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

Date: 11/25/2024

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
knfgbb@umsl.edu	217-440-1332

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
Strout, John, A.		1891 ME

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: Kylie

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (MA)	From: 1918	To: 1933
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location) 2 folders	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-303179909135

CMRS Search Request Number(s): civilian

Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Archival search 12/4

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SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

1 of 2

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

CMRS CASE #: _____.

Employee Name: STROUT, John A. **DOB:** 4/14/1871.

SOUNDEX:

[redacted]

Records checked:

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

AND

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

If Negative:

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

If Negative:

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

Notes: _____

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

Oath of Office + } fwd to Washington 6/4/26

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

D.

Bureau, division, or office Commerce - L. H. Service

1. Name in full John Agustus Strout

2. Legal (voting) residence Maine - 1st (State and Congressional District) Cumberland (County) Cape Cottage (~~City~~ or town)

3. Where born? Portland (State or foreign country) Maine (City or town) When born? Jan 14th 1891 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S. Engineers Portland Maine	Dredgeling Inspector	$75.00 per month	Oct	20th	1917	July	18th	1918
Light House Service Boston Light	asst Light Keeper	$900.00 per month	Dec	1st.	1922	May	15	1923

7. 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 ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school								High school				College				Degrees, if any
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(8)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	

9. State special qualifications Common School 8th Grade.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Joseph A Strout (Name) Father (Relationship)

Cape Cottage Maine (Post office address)

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

John A. Strout
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

May 29th 1926 (Date)

Present address Little Gull Is. Lt. Fort Michie N.Y.

10—1659

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

John A Stuart.
(Name.)

Asst Light Keeper
(Position.)

Light House Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JUN 3 1926
RECEIVED

Date, May 29th 1926

(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 26 1926
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 24, 1926

To: Supt.

Subject: Arrival of 2nd Asst. John A. Strout.

2nd Asst. Keeper, John A. Strout, reported for duty at this Station on May 22, 1926 at 9-30 A. M.

Yours Respectfully,
Earl E. Carr.
Keeper.

E & OD May 22-1926

Noted PS. 6/4/26

(75)

THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Per

May 18/26



To Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Received your letter of May 17th 1926 Stating I have been selected as 2nd. asst. Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt. Sta. N.Y. Will report for duty at that Station May 20th. 1926.

Very respectfully
John A. Stout.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH – COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

RECEIVED AT
QUARANTINE ROSE BANK, S. I.
ST. GEORGE, 71

This is a fast Telegram unless otherwise indicated by signal after the number of words—"Blue" (Day Letter) "N. L." (Night Letter) or "Nite" (Night Telegram)

TELEGRAMS TO ALL AMERICA

THE MACKAY SYSTEM — POSTAL TELEGRAPH — COMMERCIAL CABLES — "THE PULSE OF THE WORLD"

CABLEGRAMS TO ALL THE WORLD

DELIVERY NO. 125

STANDARD TIME INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

Form 16

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DX WASHINGTON.D.C. 15TH

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 17 1926 RECEIVED NEW YORK

LIGHTHOUSE SUPT.
ST GEORGE.S.I. (53 ST GEO)

APPOINTMENT STROUT AND GUSSO APPROVED.

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DUPLICATE OF TELEGRAM TELEPHONED
Received by BO
Time 655 P.M.

FWO-JHG

John A. Strout,
The Hotchkiss School,
Lakeville, Connecticut

May 17,1926

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper,Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office May 10th and your letter May 12,1926.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest practicable date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Keeper is Earl E. Carr, Fort Michie, Gull Island, N. Y. There is a Government boat running from New London to Fort Michie. Acknowledge receipt of this letter and state on what date you will report for duty.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Strout reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

May - 15 - 26.

Rec'd. for Supt. & Office

Received telephone message at 6.53 P.M.
from Postal Telegraph Co. as follows.
From. Washington D. C.
To.
Light House Supt
St. George
Appointment Stroot & Greco
approved
Sign. Putnam
Joseph. Wesley
Registration

Form A-30

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1926.

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 MAY 21 AM 9 03

M. John A. Strout.

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 Eleven Hundred and Forty dollars per annum

effective May 14, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

P.

Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Alton C. Taylor.

Legal Residence Maine.

3rd

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THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 13 14 15 1926
RECEIVED

May 12/26

To the Lighthouse Supt.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Received your letter of May 10th, 1926 stating that I have been nominated for position as asst. Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt Sta. N.Y.

Very respectfully
John A. Stout.

Form 73

NOMINATION

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

[illegible]-JHC

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. May 10, 1926, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John A. Strout

Position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Effective May 14, 1926

Legal residence, Maine

Salary, $1140 p.a. (Pay range $1140 to $1380 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

{ 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, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 86.6, Other eligibles considered:

William Burkhardt----C. Joseph O. Ostigny----C.

Previous incumbent, Alton C. Taylor Services terminated, May 10, 1926

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1140 p.a.) No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Members of family in Government Service, One, J.W. Strout, father, Keeper, Portland Head Lt.Sta., Me.

Date of birth, Jan. 14, 1891

Remarks: Quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station. Mr. Strout was previously employed as Keeper in the 2d Dist. from 7-19-15 to 9-30-15 & July 27, 1918 to Sept. 14, 1918.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC & 5/13/26

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

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FWO-JHB

John A. Strout,
Hotchkiss School,
Lakeville, Connecticut

May 10,1926

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 6,1926.

1. Referring to your letter dated May 6,1926 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about May 15,1926. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 73

NOMINATION

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

FWO-JHC

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) May 10, 1926 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John A. Strout

Position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta:,N.Y.

Effective May 14, 1926

Legal residence, Maine

Salary, $1140 p.a. (Pay range $1140 to $1380 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

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J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 5/4/26

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11—2314

JHG

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

J. A. Strout

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 3rd DIST.

Staten Island, N. Y. May 3, 1926

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
Little Gull Is. Lt. Sta., located on Gull Island, N.Y. in Block Island Sound

Total Compensation: $ 1140.00 per annum ~~(which includes: Salary, $ per annum; bonus, $ per annum; and subsistence, cents per day.)~~

~~**Longevity Pay:** In addition to the above keepers receive $ per annum, after years' of continuous service, as longevity pay.~~

Quarters and Fuel: Family quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station.
(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: Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range.
(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 72 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 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,

J. T. YATES

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 2 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Yes Sept. 30th. 1926

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 one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
J. W. Strout	Cape Cottage Me.	Position Lighthouse Keeper Department or office Commerce	Father	Married
		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) J. A. Strout

Date May 6 1926

(Post-office address) Hotchkiss School
Lakeville Conn.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHD

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

J. A. Strout

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Staten Island, N. Y., April 19, 1926, 19

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SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst.Keeper of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta., located on Gull Island, N.Y. in Block Island Sound.

Total Compensation: $ 1146.00 per annum ~~(which includes: Salary, $ per annum; bonus, $ per annum; and subsistence, cents per day.)~~

~~**Longevity Pay:** In addition to the above keepers receive $ per annum, after years of continuous service, as longevity pay.~~

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 2 keepers at this station.
(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.)

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Respectfully,

J.T. YATES

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?.....

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.

Similar letter to J. Kenneliber, L. J. Allen, F. Schwarzenberg, E. N. Allen Jr., W. A. McKinnis

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
	—A	Position..... Department or office.....		
	—AV	Position..... Department or office.....		
	—A			

(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).....

Date.....

(Post-office address).....

11—749

FWO-JHB

Earl E. Carr, Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Port Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

June 15,1926

SUBJECT: Last day of service of John A. Strout, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

1. Advise this office by return mail of the date on which John A. Strout, 2nd Asst.Keeper, left Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., and also forward a detailed statement of the leave taken by him during the month of June.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 22 1926 P.M.
3RD DIST. GENEVA, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 19, 1926

To, Superintendent;
Subject, Last day of service of J.A. Strout, 2nd Asst. Keeper

John A. Strout left this Station June 12, 1926 at 8/15 A.M.
He left the Station on leave June 2, 26 at 1 30/PM returning June 4, 26 at 9 30/AM the purpose of his absence being the execution of oath of Office at New London, Conn.

Yours Respectfully,
E. E. Carr,
Keeper

Last day of service June 11-1926

Noted PS 6-25/26

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Is. Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 11, 1926

To Supt. of Lighthouses.
Subject Pay-check-

Please send next month pay check to Cape Cottage Maine.

Very respectfully
John A. Strout.
E. E. Carr, Keeper.

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FWO-JHO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. May 26, 1926, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John A. Strout Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Maine Station, Little Gull Island Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $1140.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 11, 1926

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

Remarks:

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

VC OS 5/26/26

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c o p y .

Little Gull Island

May 25,1926

To Superintendent

Dear Sir:-

Please accept my resignation as 2nd Asst.Keeper at Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,the same to take effect June 11,1926. Cause for leaving service shore leave too short.

Yours respectfully,

/s/ John S. Strout

Please inform me if it will be necessary to take the oath of office before leaving service.

