duty as Fourth Assistant Keeper, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station effective commencing July 1st, with compensation at $1500.00 per annum. Mr. Stokes was transferred from Third Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass, Texas, in the Eighth Lighthouse District.

H. W. Rhodes

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
July 11, 1933

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Foose

Chief, Personnel Division.

CARDED

ENTERED ON COMPLETION
OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date AUG 9 - 1933

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 6, 1933.

M. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective June 6, 1933, or entrance on duty (change of station).

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,

F. A. DELONG

JUN - 8 1933

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1500 per annum.

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

CARDED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73

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LIGHTHOUSES

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1933 MAY - 29 AM 11 : 32

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 31 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1933 MAY - 31 PM 2:54

San Francisco, Calif., May 25th, 1933
(City) (Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN - 6 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer & Change in Compensation Legal residence, TEXAS

Name, William Stokes — Proposed salary, $1500.00 A.

Position, Keeper (Second Assistant) — Proposed range, $1500-1860 — Without family quarters. Only bachelor quarters furnished.

Location, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

Effective, June 1, 1933 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Third Assistant) — Former salary, $1320.00 A. Family quarters furnished

Location, Sabine Pass, La. — Former range, $1320-1680

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, ~~Arthur Johnson, $1500. A.~~ A. O. Pecor (Lt. #790) Services terminated, ~~March 18, 1933~~ employee. Filled temporarily by A. O. Pecor, $1500. A. May 8, 1933, pending transfer of furloughed

Reason, ~~Death of Johnson on March 18th~~

Members of family in Government service, Brother, Keeper, Chandeleur Lighthouse, Louisiana.

Date of birth, Feb. 23, 1895

Remarks: See letter of Wm. Stokes attached accepting transfer and correspondence from 8th District re transfer. Justification Sheet attached.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JUN 7 1933
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. W. Rhodes
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 31, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Justification is not submitted for the reason that a reduction in the gross pay of the nominee is involved.

Action O. K.
Thos. B. Stewart
Acting Chief Clerk

A. 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.

WJB:LEC
Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAY 15 1933
SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
May 10, 1933

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Assoc. Eng. 1
Assoc. Eng. 2
Chf. Clk.
Accounts
Personnel
Purch. & Cont.
Files
Trans. & Prop.
Hydrog.
Airways
Messenger

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco,
California

1. In connection with the application of William Stokes, Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, this district, for transfer to the position of assistant keeper at Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, your district, you are advised that Keeper Stokes has just finished his six months probationary period at Sabine Pass Light Station, which is a radiobeacon station having internal combustion engines, electric generators and electric revolving light. Therefore, he is trained in radiobeacon work.

2. Sabine Pass Light Station also has charge of acetylene and minor electric lights, and Keeper Stokes has had experience in that work. The Keeper reports his services as satisfactory.

3. A copy of service record card of Keeper Stokes is inclosed for your information.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSE
MAY 15 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Assoc. Eng.
Assoc. Eng.
Chf. Clk.
Accounts
Personnel
Purch. & Cont.
Files
Trans. & Prop.
Hydrog.
Airways
Messenger

Sabine Pass
5/8/23

Supt, 8th Eighteenth [illegible]

Sir,

You will see by the
inclosed letter, that
I am being layed
off in this district,
Please aduise me at
once if this vacancy
is still open,
in the event it is
I would be glad to
except the place,

Yours Truly,
Wm Stokes,

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RINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
WJB:LEC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 28, 1933

William Stokes, Third Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. As a measure of economy, this office regrets to advise you that you will be placed on leave without pay (administrative furlough) for a period not to exceed one year in order to make room for the transfer of a keeper with longer service from a station which will be discontinued, about May 29th.

2. The Bureau advises this office that there is a vacancy at Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, Eighteenth District, in the range $1500-$1860, without family quarters. Advise this office whether or not you would consider transfer to this position.

3. In the event you desire this transfer, you should communicate with the Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Cal., and advise this office promptly so that a letter may be written to the Superintendent in regard to the matter.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 2770
Oct., 1932

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SRR:ACT:HP

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 13 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

.....May.12,.1933.....

Acting Chief of Appointment Division,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated May 9, 1933,

relative to the date of birth of William Stokes,

employed as keeper,

~~ak~~ in the Lighthouse Service,

who furnishes a Census report of April 15, 1910,

showing that February 23, 1896, is the correct date of birth.

Notation accordingly is being made on the records of this office.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

E. C. Babcock

E. C. Babcock,
Secretary.

The records show he has given four dates of birth - 1893 - 1894 - 1895 and 1896. It is suggested that his attention be called to it, and in the future adhere to the date 1896.

May 15, 1933.

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.

EDW. J. GARDNER MAY 15 1933

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1933.

The Civil Service Commission:

The Department transmits herewith Report from Census Bureau in the case of William Stokes employed as keeper at $1320 per annum in the Lighthouse Service in support of his claim that he was born on February 23, 1896.

Information is requested as to whether this date may be accepted by the Department as the correct date of his birth.

Other dates of record:
Last Personal History Sheet filed - February 23, 1893
Personal History Sheet previously filed - February 23, 1894

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

W. A. DELONG MAY 10 1933

Acting Chief of Appointment Division

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1933 MAY - 1 - AM 9:28

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 4 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
1933 MAY - 4 - PM 2:28

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 28, 1933

Chief of Personnel Division,
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses)

1. Referring further to the correct date of birth in the case of William Stokes, Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, as directed in letter of March 28, 1933, this office wrote Mr. Stokes to secure a report from the Bureau of the Census, with which he complied.

2. The report is forwarded herewith showing that William Stokes was 14 years of age at the time the census of 1910 was taken.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington May 3, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce together with Mr. Stokes' letter of December 7, 1932, and affidavit of January 22, 1933, in compliance with request for documentary evidence as to date of birth.

For the Commissioner:

R J Groom
Chief of Personnel Division

Incls
H-M

Sabine, Texas, December 7, 1932.

LIGHTHOUSES DEC 10 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
(Through the Keeper of
Sabine Pass Light Station).

1933 JAN-30- AM 9:22 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sir :

Partially replying to your letter of 16th instant, in which I am advised that seeming discrepancy exists in the date of my birth, and directing that I furnish proof, in one of four ways set forth in your letter, I have to say that in answer to carbon copy of letter attached hereto, I am just in receipt of letter dated Dec. 3, 1932, from my elder brother I. J. Stokes, Keeper of Station A, Gulf Port, Mississippi, in which he states that he can only advise that, I was born in Dale County, Alabama, about 13 miles North of Ozark, and Dr. Midlebrooks, then residing at Elamville, was present.

I am writing to Dr. Midlebrooks at Elamville, Barbour County, Alabama, for such certificate as he can supply; and am also writing to the County Clerk and/or Keeper of Vital Statistics, at Ozark, Dale County, Alabama, requesting certified copy or photostat copy of Public Records, showing date of my birth. If there was any church record from which my birth date could be established, I am unable to obtain knowledge of it, and there is said to be no family record extant.

After receipt of such information as these written requests may elicit, I will make further report to you, in keeping with form of your letter under acknowledgment.

Regretting inability to speed this matter, more, I am, with great respect,

Obediently,

William Stokes

William Stokes.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Jefferson. }

Before me, the undessigned authority, this day personally appeared William Stokes, to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say :

All the information that I have pertaining to the place and date of my birth was obtained from my brothers and sisters., to the effect that I was born in or near Houston County, Alabama, on February 23rd, 1895; and my age as given at time of my enlistment, on May 21st, 1917, was based on such information. I do not know that my parents were or were not affiliated with any church; or if there was a family record. I have been advised that there was a Doctor Middlebrooks attended my mother at time of my birth, but I have been unable to locate him, letters addressdd to him at his last to me known address eliciting no reply.

William Stokes

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Sabine, Texas, this 22nd day of January, A. D., 1933.

F. H. Robinson
Notary Public in and for Jefferson County, Texas.
My Commission expires June 1, 1933.

Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)
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LIGHTHOUSES
1932 OCT-28- AM 9:47
CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 29 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1932 OCT 28 PM 2:48

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District
New Orleans, La., October 11, 1932
(Bureau or Office)

I, William 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.

William Stokes
(Signature of Appointee)

CARDED

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of October, A. D. 1932.

at Sabine, ~~Texas~~, (City or place) Texas. (State)

[SEAL]

ENTERED ON COMPLETION OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 11-3-'32

F. H. Robinson,
Notary Public, Jefferson County, Texas.
My Commission Expires June 1, 1933.

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

My Commission Expires June 1, 1933. F. H. Robinson, Notary Public.

8

Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (Sabine Pass L.S. Texas)

Date of entrance on duty October 24, 1932

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

A discrepancy having developed in date of birth in the case of William Stokes an employee of your bureau, it is necessary that the correct date be made of record in the Department. It is therefore requested that evidence to establish correct date of birth by one of the methods outlined in the enclosed form be obtained and forwarded to the Department at an early date.

P. H. S. previously filed - Feb. 23, 1894
Last P.H.S. filed - Feb. 23, 1893

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

Chief Clerk.

NOV 3 1932

Enclosure.
SKG

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President 3/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 29 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1932 OCT 28 AM 9:47

Department or Establishment Commerce, 8th Lighthouse District Date Sept 15, 1932

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

2. Present address Sabine 74
(Number) (Street) (City) (State)

3. Legal (voting) residence Texas (2) Jefferson Sabine.
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

4. Where born Alabama Houston County When born * Feb 23 1893
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Month Day Year)

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

* C.S.C. sap carried date is Feb. 23, 1896

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

See letter in file

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 wife 29 child 11 child 9 child 2

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
U.S.C.S.		Keeper	$						

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
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position 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?
(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

Enlisted July 28 1917 Discharged April 29, 1919
Rank private Rank
Organization 42 Field Artillery 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.) _____

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
Fishing and boating		20 years

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 Mrs William Stokes,

Relationship wife Post office address Sabine Tx

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

William L Stokes

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 10—1930

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1932.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

CARDED

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

OCT 15 1932

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: John E. Harrison.

Legal Residence: Texas.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES 1932 SEP-21 AM 9:42

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 1932 SEP-28 AM 11:46

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 28 1932 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT, POST OFFICE

New Orleans, La., September 17, 1932.
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT - 4 1932 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Probational appointment. To fill pending vacancy. Legal residence, Texas.

Name, William Stokes * Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. Appropriation, Sals., Kprs. of L.H.

Effective, September 26, 1932, [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

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

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 89.5% Pref., Other eligibles considered:

Robt.N.Robson, FR; S.C.Cameron, C. Geo.R.Fletcher, FR; Arthur Marshall, C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, J.E.Harrison, (Lt.#2049) to be dism $1320 P.A. Services terminated, about Sept.25,1932,

Reason, To be transferred to position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Head of Passes L.S.,La.
Recom-8/24/32-Still pending.

Members of family in Government service, I.J.Stokes, brother, married. Keeper in Lighthouse Service.

Date of birth, February 23, ~~1895~~ 1896 (?) Corrected by L.S.Com on 5/12/33

Remarks: The filling of this position is necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property, as per justifications form attached.

* There was a Wm. Stokes employed at this same dist. & sup. in 1920- Date of birth given as 2/23/1894. Bureau doesn't know if it is the same man.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission~~, SEP 19 1932, 19---

E. H. Thomas
Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. S. Gaughier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

PROBATIONAL 8/28/32

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, justification form accompanying.

#239, 786/1B Approved by Pres. 10/8

Action O. K.
Kerlin
Adm. Asst. to Secy

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 13 1932 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

C. W. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 8 1920 HOUSES

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 5, 1920.

CHIEF CLERK

1920 APR 10 AM 9 39
APPOINTMENTS

William Stokes,
cancellation of
appointment

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Returned herewith, in duplicate, is Department certificate dated March 17, 1920, covering probationary appointment of William Stokes as keeper in the Lighthouse Service at $840 per annum.

1920 APR 10 AM 10 07

2. William Stokes has declined to report for duty at Sabine Bank Light Station under this appointment and it is therefore requested that his appointment be returned to the Department for cancellation.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
APR 10 1920

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
U. S. REPORT DEPT.
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APR - 8 1920

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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Acting Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1920.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.

CANCELED

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,

CANCELED

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Florida.

(See reverse side.)

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CANCELED

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1920.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.

Sir:

CANCELED

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.

CANCELED

By direction of the Secretary,

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD [illegible]

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
MAR 19 1920
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED

Chief of Appointment Division.

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C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Florida.

(See reverse side.)

Eighth District

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Form 73
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NOMINATION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT MAR 15 HOUSE

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

New Orleans, La., March 13, 1920.191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment. 1920 MAR 17 PM 2 01

Name, William Stokes — Legal residence, Florida

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $840 per annum

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 21, 1920, — {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

CANCELED

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

Location, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - APPOINTMENTS

Rank on eligible list, First Rating, Assistant Keeper Percentage, 87.2, Other eligibles considered: 1920 MAR 17 PM 3 32

Charles Bateman, C; William H. Wright, C.

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

Reason, Now serving under temporary appointment at 780 pending establishment of a register of eligibles for probationary appointment.

Members of family in Government Service, Allen Stokes, Brother, Married, Temporary Keeper, Sabine Bank L.S., Texas.

Remarks: William Stokes has been serving temporarily at Sabine Bank Light Station since December 10, 1919. Prior to that time he had never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Sabine Bank Light Station for the family of the second assistant keeper. There are no keepers in this district who desire transfer to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission March 13, 1920

E. J. Young
Secretary. 10 B Civil Service District.

E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CANCELED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAR 18 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
MAR 16 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

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

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CHIEF CLERK 31

1920 APR 5 PM 3 12

Name of employee William Stokes

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $780 p.a.

Place of employment Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

Last day served March 20, 1920.

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CARDED

C. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Official title.)

Date April 1, 1920.

Lighthouse Service
(Bureau or service.)

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LIGHT HOUSES DEC 15 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

APPOINTMENTS DEC 17 1919 CHIEF CLERK

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

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

MR. William Stokes

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

William Stokes

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

5. Compensation $780 per annum.

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

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

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

San Blas (City or town.) Florida (State or Territory.) Bay (County.) 3 (Congressional district.)

CARDED

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

San. Blas. Florida.

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

11. Where were you born? Houston Co Alabama 1896 ORd by C.S.Com

12. When were you born? Feb (Month.) 23rd (Day.) 1894 (Year.) 5/12/33

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out —— See letter in file

~~Single~~

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

Allen Stokes (Name.) —— (Number and street.)

San Blas (City or town.) Florida (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? None

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

Good Health

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

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

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

None

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Co B 156 D B	May 21 1917	Dec 3 1918	Honorably

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

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

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

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

25. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and the name and location of each of the schools of higher grade than high schools; give the institution, degree received, and date if such case. Examples: Common school, high school, business college, Cornell University, A. B., 1896; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.)

Common School educating

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

mechanical operating gasoline Engine

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

none

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

Date, Nov 26 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) William Stokes

P. O. Address: Lake Blue
(City or town.)

(Number and street.)

Fla
(State or Territory.)

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

MDO

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded December 12 1919.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Signature) F. A. Muth

(Official title) First Assistant Superintendent.

MDB.

JAN 8 1920 8 PM

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED JAN 9 1920

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 8 1920

I, William Stokes, CHIEF CLERK

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

1920 JAN 8 PM 3 5

William Stokes
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 31st day of December, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) F. H. Robinson.

(Official title) Notary Public, Jefferson Co., La.

My commission expires June 1, 1921.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present: Keeper in the Light-house Service	$780 p.a.	Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
Former: Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

MCC

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF [redacted] 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., January 3, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 10, 1919.
(Date)

Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Signature of officer authorized to act)

[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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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1919.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

effective December 10, 1919.

CARDED

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

Eighth

C. S. REPORT DATA M—1393

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 23 1919

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans, La., December 12, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT DEC 15 1919 HOUSES

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William Stokes — Legal residence, Florida

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $780 p.a.

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses. 14

Effective December 10, 1919, {'the actual date of entrance on duty. or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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

Location, -

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

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, (William S. Armstrong) Services terminated, December 5, 1919.

Reason, RESIGNED.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at Sabine Bank Light Station, William Stokes was assigned to duty on Dec. 10, 1919. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission Dec 12, 1919

TEMPORARY
Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

First Assistant Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 18 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

DEPARTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN DEC 22 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

C. S. REPORT DATE DEC 19 1919 PM 2 05 ENTERED

Acting Commissioner

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
AUG 9 1933
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Los Angeles Harbor
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 7, 1933.

Supt.
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Supt. of Lighthouses
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir -

Mr. William Stokes, the assistant keeper from Texas, recently on duty at this station, owes the A & P store in San Pedro ($8.49) Eight dollars forty nine cents for his share of the mess.

The mess at this station during the last two years has cost me $9.00 on dead beats and I cannot pay Mr. Stokes' bill.

Respectfully
S. D. Conklin.

OFFICE, SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

August 10, 1933.

Keeper, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station.

1. Referring to your letter of August 7th regarding Mr. Stokes' mess bill, you are advised that Mr. Stokes advised this office that he owed this money and requested that it be taken out of his pay as he had no money to pay it at the time he left the station. Mr. Stokes was sent two checks, one for $8.49 and the other for the remaining salary due him and as soon as the $8.49 check is received back in this office, endorsed, it will be sent to the store in payment of his bill.

H. W. RHODES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JUL 17 1933

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Get Stokes to endorse check for $8.00 & return here might be would be wise to give check to me.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
Los Angeles Harbor
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 15, 1933.

Supt. of Lighthouses
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir -

I haven't the money to pay my mess bill while at the Los Angeles Harbor Lightstation.

Would it be possible for you to make a check out to the Keeper to cover this?

The amount is eight dollars ($8.00).

Respectfully

Will Stokes
Sabine Tex

check mailed 8/4/33 T.

P.S.

Balance of check should be sent me at

Sabine, Texas.

Will Stokes

Written by Conklin - Signed by Stokes.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 14 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 11, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir

Copy of registered letter delivered to William Stokes 12 noon this day as directed in letter of June 8.

Respt.
J. E. Harrison
Keeper.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

SEP - 4 1937

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

August 26, 1937.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of desertion of your post of duty, disobedience of lawful orders of the Keeper, and reluctance to perform work which you were directed to do, having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper at $1440 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of June 4, 1937.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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LIGHTHOUSES

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

J. W. Harrison
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery, 9-9, 1937

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

September 8,1937.

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is Department of Commerce letter dated August 26,1937, advising you of your dismissal from the position of Keeper at $1440 p.a. in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of June 4, 1937.

2. Check for services performed by you from June 1-4,1937, will be mailed to you as soon as received from the Regional Disbursing Officer.

Respectfully,

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

Copy for information of J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BY REGISTERED MAIL.

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Copy for information of J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sabine Pass, Texas
Aug 21 1937.

Supt of Lightthouse
New Orleans, La.

Sir — I have not received my check for June services, Please send it for I waited over 2 months now, and am in need of it,

Yours Truly,
William Stokes,

EXC. DRAWN 8-23-37 - PAID FOR PERIOD JUNE 1-4, inc.

Miss Carville:

Supt. says pay.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

June 26, 1937

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Incls.

June 26, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass Lighthouse, etc., charges against. Countercharges against Keeper John E. Harrison:

1. Letter dated June 1, 1937, was received from J. E. Harrison, Keeper of Sabine Pass Lighthouse, stating that, on returning to duty on May 31, he found a lens broken in the field glasses belonging to the station; that none of the assistant keepers seemed to know how the glasses were broken, and that another pair of glasses were required for station use. The Keeper was directed to advise this office in whose care the glasses were while he was on leave. Reply was received that the glasses were left in the watch room where they were kept for use in case of need, and that, actually, they were in charge of the First Assistant Keeper during the Keeper's absence. The glasses are used to ascertain whether or not Sabine Bank Light is burning.

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter dated June 4 from the Keeper stating that, upon his return to the station, on June 3, he found the lens curtains in the water of the marsh alongside the tower, and that this was due to neglect of the assistants in failing to rehang the curtains after painting inside of tower. The curtains had been left on the tower gallery and had been blown off. The Keeper accused the First Assistant, Mr. William Stokes, of being impertinent to him and complained of his attitude, and reported that the First Assistant had refused to obey orders to remove spoil from a dredge which had covered a boardwalk at the station.

3. By telegram dated June 5, the Keeper reported that the First Assistant, William Stokes, and the Third Assistant, B. F. Thompson, had left the station at 12, noon, June 4, and that neither had returned. This was confirmed in letter of June 5, copy inclosed.

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6. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of June 8, addressed to William Stokes, advising of the charges preferred against him by the Keeper, and giving him three days in which to submit reply, in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules. The original reply of Mr. Stokes is inclosed. It will be seen that this reply was prepared by someone else and signed by Stokes.

7. William Stokes entered the Service in this district October 24, 1932, and expressed a desire for transfer to the Pacific Coast. He was transferred July 1, 1933, and subsequently resigned his position in the Eighteenth District. He was reinstated in this district as Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass on February 1, 1934, and gradually has been promoted to the position of First Assistant Keeper as vacancies occurred at the station.

8. It is pertinent to state that Sabine Pass Lighthouse is located in the marsh on the east side of Sabine Pass, and this locality is probably the worse mosquito infested in the district, therefore the station is not considered desirable.

9. It will be noted in Stokes' reply that he states that he does not want to go back to the station. It also will be noted that he sent this office a telegram stating that he would not return to the station, and he has not returned since he left on June 4, therefore he is guilty of abandoning his work.

10. It will be noted that Stokes does not deny having refused to obey the orders of the Keeper relative to removing the dredged spoil on a walk at the station. He simply states that the Keeper ordered him to do the work in an uncivil way.

11. This trouble has developed the fact that the keepers at this station have been accustomed to going across to their families who live in the town of Sabine Pass which is across the pass from the station, and not reporting such absences when in excess of six hours.

12. It will be noted in Mr. Stokes' reply that he states, in reply to No. 8, that he was going to send in his resignation, which he has never done.

13. It is evident that Stokes has been reluctant to work and that he has been constantly complaining and talking about quitting. A copy of Stokes' letter of June 10 was sent to the Keeper, and his reply will be found herein.

14. A copy of the letter preferring charges against William Stokes and a copy of his reply were sent to Mr. A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper, in letter of June 14, copy inclosed, directing that he furnish certain specific information.

15. There is inclosed copy of reply, dated June 16, of Mr. A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper. It will be noted that Mr. Brooks states that First Assistant Keeper Stokes told him not to touch the dredged spoil which the Keeper had ordered moved.

16. On the last inspection of this station, the three assistant keepers were engaged in painting the inside of the quarters at the station. The Keeper, Mr. J. E. Harrison, is a young man and probably has been too aggressive in his desire to make a great improvement in the general condition of the station. He failed to take into account that a sudden change in attitude, although for the benefit of the station and the Service, would seriously antagonize the assistant keepers. They were required to perform a great deal more maintenance work than they had been accustomed to before Harrison became keeper. The Keeper has been too hardboiled and aloof. He forgot that, previously, he had been an assistant keeper with these men and that tact should have been used in improving the maintenance of the station.

17. It will also be seen from Mr. Brooks' reply that there was a great deal of dissatisfaction caused by the Keeper's discontinuance of permission, which had been previously been granted the assistants, to make frequent visits to their homes in Sabine Pass.

18. Brooks states that the Keeper's wife's mother, father, sister and brother came to the station on May 25, and all but the mother left on June 1. The Keeper was guilty of an infraction of the rules in permitting this. The Keeper's defense in his reply of June 17, copy inclosed, was that his wife had been removed to a hospital seriously ill and was not expected to live, and that he sent for her relatives. However this does not excuse the Keeper's infraction of the regulations in not securing authority from this office for this visit.

19. It will be noted that Second Assistant Keeper Brooks states that Stokes has said a number of times he was going to quit as he could make more money fishing and shrimping.

20. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of June 17 from the Keeper and of the reply of this office of June 19 relative to absences from the station.

21. There is inclosed letter of June 17, 1937, from A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper, which he failed to forward through the Keeper, in accordance with the regulations. In this letter he complains that Keeper Harrison had threatened him for the report which he had made, as directed by this office. A copy of this letter was sent to the Keeper in letter of June 19, and Brooks was advised on the same date that his letter should have been sent through the Keeper. Copy of the Keeper's reply of June 21 is inclosed, and it does appear from that reply that he had expressed great

dissatisfaction with the report which Brooks submitted. Again he showed lack of judgment. He should have received Brooks' letter and transmitted it without comment to Brooks.

22. It is recommended that William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of June 4, 1937, the date on which he left the station, to which he has not returned. The charges against William Stokes have been proven in a degree sufficient to warrant the recommendation for his dismissal. It appears that he has deserted his post without authority; that he has disobeyed the lawful orders of the Keeper, and has always been reluctant to perform the work directed by the Keeper. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, relative to political or religious opinions, will not be violated by this recommendation.

23. It is recommended that the Keeper, Mr. John E. Harrison, be demoted and transferred at the first opportunity to the position of First Assistant Keeper at another station. This recommendation is made because Mr. Harrison has shown no aptitude for the position of Keeper and lack of tact and judgment in directing the work of his assistant keepers at the station. Mr. Harrison also has been guilty of permitting unauthorized absences from the station and in not reporting them to this office, and has permitted members of his family to reside at the station without securing the necessary authority for the visits.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 4, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

During my absence from station yesterday June 3 repairing exhaust line on Sta. Launch 171 I left 1st and 3rd Assts. painting inside of tower. On my return to Sta. I found lense curtains floating in water alongside of tower about 1:30 P.M. due to neglect. The Assts. failed to rehang the shades when they quit painting and left them on galary of tower where they flew off. I picked up shades and washed and dried them but shades aren't in a very good condition as they are wrinkled and some of them have some small holes in them.

I asked the 1st Asst. why the shades was not replaced and he was very impudent and sarcastic regarding the whole matter as he is about everything else concerning the Sta. The 1st Asst. is a very lazy man. He doesn't want to do anything towards the upkeep of the Sta. and is always grumbling about the work. He keeps the other Assts. discouraged with his complaints. He doesn't keep his quarters cleaned or arranged as they should be kept. I cautioned him to clean his quarters up and he told me that it was not any of my business that he was running his quarters to suit himself.

During my absence on leave due to illness of my wife May 26-31, Dredge San Diego started pumping in around station. Due to neglect the 1st Asst. permitted the boardwalk which rund from the steps of watch-room to N.W. corner of dwelling and toilets to be covered up and he refuses to help dig these boards out of the mud.

He doesn't have any Keeper's uniform and refuses to buy one.

I am sorry to have to bring this to the Supt.'s attention but there seems to be no other solution as this man continually gets worse.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 5, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.
Sir:

Wm. Stokes and B. S. Thompson. 1st and 3rd Assts., left station yesterday at 12 noon with the understanding that they return at 5 P.M. The boat waited at Sabine until 6 P.M. and neither one of them showed up. At 7:30 P.M. Thompson called from Port Arthur saying that he was very ill and had to see a doctor and didn't know when he would return to station. Thompson was in good health when he left station.

Stokes did not call up until 7:30 A.M. this morning and demanded that I send right over after him or he would wire the office. I told him that we were busy at the present time but the boat would be over after him shortly. He then wanted me to send him a sheet of official paper and I refused to send him official paper off the station. He then hung up.

At 8 A.M. A. H. Brooks, 2nd Asst. went over after him and he told Brooks that he had resigned and did not return to station.

Mr. Stokes has been saying that he was going to quit for the past 3 years. The trouble with him is he doesn't want to do anything but stand his watch and stay off the station. He thinks I am imposing on him by doing a little work toward getting the station back in condition again.

Thompson has been talking about quitting ever since he has been on the station.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

Superintendent of Lighthouses N.O. La.
(Serial Service)

New Orleans La June 7 1937

William Stokes
Assistant Lighthouse Keeper
Sabine Texas

Your resignation which you stated in telegram June fifth would be forwarded has not been received Charges will be preferred against you with view to your dismissal

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KEEPER HARRISON REFUSED SEND BOAT FOR ME IN SABINE THIS MORNING I REFUSE TO WORK UNDER HARRISON ANOTHER DAY FORWARD RESIGNATION IMMEDIATELY HARRISON REFUSED TO FURNISH WRITING PAPER WILL APPRECIATE INVESTIGATION=

W M STOKES..

Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

(Signed) E. H. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Note for information of J. M. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

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E. H. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

June 5, 1937

William Stokes,
Sabine,
Texas

1. Your telegram of June 5th received. You should place your complaints in writing by letter to this office and not by telegram.

2. You should realize that it is not considered desirable to send anyone from this office to make investigations upon receipt of indiscriminate requests, such as yours sent to this office contrary to the provisions of the regulations which provide that all communications should be sent through the keeper.

3. Upon receipt of your complaint against Keeper Harrison in writing, stating specifically the causes for such complaints, the matter will be given immediate attention by this office. You should write your complaint in detail and hand same to Keeper Harrison, and, under the regulations, he is compelled to forward it to this office whether or not he assents to the contents thereof. Any other course on his part would be a violation of the regulations for which he would be held accountable by this office.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 7, 1937

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 8, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 5 relative to complaints made by Wm. Stokes. It is believed that my letter of June 5 covered these complaints thoroughly. If not, advise and I will explain further.

Respt.

(Signed) J. M. Harrison
Keeper

3. The Keeper states that during his absence from the station on June 3, you and the Third Assistant were left painting inside of the tower; that upon his return to the station, about 1:30 P.M., the lens curtains were found in mid and water alongside of the tower; that this was due to your neglect in failing to re-hang the curtains when you finished painting; that you left them on the gallery of the tower from which they were blown. The Keeper states that he asked you why the shades had not been replaced and that you were impudent and sarcastic regarding the matter and that that is your general attitude concerning matters about the station.

4. The Keeper states that you are very lazy; that you resent doing anything towards the upkeep and maintenance of the station; that you are always grumbling about the work, and that your remarks have a tendency to discourage the other assistants.

5. The Keeper states that your quarters are not kept clean or orderly; that he had cautioned you to clean them, and that you told him, the Keeper, that it was none of his business, that you were running your quarters to suit yourself.

6. The Keeper states that, during his absence on leave May 26 to 31, the dredge started pumping around the station and that the boardwalk on the northwest corner of the dwelling was covered up, and that he, the Keeper, believes that, with proper attention, this could have been prevented. The Keeper states that you refused to help remove the mud fill from the top of this walk.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

REGISTERED MAIL

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

William Stokes
Sabine
Texas

1. The following report has been made with regard to your actions by the Keeper of Sabine Pass Lighthouse:

2. The Keeper states that the field glasses were left in the watch room during his absence from the station and, upon his return, they were found broken, and that you had no information as to how the glasses became broken. You were in charge of the station during the absence of the keeper.

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7. The Keeper states that you and the Third Assistant Keeper left the station at 12 noon on June 4 with the understanding that you would return at 5:00 P.M.; that the station boat waited for you at Sabine until 6:00 P.M., and that you did not arrive; that you did not call up until 7:30 A.M., June 5th, and that you demanded that the station boat be sent over for you at once, or that you would wire the office. The Keeper states that he told you he was busy at the time and that the boat would call for you shortly, and that you then demanded he send you a sheet of official paper, which the Keeper refused to do.

8. The Keeper states that, at 8:00 A.M., the Second Assistant Keeper went over with the station launch for you, and that you told the Second Assistant Keeper that you had resigned and did not intend to return to the station.

9. The Keeper states that you have been asserting during the past three years that you were going to quit, and that in his, the Keeper's, opinion, you do not want to do anything but stand your watch and stay away from the station as much as possible.

10. The Keeper states that you believe that you are being imposed upon by being required to perform the work necessary to maintain the station in proper order and condition. This has relation to painting and other maintenance work.

11. It also appears that you have been guilty of deserting the station and abandoning your work, having failed to report for duty since you left the station on June 4.

12. You are hereby charged with conduct unbecoming an employee in the Lighthouse Service, and, in accordance with civil service rules, you are given three days in which to submit such reply as you may deem fit to the charges preferred against you.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

KNOX FIELD MAIL.

June 8, 1937

William Stokes
Sabine
S. Texas

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6. The Keeper states that, during his absence on leave May 26 to 31, the dredge started pumping around the station and that the boardwalk on the northwest corner of the dwelling was covered up, and that he, the Keeper, believes that, with proper attention, this could have been prevented. The Keeper states that you refused to help remove the mud fill from the top of this walk.