/s/ Earl E. Carr,

Keeper

FWO-JHG

John A. Strout, 2nd Asst.Keeper, May 26,1926
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie, Gull Island,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 25,1926.

1. Your letter dated May 25,1926 resigning your position as 2nd Asst.Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of June 11,1926.

2. No salary can be paid you for services rendered until you execute and return to this office the Oath of Office and other papers forwarded to you on May 22,1926.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 98

FFO-JHO

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. May 26, 1926, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John A. Strout Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Maine Station, Little Gull Island Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $1140.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 11, 1926

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

Remarks:

6-25-26
Paid Vou. No. 20739
Check No. 86494
$34.83

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

VC 6/25/26

Mess JPD

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1926.

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 JUN 2 AM 11 57

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on June 11, 1926.

Bureau..... Lighthouses.

Position..... Keeper.

Allocation.....

Salary..... $1140 per annum.

Station..... Little Gull Island Light Station, New York.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HA[illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Per
Noted

On eligible list
of keepers

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville. N. Y.



Sir:-

This letter is to inform you that my address has been changed from The Summit House, Chebeague, Me. to Cape Cottage, Maine, Box 33.

Respectfully Yours
John G. Strout.
Cape Cottage,
Maine.
Box 33.

Sept. 24, 1932.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. DIST.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Third District.
Tompkinsville, N.Y. Sept. 26, 1922

J. A Strout

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of **2nd Asst. Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, located off shore in New York Lower Bay.**

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP 29 1922 RECEIVED

TOTAL COMPENSATION: $ 1182. per annum, (which includes: Salary $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum; and subsistence 45 cents per day.)
LONGEVITY PAY: In addition to the above keepers receive $60.00 per annum, after five years of continuous service, as longevity pay.
QUARTERS AND FUEL: **Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island,**
FURNITURE: **Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.**

PROMOTION: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.
SHORE LIBERTY: Not exceeding **96** days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.
returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates

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 2 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Yes Aug. 25 1923

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 one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Joseph Strout	Cape Cottage Maine	Position Light Keeper Department or office Commerce	Father	Married
		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) John A. Strout

Date Sept. 28. 1922

(Post-office address) Cape Cottage Maine P.O. Box 33

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NOV 1921 RECEIVED

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J. A. Strout

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Third District.
Tompkinsville, N.Y. Nov.5,1921

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Additional Keeper for assignment where services may be required, but for the present assignment will be made to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., located off shore in Long Island Sound.

TOTAL COMPENSATION: $ 1122.00 per annum, (which includes: Salary $ 720. per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum; and subsistence 45 cents per day.)

LONGEVITY PAY: In addition to the above keepers receive $60.00 perannum, after five years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

QUARTERS AND FUEL: Quarters are provided for the keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Bridgeport, Conn., or Port Jefferson, N. Y.

FURNITURE: Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes.

PROMOTION: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

SHORE LIBERTY: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

[illegible] J. T. YATES.

Respectfully,

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 25 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Yes August-15-1922-

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.
Joseph W. Strout.	Cape Cottage Me.	Position Light Keeper Department or office Commerce	Father	Married
		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) John A. Strout

Date Nov-10-1921

(Post-office address) 11 Valley St
Portland Maine

11—749

Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

JHC

John A. Strout,
Cape Cottage, Me.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR. 3rd DIST.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1916. 191

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 21 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

2nd Asst. Keeper of Race Rock Lt. Sta., off shore in Eastern Long Is. Sound

Salary: ~~$~~ $456.00 per annum.

Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel: 11 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 3 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

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,

J. P. YATES

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Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? No.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes.

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

June 1st. 1917.

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NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES

NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture except stoves, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at Fishers Island N.Y.

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? Quarters

(Signature) John A. Strout

(Post-office address) Cape Cottage Me

Date, Oct. 18, 1916

11—749

Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

JHG

John A. Strout,
Cape Cottage, Me.

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J. P. YATES

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June 1st. 1917.

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 One; and fill in the following blanks.

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Joseph W. Strout.	Cape Cottage Maine	Position Light Keepe Department or office Commerce	Father	Married
		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.)

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows: Because it is off shore station and no family Quarters

(Signature) John A. Strout.

Date, Oct. 18, 1916 (Post-office address) Cape Cottage Me

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

John A. Stroust (Name)

Mass. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION 3d. L.H. Dist.	DATE OF EFFECT
2a. Keeper	Prob.	552	L.H.- The Graves L.S.	July 19, 1915.
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF		Sept. 30, 1915.	
Keeper	Prob.	516	L.H.- Bakers 2d L.S.	July 27, 1918.
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF		Sept. 14, 1918.	
~~Keeper~~	Prob.	840	L.H.- Romer Shoals L.S.	
			Cancelled	
Keeper	Prob.	720	L.H.- Nantucket L.S.	May 1, 1919.
"	Trans.	720	" - Plymouth L.S.	Feb. 26, 1920.
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF		Oct. 15, 1920.	
Keeper	Prob.	660	L.H.- Boston L.S.	Dec. 2, 1922.
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF		May 15, 1923.	
Keeper	Prob.	1140	L.H.- Little Duck 2d L.S.	May 22, 1926.
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF		June 11, 1926.	
Keeper	Prob	1140	L.H.- Dumpling Rock L.S.	Aug 25, 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1260	" " " "	JUL 1 1928
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1320	" " " "	JAN 1 1931
"	Transfer	1440	L.H. Spring Point L.S.	May 1, 1931
	SERVICES DISCONTINUED		April 4, 1932 WOP	

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 8 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
SEP 8 AM 9:13
CHIEF CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

September 3, 1936

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce

Sir:

Reference is made to the Commission's letter of June 30, 1936, disapproving the reinstatement of John A. Strout, as watchman-janitor, $1320 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, field, because of his physical condition.

The Commission was furnished a copy of Mr. Strout's clinical record in the U. S. Marine Hospital, U. S. Public Health Service, Portland, Maine. The diagnosis as made by Dr. Clement P. Wescott, Consultant in Neuropsychiatry, in May, 1935, was psychosis manic depressive, depressive type. Mr. Strout had attacks in 1915, 1925, 1931 and 1935, lasting two or three months each. Dr. Wescott further states in his report that by the usual course of the disease there will be a recurrence, probably within two or three years.

In view of Mr. Strout's physical condition, he is still not acceptable as an employee. Your request for his reinstatement remains disapproved.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

September 10, 1936.

L. A. Moyer
Chief Examiner

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.
By direction of the Secretary:
F. A. DELONG
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

SEP 10 1936

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August 4, 1936.

The Civil Service Commission:

In accordance with the Commission's request of July 15, 1936 (file SRR:AMD:ARB:MO), there is transmitted herewith certified copy of abstract from the clinical record of John A. Strout, a former employee of the Lighthouse Service of this Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. F. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

AUG -8 1936

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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August 7, 1936.

CHIEF CLERK

Memorandum for Mr. Libbey

On May 26 the Bureau of Lighthouses recommended the reinstatement of John A. Strout, a former lighthouse keeper, to the position of watchman-janitor with compensation of $1320 at the Chelsea, Massachusetts Lighthouse Depot.

Mr. Strout's services were discontinued April 4, 1932, because of his mental condition. While the certificate of medical examination made at the Chelsea Marine Hospital on May 15, states that Mr. Strout is physically capable of performing the duties of the position to which his reinstatement is proposed, it also contains a notation to the effect that he suffered from maniac depressive psychosis attacks in 1915, 1925 and 1931, in view of which the Civil Service Commission has asked that it be furnished with copies of the medical records on file at the hospital. There is also attached letter of July 27 from the Superintendent, from which it appears that since 1931 Mr. Strout has served as temporary laborer at the depot for a period of approximately six months and has been similarily employed since April 1, 1936, during which periods the Superintendent states no abnormal symptoms of any nature have been noted. Inasmuch as Mr. Strout's difficulty is likely to recur, this office questions the propriety of reinstating him and possibly burdening the Lighthouse Retirement Appropriation with the annuity to which he would be entitled in event he is compelled to retire for disability.

Your instructions will be appreciated.

Approved not exceed three months; report as to condition to be made at the end of third and fifth months.

D M Libbey
Chief Clerk

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of
Medical Officer
in Charge

United States
Public Health Service.

LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 30 8 36 AM '36

Abstract from Clinical Record.

Name....John A. Strout Occupation....Keeper

Age.....40 years, Last-Vessel Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse,
Cape Cottage, Maine.

Furnished Hospital Care From....May 30, 1931, To....June 4, 1931.

Furnished Outpatient Care From --- To ---

Diagnosis....Psychosis manic depressive, depressive type.

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT AS ELICITED FROM PATIENT.

For the past few weeks he has been very nervous and has burning around region of umbilicus. He was stationed in Massachusetts at Lighthouse Station and was transferred here. He is very much depressed because he is unable to live with his wife and baby, whereas he was able to do so when stationed in Massachusetts. Says he worries a great deal and that worry causes nervousness and burning in region of umbilicus. Says he has a feeling that he would like to jump into the ocean. Feels very depressed at times.