7. The Keeper states that you and the Third Assistant Keeper left the station at 12 noon on June 4 with the understanding that you would return at 5:00 P.M.; that the station boat waited for you at Sabine until 6:00 P.M., and that you did not arrive; that you did not call up until 7:30 A.M., June 5th, and that you demanded that the station boat be sent over for you at once, or that you would wire the office. The Keeper states that he told you he was busy at the time and that the boat would call for you shortly, and that you then demanded he send you a sheet of official paper, which the Keeper refused to do.

8. The Keeper states that, at 8:00 A.M., the Second Assistant Keeper went over with the station launch for you, and that you told the Second Assistant Keeper that you had resigned and did not intend to return to the station.

9. The Keeper States that you have been asserting during the past three years that you were going to quit, and that in his, the Keeper's, opinion, you do not want to do anything but stand your watch and stay away from the station as much as possible.

10. The Keeper states that you believe that you are being imposed upon by being required to perform the work necessary to maintain the station in proper order and condition. This has relation to painting and other maintenance work.

11. It also appears that you have been guilty of deserting the station and abandoning your work, having failed to report for duty since you left the station on June 4.

12. You are hereby charged with conduct unbecoming an employee in the Lighthouse Service, and, in accordance with civil service rules, you are given three days in which to submit such reply as you may deem fit to the charges preferred against you.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. An extra copy of this letter is inclosed, and you will deliver same to Mr. Stokes at first opportunity, advising this office when you have done so.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sabine, Tex
June 10, 1937.

To Supt. of Lighthouses

Sir:-

In reply to your letter, I have this to say: I am writing on personal paper. I ask Harrison to send me paper from the station by Second Assistant and he absolutely refuses to let me have any. I do not want to go back on the station and have any more trouble with Harrison as the boat comes over two or three times every day and would not cause any extra trouble.

In answer to No. 2 - The field glasses were broken about a month before Harrison left station, and in his absence I dropped them and broke just like they were broken at first. I reported this to him, and told him I broke them.

No. 3 - Myself, the Second, and Third Asst. was painting in the tower. I came down to catch the 10:50 radio run, and found Harrison's boy had been in the radio room and turned every knob on both sets as high as he could reach standing on a chair, and the chain was setting in front of No. 1 set when I went in. About that time the Third Asst. came down after tobacco I suppose and heard the alarm bell ringing. He came in radio room and we began working to find the trouble so we missed that run completely, trying to get the set adjusted again. It was about 11:15 when we got it to working again, and I stood by to catch the 11:20 run, to make sure everything was alright. The Third went back to the tower, and 11:30 Second and Third closed up tower and came down for noon, and the curtains had been neglected being brought in. I came to Sabine for dinner and returned to the station at four o'clock that evening and Harrison did not speak to me until the next morning when he came out giving orders, telling us what we had to do. He does not give orders like we were men, but tries to drive us like we were dogs. He does not let us stand any radio watch during the morning. He has more important work to do. His children use the radio room for a play house.

No. 4 - I refer you to the other keepers I have worked under, also the other men on the station, if I have influenced them in any way.

No. 5 - My quarters have been inspected by all the inspectors that come to the station, and are the same now as they were at that time, but Harrison orders me I have got to clean them up. He did not order me in a mannerly way.

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We were not notified by the dredge. They started pumping and by 8 o'clock everything was covered with mud. Harrison ed me in an uncivil way that I had to remove the mud fill.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT

No. 7 - I left the station at 12 o'clock, noon, and I told the Second Asst. if I was not there at 5:00 P.M. not to wait on me. It has been a rule that the boat never waits on anyone, if not there at stated time. All the keepers have been staying home nights when off watch for the past two years. Harrison did the same until he moved his family on station. The morning of June 5 I waited, as the boat always came over at 6:30 A.M., and he did not come. I waited until 7:30 then called up and ask him to send the boat after me. He told me he would not send it. I ask him the second time, and he said the boat would be over after awhile. I ask what time and he said sometime during the day.

No. 8 - The station launch was sent over about 9:30 by Second Asst. Keeper, and I told him that I had wired the office and was going to send in my resignation as I did not want to have any further trouble with Harrison.

No. 9 - I have said I was going to quit when I could get something better, but I have done my work along with the other keepers. I would like you to ask the other keepers about this, and also the way Harrison did his work before he was made keeper.

No. 10 - I have never failed to do any work I was ordered to do in a mannerly way.

No. 11 - I wired the office that I could not work under Harrison another day, to keep down further trouble.

Further Remarks: - When Harrison came back on station, off of leave, he measured the gasoline and accused the keepers of stealing 10 gals. of gasoline. The gasoline was used to bring his wife's relatives back and forth across to Sabine in the station launch. There was 6 adults stayed on the station part days and nights while he was on leave, and one has been there ever since he has been back.

If an investigation is held I have other reports to make against Harrison in regards to other rules he has violated.

(Signed) William Stokes

(Signed) R. E. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

June 14, 1937

A. H. Brooks, Second Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter preferring charges against William Stokes. It is requested that you will submit a report to this office through the Keeper commenting on each paragraph, if you have any information thereto, and return the inclosed letter with your reply. It is desired to secure an unbiased and truthful report in regard to matters contained in this letter, of which you have knowledge.

2. There is also sent to you copy of reply of William Stokes to charges preferred by the Keeper. It is desired that you furnish information in regard to the following matters, if you have knowledge in regard thereto:

Were the field glasses broken a month before Harrison left the station, and did Mr. Harrison know that they were broken before he left the station?

Have the Keeper's children used the radio-room for a playhouse?

Did Mr. William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper, refuse to remove the mud fill from the walk?

Have all of the keepers been remaining at Sabine at nights when off watch? If so, was this for a longer period than six hours? You will specifically report with regard to the Keeper, the First and Third Assistants, and also in regard to yourself.

Was the station boat used to bring the Keeper's wife's relatives from and to Sabine, and did the Keeper's wife's relatives remain at the station part of days and nights? If so, state the length of the stay and the persons who remained at the station who were not members of the Keeper's immediate family.

Did Mr. Stokes repeatedly assert during the past three years that he was going to quit, and expressed general dissatisfaction with his duties?

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sabine Pass Lighthouse

June 16th 1937.

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans
La.

Dear Sir

In reply to inclosed letter.

I

I wish to state that I have nothing personal against either man, I will submit my answers in an unbiased & truthful manner to the best of my ability.

II

Have read the inclosed charges of William Stokes, First Assistant Keeper & counter charges of Keeper J. E. Harrison.

A.

In regards to Field glasses.

Field glasses was dropped & one side of them broken by B.S.Thompson, erd Ass't Keeper a few months after he entered on duty at the Station, Keeper J. E. Harrison knew this, the glasses could still be used however.

While Keeper J. E. Harrison was on leave the Last time, I came on watch in the Radio Room & found both sides broken, I asked 1st Ass't Stokes who broke the other side of them & he said he dropped them & finished breaking them.

B.

In regards to Keepers children using the radio Room as a play house.

I cannot say they used it as a playhouse. However, I had to put the two smallest children out of the Radio Room several times. I have never had to put the two older ones out however.

C.

In regards to 1st Ass't William Stokes refusing to remove the mud Fill.

I came on watch in the Radio Room & was checking the 7 A.M. run, Keeper Harrison come out of his quarters & came to the Radio Room. He asked Mr. Stokes & Mr. Thompson if they seen all the Beacons when they were on watch that nite & they said yes, all were burning. He told them he wanted them to report to him hereafter when they looked for them at nite, They said allright, then he asked them if they checked the Beacon Batteries (Hydrometer Reading) when they were on watch, They Said No.

He said he wanted them checked & a report made to him in the future when they were on watch.

Then he said that this carelessness would have to stop, that the glasses was broken, the curtains was left out & blew in the mud & the walk was covered up by the Dredge.

He said we would have to get in the mud & get it out, Stokes said the Dredging Company was supposed to remove the walk & put it back when they were through.

Then Keeper Harrison said he was going to inspect quarters Monday Morning.

Stokes he would have to clean his quarters up, that they were , Stokes said they passed the Superintendent's inspection the last time he was here & Keeper Harrison told him to gl clean his quarters, Stokes told him it was not time to turn to. He told Stokes that he would tell him when to turn to, that he was Boss of the Station & we would have to get the walk out of the mud fill, Stokes told him he would not get in the mud & get it out, Then Keeper Harrison told us we would have to stay on the station in the Future. After that Stokes went & cleaned his quarters.

Said walk was covered in Keeper Harrison's absence, I asked 1st Ass't Stokes about getting the walk out of the mud when the Dredge started covering it up & he told me the Dredge's contract called for them to remove all walks & replace them back when they were through, He asked the Dump Foreman about it & the Foreman went to the Dredge & came back & said he was told to leave it where it was, Stokes told me not to touch it to leave it alone, that the Dredge was responsible for any damage done.

In regards to curtains, Mr. Stokes & Mr. Thompson & myself were painting in the Tower, Mr. Stokes & Mr. Thompson in the lens room & myself part way down the tower on the steps, Mr. Stokes went down to check the 10.50 run & Mr. Thompson also went down, Pretty soon I heard the Bell ringing, when Mr. Thompson returned I asked him what was wrong with the Radio & he said Mr. Harrison's Boy had gotten in there & turned every knob & switch he could reach. They missed a run & Mr. Stokes stayed down toncatch the 11:20 run to put the Radio back in tune with Galveston, shortly after Mr. Stokes hollered up to us to knock off & Mr. Thompson closed the Lens room up & I wiped the steps down & the curtains was left out on the porch, I asked Mr. Stokes in regards to the Radio incident & he told me the same as Mr. Thompson told me.

D

In regards to Keepers staying in Sabine at nights when off of watch.

Yes, the Keeper, First Assistant, Second Assistant & Third Assistant all stayed at their respectives houses in Sabine, Sabine Pass & Port Arthur when off watch.

Yes it was for a Longer period than six hours, can not say how long this was in practice prior to the time I came to this station, It was in practice however, when I came here, Aug 13, 1936.

I never questioned it when I was told I could do this, neither did I question it when I was told the practice would have to stop, when Mr. Stokes & Mr. Harrison had the argument I stayed on the Station.

Keeper Harrison moved to the station the last of March, so of course he did not go any more, but prior to that time he want to, when I was told to remain on the Station at Nights I did.

E

In regards to Keepers wife's relatives being at station & riding to & from Sabine in Lighthouse Launch.

Will Say Keepers wife's relatives did ride in Launch.

Keepers Wife's relatives came to Station the evening of May 28th 1937, In this group were Mother, Father, Sister & Brother & Sisterinlaw of Keepers Wife, the next day another brother came, all but the Mother left on June 1st 1937.

Mrs. Harrisons Mother is still at the station, Most of the party spent the nights at the Station but were gone most of the day up to Port Arthur to the Hospital where Keepers wife was Ill.

The Keepers wifes relatives were called here on account of Keepers wife's illness.

Sabine Pass Lighthouse,
June 17. 1937.

In regards to Mr. Stokes saying he was going to quit.
I will say yes, since I came to this Station Aug 13th 1936, prior to that I dont know I was not here prior to that
He said a number of times he was going to quit if he could get a boat & go shrimping, that he could make more money fishing & shrimping or if he could get a better job where he could be more home with his Family.
He said his check here did not go around in other words did not make both ends meet.

Yours respectively

(Signed) Alex. H. Brooks
2nd Assistant Keeper
Sabine Pass Lighthouse

Forwarded
(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

(COPY)

Sabine Pass Lighthouse,
June 17, 1937.

...ndent of Lighthouses,
...w Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 14th relative to reply from William Stokes, I have the following comments to make.

1. Field glasses had been slightly damaged some three months previous to my absence but these glasses were in good serviceable condition when I left station. Stokes did not report to me that he broke glasses during my absence.

2. With reference to 10:50 radio run, I can't say what happened because I was not on the station, but from what I could find out set got overloaded and automatically kicked out causing alarm bell to ring. Stokes being a man with such a small understanding of how things are supposed to operate, he probably turned all of the setting adjustments himself instead of using his head and first trying the overload switch to see if it was thrown. This set sometimes will overload and automatically kick out from different causes. I don't know how Stokes knew that my child had been in radio room as no one saw him in the radio room. I understand Stokes was in radio room when bell started to ring. My children do not play in radio room at any time. I will refer Superintendent to Radio Electrician during his visits to station if he ever saw any of my children in radio room. I will also refer Superintendent to former Keepor as to Stokes' ability to do things right and his interest in his job.

3. I have asked Stokes a number of times to clean up his quarters and he consistently did not. He didn't want his quarters painted, said he didn't want to smell the paint and after his quarters were painted he hung his frying pans and cook pots on the walls of his bath room also tin cans, lamp shades, old magazines, papers, dirty rags on bath room shelves, dirty waste in his bath tub, stove dirty sink, dirty floors, dirty. I finally told Stokes if he didn't clean his quarters up I would have to make a report on it. He then started using profane language and said that was all he wanted me to do was just report him about something. He also said that it wasn't time to start work yet and that he was running his quarters to suit himself, that it wasn't any of my business.

4. I have never used profane or abusive language in giving or carrying out orders.

5. With further reference to morning radio watch I try to do some work each day towards the upkeep of the station. I arrange the work so the man on morning watch is near the radio room so that the radio is checked once an hour. Stokes would like to have some excuse not to do any work at all.

6. Further reference to paragraph 1, the reason Stokes refuses to come to station to write his complaints is that he is unable to write an intelligent letter. He has to get someone else to help him. With reference to further remarks of Stokes concerning gasoline when I made out monthly reports I found that 20 gallons of gasoline was short and not 10 as reported by Stokes. I simply asked all three assistants if they knew anything about it and all said no. I then told them that I couldn't make this gasoline up and if any more was missing I would have to bring it up to the station so we could watch it.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) J. E. HARRISON, KEEPER.

's relatives being on station, my wife left station to the hospital in a Clayton & Thompson ambulance and was sions and wasn't expected to live. I sent for her relatives king over 700 mile trip and as there wasn't any place in Sabine to them I let them use my quarters and to my knowledge there was no extra made to Sabine for them as they went back and forth on the boat's regular trips. here are only two trips each day wrote up in the station journal during the time they were here. My wife is still ill and unable to do anything and I had to have someone to do the housework as I could not do the housework and keep the station work both up and I persuaded her mother to stay with her until she is able to do her work again. When Peeples was Keeper here and Stokes 3rd Assistant, Stokes frequently brought his family on the station and spent several days and nights on the station. I refer the Superintendent to J. A. Ryan for verification of this. Visiting rules have never been kept on this station since I have been here and was not kept at Head of Passes during the time I was at that station.

8. With reference to Keeper's staying off station at nights, this has been a custom ever since Peeples was made Keeper here. I told all three Assistants on June 4th that this practice would have to stop as it wasn't official and I could not let it continue. Stokes then remarked with an oath saying he was going at noon and didn't care if the Superintendent or anyone else liked it or not. I then told him to be back at 5 P.M., but he did not return and did not call up until 7:30 A.M. June 5th as previously reported.

9. I have never been able to send Stokes to do one single thing that I did not have to do over again. He has the least understanding and least interest in his job of anybody that I have ever had anything to do with. Stokes would have been all right if I would have let him stay off station all the time and did his work for him and let the station stay dirty and let him have his own way everything would have gone along all right; but as I did not I have caused him and all the other Assistants to dislike me. In fact, I have overheard some conversation between the Assistants which let me know how things were going. Stokes is also sore because I requested him to return the station tools so that we could use them when they were needed. During my absence on leave May 26-31 Stokes entered my quarters and used my shot gun and shot all my shells and did not say anything about this to me. About 4 days after my return to station I asked Stokes about this and he said Yes, that he killed some ducks.

10. Stokes never wipes lenses off or sweeps watch room when on last watch as directed to do. I have also found Stokes asleep on watch several times. On June 4th I cautioned Stokes not to sleep on watch any more. He told me that it was his business what he did when he was on watch.

11. I will refer Superintendent to anyone in Sabine as to Stokes being a good worker or holding a job or being reliable.

12. As to Stokes having further charges against me, I don't know what they might be. I would welcome an investigation as I have nothing to hide. I have caused myself all of this trouble by trying to get this station up in good condition. I realize that I have broken some rules by continuing some practices that were started by former Keepers. I have one comment to make on 2nd Assistant A.H. Brook's letter in regards to his having to put my two small children out of watch room several times. This was the first time that this was brought to my attention. I can say with all fairness to everyone concerned that Brooks is prejudiced against me as is the majority of all Assistants are prejudiced against the Keeper. I now stand convicted if the testimony of the Assistants is to weigh heavily. I also am ready to take my punishment whatever it may be as I have done my best the way I see it for the Service.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) J. E. HARRISON, KEEPER.

Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
June 17,1937.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

It seems that because I am Keeper that all of the Assistants are prejudiced against me because I have did my best to get things up in good condition at this Station. It seems very unfair to me that they should be my judge.

Please advise as to whether or not there is any authority for the assistants to use the station launch to go to Sabine to get their dinner each day, also how many hours each man should work each day, and if each man should have 6 hours off the station every day, also how many men should be on station at all times. My comments on Stokes' charges will follow in tomorrow's mail.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J.E.Harrison,
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 19,1937.

J. E. Harrison, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 17,1937.

2. There is no authorization for the assistants to use the station launch to go to Sabine each day for their dinner. The Instructions to Keepers provide that: "Keepers are not considered absent from duty when engaged in regular routine of station, such as attending minor lights, getting supplies, mail, etc., and attending church, except where such absences exceed six hours in any one day, in which case the absence in excess of six hours, unless on official business and so shown in the record, shall be charged to leave, provided that all absences at night shall be recorded on Form 303 and so reported monthly on Form 65."

3. The Instructions provide that keepers leaving the station temporarily must notify the senior assistant present of their departure, return, probable duration of absence, and any other matter necessary to an intelligent execution of their duties. It also provides that keepers will require assistants to obtain permission before leaving the station, to report their departure, return, and, if practicable, directions for reaching them in an emergency.

4. There is nothing in the Instructions to Keepers which permits regular departure from the station for the purpose of getting meals. There is nothing in the Instructions which permits each keeper or assistant keeper to have six hours off the station every day. The Keeper and the Assistants should remain at the station at all times except when absent on official duty, which includes going for mail and attending minor lights, or to secure supplies. Attendance at church is permitted provided it does not exceed six hours.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
June 17, 1937.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I wish to state I answered the questions in letter sent to me truthfully and to the best of my ability. When I presented said answers to Keeper Harrison to read when he came to the answer of the question that asked if Keeper Harrison's children used the Radio room as a play house he objected to the way I had answered it.

He said, "You could have said No" - That I did not have to state that I had put them out of the Radio Room.

I wish to state that I have put the children out, so has Keeper Harrison himself. His little girl two years and seven months old had a burn on her arm where she ran against the exhaust pipe in the Radio room.

When I told Keeper Harrison I could only tell the truth he said: "I see what side you are on and you had better wish I am put off of this station because if I am not I am surely going to make it mighty unpleasant for you."

Mr. Lanphier I wish to respectively state I tried not to get into this argument that Keeper Harrison and First Asst. Stokes had, but since I have been brought into it, I respectively beg that this argument be settled as quickly as you can conveniently do it. As the attitude of Keeper Harrison has now toward me will make working conditions very unpleasant and no man can give his work the best that is in him under such conditions.

I did not ask Keeper Harrison to sign this as I know it would only lead to more arguments which I do not wish to have while on duty or at the station.

Yours respectively,

(Signed) Alex H. Brooks,
2nd Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass Lighthouse.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 21, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19 relative to copy of letter written by A. H. Brooks, 2nd Asst. Keeper.

I did not tell Mr. Brooks that I was going to make it mighty unpleasant for him. I will try here to quote as near as possible the conversation between Mr. Brooks and myself.

Mr. Brooks came to my quarters at about 11:15 A.M. June 17 and handed me his letter and seemed very impatient and after reading his letter I told him that I thought he was being unfair toward me by answering the question about the children as he did, and asked him why he had not brought this to my attention before now. Brooks then said you can sign that letter if you want to and if you don't want to you don't have to. I then told Brooks that I thought he had leaned toward Stokes throughout his entire letter, and that he had better wish that I was put off the station because we were going to go according to rules from now on; that I was not going to get myself in any more trouble for anyone again. I then signed his letter and handed it to him and told him that it was his radio watch that evening. He then took the letter and left station at 11:30 A.M. and did not return to station until 1:30 P.M. He did not ask permission to leave station and did not return to take his watch until 1:30 P.M. He was supposed to have went on watch at 12 noon. I suppose he was at his house in Sabine writing his complaints instead of returning to station to take his watch. Mr. Brooks seems to emphasize the fact that he was telling the truth. I have personally heard Mr. Brooks boast about giving false information in regards to a certain investigation which was held by the Supt.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E.Harrison
Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., August 5, 1937

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter)
from this office dated June 26, 1937 on the subject of charges against William Stokes; countercharges against John E. Harrison, Keepers, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
August 10, 1937

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., with statement that the above matter is still pending at the Department, and you will be advised as soon as Department action is received in the Bureau.

For the Commissioner:

(Signed) W. P. Harman
W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~

WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

DEC 28 1936

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

December 18, 1936.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1937, or entrance 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

Chief, Division of Personnel.

~~Chief of Appointment Division~~.

From: $1380.

To: $1440

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit):

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

January 22, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

William Stokes, Effective date of change in Pay

1. Referring to Department letter of December 18, 1936, in the case of William Stokes, who was promoted from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper of the same station, with pay at the rate of $1440 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is January 1, 1937.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. A. Ryan, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, [illegible] DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., December 12, 36
(City)

December 29, 1936

...R OF LIGHTHOUSES:

...mmended, Promotion

...illiam Stokes, Second Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

Legal residence, Texas

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

...position, Keeper, Lighthouse Service

Proposed range, $1380-$1620

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, January 1, 1937

{ 1 the date of this letter, or
{ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

...Location...

...Rank or...

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of December 18, 1936, advising that your compensation has been changed from $1380 per annum to $1440 per annum, effective January 1, 1937, or upon entrance on duty. The reason for this change in pay is your coming promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) A. M. Zibilich

Assistant Superintendent

...Previous incumbent and his pay, ($1380 p.a.) Service terminated, December 31, 1936

...Reason, To be promoted

...Members of family in Government service, None

...Date of Birth: February 21, 1896

...Remarks:

...Selection regular, [illegible] and Civil Service Regulations,

...U. S. Civil Service Commission,

...Secretary. Civil Service Branch. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

...BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

...Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City), December 12 (Date), 19 36

OF LIGHTHOUSES:

ended, Promotion — Legal residence, Texas

William Stokes — Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

on, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1440-$1800

tion, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

ective, January 1, 1937 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

er position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Former range, $1380-$1740

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, John E. Harrison ($1440 p.a.) — Services to be terminated, December 31, 1936

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: February 23, 1896

Remarks:

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1936.

M r. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty. (Change in duties).

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,

Assistant Superintendent

EDEN M. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1380 per annum

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

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July 25, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

William Stokes, Second Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., effective date of change in pay.

1. Referring to Department letter of June 20, 1936, in the case of William Stokes, who was promoted from the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at that station, with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty.

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is July 1, 1936.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

Inal.

June 29, 1936

William Stokes, Third Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of June 20, 1936, advising that your compensation has been changed from $1320 per annum to $1380 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty. This change is due to your promotion to the position of Second Assistant Keeper.

2. This change in pay will become effective July 1, 1936.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. A. Ryan, First Assistant Keeper in Charge, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City) June 11, (Date) 1936

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion — Legal residence, Texas

Name, William Stokes — Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, July 1, 1936 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.[1]

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1320

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Former range, $1320-$1680

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, John E. Harrison $1380 p.a. — Services to be terminated, June 30, 1936

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: Feb.23, 1896

Remarks:

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does no

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Form A-30

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

OATH OF OFFICE

January 20, 1934.

JAN 29 1934

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Reinstatement.

Civil Service authority: Certificate No. S-404.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Henry Olsen.

Legal residence: Texas.

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(Form No. 8
Revised April, 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 Dist.,
New Orleans, La., January 29, 1934
(Bureau or Office)

I, William 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) William Stokes
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, A. D. 1934

at Sabine
(City or place)
, Texas
(State)

[SEAL]
S(NOTARY PUBLIC)
E(DOUNTY OF)
A(JEFFERSON)
L(TEXAS)

(Signed) Carlton Adamson

Ex Officio Notary Public

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (Third Assistant)
Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Date of entrance on duty February 1, 1934

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB - 2 1934
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 1 St, 1934

Superintendent Lighthouses.
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

William Stokes reported for duty 7 a m this date.

J J Olivier
Keeper.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

January 29, 1934

William Stokes,
Sabine, Texas

Sir:

1. You are advised that the Department has approved your reinstatement, subject to taking the oath of office, and effective upon entrance on duty.

2. You may report to Mr. J. J. Olivier, Keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station on the morning of February 1st for duty.

3. Mr. Olivier will hand you your letter of appointment as well as the oath of office which you will execute before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths. You will forward the completed oath to this office without delay as no pay can be sent you until the oath is received properly executed; therefore there must be no delay in its execution.

Respectfully,
(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information and guidance of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. You will see that the above instructions are carried out. Advise office of arrival of Mr. Stokes at the station.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City), December 15 (Date), 1933

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement- In accordance with C.S.Rule IX, par.1a

Name, William Stokes

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, January 1, 1934

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - -

Location, - - -

Legal residence, Texas

Proposed salary, $1320

Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Former salary, - - -

Former range, - - -

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry Olsen $1320 p.a. Services to be terminated, about December 21, 1933

Reason, To be promoted to position of Second Asst.Keeper

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, February 23, 1896

Remarks: Chart of Mr. Stokes' fingerprints was made in connection with his original appointment.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

E.V.K

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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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ACCOMPANY REINSTATEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON

Name: William Stokes

Address: Sabine, Texas Date of Birth: February 23, 1896

Members of family (if any) in the service—

Name: - - -

Where employed: - - - Relationship: - - -

What particular need the person proposed for reinstatement can fill that can not just as well be filled by promotion or appointment from a register: Mr. Stokes was formerly employed as 3rd Asst. Keeper at Sabine Pass L.S.Texas, and was furloughed June 1,1933, due to the fact that it was necessary to place an older employee in his position at that station. He was transferred to the 18th Dist as 2nd Asst.Kpr.at Los Angles Harbor L.S. from which position he resigned. His reemployment is recommended as he did not leave this district voluntarily

Such other reasons favoring reinstatement as may be applicable:

CASES OF REINSTATEMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

Total length of service: About 8 mos. 7 das.

Number of days of sick leave taken during last year of employment: None

Number of occasions when such leave was taken: - - -

Last efficiency rating: Above .8

Reason for leaving the service. (If by resignation, whether such resignation was entirely of employee's own initiative and volition): Resigned.of his own accord.

Whether unqualifiedly recommended for further Government employment. (Should be answered "Yes" or "No"): Yes

If removed on charges or permitted to resign in lieu of removal, give résumé of charges or reasons, or attach copy:

Head of Bureau.

[1] This Form should accompany Form S. S. 93, "Personnel Recommendation," when reinstatement is proposed.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

NEL RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

Bureau Lighthouse ..... Date December 15, 1933

The Secretary of Commerce:

The following personnel change is respectfully recommended:

Nature of recommendation [1] Reinstatement

Name William Stokes

	FROM—	TO—
Position	- - -	Keeper in the Lighthouse Service
Classification	- - -	Third Assistant Keeper
Salary	- - -	$1320 per annum
Station	- - -	Sabine Pass Light Station, La.
Appropriation [2]	- - -	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Vice Henry Olsen

Effective January 1, 1934

Remarks:

E. H. JENNINGS
(District Manager)

By
(Nominating Officer or Local Board Member)

224 Customhouse Building
(Address)

(For use of Department)

[1] Recommendations for reinstatement must be accompanied by Form S. S.–93A
[2] To be used only by bureaus operating under more than one appropriation unit.

1—8713 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Tenth CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Cert. No. .....

Register .....

Average .....

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEC 12 1933

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

William Stokes

Sabine

Texas

New Orleans La.
(Place)

December 8, 1933
(Date)

DEAR SIR ~~[illegible]~~

Your name is being considered for reinstatement ~~appointment as the result of your eligibility on the register named above,~~ subject to your meeting the physical requirements.

You are requested to report for a physical examination ~~on~~ as soon after the receipt of this authority as it is convenient for you to do so between the hours of 9:00 and 4:00 ~~to~~ the Medical Officer in charge, U.S. Public Health Service, Federal Building, Port Arthur, Texas

This letter must be presented as authority for your physical examination.

Such examination is necessary before confirmation of appointment, even in a case where a medical certificate has been submitted with the application. **You are cautioned not to resign any position you hold, until further notified.**

Very respectfully,

E. H. JENNINGS
(District Manager)

By [signature]
(Nominating Officer or Local Board Member)

224 Customhouse Building
(Address)

Note to Medical Examiner.—This letter of authorization, with Form 2413, properly filled out, should be returned to the district manager except when the letter is signed by a nominating officer or local board member, in which case these forms should be sent to that officer or board. Neither this letter nor the medical certificate should be returned to the applicant.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1932 16—554

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December 5, 1933

William Stokes,
Sabine,
Texas

Sir:

1. Replying to your letter of December 5, 1933, you are advised that consideration is being given to your reinstatement in the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Lighthouse.

2. In order that there may be no hitch in this arrangement, it will be necessary for you to comply with certain conditions.

3. Inclosed herewith you will find Forms 124b and 26, which two forms you will fill out. Be careful to give correct answers to all questions. When completed by you, these forms should be forwarded to this office.

4. Also inclosed is an application to the Medical Officer in Charge U. S. Public Health Office at Port Arthur for a physical examination, and you will report to him at your earliest convenience for this examination. The form will be returned to this office by the doctor.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEC - 6 1933

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sabine Tx.
Dec 5, 1933.

To The Supt Of Lighthouses
Sir, I understand
there is going to be a
vacancy at Sabine Pass
light Station,
I would like to put my
application in for the
position,

Yours Truly,
Wm Stokes

Sabine Tx.

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(Place)
December 5, 1933
(Date)

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(District Manager)

By .....
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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1932 16—554

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Tenth CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Cert. No. _____
Register _____
Average _____

AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

William Stokes
Sabine
Texas

New Orleans La.
(Place)
December 6, 1933
(Date)

DEAR SIR~~(OR MADAM)~~:

Your name is being considered for ~~appointment as the result of your eligibility on the register named above~~ reinstatement, subject to your meeting the physical requirements.

You are requested to report for a physical examination ~~on~~ as soon after the receipt of this authority as it is convenient for you to do so between the hours of 9:00 and 4:00 at the Medical Officer in charge, U.S. Public Health Service, Federal Building, Port Arthur, Texas

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Very respectfully,

E. H. JENNINGS
(District Manager)

By _____
(Nominating Officer or Local Board Member)

224 Customhouse Building
(Address)

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1932 16—554

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 7 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

July 8, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. The attached resignation of William Stokes is for such action as is deemed best by the Bureau considering Mr. Stokes request for re-employment in the Eighth District. He was transferred on July 1st from Sabine Pass, Texas, Eighth Lighthouse District, to Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, California.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to 8th Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 17 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Lake Cass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 16, 1933.

Superintendent Lighthouses,
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

Your letter June 14 to William Stokes, delivered to him at 2 P M. June 15th.

J J Shiver
Keeper

Advise
Supt. 18th

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 20 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Sabine Tex,
June 19, 1933,

To Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco,
California.
Sir,
I am writing to advise
you that I am leaving
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June 20, 1933

SCO, CALIF., JUNE 13, 1933.

WISH HIM PROCEED HIS OWN
TO ENTER ON DUTY BY JULY

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from William Stokes, who is being transferred to your district, stating that he left Sabine on June 19 by automobile for Los Angeles Harbor Light Station.

2. There arose recently a question as to the correct date of birth of William Stokes, and, after some correspondence and the securing of a copy of the census report of 1910, it has been decided that the correct date of his birth is February 23, 1896. A copy of Form 2770 from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., establishing the above as the correct date of his birth, if inclosed. It is thought that February 23, 1895, was stated on copy of service card furnished your district.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 20 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sabine Tex,
June 19, 1933.

To Supt Of Light houses,
Sir,
I am writing to Advise you that I am leaving June 19 for Los Angles Harbor light Station, Traveling by Automobile,

Wm Stokes,
Sabine Tex,

L. RHODES, SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

RIATION GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9240

SCO, CALIF., JUNE 13, 1933.