CONDITION OF PATIENT UPON ADMISSION

General appearance - Slightly obese white male. Height 5' 7¼"; weight 187.

Eyes - Pupils equal and regular, react to light and accommodation. Sclera, conjunctiva, Cornea, Negative. Vision R 20/20; L 20/20.
Ears - Drums negative. Hearing can hear conversational voice at 30 feet, right and left.
Head - Negative.
Nose - Negative.
Mouth - Negative.
Tongue - Negative.
Teeth - Few carious.
Throat - Negative.
Neck - Negative.
Lungs - No fluid, rales or consolidation.
Heart - No murmurs or arrhythmias. Apex is at level of 5th left interspace, 6 inches from mid sternal line. Arteries negative. Pulse 88 full and regular. 102 after exercise. 96, 2 min. after exercise. B.P. 132/90.
Abdomen - Moderately obese abdominal wall. Slight bulging over umbilical region. No impulse on coughing.
Liver - Spleen - Kidneys - Negative.
Skin - Has scratch marks over both supra clavicular regions which is due to scratching when he gets depressed.
Bones - Joints - Negative.
Muscles - Glandular System - Negative.
G.U.System, Nervous System, Rectal Examination - Negative.

DIGEST OF TREATMENT GIVEN

Appropriate Medical Treatment.

CONDITION OF PATIENT (Upon discharge / ~~At present, if~~ / ~~Undergoing treatment.~~) Discharge - not in need of hospital treatment.

Not fit for duty. His services have been discontinued from Lighthouse Service. Condition has improved in hospital. Was very rational today.

REMARKS.

TO INCLUDE AVAILABLE DATA OF PREVIOUS SERVICE ADMISSIONS, TRANSFERS OR DISCHARGE OF PATIENT.

REPORT OF DR. CLEMENT P. WESCOTT - CONSULTANT IN NEUROPSYCHIATRY - May 27, 1935.

About March 22, 1931 his wife went to a hospital for confinement and Mr. Strout became very restless. Because of this restlessness he gave up work at the lighthouse where he was employed and came to Spring Point Ledge Light, South Portland, Maine. He was depressed, worrying, no ambition, difficult to concentrate, does not feel like working. Everything seems a great burden. Cries very easily, burning and smarting in the stomach, and because this area feels so uncomfortable at times, he will strike the abdomen with his fist as hard as he can. Bowels very irregular. Heart pounds. Legs get very weak. Insomnia. Severe headaches. Muscles of arms weak and arms go to sleep if he lies on them at night. Back and kidneys ache. Difficult urination. Things do not look bright to him. Some days thinks he would like to die and one day while at work had considerable difficulty to keep from throwing himself into the ocean and committing suicide. He attributes his mental state to the fact that he has been separated from his wife while she was in the hospital and thinks if he could be in a lighthouse with family quarters he would be much better. He would about as lief die as live. First attack was in 1915 when he was on Gray Light. This lasted 2 months. 2nd attack 1925. Was not working at that time and attack lasted from 2 to 3 months. During this attack his chief worry was that he was afraid to die. 3rd attack 1931 while working at Spring Point Ledge. Neurological examination negative. I was with Mr. Strout during his 2nd attack. In fact he was a patient at my sanitarium. He was much depressed, greatly worried about everything, but attack was not as severe as the present one. By the usual course of the disease there will be a recurrence, probably within three or four years.

(IMPRESSION)
(SERVICE)
(SEAL)

U.S.Marine Hospital
(Station).

Signed - A. D. Foster
Medical Director, U.S.P.H.S.
Medical Officer in Charge.

Portland, Maine. Sept. 26, 1935.
(Address).

Certified a true copy:

Geo. E. Eaton,
Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

July 27th, 1936.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Proposed reinstatement of John A. Strout as Watchman-Janitor at this Depot.

Reference: Bureau's endorsement July 23 on copy of letter dated July 15th from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington which was transmitted to the Bureau with Appointment Division endorsement of July 22, 1936.

As requested in Bureau's above-mentioned endorsement there is attached hereto, in ~~duplicate~~ triplicate, a certified copy of abstract from the clinical record of John A. Strout which was furnished upon the request of this office by the Medical Director, U. S. Marine Hospital, Portland, Maine, on September 26, 1935. It will be noted that this data gives a very complete medical history of this man; particularly in so far as it refers to the mental attacks previously suffered by him.

In further reference to the latter-mentioned attacks the fact might be invited to the Bureau's attention that the last one occurred in 1931 and while according to medical advice it is possible for this man to suffer a recurrence of same at any future time he served as temporary laborer at this Depot last year for a period of approximately six months and has been similarly employed here since April 1, 1936. During these periods his actions have been closely watched and in addition to his being a most conscientious worker no abnormal symptoms of any nature have been noted in connection with his employment.

EATON,
Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

July 31, 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce in accordance with the request of the Civil Service Commission above referred to.

For the Commissioner:

W P Harman
Administrative Assistant

H-M

COMMISSIONERS

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

July 15, 1936.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 20 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

Reference is made to the Department's request of June 8, 1936, for the reinstatement of John A. Strout as watchman-janitor, $1320 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, field.

In the medical examination made at the U. S. Marine Hospital Service, Chelsea, Massachusetts, on May 15, the examining physician made the following statement:

> "Previous medical history indicates this man to have suffered from maniac depressive psychosis attacks in 1915, 1925 and 1931. Complete records on file at Office of Lighthouse Superintendent, Chelsea, Mass."

In view of the importance of the indicated mental condition with relation to the duties of a watchman, the Commission would be pleased to receive for consideration in connection with the reinstatement of Mr. Strout a copy of the records mentioned above.

By direction of the Commission:

July 22, 1936.

Very respectfully,

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.

By direction of the Secretary:

JUL 22 1936

EDW. J. GARDNER
Chief of Appointment Division.

L. A. Moyer,
Chief Examiner.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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June 30, 1936

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL - 3 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce

Sir:

Reference is made to the Department's request of June 8, 1936, for the reinstatement of John A. Strout as watchman-janitor, $1320 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, field.

Medical certificate submitted in connection with his proposed reinstatement indicates that Mr. Strout has maniac depressive psychosis, with attacks in 1915, 1925, and 1931. On the basis of the medical certificate, it is not possible to approve his reinstatement as requested.

By direction of the Commission:

July 7, 1936.

Very respectfully,

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER

L. A. Moyer
Chief Examiner

B Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1936.

Civil Service Commission:

Transmitted herewith is Form 375 which has been executed by John A. Strout in connection with his reinstatement to the position of watchman-janitor at $1320 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, which was requested under date of June 8.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully

JUN 20 1936

L. A. J. DELONG

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Enclosure
C:P

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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June 12, 1936

Secretary of Commerce:

Form 375 in the case of John A. Strout is herewith submitted for use, if needed, in connection with his proposed reinstatement as watchman-janitor in the 2nd District, nomination for which was submitted to the Department on June 3.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

Encl
H-M

Form 375
May 1934

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT, TRANSFER, REINSTATEMENT, OR PROMOTION, ETC.

(NONCOMPETITIVE)

Any false statement in an application, or alteration of a voucher or certificate, or presentation to the Commission of any such paper, is a violation of the law and punishable as such. All answers must be in ink or typewriting. If more space is required, an additional sheet securely fastened to this form may be used. Answers on such sheet should be numbered to correspond to questions.

GIVE DATES AND PERIODS OF TIME REQUIRED IN YEARS AND MONTHS AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE

1. (a) Give your name John A. Strout (b) Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes (Yes or No)

2. Give (a) the date of your birth Jan. 14, 1891 (b) the place of your birth Portland, Maine

3. Give in the blanks below a detailed statement of your education, including dates:

(a) Grammar school: Attended from Sept. 1901 to June 1906 Highest grade completed 9

(b) High school: Name and location None

Attended from — 1— to — 1— Highest grade completed — Were you graduated? —

(c) College or university (Give both graduate and undergraduate work)		Dates of attendance (Give month and year)		Semester-hours credit received	Major subject		Degree conferred	Date of degree
Name	Location	From	To		Name	Sem. hrs. in major		

(d) Specify here any specialized courses which you have completed in high school, college, or elsewhere, and indicate the credits received for each course

4. Furnish in the blanks below a complete, comprehensive statement, showing every employment you have had since you first began to work, including your present employment, and accounting for all periods of unemployment.