VISE HIM PROCEED HIS OWN
TO ENTER ON DUTY BY JULY

H. W. RHODES

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Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Deliver the inclosed letter to Mr. Stokes and advise this office the date on which it is delivered.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

EMA SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

JUN 17 1933

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM H.W.RHODES, SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHG. APPROPRIATION GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9240

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., JUNE 13,1933.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

TRANSFER WILLIAM STOKES APPROVED ADVISE HIM PROCEED HIS OWN EXPENSE LOS ANGELES HARBOR LIGHT STATION IN TIME TO ENTER ON DUTY BY JULY FIRST

RHODES

H. W. RHODES

CONFIRMATION

of July 1st. Show the Keeper this letter as your authority and request the Keeper to advise the Superintendent of Lighthouses at San Francisco of your arrival.

3. The cost of travel from your present home to the light station will be at your expense.

4. Advise this office by letter of the date on which you leave for Los Angeles Harbor Light Station.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Deliver the inclosed letter to Mr. Stokes and advise this office the date on which it is delivered.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

June 14, 1933

William Stokes,
Sabine,
Texas
(Care, Keeper Sabine Pass Lighthouse)

1. A telegram has been received from the Superintendent of Lighthouses at San Francisco, Cal., as quoted below:

"Transfer William Stokes approved Advise him proceed his own expense Los Angeles Harbor Light Station in time to enter on duty by July first."

2. You are directed to proceed by any means which you may desire to the Los Angeles Harbor Light Station ready for duty on the morning of July 1st. Show the Keeper this letter as your authority and request the Keeper to advise the Superintendent of Lighthouses at San Francisco of your arrival.

3. The cost of travel from your present home to the light station will be at your expense.

4. Advise this office by letter of the date on which you leave for Los Angeles Harbor Light Station.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Deliver the inclosed letter to Mr. Stokes and advise this office the date on which it is delivered.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

STANDARD TIME
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

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NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
	RADIOGRAM

Form 16

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 13 1933

TRANSFER WILLIAM STOKES APPROVED ADVISE HIM PROCEED NEW ORLEANS LA. HIS OWN EXPENSE LOSANGELES HARBER LIGHT STATION IN TIME TO ENTER ON DUTY BY JULY FIRST=

RHODES SANFRANCISCO..

Sabine Pass
Yours Truly
Wm Stokes,

Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN - 5 1933

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass, Texas,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
June 3, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco,
California

1. Transmitted herewith is a letter from William Stokes, acknowledging receipt of your letter and advising that he will be in readiness to proceed when ordered.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sabine Pass, Texas,
June 2, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Cal.,
Through Superintendent Light Houses
New Orleans, La.,

Sir:

Your letter May 31st received Notifying me to proceed per to Los Angeles Harbor Light, Station when notified, will be ready to proceede to this Will Advise you when I leave Sabine Pass.

Yours Truly
Wm Stokes,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN - 3 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Sabine Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
June 2, 1933

Supintendent Lighthouses,
San Francisco Cal,
Through Superintendent Light Houses
New Orleans La,

Sir:

Your letter May 27 received Notifying me of My Transfer to Los Angeles Harbor Light, Will be ready to Proceede to this Station when Notified, Will Advise you when I leave Sabine Pt as

Yours Truly
Wm Stokes,

Incl.

May 31, 1933

William Stokes,
Sabine, Texas
(Through Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station)

1. Transmitted herewith is letter, dated May 26, 1933, from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Cal., in connection with your proposed transfer to that district.

2. You are directed to acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Superintendent at San Francisco, addressing your letter to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Cal. Through the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., and forward your letter, in duplicate, to this office and it will forward same to the Superintendent in San Francisco. Give this matter immediate attention.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Deliver the inclosed letter to Mr. Stokes, and advise this office the date of your doing so.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EMA

MAY 31 1933

NEW ORLEANS, LA.
EIGHTH DISTRICT

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

May 26, 1933.

Mr. William Stokes,
Third Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass, Texas.

(Through the Superintendent, New Orleans, La.)

1. In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, and your application of May 8th, you were recommended for transfer to the position of Second Assistant Keeper, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, California, with compensation at the rate of $1500.00 per annum without family quarters. Your family may live in the town of San Pedro which is reached either by walking along the breakwater from the Light Station, or by Station launch.

2. Travel to Los Angeles Harbor Light Station must be at your own expense. The date of your entrance on duty in this District will be the date that you report at the Light Station for duty.

3. You should not proceed to Los Angeles Harbor Light Station until notified to do so by this office. You will be notified as soon as Departmental authority for your transfer is received.

H. W. RHODES
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 31 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 30th, 1933.

Superintendent Lighthouses
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

(1) Additional Keeper L. L. Burns reported for duty 12 Noon this day.
(2) Assistant Keeper W. Stokes relieved from duty 12 Noon.
(3) Stokes mail address will be Sabine Texas.

J J Olivier
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 3 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 2nd, 1933

Superintendent Lighthouses.
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

Refering to your letter May 31st to William Stokes transmitting letter from Superintendent Lighthouses San Francisco Cal.

This letter was delivered by me to Stokes house at 8 a m this date.

J J Shrier
Keeper.

SIGNED] LANPHIER

DAY LETTER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(POSTAL)

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco California

New Orleans La May 25 1933

Re transfer Stokes salary range thirteen twenty to sixteen eighty family quarters furnished one member family brother keeper Chandeleur Louisiana Lighthouse Stop Stokes will accept without family quarters

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MAY 25 1933

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Office of Superintendent, 18th District
Customhouse
San Francisco

May 20, 1933

May 15, 1933

William Stokes, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

Mr. Wm. Stokes,
Third Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station

(Through Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District)

1. Transmitted herewith is letter of May 19, 1933, from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Cal., in reference to your possible transfer to that district.

position of Second Assistant Keeper, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, you are advised that it is possible that a keeper may be transferred to this station from some other station in this District and if not, you will be given consideration.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

1320-1680

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 16TH DISTRICT
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

May 20, 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco,
California

May 15,1933.

1. Replying to your letter of May 15, 1933, you are advised that William Stokes, Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, who is being considered for possible transfer to your district, is of the white race.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 20 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

May 15,1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

1. Referring to your letter of May 10th submitting service record card of William Stokes,Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, who desires transfer to this District, it is requested that this office be advised of Mr. Stokes' race, whether white or colored, as the service card does not give this information.

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

:LEC
Incl.

May 10, 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco,
California

1. In connection with the application of William Stokes, Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, this district, for transfer to the position of assistant keeper at Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, your district, you are advised that Keeper Stokes has just finished his six months probationary period at Sabine Pass Light Station, which is a radiobeacon station having internal combustion engines, electric generators and electric revolving light. Therefore, he is trained in radiobeacon work.

2. Sabine Pass Light Station also has charge of acetylene and minor electric lights, and Keeper Stokes has had experience in that work. The Keeper reports his services as satisfactory.

3. A copy of service record card of Keeper Stokes is inclosed for your information.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

MAY 10 1933

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sabine Tx,
5/8/33.

To Supt of Eighteenth Dist,

Sir,

You will find letter enclosed stating the reason for my being layed off in this District. I am writing in regards to the Van Carey at Los Angeles Harbor Light. If the vessel there is still and opening I would be glad to [illegible] except the place,

Yours Truly,
Wm Stokes

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 10 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 8, 1933.

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Assist
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 10 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Salmen Lan.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 8, 1933.

Superintendent Lighthouses
New Orleans
La.

Sir.

3rd Ass't Stokes has wrote Superintendent of Eighteenth District in regards to opening Los Angeles Harbor Light ?
Copy of letter attached

J J Thorier
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

EJB:LEC

April 24, 1933.

April 28, 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

William Stokes, Third Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. As a measure of economy, this office regrets to advise you that you will be placed on leave without pay (administrative furlough) for a period not to exceed one year in order to make room for the transfer of a keeper with longer service from a station which will be discontinued, about May 29th.

2. The Bureau advises this office that there is a vacancy at Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, Eighteenth District, in the range $1500-$1860, without family quarters. Advise this office whether or not you would consider transfer to this position.

3. In the event you desire this transfer, you should communicate with the Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Cal., and advise this office promptly so that a letter may be written to the Superintendent in regard to the matter.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

RLC:MAG

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 26 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 24, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

1. Confirming Bureau telegram of this date, it is requested that Keeper William Stokes, Third Asst. Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, be placed on leave without pay for not exceeding one year and that the surplus keeper at Bolivar Point be formally transferred (on Form 73a) to the existing vacancy of Keeper At Large and assigned to Sabine Pass. It should be definitely understood, however, that the filling of the At Large position is an arrangement pro tem and does not abrogate the Bureau's previous instructions relative to discontinuing that position. If Keeper Stokes is later restored to pay status and transferred, so that his position of Third Asst. Keeper at Sabine Pass could be formally filled, or if any other suitable vacancy occurs, it is requested that consideration be given to formally transferring the keeper who will now temporarily occupy the At Large position.

2. In regard to Keeper Stokes, it is suggested that you ascertain whether he would consider a transfer to Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, 18th District, in the range $1500-1860, without family quarters. If he is interested, he should make application to the 18th Superintendent.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

RLC:MMS

April 24, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

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For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

APR 26 1933

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

WASHINGTON DC APRIL 24, 1933.

SUPERINTENDENT, LIGHTHOUSES, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SIGNED] LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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(POSTAL)

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington

New Orleans La April 22 1933

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington D C

Recommend discontinuance services William Stokes Third Assistant Keeper Sabine Pass Lighthouse whose probationary period expires close April twenty third This action taken to provide position for one of the keepers at Bolivar Point Lighthouse Stop Keeper Bolivar Point has twenty years service and new appointee should be dispensed with rather than services of old and valued employee

LANPHIER

Form 2770
Oct., 1932

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

LEC

May 12, 1933

May 22, 1933

William Stokes, Third Asst.Keeper.
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated May 8, 1933,
relative to the date of birth of William Stokes,

1. Referring further to the matter of the establishment of the correct date of your birth, this office is in receipt of a letter from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., in which it is stated that the correct date of your birth has now been established as February 23, 1896, and you are directed to adhere to this date in the future. Since the report of the Bureau of the Census shows that you were 14 in 1910, it is evident that 1896 was the year of your birth.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) W. J. Braun, Jr.

Chief Clerk

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Chief Clerk

May 12, 1933

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated May 9, 1933,
relative to the date of birth of William Stokes,
employed as Keeper,
in the Lighthouse Service,
who furnishes a Census report of April 15, 1910,
showing that February 23, 1896, is the correct date of birth.
Notation accordingly is being made on the records of this office.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

/s/s E. C. BABCOCK

Secretary.

The records show he has given four dates of birth - 1893 - 1894 - 1895 and 1896. It is suggested that his attention be called to it, and in the future adhere to the date 1896.

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May 15, 1933.

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.

EDW. J. GARDNER

SKG

Chief of Appointment Division.

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

LEC
Incl.

April 28, 1933

Chief of Personnel Division,
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses)

1. Referring further to the correct date of birth in the case of William Stokes, Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, as directed in letter of March 28, 1933, this office wrote Mr. Stokes to secure a report from the Bureau of the Census, with which he complied.

2. The report is forwarded herewith showing that William Stokes was 14 years of age at the time the census of 1910 was taken.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Commissioner

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON

Re: William Stokes

The following information was secured at the Census of 1910 taken as of April 15

Precinct 10, Parker

County of Washington State of Alabama

Name	Relationship	Age	Month and Year of Birth	Plaec of Birth	Citizenship
okes, James					
--- Ada					
--- William	* Brother	14	- - - -	Alabama	
--- Willie					

ationship to head of family not given in 1850, 1860 and 1870

th and year of firth shown only at the Census of 1900

(Signed) W. L. Austin
Director

COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 25 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Sabine Pass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
April 24, 1933

Mr. Adam

Superintendent Lighthouses,
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

Attached papers of William Stokes 3rd Ass't from Bureau of Census in regards to his age.

J J Olivier
Keeper.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON

APR 25 1933

April 19, 1933.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Mr. William Stokes,
Sabine,
Texas.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, there is inclosed a copy of the information reported at the census or censuses indicated for the individual mentioned in your letter of recent date.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Austin

~~Assistant~~ Director.

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J. J. Shivier
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR - 7 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Salmé Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
April 6, 1933

Superintendent Lighthouses
New Orleans
La.

Sir.

Your letter Apr. 4th to 3rd Ass't Wm Stokes handed to him, april 5th for his attention

J J Olivier
Keeper.

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 4, 1933

Wm. Stokes, 3rd Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to the affidavit recently submitted by you in regard to the correct date of your birth, you are advised that this office is now in receipt of a letter from the Chief of the Personnel Division in which it is stated that "Affidavitsas to date of birth are not acceptable," and directing that you furnish proof of birth in the following manner:

(5) "If it is impossible to prove date of birth by (1), (2), or (3), effort should be made to secure age or birth record from the United States Census Bureau. Request for such information should be addressed to the Director of the Census. Washington, D. C. In making the request, definite information must be furnished that Bureau as to place ot residence at the time general census was taken by the United States Government at ten-year periods, viz., 1830, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, and 1920, during the lifetime of the person concerned. If residence was in a city, the ward and street should be stated as well as between what streets. If residence was in the country, name specifically the county and township or the nearest post office, with the distance and direction therefrom. It will also be necessary to give full names of parents, brothers, and sisters. If residence was not with parents, give the name of the householder and the family with whom home was made during those periods. In addition to this information as to the place of residence during census periods, information should be furnished as to the names and location of public schools attended, the dates of attendance at each school, and the names and addresses of principals of such schools.

"(6) Where it is shown that an unsuccessful effort has been made to establish date of birth in one of the foregoing ways, other evidence, such as marriage certificates, life insurance policies, school records, or other documents bearing on age or date of birth may be submitted for consideration. School records may often be obtained from the present principal of the school attended during childhood or youth."

2. You will use either of the above methods in securing proof of the date of your birth without delay in order that the information may be forwarded as requested.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 30 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

March 28, 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Subject: Request for documentary evidence as to date of birth of Keeper William Stokes.

Bureau ( ) dated

Your (indorsement) dated Jan. 27, 1933 forwarding Stokes' affidavit and letter of December 7, 1932.

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected. Affidavits as to date of birth are not acceptable, your attention in this connection being invited to Bureau circular No.271 dated July 20,1931. If Stokes cannot secure evidence in accordance with one of the first three methods, he should forward such information as is obtainable in accordance with (5) or (6)of Form 2473 inclosed.

For the Commissioner:

~~Chief Clerk~~ Bureau of Lighthouses.

R J Jones

Chief of Personnel Division

Incl
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To be prepared in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses whether letter, indorsement, etc.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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Chief of Personnel Division

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

MAR 3 0 1933

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

EVIDENCE REQUIRED AS PROOF OF THE DATE OF BIRTH IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIL SERVICE RECORDS

The exact date of a person's birth may be established as follows:

(1) By certified or photostat copy of the public records, or the record of a bureau of vital statistics, showing date of birth.

(2) By certified or other copy of baptismal, confirmation, or other church record; or by copy of family record taken before a notary public or other officer who should certify over his seal whether the record shows interlineation or signs of alteration tending to discredit it, and whether from its appearance he believes it to be reliable; or a photostat copy may be furnished.

(3) By statement from a practicing physician, certifying that he attended the birth and on what date it occurred.

(4) If it is impossible to prove date of birth by (1), (2), or (3) a sworn statement to that effect must be submitted giving the reasons why it can not be done, and showing, in detail, just what efforts have been made.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

...ndent of Lighthouses: New Orleans, La.

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

NAME AND DESIGNATION William Stokes -- Kpr.

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

For the Commissioner
(Signed) R. L. Cox
R. L. Cox
Acting Chief of Personnel Division

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Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses: District 8th Date Jan.27,1933

The inclosed papers give the only information this office has been able to secure from William Stokes, 3rd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, in reference to the exact date of his birth. The matter was taken up with him immediately after the receipt of Bureau letter, and, after some delay, he was again written, and he replied forwarding the sworn statement herewith attached.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(Signed) William Stokes
William Stokes

Forwarded
J. J. Olivier
Keeper

Sabine, Texas, December 7, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, Louisiana
(Through the Keeper of
Sabine Pass Light Station)

Sir:

Partially replying to your letter of 18th instant, in which I am advised that seeming discrepancy exists in the date of my birth, and directing that I furnish proof, in one of four ways set forth in your letter, I have to say that in answer to carbon copy of letter attached hereto, I am just in receipt of letter dated Dec. 3, 1932, from my older brother I. J. Stokes, Keeper of Station A, Gulf Port, Mississippi, in which he states that he can only advise that, I was born in Dale County, Alabama, about 13 miles North of Ozark, and Dr. Midlebrooks, then residing at Elamville, was present.