	Place of employment	Dates of employment (Month and year)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (Give street address and city and State. If unemployed, give own address at that time)	Yearly salary or net earnings	NAME OF POSITION AND DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES
1	City Town Cape Elizabeth State Maine	From June 1907 To May 1910	Lobstering for self support	$2.50 per day	Lobstering
2	City Portland State Maine	From May 1910 To May 1912	Portland Gas Co. Portland, Maine. Dand Boyle. # 144 Preble St. & Portland Me.	$2.75 per day	Gas Fitter
3	City Portland State Maine	From May 1912 To Jan 1913	E.T. Burrowughs Screen Factory Portland Maine Geo. Lowell # 130 Vincent St. So Portland Me.	$3.00 per day	Painter
4	City Town Cape Elizabeth State Maine	From Jan 1913 To April 1914	Lobstering for self support	$2.50 per day	Lobstering
5	City Portland State Maine	From April 1914 To July 1915	Deputy Inspector Dredging U.S. Engineers.	$90.00 per month	Deputy Inspector Dredging
6	City Boston State Mass	From July 1915 To Oct 1915	U.S.L.H. Service	$552. per year	Light Keeper
7	City Town Cape Elizabeth State Maine	From Oct 1915 To July 1918	Painting business for self	$3.00 per day	Painter
8	City Boston State Mass	From July 1918 To Oct 1918	U.S.L.H. Service	$5160 per year	Light Keeper
9	City Portland State Maine	From Oct 1918 To April 1919	U.S. Engineers	$4.00 Per day	Carpenters Helper.

IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, CONTINUE YOUR ENTRIES ON A SEPARATE SHEET ARRANGED AS ABOVE 16—497

Form 375
May 1934

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT, TRANSFER, REINSTATEMENT, OR PROMOTION, ETC.

(NONCOMPETITIVE)

Rating _____

Application No. _____

The applicant will carefully fill ALL blank spaces

Position sought Watchman-janitor
(Give exact title of position or examination)

Chelsea Lighthouse Depot
in the Lighthouse Service, 2nd District.
(Office in which the position exists)

Present position (if now employed) Laborer, temporary (Title)
Lighthouse Serv, 2nd Dist.
(Department and bureau or office)

N. B.—Applicant will write plainly full name (if a woman, stating whether Miss or Mrs.) and post-office address in the blanks below. The address here given will be treated as the applicant's post-office address until notification of change is made to the Commission in writing.

Name of Applicant } John A. Strout

Number and Street 551 Washington Ave.,

Office Chelsea, Mass.

County Suffolk

State or Territory Mass.

Applicant will not fill the following blanks

Kind of examination Watchman-janitor

Place _____

Date _____

Application _____ approved _____, 19____

By whom _____ approved _____

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5. If you have any practical knowledge of a mechanical trade, name the trade or trades, and state the time you have worked at each, and when, where, and under whom, giving places and dates. (If you have served an apprenticeship, so state.)

Gas Fitter 1910 1 yr Portland Gas Co., Portland, Maine.
Painter 9 Mos. 1912 E.T.Burroughs Screen Factory, Portland, Me.

6. If not now employed, state how long you have been unemployed. -

7. If ever in the United States military or naval service, give dates of enlistment and discharge. -

8. (a) Have you ever filed an application with this Commission or its representative for any branch of the United States Government service? Yes

(b) If so, give information indicated regarding each examination.

Name each position for which examined, or for which application was filed	In what city were you, or are you to be, examined?	Give the date of each examination (Month and year)	Did you pass? (Answer "Yes" or "No")
Asst. Lighthouse Keeper	Boston, Mass.	Sept.1,1914	Yes
"	"	May 3, 1918	"
"	"	Apr.11,1919-Oct.16,'22,Dec.1926	
Deputy Inspector of Dredging	"	April 1914	Yes

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the statements made by me in answer to each and all of the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

If female, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs."

(*Signature of Applicant*) John A. Strout
(Sign your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full)

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THE JURAT OR OATH IS OMITTED

JURAT OR OATH

[The following oath must be taken before a NOTARY PUBLIC, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, *before whom the applicant must appear in person.*]

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant, this Eighth day of June, 1936, at city [or town] of Chelsea county of Suffolk, and State [or Territory or District] of Mass.

(*Signature of officer*) Edward J. Curran

(*Official title*) Secretary, Local Board of Examiners.

Place of employment	Date of employment	Name & address of Employer	Yearly salary or net earnings	Name of Position and description of Duties.
City Nantucket Island State Mass.	From April 1919 To Feb. 1920	U. S. L. H. Service	$720. per year	Light Keeper.
City Plymouth. State Mass.	From Feb. 1920 To Oct. 1920	U. S. L. H. Service.	$720. per year	Light Keeper.
City Portland. State Maine.	From Jan. 1921 To Nov. 1922	Lawlin & Co Carl Peterson. #188 High St. Portland Maine.	$ 28. per Week	Blacksmiths Helper
City Boston. State Mass.	From Dec. 1922 To May 1923	U. S. L. H. Service	$660. per year	Light Keeper.
City Portland. State Maine.	From May 1923 To June 1927	Graymore Hotel F. A. Gray Portland Maine.	$ 75. per month.	Fireman
City Jefferson State N. H.	From June 1927 To Aug. 1927	Waumbek Hotel Jefferson. N. H. J. A. Robinson Lancaster. N. H.	$ 85. per month.	Fireman
City So. Dartmouth State Mass.	From Aug 1927 To May 1931	U. S. L. H. Service	$ 1320. per year	Light Keeper
City Portland State Maine	From May 1931 To June 1931	U. S. L. H. Service	$ 1440. Per year	Light Keeper
City Portland State Maine	From June 1931 To June 1932	Unemployed. Cape Cottage Maine	—	—
City Portland State Maine.	From July 1932 To Nov. 1933	Federal Gov. Road Work	$ 4.00. Per day.	Laborer.

Place of employment	Date of employment	Name & address of Employer.	Yearly salary or net earnings	Name of Position and discription of Duties.
City. Portland. State. Maine.	From Dec. 1933 To April 1934	C. W. A.	$ 36.00 per week.	Painter.
city. Portland. State. Maine.	From April. 1934 To Sept. 1934	U. S. L. H. Depot So. Portland Maine. Temp. Empl.	$ 76.00 per month	Laborer.
city. Manchester. State. N. H.	From Sept. 1934 To Nov. 1934	Painting George Hall # 281. 30. Main St. Manchester N. H.	$ 18.00 per week	Painter.
city Manchester State. N. H.	From Nov. 1934 To April 1935	Unemployed # 48 Elinton St Manchester N. H.	—	—
City. Chelsea State. Mass	From April 1935 To Oct 1935	U. S. L. H. Depot # 37 Marginal St. Chelsea Mass Temp. Empl.	$ 5.44. per day	Laborer
City. Chelsea State. Mass	From Oct 1935 To April 1936	Unemployed 331 Washington ave Chelsea Mass	—	—
City. Chelsea State. Mass	From April 1936 To June 1936	U. S. L. H. Depot # 37. Marginal St Chelsea Mass Temp. Empl.	$ 5.44 per day	Laborer.
City	From			
State.	To			

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT

of John A. Strout

FIRST INDORSEMENT

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

_____ (Department), _____ (Place and date)

Returned to 5/22/26-6/11/26; 8/25/27-4/4/32

1. Total length of service 7/19/15-9/30/15; 7/27/18-9/14/18; 5/1/19-10/15/20;12/2/22;5/15/23;

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? Termination of services

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

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 (Department), June 8, 1936. (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:

Has had previous experience in the Lighthouse Service.

2. State any other reasons favoring reinstatement

Forms 2413, 2390, and Marital Status Affidavit are herewith.

By direction of the Secretary:

JUN - 8 1936

EDW. J. GARDNER

(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., June 8, 1936.

(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 John A. Strout, date of birth January 14, 1891, who resides at 331 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, Mass., it is requested that the information called for in the first indorsement hereon be furnished this department:

FORMER STATUS:	STATUS TO BE AUTHORIZED:
Commerce (Department)	Commerce (Department)
Lighthouses (Bureau or office)	Lighthouses (Bureau or office)
Keeper at $1440 per annum (Position, grade, and salary)	Watchman-Janitor at $1320 per annum (Position, grade, and salary)
Field. (City in which formerly employed)	Field. (City in which to be employed)
April 4, 1932, services discontinued without prejudice. (Date and manner of separation)	One. (Members of family in civil service)*

MILITARY OR NAVAL RECORD

(Signature) _____

(Official title) _____

Inclosure.

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

Arthur S. Strout, cousin, Lighthouse Service, Commerce.

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 employed.

10—1730

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1936.

Memorandum to Mr. Jones, Appointment Division:

Referring to nomination of John A. Strout, I find on further inquiry that his duties apparently will involve some night duty and wish to amend my oral statement in this respect. For your further information there is attached a copy of the Superintendent's letter of May 28th with particular reference to the last paragraph.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

WPH-EK
Incl.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.
EJC-RMC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1936 JUN 1 AM 8 28

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

May 28th, 1936.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Reinstatement of John A. Strout in position of Watchman-Janitor, Chelsea Lighthouse Depot.

Reference: Bureau endorsement of May 11, on district's letter dated May 6, 1936, and previous correspondence.

In view of the advice contained in the Bureau's endorsement above referred to, Nomination, Form 73 and pertinent papers are forwarded herewith recommending approval of the subject action.