I am writing Dr. Midlebrooks at Elamville, Barbour County, Alabama, for such certificate as he can supply; and am also writing to the County Clerk and/or Keeper of Vital Statistics, at Ozark, Dale County, Alabama, requesting certified copy or photostat copy of Public Records, showing date of my birth. If there was any church record from which my birth date could be established, I am unable to obtain knowledge of it, and there is said to be no family record extant.

After receipt of such information as these written requests may elicit, I will make further report to you, in keeping with form of your letter under acknowledgment.

Regretting inability to speed this matter, more, I am, with great respect,

Obediently,

(Signed) William Stokes
William Stokes

Forwarded
J. J. Olivier
Keeper

Sabine, Texas, November 27, 1932

Capt. I. J. Stokes, Keeper,
Chandeleur U. S. Lighthouse,
Via Biloxi, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Brother:

I was admitted to the U. S. Lighthouse Service here about two months ago, and am now advised by the Department that there seems to be irregularity as to representations made by me in my application, as to place and date of my birth; and I am requested to immediately make further and more definite representation in the matter, by (1) procuring and submitting photostat copy of public records, or the record of vital statistics, showing place and date of birth; (2) Certificate of baptism, or certified copy of family record; (3) Statement from practicing physician with his certificate of attendance at my birth, date and place of birth; and if impossible to prove by either of above methods, that I make sworn statement showing what efforts have been made, etc.

As you know, I have no definite knowledge of when or where I was born; though members of our family have told me that I was born in what is now Houston County, Alabama, in the year 1895. From what I have been able to learn, Houston County was Organized in 1910, being made up largely from former area of Henry County, and a small part of Geneva County, and part of Dale County.

Will you kindly write to me at once, giving such information as you have, so that I may write to County Clerk, or keeper of Vital statistics; the Doctor, if any, who attended at my birth; The church to which my parents belonged, if any, so that I may write requesting certified copy of my baptismal record; and, in general, give me all you know as to date and place of my birth?--this particularly as to what town, or near what town and distance from such town and exact date, if you know, or as nearly the date, as you may remember it. I enlisted in the U. S. Army, May 21, 1917, giving my age as being 22 years, basing same on such recollection as I had of what my brothers had told me. How old was I when Father and mother died? How long after my birth, before my parents removed from Alabama to Florida? Awaiting your reply, ~~and with~~ and with brotherly love and good wishes to you and to ~~your~~ and yours, I am,

Your brother

William Stokes

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
JAN 26 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
EIGHTH DISTRICT

OF TEXAS)
)
County of Jefferson)

Before me, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared William Stokes, to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

All the information that I have pertaining to the place and date of my birth was obtained from my brothers and sisters, to the effect that I was born in or near Houston County, Alabama, on February 23rd, 1895; and my age as given at time of my enlistment, on May 21st, 1917, was based on such information. I do not know that my parents were or were not affiliated with any church; or if there was a family record. I have been advised that there was a Doctor Middlebrooks attended my mother at time of my birth, but I have been unable to locate him, letters addressed to him at his last to me known address eliciting no reply.

(Signed) William Stokes

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Sabine, Texas this 22nd day of January, A. D., 1933.

(Signed) F. H. Robinson
Notary Public in and for Jefferson County, Texas.

S(NOTARY PUBLIC)
E(COUNTY OF)
A(JEFFERSON,)
L(TEXAS)

My commission expires June 1, 1933.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 26 1933
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Same

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 25, 1933

Superintendent Lighthouses
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

Attached sworn statement of William Stoves 3rd Ass't Keeper. In compliance with letters of Nov 17 and Jan. 19th.

J J Ahrier
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT
(Station) Sabine Pass

January 19, 1933

Wm. Stokes, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of December 7, 1932, you are directed to advise this office what further steps you have taken in regard to verification of your birth date, and what results you have obtained.

2. This information has been requested by the Bureau of Lighthouses and must be furnished without unnecessary delay.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth

Assistant Superintendent

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 16 1932
EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sabine Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 8, 1932

Superintendent Lighthouses
New Orleans
La.

Sir

Attached letter from L. Third Asst Stokes in regards to your letter Nov 16.

J J Abnis
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 25 1932
EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Salmen Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 24, 1932

Superintendent Lighthouses.
New Orleans
La

Sir:

In regards to your letter Nov 16th addressed to 3rd Asst William Stocks. In reference to discrepancy in his age. 3rd Asst will mail office papers in next couple of days

J J Shiver
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

8th

LIGHTHOUSES
REC'D NOV - 4 - 1932
NOV 16 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 2, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

November 16, 1932

A discrepancy having developed in date of birth in the case of William Stokes an employee of your bureau, it is necessary that the correct date be made of record in the Department. It is therefore requested that evidence to establish correct date of birth by one of the methods outlined in the enclosed form be obtained and forwarded to the Department at an early date.

William Stokes, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

now 2-23-95

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from the Bureau of Lighthouses in which it is stated that there seems to be some discrepancy in the date of your birth, and you are directed to furnish proof of your birth in one of the following ways:

(1) By certified of photostat copy of the public records, or the record of vital statistics, showing date of birth.

(2) By certified or other copy of baptismal, confirmation or other church record; or by copy of family record taken before a notary public or other officer who should certify over his seal whether the record shows interlineation or signs of alteration tending to discredit it, and whether from its appearance he believes it to be reliable; or a photostat copy may be furnished.

(3) By statement from a practicing physician, certifying that he attended the birth and on what date it occurred.

(4) If it is impossible to prove date of birth by (1), (2), (3), a sworn statement to that effect must be submitted giving the reasons why it can not be done, and showing, in detail, just what efforts have been made.

2. Give this matter prompt attention advising this office without delay.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) W. J. Braun, Jr.
Chief Clerk

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. You will see that the above instructions are carried out, advising this office if there is any undue delay.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

8th

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 16 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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LIGHTHOUSES

November 2, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

A discrepancy having developed in date of birth in the case of William Stokes an employee of your bureau, it is necessary that the correct date be made of record in the Department. It is therefore requested that evidence to establish correct date of birth by one of the methods outlined in the enclosed form be obtained and forwarded to the Department at an early date.

Chief Clerk.

Enclosure.

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Return this letter with required evidence

Now 2-23-95

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

EVIDENCE REQUIRED AS PROOF OF THE DATE OF BIRTH IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIL SERVICE RECORDS

NOV 16 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

The exact date of a person's birth may be established as follows:

(1) By certified or photostat copy of the public records, or the record of a bureau of vital statistics, showing date of birth.

(2) By certified or other copy of baptismal, confirmation, or other church record; or by copy of family record taken before a notary public or other officer who should certify over his seal whether the record shows interlineation or signs of alteration tending to discredit it, and whether from its appearance he believes it to be reliable; or a photostat copy may be furnished.

(3) By statement from a practicing physician, certifying that he attended the birth and on what date it occurred.

(4) If it is impossible to prove date of birth by (1), (2), or (3) a sworn statement to that effect must be submitted giving the reasons why it can not be done, and showing, in detail, just what efforts have been made.

(5) If it is impossible to prove date of birth by (1), (2), or (3) effort should be made to secure age or birth record from the United States Census Bureau. Request for such information should be addressed to the Director of the Census, Washington. D. C. In making the request, definite information must be furnished that Bureau as to place of residence at the time general census was taken by the United States Government at ten-year periods, viz., 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, and 1920, during the lifetime of the person concerned. If residence was in a city, the ward and street should be stated as well as between what streets. If residence was in the country, name specifically the county and township or the nearest post office, with the distance and direction therefrom. It will also be necessary to give full names of parents, brothers, and sisters. If residence was not with parents, give the name of the householder and the family with whom home was made during those periods. In addition to this information as to the place of residence during census periods, information should be furnished as to the names and location of public schools attended, the dates of attendance at each school, and the names and addresses of principals of such schools.

(6) Where it is shown that an unsuccessful effort has been made to establish date of birth in one of the foregoing ways, other evidence, such as marriage certificates, life insurance policies, school records, or other documents bearing on age or date of birth may be submitted for consideration. School records may often be obtained from the present principal of the school attended during childhood or youth.

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Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt. 8th Lighthouse District, New Orleans, La., May 4, 1933
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on April 23, 1933.

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) (she) is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name William Stokes

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1320 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty October 24, 1932

Remarks:

(Signed) J. J. Olivier Keeper
(Signature of immediate superior)

Submitted:

E. V. A.
(Head of bureau or office)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

LEC
Incl.

November 9, 1932

J. J. Olivier, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

1. Referring to the probationary appointment of William Stokes as Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station:

2. Inclosed you will find a form on which report is to be made by you in connection with the probationary services of Mr. Stokes. If his services have been satisfactory in every respect, the report should be mailed to this office on May 12, 1933. In this case all you need do is sign the form where indicated in pencil.

3. If at any time it should appear that he is not capable of performing his duties, or does not perform them properly, you will submit the report immediately without waiting for the date above stated. In this case you will insert the word "not" in the blank space before the words "been satisfactory" in the second paragraph, and the word "not" in the blank space before the word "considered" in the following line, stating the reasons under remarks.

4. You will see that Mr. Stokes takes the necessary steps to secure the regulation uniform (blue cloth suit and cap, and white seaman uniform for working) within a reasonable time, and report if he does not do so.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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April 29, 1933

J. J. Olivier, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

1. You are directed to forward probationary report in the case of William Stokes, Third Assistant Keeper. This report should be forwarded to office without delay.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 206

FILE No. 8

LEC RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

PLACE, New Orleans, La.

DATE, November 9, 1932

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,

Port Arthur, Texas

SIR:

Please examine William Stokes, Third Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

nativity, American; age, 37; height, 5 feet, 5 inches;

weight, 145 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Blue

distinguishing marks, _____

_____

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

E. S. K.

Lighthouse Inspector.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(Signature of applicant:) _____

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) (Signature of witness:) _____ Keeper

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Port Arthur, Texas

DATE, November 12, 1932

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of William Stokes, and find him physically {~~disqualified~~ / qualified*} in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

(Signed(C. P. Mureday (?)

A.A. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Port Arthur, Texas

DATE, 11/12/32, 191

Name of applicant, William Stokes

Eyes: Color, Blue; exophthalmus, None

chronic inflammation, None; other anbormality, None

Eyelids: Ptosis, None; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions, None

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses,

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses,

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses - - -

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Plate book

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Good; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, None

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 20 feet; left ear, 20 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 10 feet; left ear, 10 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

None

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LEC
Incl.

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

November 14, 1932

William Stokes, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

William Stokes, Third Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

...copy of Form 206, "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," with application thereon for your examination by an officer of the U.S. Public Health Service.

You are informed that all light keepers and assistants light keepers are required to be examined by the Public Health Service before they become entitled to medical relief at hospitals and stations of the Public Health Service. ... physical fitness for duty.

1. Inclosed herewith is record of physical examination in your case and which you must retain in connection with medical relief by the U. S. Public Health Service. A copy has been made for the files of this office.

You are directed to have yourself examined by the most convenient Public Health Service official at first opportunity. Reply to this letter at once, stating when and where you will be examined, and submit request on the proper form for the necessary leave of ...

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Before presenting the application to the doctor, it must be completed by filling in the information in regard to color of hair, color of eyes, and distinguishing marks. You must also sign it where designated "Signature of applicant" and have the Keeper witness your signature. All expense of travel in connection with the examination must be paid by you.

The following ... Officers.

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

Apalachicola, Fla.	Call upon Collector of Customs for information.
Pensacola, Fla.	Public Health Service Office.
Mobile, Ala.	U.S. Marine Hospital
Gulfport, Miss.	Public Health Service Office
Port Arthur, Tex.	do do
Galveston, Tex.	do do
Port Aransas, Tex.	do do
New Orleans, La.	U.S. Marine Hospital (Office in Custom House)

Return Record of Examination to this office promptly.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas

E. S. LANPHIER
Supt. of Lighthouses

E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
November 9, 1932

William Stokes, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

Inclosed is a copy of Form 206, "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," with application thereon for your examination by an officer of the U.S. Public Health Service.

You are informed that all light keepers and assistants light keepers are required to be examined by the Public Health Service before they become entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and stations of the Public Health Service. The examination is also required to determine the employee's physical fitness for the Lighthouse Service.

You are directed to have yourself examined by the most convenient Public Health Service official at first opportunity. Reply to this letter at once, stating when and where you will be examined, and submit request on the proper form for the necessary leave of absence from the station.

Before presenting the application to the doctor, it must be completed by filling in the information in regard to color of hair, color of eyes, and distinguishing marks. You must also sign it where designated "Signature of applicant" and have the Keeper witness your signature. All expense of travel in connection with the examination must be paid by you.

The following is a list showing locations of the Public Health Service Officers.

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Port Aransas, Tex.	do do
New Orleans, La.	U.S. Marine Hospital (Office in Custom House)

Return Record of Examination to this office promptly.

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas

E. S. LANPHIER
Supt. of Lighthouses

E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form A-30

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

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 OCT-17-AM 10:27

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1932.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. William Stokes,

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

OCT 19 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: John E. Harrison.

Legal Residence: Texas.

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OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District
New Orleans, La., October 11, 1932
(Bureau or Office)

I, William Stokes
(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.

(Signed) William Stokes
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of October, A. D. 1932

at Sabine (City or place), Texas (State)

[SEAL]

(Signed) F. H. Robinson
Notary Public, Jefferson County, Texas

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

My commission expires June 1, 1933.
F. H. Robinson, Notary Public)

Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (Sabine Pass L.S. Texas)

Date of entrance on duty October 24, 1932

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

...ct 3/28/24)
...5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment Commerce, 8th Lighthouse District. Date Sept 15 1932

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Stoker (Surname) William (Given name) Sabine (Middle name) spell in full.
2. Present address ____ (Number) Texas (3) (Street) Jefferson (City) Sabine (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence ____ (State and Congressional District) Houston County (County) ____ (City or town)
4. Where born Alabama (State or foreign country) When born Feb 23, 1895 (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 Wife 29, Child 11, Child 9 Child 2,
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
None									

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
	Position	
	Department or office	
	Position	
	Department or office	
	Position	
	Department or office	

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

(Title) None (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?

(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

Enlisted July 28, 1917 Discharged April 29, 1919

Rank Private Rank

Organization 42 Field Artillery Organization

Enlisted Discharged

Rank Rank

Organization Organization

[OVER] 10—1930

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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.) _____

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
Fishing and boating		20 years

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 Mrs William Stokes,

Relationship wife Post office address Sabine Tex,

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

William S Stokes

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

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 10—1930

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended: Appointment as Keeper.

Name, William Stokes,

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service,

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas.

Effective, September 26, 1932.

Former position, ---

Location, ---

Rank on eligible register, ---

Previous incumbent and his pay, ---

Reason, ---

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth, February 23, 1893.

Remarks: Married. Keeper in Lighthouse Service.

Selected from certificate of ---

U. S. Civil Service Examination ---

Sabine, Texas. October 20, 1932.
(Place) (Date)

Legal residence, Texas.

Proposed salary, $1320 per annum.

Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Appropriation, Sal. & Exps. of L.H.

Date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Percentage, ---, Other eligibles considered: Arthur Marshall, Jr.

Service terminated, about Sept.25,1932.

Sir:

1. You are advised that approval of your appointment to the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station has been received, and you may proceed to that station, reporting to Mr. J. J. Olivier, Keeper.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Inclosed is letter of appointment in the case of William Stokes which you will hand him upon his arrival at the station. Also inclosed is oath of office, which you will have Mr. Stokes execute without delay before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths. Return oath to office without delay, advising the date of Mr. Stokes arrival at the station.

E. S. LANPHIER

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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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NOMINATION

SPECIAL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., September 17, 1932.
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational appointment.

Name, William Stokes

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, September 26, 1932.

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

Legal residence, Texas.

Proposed salary, $1320 p. a.

Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs.of L.H.

Former position, - - - - - -

Location, - - - - - -

Former salary, - - - - - -

Former range, - - - - - -

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 89.5% Prof., Other eligibles considered:
Robt.N.Robson, PR; S.C.Cameron, C. Geo.H.Fletcher, PR; Arthur Marshall, C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, J.E.Harrison, $1320 P.A. Services terminated, to be about Sept.25,1932.

Reason, To be transferred to position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Head of Passes L.S.,La.

Members of family in Government service, I.J.Stokes, brother, married. Keeper in Lighthouse Service.

Date of birth, February 23, 1895.

Remarks: The filling of this position is necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property, as per justifications form attached.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office:	8th District, U. S. Lighthouse Service.
Position:	Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.
Compensation:	$1320 per annum.
Location:	Sabine Pass Light Station, etc., La.
Appropriation:	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1933.
Date of Vacancy:	Vacancy will occur on or about Sept.25,1932.
Cause:	Transfer.
Justification:	Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine Bank Light, etc. consists of a revolving flashing main light shown from a tower on shore at Sabine Pass; Sabine Bank Light, an unwatched automatic light located about twelve (12) miles out in the Gulf of Mexico and about sixteen (16) miles from the main light; also 13 minor lights in Sabine Pass extending over a distance of eleven (11) miles. There is a radiobeacon transmitting each hour during fair weather and continuously during fog. Constant watch and service of the aids to navigation enumerated above is required during each entire twenty-four hours and the full complement of keepers is necessary to insure the operation of the aids to navigation in order to save life and property. Sabine Pass is the entrance for a large fleet of vessels and one of the most important ports in the district.

Recommended by:

Approved:

_____
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Secretary of Commerce.

OCT 14 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

October 14, 1932

William Stokes,
Sabine,
Texas

Sir:

1. Replying to your letter of October 13, 1932, inquiring as to when you will be assigned to duty at Sabine Pass Light Station, you are advised that this office has had no information in this regard. As soon as your appointment is received, you will be advised

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 14 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sabine Tex.
Oct 13, 1932.

Supt. of Lighthouses,

Sirs, I have been waiting a month to hear, in regards to whether or not I am going to be appointed to Sabine pass light, please let me know as soon as possible, For I must do something soon,

Yours Truly,
William Stokes,

Sabine Tex,

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8. Lungs: Right Normal
Left Normal
If history of tuberculosis, has it been arrested for one year?
9. Inguinal rings (men only): Right Normal
Left Normal
Is scar small?
(Any hernia should be noted, inguinal, femoral, umbilical, etc.)
10. Varicose veins: None
If "Yes" note location and degree
11. Flat foot: No
If "Yes," note extent of impairment of function
12. Deformities, atrophies, and other communicable diseases, or defects not included above: None
13. Scars of serious injury or disease: None
14. Nervous system: Normal
15. Urinalysis (see over): Not required. Venereal disease: None
16. Has applicant ever received pension, compensation, or hospital treatment or disability incurred while in military or naval service? No. If "Yes," describe disability and state where hospital was
17. Considering your findings in this examination, as well as the applicant's age and the duties of the position of Lighthouse Keeper, what is the ability of the applicant to perform the duties?
Lighthouse Keeper
(Name of position sought)

Relief Station, Port Arthur, Texas
(Post of examination)
September 15, 1932
(Date of examination)

C. P. Murphy, M.D.
(Name and address of physician)
Examining Physician
(Title)

For reasons to be stated in writing to the applicant, the report of the official ordering the examination.

This report is to be returned to the [illegible] U. S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

W. J. BRAUN, JR.
Chief Clerk.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER, JUNE 18, 1923

(APPLICANT, MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE)

William S Stokes
(Name)

Sabine Tex
(Post office address)

Male
(Sex)

Feb 23-1895
(Date of birth)

Rolled print, right forefinger

(Use fingerprint indelible pad)

What examination did you take? Asst Keeper of L H S

In what Department and Bureau are you to be employed? Commerce, L H B

In what City or Town are you to be employed? Sabine Tex

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 19, 1932.

Secretary Local Board Civil Service Examiners
Post Office Building
Port Arthur Texas

William Stokes was directed report to you for fingerprinting in connection appointment as Lighthouse Keeper September fifteenth Advise by wire if fingerprints taken and mail chart this office without delay as requested in letter September thirteenth

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(PHYSICIAN SHOULD FILL IN THE FOLLOWING)

64 inches. * ____ pounds. 145 pounds.
(Height, without shoes) (Weight, in clothing) (Weight, without clothing)

Males, without clothing; females, clothed but without wrap or hat.

Items checked (√) were examined and found normal. Deviations from normal are noted. (See instructions on back of sheet)

1. Eyes: For distance; with glasses if worn: Right 20/20 Left 20/20 Without glasses: Right 20/20 Left 20/20
(For near vision see over)
Evidence of disease or injury: Right No Left No
Color vision Normal Method of testing color vision Test Book

2. Ears: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. Record as numerators the actual distance heard.) Ordinary conversation ____ Right ear— 20/20 ft. Left ear— 20/20 ft.

3. Nose: Normal

4. Mouth: Normal

5. Throat: Normal

6. Thyroid (especially in women): Normal

7. Heart: Normal — If organic heart disease is present, is it fully compensated? ____

8. Lungs: Right Normal — If history of tuberculosis, has it been arrested for one year? ____
Left Normal

9. Inguinal rings (men only): Right Normal — Is truss worn? No
Left Normal
(Any hernia should be noted, inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.)

10. Varicose veins: None
(If "Yes" state location and degree)

11. Flat foot: No
(If "Yes," state extent of impairment of function)

12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above: None

13. Scars of serious injury or disease: None

14. Nervous system: Normal Venereal disease: None

15. Urinalysis (see over): Not required

16. Has applicant ever received pension, compensation, or training because of disability received while in military or naval service? No If "Yes," describe disability and state whether present now: ____

17. Considering your findings in this examination, as well as the history and the duties of the position of 2nd Asst. (Fill in kind) Lighthouse Keeper (of position sought) what is the ability of the applicant to perform the duties? Fully fit

Relief Station, Port Arthur, Texas
(Place of examination)

September 15, 1932.
(Date of examination)

*The examining physician must be in the Federal service

C P Munday.
(Name of examining physician) C. P. Munday

A. A. Surgeon, USPHS.
(Title, and branch of medical service)

*For males, to be taken only upon special written request of the official ordering examination.

This report is to be returned to the official of the U. S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination.

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WJB

LETTER OF AUTHORITY

10th U.S.CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., Sept. 13, 1932.
Place Date

Mr. William Stokes,
Sabine, Texas.

Register Assistant Lighthouse Keeper.

Average 89.5% (Pref.)

Dear Sir: (Commander)

Your name is being considered for appointment under eligibility on the above named register, and in accordance with provisions of Civil Service Rule V, Section 4 (b) relating to physical fitness

You are requested to report for a physical examination on at once

1930, between the hours of - - - and - - - at the Public Health Station at Port Arthur, Texas.

presenting this letter as your authority.

This examination is necessary in connection with appointments, even though a medical certificate may have been submitted with the application for the purpose of securing eligibility under the examination.

Very respectfully,

E. H. Jennings,
District Manager

By W. W. Brown Jr.
Nominating Officer or Local Bd.

N.B. This letter of authorization is to be returned together with the executed form No. 2413 by the U.S. Public Health medical officer to the district secretary, except when the letter is signed by a nominating officer or local board in which event they should be sent that office or board. Neither this letter nor the medical certificate should be returned to the applicant or eligible.

MEDICAL OFFICER: Please mail Form 2413 to:
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Customhouse Building,
New Orleans, La.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

Sept. 13, 1932.

Mr. William Stokes,
Sabine, Texas.

Sir:

1. You have been selected for the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station but before this office can nominate you for appointment thereto it will be necessary for you to proceed to Port Arthur, Texas, and report to the Medical Officer in charge of the U.S.Public Health Service station for a physical examination, using the inclosed letter as your authority. While in Port Arthur you will report to the Secretary, Local Board of Civil Service Examiners, in the Post Office, for the purpose of having your fingerprints taken. A letter of authority is also inclosed for this purpose.

2. There is also inclosed Form 124b, "Declaration of Appointee" which you should fill out, answering all questions fully, and a Personal History Sheet both copies of which should be filled out in full and signed by you in duplicate. THIS FORM SHOULD BE FILLED OUT IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING. Return these forms, complete in all respects, to this office with as little delay as possible as your nomination cannot go forward until they are received, as well as the record of your physical examination and fingerprints.

3. It will take probably two or three weeks, or longer, before final action is taken on your nomination, but you will hold yourself in readiness to proceed to the station whenever ordered, that is provided you meet all the requirements. Do not proceed to the station until you receive definite instructions from this office to do so.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

F. J. M.
Assistant Superintendent.

WJB.

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Respectfully,

F. G. M

Assistant Superintendent.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

Assistant Superintendent.

The Secretary,
Local Board of Civil Service Examiners,
Post Office Building,
Port Arthur, Texas.

Sept. 13,1932.

Sir:

1. The bearer, William Stokes, has been selected for probational appointment as a Keeper in the Lighthouse Service and in accordance with Civil Service Regulations it is requested that you take the fingerprints of Mr. Stokes, mailing the fingerprint chart with as little delay as possible to:

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Room 224 Customhouse Bldg.,
New Orleans, La.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

R. G. M.

Assistant Superintendent.

Sabine Tex,
Sept 9, 1932,

Sir— In Answer to your
letter, I will take the position.
There wont be any member
of my family live with me,
my family will live at Sabine.

Resp,
Wm Stokes

Sabine Tex,

DEPARTMENT OF LIGHT-HOUSES
SEP 1 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF LIGHT-HOUSES
SEP 1 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

Sept. 7, 1932.

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,
New Orleans, La., August 30, 1932

WJB. by informed that you are being considered for the position of 3rd Asst. Keeper at Sabine Pass Light (Station, location, and whether station is active or not.)
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Sept. 7, 1932.

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Mr. William Stokes,
Sabine, Texas.

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Sir:

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1. In connection with your consideration for the position of Third Asst. Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station it is noted in your reply to questions on Form 201 that you have a wife and three children. On this form it was stated that only two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 3rd Assistant Keeper for family quarters, and no more than two people can reside in these quarters.

2. Are you still willing to accept an appointment at this station under the conditions cited? If so, advise which one of your family will reside with you at the station; if one of the children, state the age.

Respectfully,

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ENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 7 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

Sept. 7, 1932.

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.

New Orleans, La., August 30, 1932

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WJB. You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 3rd Asst. Keeper at (State position, location, and whether station is or not occupied.)
Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, located on the east side of Sabine Pass, just across the river from Sabine, Texas.

Total Compensation: $1320 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the Sept. 7, 1932. er for
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)
family quarters, and no more than two people can reside in these quarters. Advise how many members in your family. wife 3 Children,

Furniture: Mr. William Stokes,
Sabine, Texas.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 48 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not 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 of quarters [illegible] articles of furniture required [illegible]

Read carefully [illegible] letter.

You will [illegible] below and returning this [illegible]

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

The following questions [illegible] by applicant:

Are you [illegible] offered you? Yes

If selected, can report for duty in [illegible] days from to-day. Forty two

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this [illegible]? 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.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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 1; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Jim Stokes		Position Light House Keeper Department or office Lighthouse Service	Brother	married
(do not know Address)		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:

(Signature) Wm Stokes

Date Sept 1 (Post-office address) Sabine Tex

Transportation expenses from home to station will not be paid by the Government.

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

...s,
Texas

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,
New Orleans, La., August 30, 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP -2 1932

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 3rd Asst. Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, located on the east side of Sabine Pass, just across the river from Sabine, Texas.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $1320 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 3rd Asst. Keeper for family quarters, and no more than two people can reside in these quarters. Advise how many members in your family. wife 3 children,
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: NONE
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

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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. J. Langhier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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 Anytime 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

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Jim Stokes		Position Light House Department or office Service	Brother	married
I do not know Address		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:

(Signature) Wm Stokes

Date Sept 1, (Post-office address) Sabine Tex.

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Transportation expenses from home to station will not be paid by the Government.

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

New Orleans, La., August 30, 1932

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...: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 3rd Asst.Keeper at ...tion, Sabine, Texas, located on the east side of Sabine Pass, just across the ...ver from Sabine, Texas.

(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $1320 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 3rd Asst.Keeper for family quarters, and no more than two people can reside in these quarters. Advise how many members in your family.

(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: NONE

(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

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Respectfully,

E. J. Langhier

Superintendent of Lighthouses 13

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Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?.....

If selected, I can report for duty in.....days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?.....

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?.....

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.....		
		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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Transportation expenses from home to station will not be paid by the Government.

...FOR RESTORATION.

Assistant
EXAMINATION L.H.Keeper.
RATING 91.7%
PREFERENCE Yes.
REEMPLOYMENT - - -

(Rural Delivery)

United States Civil Service Commission,

10th Civil Service District,

Local Secretary,
OFFICE OF THE ~~DISTRICT SECRETARY~~
224 Customhouse Building.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 19 1932.

Mr. Robert N. Robson,
1506 Avenue M,
Galveston, Texas.

The Undersigned ~~xx~~

reports that you have been considered for appointment as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service and that you have failed to { ~~except~~, respond, } or that inquiry addressed to you was returned unclaimed.

If you answered inquiry of appointing officer it may be that your communication did not reach him prior to the time report was made to the district secretary on the certification.

You can readily understand that the presence on a register of eligibles of persons who no longer desire appointment results in serious delay and confusion in filling vacancies. Your name has been removed from the register for this position. If you wish your name restored you should furnish an explanation of your failure to { ~~accept~~, respond, } and a statement as to whether you will accept a future offer of appointment. If your explanation is satisfactory your name may be restored to the register. You should not request the restoration of your eligibility if you are not able to accept an appointment in the future as such action will only embarrass the service and result in no benefit to you.

Eligibles should keep the district secretary informed of changes in their circumstances which prevent the acceptance of appointment at the salary and in the locality previously indicated by them.

Please answer the questions below and return this communication immediately.

Very respectfully,

A. B. Braun Jr.

Local ~~Examiner~~ Secretary.
224 Customhouse Bldg., New Orleans, La.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? ..... If not, give the date on or after which you can accept appointment: .....

Will you accept the next appointment offered under the salary and locality conditions heretofore indicated by you? ..... If not, state in what locality and at what salary you will accept: .....

Give reasons for not accepting the position mentioned: .....

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(*Signature*) .....

(*Address*) .....

Date ....., 192

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,
New Orleans, La., August 30, 1932

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(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
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Total Compensation: $1320 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 3rd Asst.Keeper for
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Furniture: NONE
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 48 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

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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. Rauhlier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?.....

If selected, I can report for duty in.....days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?.....

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?.....

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		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).....

Transportation expenses from home to station will not be paid by the Government.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT

MSC
1 set inclosures

April 5, 1920.

William Stokes,
cancellation of
appointment

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Returned herewith, in duplicate, is Department certificate dated March 17, 1920, covering probationary appointment of William Stokes as a keeper in the Lighthouse Service at $840 per annum.

2. William Stokes has declined to report for duty at Sabine Bank Light Station under this appointment and it is therefore requested that his appointment be returned to the Department for cancellation.

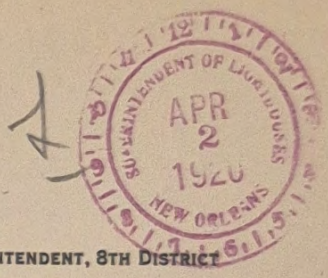
E. S. L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

MCC
3 inclosures

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 25, 1920.

William Stokes, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department Certificate, dated March 17, 1920, covering your probationary appointment as second assistant keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, at a salary of $840 per annum and the usual ration allowance (plus the monthly bonus of $20 during the present fiscal year), effective commencing April 1, 1920.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as possible. NO PAY WILL BE SENT YOU UNDER THIS APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE OATH IS RECEIVED IN PROPER FORM.

3. Form 124, "Declaration of Appointee," should be completed by you in the presence of the Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station, then dated and signed by him and forwarded to this office.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

New Orleans, La., _____
(Address) (Date)

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

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

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William 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.

William Stokes

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 20.

(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 (Pro-bationary)	$840 p.a.	Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
Former Keeper in the Light-house Service (Tempor-ary)	$780 p.a.	do.