According to verbal information received from the Medical Officer in Charge and as evidenced by the attached Medical Certificate which was executed at the Chelsea Marine Hospital, Mr. Strout is physically capable in all respects of performing the required duties of the position for which he is being nominated.

Although, as the Bureau has been previously fully advised, this man suffered from manic depressive insanity attacks in 1915, 1925 and 1931, respectively, and according to the medical authorities there is a possibility of such person suffering a recurrence of the said attacks, no abnormal symptoms were noted at the time of the thorough examination which was given Mr. Strout on May 15 and completed on May 22, 1936, neither have any of the aforementioned symptoms been noted from close daily observation of this man during his present employment as temporary laborer at this depot.

In view of the above it is respectfully recommended that the enclosed nomination be approved. Provided approval is made in this instance the Superintendent and other officers at this depot will continue to closely observe the employee and in the event any abnormalty is noted whereby it would appear that there was danger of his suffering another of his previous attacks the Bureau will be promptly advised and proper action taken in the matter.

EATON,
Superintendent.

June 4, 1936.

The Bureau's objection to the reinstatement of Mr. Strout as a keeper, to which reference is made in the remarks on the attached recommendation, was predicated upon the fact that he suffered from maniac depressive psychosis attacks in 1915, 1925 and 1931. Mr. Strout was separated from the service on April 4, 1932, without prejudice.

The advisability of appointing a watchman who must be kept under observation seems somewhat questionable to this office, particularly in view of the fact that he will be required to perform some night duty. However, officials of the Bureau express themselves as satisfied that Mr. Strout will be competent to perform the duties of the position and have submitted a supplementary statement in support of their opinion.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Chelsea, Mass., (City) May 26, 1936. (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement

Name, John A. Strout

Position, Watchman-Janitor

Location, Chelsea Lighthouse Depot, Mass

Effective, June 1, 1936.

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1320 per annum

Proposed range, ~~$1320-1680~~ CU-4

Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Service

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

Former position, Assistant Lighthouse Keeper

Location, Spring Point Ledge Light Station, 1st Lighthouse District, Portland, Me.

Former salary, $1440 per annum

Former range, $1380-1740

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

(Lt.#1282)

Previous incumbent and his pay, E.J.Copenhaver / $1440 per annum

Services terminated, April 30, 1936.

Reason, Transferred to 5th Lighthouse District

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, January 14, 1891.

Remarks: ~~Recommended.~~

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

Chief Clerk

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. medical certificate, fingerprint chart, affidavit as to marital status, declaration of appointee, and Form S.S.93-A accompanying. Classification sheet is also herewith submitted. Mr. Strout was previously employed in the Service as keeper for more than six years from about 1915 to 1927 with good record, and since about April 1935 has been temporarily employed as a laborer at the Chelsea Depot. While the Bureau questioned Mr. Strout's application for reinstatement as keeper a short time ago, it has no objection to his reinstatement as watchman-janitor as proposed herein, where he would always be under observation, and reinstatement is accordingly proposed on the basis of previous Service.

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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This form *must* be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. It must then be forwarded promptly to the CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE which certified the appointee's name

Form 124 b—Field
July 1935

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Dept. of Commerce
(Branch of service or department)

Chelsea 4M 8 2, Mass.
(Name of city) (State)

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

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) Place of birth Portland, Maine (b) Date of birth Jan 14, 1891 (Month, day, and year) (c) Race White
2. From what examination are you being appointed? Reinstatement
3. To what position are you being appointed? Watchman - Janitor (Title)
4. Is your husband, or wife, or any other member of your family, or relative (either blood or by marriage) in *any* part of the service of the United States (Executive, Judicial, Legislative, Military, or Naval) or of the District of Columbia? Answer "Yes" or "No" Yes If so, fill in the following blanks stating, under "Relationship", whether the connection is by blood or marriage. (See sec. I of attached form.) If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name	Post-office address (Give street number, if any)	Position and department or office in which employed	Relationship	Married or single
Arthur L. Strout	360 Broadway, St. So. Portland Me.	Position Light Keeper Department or office Commerce	Cousin	married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

5. Were any of the above-named persons appointed to the Government service after you made your application for this position? No If so, give the name of each such person and state whether he is living in the same house with you:
6. What is your present address (give street and number, city, and State)? 331 Washington Ave. Chelsea mass How long have you resided at this address? 8 months
7. Are you holding any position or office under the United States or under any State, county, or municipality? No If so, state the place, position, and salary
8. Have you been retired from the (a) U.S. civil service? No (b) U.S. military or naval service? No If so, state whether for age, length of service, or disability Amount of retirement pay? —
9. Have you been discharged for cause or have you resigned any position under compulsion since filing your application for this position? No
10. Have you ever been arrested, or fined, or convicted of any offense? No If so, give dates
If since filing your application for this position, give details on the back of this sheet, showing places and nature of offenses.
11. Have you ever been barred from U.S. Civil Service examination? No
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 May 25, 1936 John A. Strout
(Signature of appointee)

THE DEPARTMENT OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THE ABOVE CERTIFICATE WAS MADE MUST SIGN THE STATEMENT ON THE REVERSE OF THIS SHEET

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(OVER)

Form S. S. 93-A

[1] STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY REINSTATEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1938 JUN 1 AM 8 23

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON

Name: John A. Strout Date of Birth: January 14, 1891

Address: 331 Washington Ave., Chelsea, Mass.

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: Previous service in the Lighthouse Service as keeper, and temporary employment as laborer at the depot in which he has gained experience considered beneficial to him in his proposed employment.

Such other reasons favoring reinstatement as may be applicable:

CASES OF REINSTATEMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

Total length of service: Approximately six years and 6 months. (From July 19, 1915 to June 4, 1932 (intermittent).

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

Number of occasions when such leave was taken: -

Last efficiency rating: 93.3

Reason for leaving the service. (If by resignation, whether such resignation was entirely of employee's own initiative and volition): Placed on leave without pay for a period of not to exceed one year from June 1, 1931, at the termination of which date his services were discontinued due to His mental condition.

Whether unqualifiedly recommended for further Government employment. Should be answered "Yes" or "No"): Yes; for the position of watchman-janitor.

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

F W E Eaton

Head of Bureau.

Superintendent, 2nd District.

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

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Stock Form No. 108

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

No. _____

FIELD CLASSIFICATION SHEET

BUREAU No. 1282

CHECK TO INDICATE WHETHER SHEET IS FOR—		GIVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR ITEM CHECKED
New position		(Temporary or permanent)
Vice change	X	Edward J. Copenhaver - Lt.#1282 (Name and number on sheet of position into which viced)
Identical additional position		(Name and number on sheet of position with which identical)
Material modification of duties		(Mention nature of modification)
Other change		(Explain reason for submission of sheet)

CLASSIFICATION		
Recommended by—	Service and Grade	Initials
Immediate Supervisor		
Head of Field Unit		
Bureau	CU-4	RJ
Allocation by Department	CU 4	[illegible]

1. Name Strout, John A. (Surname) (Given name) (Initial) 2. Number of last sheet for this employee New person

3. Present salary (including allowances) --- 4. Salary recommended (including allowances) $1320 pa

5. Bureau of Lighthouses

6. Station or office 2nd district, Chelsea Depot, Mass. 7. Appropriation from which paid Sal.,Lh.Service

8. Title of position Watchman-Janitor (Usual departmental or organizational title)

9. Description of the duties and responsibilities of the position: (Describe, as objectively and concretely as possible, the duties and responsibilities of the position in question, following this order: (1) Kind and extent of supervision or direction under which the work is performed; (2) the major, regular, periodic, or more important tasks, indicating proportion of time; (3) the tasks of lesser frequency or importance, indicating proportion of time; (4) any supervisory responsibility, showing the number of employees in each grade supervised; and (5) any other facts or figures bearing upon the characteristics of the position from the standpoint of difficulty, complexity, responsibility, independence of action or decision, or any other allocation factor. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs.)

	Percentage of time to each task
Patrols the buildings and wharf premises of the Lighthouse Service Reservation hourly to protect the property from burglary, theft, and fire (punching time clocks at established stations on these rounds); keeps record of official telephone calls received, and contacts the Superintendent or other official when emergencies arise - - - - - - - - - - - -	75%
Cleans the office, stairways and toilets, and empties wastebaskets; tends the heating plant in the office (No.1) building, and performs other miscellaneous tasks -	25%

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1932.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of the fact that you have been on leave without pay since June 1, 1931, by reason of illness, and in view of the uncertainty of your health, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services from the position of keeper at $1440 per annum of Spring Point Ledge Light Station, Maine, effective at the close of business on April 4, 1932.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APR - 7 1932

WM. J. GARDNER
Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR - 4 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

APPOINTMENT DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1932 APR 11 PM 4:12

April 11, 1932.

Memorandum for Mr. Libbey CHIEF CLERK

Herewith is a recommendation from the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses for the discontinuance of the services of John A. Strout from the position of assistant keeper at $1440 per annum of Spring Point Light Station, Maine.

Mr. Strout has been on leave without pay since June 1, 1931. According to the attached copy of a report of examination made by Dr. Clement P. Wescott of the United States Marine Hospital, Portland, Maine, Mr. Strout is at present able to return to work. He further states that without doubt there will be a recurrence of this employee's mental depression at some indefinite future date. This was Mr. Strout's third attack.

The case was informally discussed with a medical officer of the Department, who states that in practically all such cases there is a recurrence of the condition sooner or later. Just when, and in what type of insanity, a recurrence will take place is impossible to say.

Spring Point Light Station is a two-keeper station, which means that Mr. Strout would be on watch alone were he restored to duty. Whether, in view of the uncertainty of his health and the fact that his duties involve the protection of life and property, it is advisable to retain him in the service I cannot say.

Your instructions are requested.

Enclosure
A:DSE

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON March 23, 1932.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 24 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1932 MAR -24- PM 3:30

SUBJECT: Letter of March 17 from 1st Superintendent re recommendation for discontinuance of services of John A. Strout, Asst. Keeper.

CHIEF CLERK

1440 Pa,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce. The Bureau concurs with the views of the Superintendent in this matter. The record shows that Keeper Strout has been on leave without pay since June 1, 1931, on account of the condition of his health. He has been a keeper intermittently since 1915, having resigned five times OK since then. His total service amounts only to approximately six years, and he therefore has no status for retirement on account of disability. On account of the uncertainty of his health therefore, it is recommended that his services be terminated in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Superintendent's letter.

B 24-32

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF
Incl.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
APR 5 1932
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JEM

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 MAR - 18 - PM 3:35

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

GFL:CP
Enclosure

SPECIAL

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

March 17, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: John A Strout, Asst. Keeper, Spring Pt. Ledge LH., Me. - Recommendation for discontinuance of services.

REFERENCE: (a) Dist. let. June 2, 1931.
(b) Bu. telegram June 10, 1931.
(c) Copy dist. let. June 12, 1931, to Mr. Strout granting l.w.o.p. for not to exceed one year from June 1, 1931.

1. Mr. Strout has made a request for restoration to duty. Enclosed is copy of report of examination made by United States Public Health Service at U. S. Marine Hospital No. 16, Portland, Maine, March 10, 1932.

2. In view of the opinion of the Consulting Neuropsychiatrist that there will undoubtedly be a recurrence of manic depressive insanity, depressed type, at some future date, recommendation is again made that the service of Mr. John A Strout, Assistant Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Maine, at $1440 per annum, be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of such date as the Department may issue notice thereof.

3. Section 2, Civil Service Rule I, will not be violated by the action recommended. Mr. Strout has not taken leave in excess of that allowed by Regulations. He has no status for disability retirement.

4. As the entrance on duty of Weston E Thompson as Additional Keeper is being held in abeyance pending action on this recommendation, request telegraphic advice as soon as the Department has acted upon it.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

GEORGE F LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 11 1932
1ST DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE
1932 MAR - 12 PM

U.S.Marine Hospital,
Portland, Maine,
March 10,1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
First District,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your request of March 10, 1932, John A. Strout, Keeper, was examined this date. Doctor Clement P. Wescott, Consulting Specialist in Neuropsychiatry, reports as follows:

"Feels well, no insomnia, appetite good, able to work, no crying, goes about as he wishes, in fact never felt better in his life. Patient is now mentally normal having recovered from his period of depression. At the present time he is able to return to work and should be able to perform his duties well. Without doubt there will be a recurrence of his depression which may be within a few months or probably a year or two at the longest. This fact should be borne in mind by the Service when Mr. Strout returns to work.

Diagnosis: Recovery from attack (3rd) of manic depressive insanity, depressed type.
Prognosis at present well, but without doubt there will be a recurrence of depression in the future."

His heart and lungs are apparently normal. Blood pressure, systolic 154, diastolic 104. Abdomen pendulous. Abdominal organs apparently negative. Urine examination, negative. Height, 67 1/2 inches. Weight, 205. He is overweight.

A decision as to whether or not Mr. Strout should resume duty as a keeper should be based chiefly upon the opinion of Doctor Wescott. He states that a period of mental depression may be expected at some indefinite future date.

Respectfully,

(J.R.Ridlon) Senior Surgeon,
Medical Officer in Charge.

JRR:MAR

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

CP

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY - 9 1931
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

1931 MAY 7 PM 1: 04 CHIEF CLERK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

1931 MAY 8 PM 3 04

May 6, 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department's Notice of Change in Salary, dated April 22, 1931, in the case of Mr. John A Strout, Keeper, this district, whereby his salary was changed from $1320 to $1440 per annum, by transfer from the 2nd District:

2. The effective date of the above change is May 1, 1931.

C. E. Sherman

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
May 8, 1931

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
for the Commissioner:

RJ Groos

Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1931.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective May 1, 1931, or as soon thereafter as you enter 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,

MAY 4 - 1931

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
MAY 8 - 1931
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form 73
Rd. April, 1929

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GFL:CP
Enclosure

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

Portland, Maine (City) April 15, 1931. (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 18 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 22 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, TRANSFER — to fill vac.

Name, John A Strout

Position, (Assistant) Keeper — Keyeneweck.

Location, Spring Point Ledge LH., Me.

Effective, May 1, 1931

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1440 per annum — Same

Proposed range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Sals., Keepers, etc.

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

Former position, (Assistant) Keeper

Location, Dumpling Rock LH., Mass. — 2d Dist

Former salary, $1320 per annum

Former range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Augustus A Wilson (Lt.#1455) Services terminated, April 30, 1931

Reason, To be promoted Keeper. — Done

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth, ---

Remarks: Mr. Strout's request for transfer bearing Second Supt's approval is herewith.

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

For and in the absence of the ~~Superintendent~~:

(DIRECT)

Secretary, Civil Service District.

GEORGE F. LAURITZEN, Chief Clerk.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAY 2 1931 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

Supt.
Asso. Engr.
Jun Engr.
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
L D Isl Depot

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES, 2ND DISTRICT, APR 9 1931 PORTLAND, MAINE.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES APR 8 1931 2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

Office of Supt. 2nd District,
Chelsea, Mass., April 8, 1931.

SECOND DISTRICT

Dumpling Rock Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 4th., 1931

Forwarded to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Maine. There would be no objection to a transfer in this case.

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EATON,
Superintendent

Good man

To Supt. of Lighthouses
Chelsea Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I would like to be transfered to Spring Point Light Station Portland Harbor Maine. First District as Asst. Keeper. When Vacancy May occur.

Respectfully

Respectfully forward through Rogers Keeper

J. A. Strout Asst.

FOR

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1930

Mr. John A. Strout

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
JAN 10 1931
SHEET NO. 2922
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

From: $1260

To: $1320

Service and grade: Range $1260-1620

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

2nd District.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

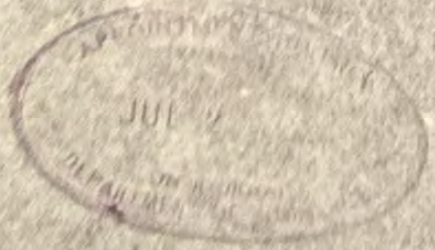
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1140

To: $1260

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

CHIEF CLERK
8 JAN 30 PM 1 54
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 30 1928
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Lighthouse Service, 2nd Dist
(Bureau)

Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 25, 1928.
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on February 24, , 1928.

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

Name John A. Strout

Position Assistant Keeper

Salary $1140 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Dumpling Rock Light Station.

Date of entrance on duty August 25, 1927.

Remarks:

~~(Signature of immediate superior.)~~

SUBMITTED:

(Head of Bureau or Office.)
Superintendent.

SUBMITTED:

JAMES CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 AUG 30 PM 3:48

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouse Service

1. Name in full John A. Strout

2. Legal (voting) residence Maine (State and Congressional District) Cumberland (County) Portland (City or town)

3. Where born? Portland (State or foreign country) Maine (City or town) When born? June 14th. 1891 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse Service								
Grover Light Station	2nd. asst. keeper	$552 P.A.	7	19	1915	9	30	1915
Baker's Island and Plymouth	1st. " "	$516 " "	7	25	1918	9	14	1918
Great Point and Plymouth	1st. " "	$720 " "	6	15	1919	10	15	1920
Boston	2nd " "	$660 " "	12	11	1922	5	5	1923

7. 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 ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school								High school				College				Degrees, if any
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(8)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	

9. State special qualifications

CARDED

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Joseph W. Strout (Name) Father (Relationship)

Cape Cottage Maine (Post office address)

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

John A. Strout.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Aug 25th. 1927 (Date)

Present address Cape Cottage Me.

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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

CHIEF CLERK
1927 AUG 31 PM 3 19

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 31 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Lighthouse Service, Second District
(Bureau or Office)

I, John A. Strout
(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.

John A. Strout.
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of August, A. D. 1927.

at Chelsea, (City or place), Mass. (State)

[SEAL]

(Auth. by Bureau)

Edward J. Curran
1st. Clerk.