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., _____

(Address) (Date)

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

(Date)

Do not sign here

(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 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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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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[Branch of service or department.]

_____, _____
[Name of city.] [State.]

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DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. If the answer to question 6 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 by the appointing officer for approval before appointment may be authorized. 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.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What was your age on your last birthday and what was the date of your birth?	
2. Where were you born?	
3. What were the names of the persons who signed the vouchers to your application?	
4. In what city or town, and in what building were you examined?	
5. To what position have you been appointed? State the salary. If temporary, so state.	

6. Are any members of your family in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no"..... If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name.	Post office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
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		Department or office.....		
		Position		
		Department or office.....		

7. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination?

..... If so, give the name of each such person .....

.....

8. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form? .....

I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true in every particular.

_____
[Signature.]

_____
[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

The officer before whom the above certificate is made is requested to sign the following:

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? .....

..... Signature .....

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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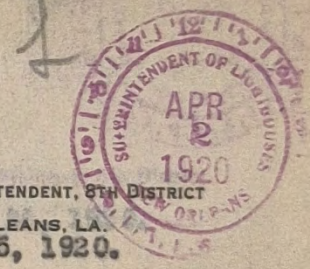
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 25, 1920.

William Stokes, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department Certificate, dated March 17, 1920, covering your probationary appointment as second assistant keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, at a salary of $840 per annum and the usual ration allowance (plus the monthly bonus of $20 during the present fiscal year), effective commencing April 1, 1920.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as possible. NO PAY WILL BE SENT YOU UNDER THIS APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE OATH IS RECEIVED IN PROPER FORM.

3. Form 124, "Declaration of Appointee," should be completed by you in the presence of the Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station, then dated and signed by him and forwarded to this office.

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

Copy furnished I.C.M.Ericksen, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information and the station files. You are directed to see that this employee returns the oath of office, properly completed, with as little delay as possible.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.

March 26, 1920.

William Stokes, 2d Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

Inclosed is a copy of Form 206, "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," with application thereon for your examination by an officer of the U. S. Public Health Service.

You are informed that all light keepers and assistant light keepers are required to be examined by the Public Health Service before they become entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and stations of the Public Health Service. The examination is also required to determine the employee's physical fitness for the Lighthouse Service.

You are directed to have yourself examined by the most convenient Public Health Service official at first opportunity. Reply to this letter at once, stating when and where you will be examined, and submit request on the proper form for the necessary leave of absence from the station.

Before presenting the application to the doctor, it must be completed by filling in the information in regard to color of hair, color of eyes, and distinguishing marks. You must also sign it where designated, "Signature of applicant," and have the Keeper witness your signature. All expense of travel in connection with this examination must be paid by you.

The following is a list showing locations of the Public Health Service officers:

Apalachicola, Fla.,	Call upon Collector of Customs for information.
Pensacola, Fla.,	Public Health Service Office.
Mobile, Ala.,	U. S. Marine Hospital.
Gulfport, Miss.,	Public Health Service Office.
Port Arthur, Texas,	do.
Galveston, Texas,	do.
Port Aransas, Texas,	do.
New Orleans, La.,	U.S.Marine Hospital (Office in Custom House).

Return Record of Examination to this office promptly.

(SGD.) E. S. LANPHIER,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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Galveston, Texas,	do.
Port Aransas, Texas,	do.
New Orleans, La.,	U.S.Marine Hospital (Office in Custom House).

Return Record of Examination to this office promptly.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

FILE No. S

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

PLACE, New Orleans, La.,

DATE, March 26, 1920.

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Port Arthur, Texas.

SIR:

Please examine William Stokes, 2d Asst. Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex.,

nativity, Florida; age, 26; height, 5 feet, 6 inches;

weight, 145 pounds; color of hair, ; color of eyes,

distinguishing marks,

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

E. S. Lanphier.

~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) (Signature of witness;)

Keeper.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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March 25, 1920.

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Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

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

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William 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)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 20.

(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 (Pro-bationary)	$840 p.a.	Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
Former Keeper in the Light-house Service (Tempor-ary)	$780 p.a.	do.

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., _____

(Address) (Date)

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

(Date)

_____

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans, La., March 13, 1920. 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, William Stokes — Legal residence, Florida

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $840 per annum

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 21, 1920, { ~~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, First Rating, Assistant Keeper Percentage, 87.2, Other eligibles considered:

Charles Bateman, C; William H. Wright, C.

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

Reason, Now serving under temporary appointment pending establishment of a register of eligibles for probationary appointment.

Members of family in Government Service, Allen Stokes, Brother, Married, Temporary Keeper, Sabine Bank L.S., Texas.

Remarks: William Stokes has been serving temporarily at Sabine Bank Light Station since December 10, 1919. Prior to that time he had never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Sabine Bank Light Station for the family of the second assistant keeper. There are no keepers in this district who desire transfer to this position.

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

Thru delay 3-13-20

E.S.L.

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply. 11—2314

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

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

Name of employee William Stokes

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $780 p.a.

Place of employment Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

Last day served March 20, 1920.

Copy for information of Secretary, Tenth Civil-Service District, 2d Floor, Customhouse Building, New Orleans, La.

(Sgd.) E.S.LANPHIER,

E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(*Official title.*)

Date April 1, 1920.

Lighthouse Service
(*Bureau or service.*)

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

(Prescribed by Section 1767, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 23 1919

December 19, 1919.

Mr. William Stokes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

effective December 10, 1919.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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COPY (MCC) Recd. 9 a.m. Jan. 2, 1920.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William 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.

(Sgd.) WILLIAM STOKES

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 31st day of December, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

S(Notary Public,
E(County of
A(Jefferson,
L(Texas.

[4] (*Name*) (Sgd.) F. H. Robinson

(*Official title*) Notary Public, Jefferson Co., Tex.

My commission expires June 1, 1921.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$780 p.a.	Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
Former Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

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

New Orleans, La., January 3, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 10, 1919.
(Date)

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(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.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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December 27, 1919.

William Stokes, Temporary Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Acting Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated December 19, 1919, appointing you temporary assistant keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, at a salary of $780 per annum and a daily ration allowance of 45¢, effective commencing December 10, 1919. In addition to salary, you will receive the temporary bonus of $20 a month upon receipt of Department approval of certificate in your case.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as practicable.

3. NO PAY WILL BE SENT YOU UNTIL THE OATH IS RECEIVED IN PROPER FORM.

4. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Sgd.) F. A. MUTH,
First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy furnished I. C. M. Ericksen, Acting Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information and the station files.

You are directed to see that Mr. Stokes returns the oath of office, properly executed, with as little delay as possible.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

First Assistant Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: New Orleans, La., December 12, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

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

Name, William Stokes

Legal residence, Florida

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary, $780 p.a.

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective December 10, 1919, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.

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

Location, -

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

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, William S. Armstrong Services terminated, December 5, 1919.

Reason, RESIGNED.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at Sabine Bank Light Station, William Stokes was assigned to duty on Dec. 10,1919. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the

U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 191

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

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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.

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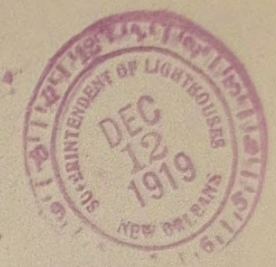
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

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

December 10th 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Mr. William Stokes arived and reported to me at (2.30) ~~PM~~ O'Clock this Evening, the Sabine Bank Boat being in and going out to-morrow morning ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Weather permitting MR. Stokes will proceed with them.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Stratley
Keeper.

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December 2, 1919.

Mr. William Stokes,
San Blas,
Florida.

Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of recent date stating that you would accept temporary employment at Sabine Bank Light Station and that you could report for duty at any time:

2. You are informed that it is desired to have you leave your home enroute to Sabine, Texas, on the morning of December 6th or as soon thereafter as possible. Bring your own bedding, blankets, etc., and sufficient funds to purchase provisions until you receive your first salary check.

3. Inclosed is Government Transportation Request No. C-78684 covering your transportation from Panama City, Florida, to Sabine, Texas. Sign the Request above the words, "Keeper, Lighthouse Service," and surrender same to the Ticket Agent at Panama City who will give you a ticket from Panama City to Sabine. You will also notice the stub attached, which you will sign above the words, "Keeper, Lighthouse Service," fill in the value of the ticket where called for, detach, and <u>return the stub to this office</u>. If you do not use this Transportation Request, <u>return</u> same promptly to this office.

4. Acknowledge receipt of this letter, stating the exact date you will leave your home for Sabine. Upon your arrival at Sabine, you will call upon the Keeper of the lighthouse there, Mr. Frank P. Spratley, who will assist you in getting out to Sabine Bank Light Station if the station boat is not ashore or care for you at Sabine Pass Light Station if necessary.

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

Copy furnished F.P.Spratley, Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., Sabine, Tex., for his information, guidance, and the station files. If none of the keepers of Sabine Bank are ashore at the time of Mr.Stokes' arrival, you are requested to care for him at Sabine Pass Light Station until the Sabine Bank station boat comes ashore. Submit a report at the proper time.

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

Copy furnished I. C. M. Ericksen, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas (through Keeper Armstrong), for his information and the station files. Advise the exact date Mr. Stokes reports to you for duty.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTH DISTRICT
St. Andrews
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November 19, 1919.

Mr. Willie M. Stokes,
San Blas,
Florida.

Sir:

1. There will be a vacancy on December 6, 1919, in the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, at salary of $65 per month, plus $20 bonus, and 45¢ a day ration allowance, making a total of $98.50 a month.

2. Sabine Bank Light Station is located about 16 miles off Sabine, Texas. Four Keepers are authorized to care for the station and they may be granted 96 days' shore liberty during the calendar year. There are quarters at Sabine Bank for the Keepers, but not for their families. The station is equipped with a 20-foot motor boat. Keepers are required to furnish their own bedding, blankets, etc. Fuel is allowed for heating and lighting purposes.

3. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you will accept the above position, stating what experience you have had in operating motor boats and whether or not you can report for duty on December 6th, if selected for the position. Complete and return inclosed "Personal Question Sheet," and, if you are a discharged soldier or sailor, forward your Certificate of Discharge so that a record of same may be made.

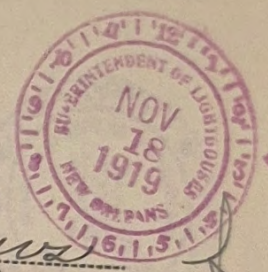
Respectfully,

E. S. L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Write Stokes



EIGHTH DISTRICT

St Andrews
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 17, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans Fla
Dear Sir

I just met this young man Willie M Stokes of San Blas Fla who I am well acquainted with, and feel pretty sure that he would be a good fellow for the Sabine Bank light, he is single 25 years old and is an experianced boat-man and has handled sail and gasoline engins a great deal

And I think he would accept the Sabine Bank position.

Respectfully
R L Studebaker

(Name)
Willie M Stokes
add San Blas
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Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans La
Dear Sir

Replying to your letter of Nov 19th also enclosed form will say in reply that I will accept the position as third assistant Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station Tex at the salary mentioned on enclosed form $780 00 per annum And can report for duty at any time

Respectfully
William Stopes

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS NOV 28 1919

EIGHTH DISTRICT

St Andrews
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 25, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleand La
Dear Sir

I will make you a statement regarding the applicant Willie Stokes who I have known for sometime, and feel confident he is a good reliable man for the Light House service

He is a steady sober man and a good boatman, and has operated gasoline engins quite a bit He has been here on the bay about ten years: and has boated with small launches up to 30 & 35 ft in length most of the time except when the war begun and he went in the army

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 28 1919
NEW ORLEANS

I will also state that I did the writing in the filing out of his question sheet, as he ask me to do the writing and thought that I could write a little better than he could and I wrote them word for word just as he answered them

He talked like he might need some finacial help to get to the Station in Texas, I told him that if it was not so aranged that he could not get any financial help from you, that I would furnish him with the necessary funds, and would get the necessary help he needed someway

Respectfully
R L Studebaker

MCC

December 2, 1919.

I. C. M. Ericksen, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through Keeper W.S.Armstrong)

1. When Keeper Armstrong comes ashore at the close of December 5th, you are directed to instruct the keeper who comes ashore with him to await at Sabine until Mr. William Stokes, the new temporary assistant, arrives. It is expected that Mr. Stokes will reach Sabine about December 7th or 8th.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BY REGISTERED MAIL

January 15, 1920.

William Stokes, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Returned herewith is your certificate of discharge from the U. S. Army, the necessary record of same having been made in this office.

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

Copy furnished I.C.M.Ericksen, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information and the station files.

E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY (MCC) Recd. 9 a.m., Nov. 28, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr. William Stokes

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

William Stokes

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 8th (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

5. Compensation $780 per annum

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

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

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

San Blas (City or town.) Florida (State or Territory.) Bay (County.) 3 (Congressional district.)

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

- - - - San Blas, Fla.

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

11. Where were you born? Houston Co. Ala. Alabama.

12. When were you born? February (Month.) 23 (Day.) 1894 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

Allen Stokes (Name.) (Number and street.)

San Blas (City or town.) Florida. (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? None

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
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17. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

Good health

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

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

None

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Co.B, 156 D.B.	May 21, 1917	Dec.3, 1918	Honorably

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

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

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

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged.

None

23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, 21.)

Boating and Fishing

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

Common School education

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

Mechanical - operating gasoline engines.

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

None

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

R. L. Studebaker, Cromanton, Fla.

Date, November 26, 1919.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) (Sgd. by) WILLIAM STOKES

P. O. Address: San Blas
City or town.

Number and street.

Florida.
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded. December 12, 1919.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Signature) F. U. M.

(Official title) First Assistant Superintendent.

EP-LEC
1 Incl.

April 23, 1920

I. C. M. Ericksen, Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

1. With reference to your letter of April 7th in which you state William Stokes, formerly Temporary Assistant Keeper at Sabine Bank, was indebted to you to the amount of $8.53 for provisions, etc.

2. Inclosed is check for $8.53 indorsed to your order by William Stokes in payment of this indebtedness.

E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Check mailed
apr. 23, 1920

San. Diego, Fla.

April 17/20

Superintendent of Light House. Sir I Received your letter, and I am Mad Sending the check back to you — I Sais Price Send check as Soon as you can — yours

W m Stokes

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April 13, 1920

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light
(Station)

April 13, 1920

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. M.

First Assistant Superintendent

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Office of Superintendent 8th Dist.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Sabine Bank Light
(Station)

April 13, 1920

William Stokes,
San Blas,
Florida

1. Inclosed find check for $8.53 drawn to your order as part payment of your services at Sabine Bank Light Station during March.

2. Mr. Erickson, the Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station, states that you are indebted to him as follows:

Groceries	$7.28
Meats	1.25
Bedding, etc.	5.00

that your brother, Allen Stokes, has purchased and paid for the bedding amounting to $5.00, leaving a balance due Mr. Erickson of $8.53.

3. The inclosed check for $8.53, drawn to your order, is forwarded you to be indorsed on the reverse and returned to this office. Upon its return, properly indorsed, check in payment of balance due you will be forwarded.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. M.

First Assistant Superintendent

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EIGHTH DISTRICT
Sabine Pass Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
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APR 9 1920 SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS

Sir

Refering to your Letter of the 17th April I am informing as that John Olsan arived in Sabine on the 4/2 April also refering to the Ring bolts, i will send them of next trip i am coming in, I can inform you that Wilson Stokes Owes me Dollar 28 for Gubleil and 1 Dollar 25 on Cash for meat Bill, he owed me 5 Dollar for the Bed an Blanket, but his Brother will kipe it so he Pais me

Yours Respectfully
J C McErickson Keep

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8,53

Mr. C - How about drawing unsigned check for 5 Stokes making endorsement on back of check & sending check to 5 Stokes for signature & return to this office. L -

Ans. to pay

EP-LEC

April 27, 1920

William Stokes,
San Blas,
Florida

Sir:

1. Replying to your letter of April 25th, you are informed that salary check for services at Sabine Bank Light Station was forwarded to you at San Blas, Fla., on April 22nd.

2. If it has not come to hand upon receipt of this communication so advise this office and steps will be taken to trace it.

Respectfully,

E.S.K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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NEW ORLEANS

April

Sir I will write
you again
about my check I have
got it yet and I
thank it is true
I wish you would
send it at once
if you will
yours truly
William Stokes

Dent 4/22/20