CARDED

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

Position to which appointed Assistant Keeper, Dumpling Rock Light Station

Date of entrance on duty August 25, 1927.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1927.

Mr. John A. Strout,

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 Eleven Hundred and Forty dollars per annum

effective August 25, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you may enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, First Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
AUG 26 1927
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

AUG 26 1927
WM. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Frederick A. C. Bohm.

Legal Residence: New Hampshire.

CARDED

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2nd.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1927 AUG 15 PM 3 32

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Chelsea, Mass., (City.) August 11th (Date.), 1927.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

LIGHTHOUSES 1927 AUG 15 AM 9 32

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John A. Strout.

Position, Assistant Keeper

Location, Dumpling Rock Light Station

Effective August 25, 1927.

Legal residence, New Hampshire.

Salary, $1140 per annum (1140-1500)

Appropriation, Salaries, ~~Keepers of~~ Such Lighthouses.

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

COM. AUG 16 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, ---

Location, ---

Former salary, ---

AUG 18 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Asst. Keeper Percentage, 98.5, Other eligibles considered:

S.Perry, C; F.M.Freitas, C.

Previous incumbent, F. A. C. Bohm (Frederick) 1200 Services terminated, July 31, 1927.

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service, Father, J. W. Strout, Keeper, 1st. L. H. Dist.

Date of birth, January 14, 1891.

Remarks: Mr. Strout was not required to appear at this office owing to distance; his vouchers however show clear record as to previous employment. Quarters are provided at this station for families of keepers. Mr. Strout has had previous service in this district, as assistant keeper, during which time his services have been satisfactory in every respect.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, AUG 12 1927, 19

E. L. Reynolds

Reynolds

Secretary, First Civil Service District.

F. W. Estes

Superintendent.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON August 15, 1927.

8-16-27

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY

KLC

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

11—2314

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

LIGHTHOUSES 1926 JUN 5 AM 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 6 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Commerce - L.H. Service

1. Name in full ✓ John Augustus Stout

2. Legal (voting) residence Maine - 1st (State and Congressional District) Cumberland (County) Cape Cottage (City or town)

3. Where born? Portland (State or foreign country) Maine (City or town) When born? Jan. 14th 1891 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: ✓

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S. Engineers Portland Maine	Dredging Inspector	$75.00 per month	Oct.	20th	1917	July	18th	1918
Light House Service Boston Light	asst. Light Keeper	$90.00 per month	Dec.	1st.	1922	May	15th	1923

7. 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 ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Common School 8th. Grade

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Joseph Stout, (Name) Father (Relationship)

Cape Cottage Maine (Post office address)

CARDED

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

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

May 29th 1926 (Date)

Present address Little Gull Is. Lt. Fort Michie N.Y.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
1926 JUN 5 AM 11 05
LIGHTHOUSES
1926 JUN 5 AM 9 00
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 1926
APPOINTMENT CLERK

I, John A. Strout

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.

John A. Strout
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 2nd day of June, A. D. 1926

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) John L. Lawlor

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires February 1928

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$1140 p.a.	Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.N.Y.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Staten Island, N.Y. (Address), June 4, 1926 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 22, 1926 (Date)

CARDED

J. F. Yates
Supt of Lighthouses 3rd Dist

[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.

C. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—944

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1926.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on June 11, 1926.

Bureau..... Lighthouses.

Position..... Keeper.

Allocation.....

Salary..... $1140 per annum.

Station..... Little Gull Island Light Station, New York.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HA[illegible]

JUN 1 1926

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 1 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 98

FWO-JHG

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. May 26, 1926

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John A. Strout Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Maine Station, Little Gull Island Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $1140.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 11, 1926

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

Remarks:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 1926 MAY 27 AM 8 47 CLERK
LIGHTHOUSES 1926 MAY 27 PM 1 47
MAY 29 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
JUN 1 1926
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 27 1926

Enclosure

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

5-27-26

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 26 27
1926
RECEIVED
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Write
Resignation

THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 25, 1926

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 MAY 27 AM 8 48

To Superintendent

Dear Sir:-

Please except my resignation as 2nd. Asst. Keeper at Little Gull Island Lt. Sta. the same to take effect June 11th. 1926.
Cause for leaveing service shore leave to short.

Yours respectfully
John A. Stroct.

Please inform if it will be necessary to take the oath of office before leaveing service.

Earl E. Carr
Keeper

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1926.

Mr. John A. Strout,

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 Eleven Hundred and Forty dollars per annum

effective May 14, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment Probationary.

Civil Service authority Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 20 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HARRINGTON

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

MAY 20 1926

Vice: Alton C. Taylor.

Legal Residence Maine.

11-8657

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., May 10, 1926, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John A. Strout

Position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Effective May 14, 1926

Legal residence, Maine

Salary, $1140 p.a. (Pay range $1140 to $1380 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 86.6, Other eligibles considered:
William Burkhardt----C. Joseph O. Ostigny----C.

Previous incumbent, Alton C. Taylor Services terminated, May 10, 1926

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1140 p.a.) No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Members of family in Government Service, One, J.W. Strout, father, Keeper, Portland Head Lt. Sta., Me.

Date of birth, Jan. 14, 1891

Remarks: Quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station. Mr. Strout was previously employed as Keeper in the 2d Dist. from 7-19-15 to 9-30-15 & July 27, 1918 to Sept. 14, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, 5-12-26, 19
Subject to physical examination

Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 12 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

MAY 19 1926

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1923.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on May 15, 1923.

Bureau.....Lighthouse Service.

Station.....Boston Light Station, Massachusetts.

Position.....Keeper.

Salary.....$660 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 7 - 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MAY 6-

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

2nd.

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CARDED

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SECOND DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
2d DIST.
MAY 2 1923
RECEIVED
BOSTON, MASS.

Boston Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30, 1923

To Superintendent of Lighthouses
Boston Mass.

Sir:-

Please except my resignation, the same to take effect May 15, 1923.

Respectfully
John A. Strout.
2nd. Asst.

Through the Keeper.
S. L. Hart,

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Form 93

LIGHTHOUSES
1923 MAY 4 AM 11 51

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 24 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

GEE-SE

Superintendent
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass., May 3, 1923

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

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

1923 MAY 4 PM 3 55

Name, John A. Strout Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Maine Station, Boston Light Station, Massachusetts

Salary, $660. per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of May 15, 1923.

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

Remarks: ---

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
ACTION TAKEN
MAY 7 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

5/6/23

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 4 - 1923

Inclosure

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1922 DEC 16 PM 4 04

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 16 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1922 DEC 16 PM 12 14

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

File Duplicate.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Mr. John A. Strout

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Second

4. Place of duty: Boston Light Station, Mass. (City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $660. per annum

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

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper examination, October 16, 1922.

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

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

Mr. John Agustus Strout.

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

John A. Strout.

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

Maine (State or Territory.) Cumberland (County.) Cape Cottage (City or town.) 1 (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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6. Where were you born? Portland Maine

7. When were you born? January (Month.) 14th. (Day.) 1891 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Married

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

Joseph W. Strout. (Name.) Cape Cottage Me. (Number and street.)

Town of Cape Elizabeth (City or town.) Maine (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Joseph W. Strout	Cape Cottage Me.	Position Light Keeper Department or office Commerce	Father	Married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

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

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

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

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Commerce	Lighthouse Service	2nd. asst Keeper The Graves L.S.	$552 per yr.	July 12 1915	Sept. 30 1915.
"	"	asst. Keeper Bakers Id. L.S.	516 " "	July 19 1918	Sept. 14 1918
"	"	asst keeper Nantucket L.S.	720 " "	April 1918	Oct. 15 1920.
"	"	asst Keeper Plymouth L.S.	720		

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

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

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Steam fitter for Madeson & Allen Co.
Portland, Me.

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

One year at High School

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

I have had several months experience on carpenter work. Also " " " on Stationary Engines.

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

Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, Sept. 1. 1914, May. 13. 1918
April, 11, 1919, Oct. 16, 1922.

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, Dec. 3, 1922

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) John A. Strout

(Present address) Cape Cottage Me.
(Number and street.)
Town Cape Elizabeth Me.
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded December 15, 1922

(Signature) Geo O Eaton

(Official title) Superintendent, 2d District

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Form 111

CHIEF CLERK

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 18 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
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I, John A. Strout

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.

John A. Strout
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] Eleventh day of December, A. D. 1922

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Henry A. Barry

(Official title) NOTARY PUBLIC
COM. EXPIRES NOV. 21, 1924

My commission expires

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$660. per annum	Boston Light Station, Massachusetts.
Former [5] ---	----	----

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Second District

Boston, Mass. (Address), December 15, 1922 (Date)

U. S. REPORT DATE

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 2, 1922. (Date)

CARDED

F. E. Eaton
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent, 2d District

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 NOV 24 PM 3 27

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass. November 20, 1922
(City.) (Date.)

1922 NOV 23 PM 3 57

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 24 1922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John A. Strout — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $660. per annum.

Location, Boston Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 1, 1922, { ~~the date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, ---

Rank on eligible list, 6 Rating, Asst. Lighthouse Keeper Percentage, 87.2, Other eligibles considered:
Thomas F. McDonald, C - Harry T. Goodyear, C.

Previous incumbent, Tom Small — Services terminated, November 23, 1922.

Reason, Transfer and promotion.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station. Mr. Strout served as 2nd Assistant Keeper at The Graves Light Station, Mass. from July 19, 1915, to Sept. 30, 1915, Assistant Keeper, Bakers Island Light Station, Mass. from July 27, 1918, to Sept. 14, 1918, Assistant Keeper at Nantucket (Great Point) and Plymouth Light Stations, Mass., from May 1, 1919, to Oct. 15, 1920. He was not required to appear at this office owing to distance, but his vouchers showed clear record in previous employment. Mr. Strout was born January 14, 1891.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,~~ NOV 21 1922, 19

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B L Salmon
Secretary, First Civil Service District.

F W Coates
Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

NOV 23 1922

FIRST CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICE SECRETARY

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

NOV 21 1922

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1922.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty 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, First Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 25 1922 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Appropriation: Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Tom Small.

Legal Residence: Maine.

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(See reverse side.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1920.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on October 15, 1920.

Bureau.....Lighthouse Service

Station.....Plymouth Light Station, Mass.

Position.....Keeper

Salary.....$720 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

U. S. REPORT CARD

APPOINTMENT DIVISION OCT 6 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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2nd district

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2nd DIST. BOSTON, MASS.
OCT 21 1920

SECOND DISTRICT

Plymouth Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

1920 OCT 4 AM
October 1st 04, ~~101~~ 1920

Through Keeper.
To Superintendent of Lighthouses
Boston Mass.

Sir:-

Please except my resignation, the same to take effect October 15th. 1920. Cause for leaving service, better position, which is not so confineing.

Respectfully Yours John A. Stout Asst.
Anderson, Keeper.

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1920 OCT 4 AM 9 04

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass., October 2, 1920.

1920 OCT 4 PM 3 08

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John A. Strout — Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Maine — Station, Plymouth Light Station, Mass.

Salary, $720. per annum.

APPOINTMENTS

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of October 15, 1920.

1920 OCT 4 PM 4 30

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

Remarks: --

10-5-20

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
OCT 5 - 1920
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Superintendent.

OCT 4 1920

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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1920 OCT 4 PM 2 39

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINT

LIGHT MAR 12 1920 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~, Second DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass., March 10, 1920.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee has been transferred as indicated, and entered upon duty at his new station on February 26, 1920.

CHIEF CLERK

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1920 MAR 15 AM 9 03

Name, John A. Strout Position, Keeper

From Nantucket (Great Point) Light Station, Mass. To Plymouth Light Station, Mass.

Previous incumbent, George C. Smith

Services terminated, February 10, 1920. Reason, Transfer.

APPOINTMENTS

This transfer was made at Mr. Strout's request.

1920 MAR 15 AM 9 35

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Lawyer
Chief Clerk.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with February 26, 1920.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Lawyer
Chief Clerk.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAR 12 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

1920 MAR 13 PM 3 38

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

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JAN 28 1920 HOUSES

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass., January 26, , 1920.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about February 11, 1920.

CHIEF CLERK

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APPOINTMENTS

Name, John A. Strout Position, Keeper

From Nantucket (Gt.Pt.) Light Station Mass. To Plymouth Light Station, Mass.

Previous incumbent, George C. Smith

Services terminated, February 10, 1920 Reason, Transfer.

1920 JAN 30 PM 3 08

This transfer is made at Mr. Strout's request.

CARDED

Superintendent.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 - 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JAN 28 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

1920 JAN 29 PM 3 07

Acting Commissioner.

January 21, 1920.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department returns herewith nomination dated January 16, from the Second Superintendent for the transfer of John A. Strout, from Nantucket (Gt. Pt.) Light Station, Massachusetts, to Plymouth Light Station, Massachusetts, with the request that form 73a be submitted, as the transfer does not involve any change in designation or pay.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Enclosure 1074.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

APPOINTMENTS JUN 8 1919

LIGHT JUN 6 1919 HOUSES

(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. John Augustus Stout

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

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Nantucket Lt. Station Mass (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 1919 JUN 6 PM 2 2nd. (District) 36

4. Position to which appointed Asst. Keeper

5. Compensation $720. per. Annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Asst. Keeper, exam. April 11, 1919.

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

Nantucket (City or town.) Mass. (State or Territory.) Nantucket (County.) 16 (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.

Moved from Maine to Nantucket Lt. Station Mass.

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

11. Where were you born? Portland Maine

12. When were you born? Jan. (Month.) 14, (Day.) 1891, (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? [redacted] Married

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

Mrs. John A. Stout (Name.) Nantucket Lt. Station Mass. (Number and street.)

(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

Asst. Keeper

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

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
J. W. Stroud	Cape Cottage Maine	Position Light Keeper Department or office Commerce	Father	Married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

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

No

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.
Commerce	Lighthouse	Asst Keeper	$46.00 per mo.	July 20, 1915	Oct. 1, 1915.
Engineers	Dredging	Inspector	$90 per mo.	Oct 20, 1917	July 17, 1918
Commerce	Lighthouse	Asst. Keeper	$52.50 per mo.	July 20 1918	Sept 15 1918

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

No

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.
No			

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.
No			

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? ..... (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) No

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service .....

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

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, and 21.)

Carpenters Helper for U.S. Engineers

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.)

High 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, and Carpenter, and painter

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

Asst. Keeper, 2nd District. Sept 1st 1914
" " " " " April 11, 1919
" " " " " May 3, 1918

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.)

Date, May 11, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) John A. Stout.

P. O. Address: Nantucket Mass.
City or town.

Number and street.

Mass
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.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 5, 1919

(Signature) Geo. E. Eaton

(Official title) Superintendent.

JUN 6 1919 3 36 PM

CHIEF CLERK 5

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LIGHT HOUSES JUN 3 AUG

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS JUN 7 1919

I, John A. Strout

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.

John A. Strout.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 15th day of May, A. D. 1919

LAWRISTON BUNKER NOTARY PUBLIC NANTUCKET COUNTY MASS.
(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) Lawriston Bunker

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My Commission expires May 1, 1924.

My commission expires May 1, 1924

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$720 per annum	Nantucket Light Station, Mass.
Former [5] ---	--	--

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

CARDED

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Second District

Boston, Mass., (Address) June 5, 1919. (Date)

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

Geo E Eaton
(Signature, follow[ed] by title)
Superintendent.

G. S. RET. ENTERED

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

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT.

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LIGHT APR 26 1919 HOUSES

Boston, Mass., (City.) April 21 (Date.), 1919.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENTS CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Probationary appointment-

Name, John A. Strout

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Legal residence, Maine-

Position, Keeper-

Salary, $720 per annum AM 9 23

Location, Nantucket (Great Point) Light Station, Mass.

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 1, 1919

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

Former position, ---

Former salary, ---

Location, ---

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Assistant Keeper- L.H. Percentage, 87.8, Other eligibles considered:

W.C.Daggett, C- F.M.Pease, D- Name restored to register at his request-

Previous incumbent, Pearl S. King Services terminated, April 28, 1919-

Reason, Transfer-

Members of family in Government Service, Father, J.W., Keeper, LHS

Remarks: Mr. J. A. Strout was not required to appear at this office owing to distance. Quarters are provided for the families of keepers at this station. He has served as Assistant Keeper at Bakers Island from 7-25-18 to 9-15-18.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, April 24, 1919

B. L. Solomon
Secretary, First Civil Service District.

Eaton
Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 28 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

4-29-19

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACTION TAKEN APR 29 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1919 APR 28 PM 4 19

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1919.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the Secretary, First Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Pearl S. King.

Legal Residence: Maine.

2nd

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIV. SION ENTERED APR 29 1919

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT MAR 21 1919 HOUSES

LIGHT APR 19 1919 HOUSES

March 20, 1919.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. .....) issued by the Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Theodore R. Brahn.

Legal Residence: Maine.

(See reverse side.)

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR'S 2d DIST. APR 16 17 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. LIGHT HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1919.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Theodore R. Brahn.

Legal Residence: Maine.

(See reverse side.)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

April 18,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Cancellation of appointment, John A. Strout, Keeper.

1. Returned herewith for cancellation is Department letter, in duplicate, dated March 20,1919, appointing John A. Strout to the position of keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, as Mr. Strout has advised this office he will be unable to accept the position.

2. The District Secretary has been advised of this cancellation.

J. O. Sykes

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 23 1919

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

1919 APR [illegible] PM

E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner.

CARDED

U. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

APR 26 1919

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MAR 18 1919 11 56 AM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES MAR 18 1919

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) March 15,1919 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr.Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

CHIEF CLERK

Name, John A. Strout

Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper

APPOINTMENTS

1919 MAR 19 PM 12 05

Salary, $840 per annum

Location, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 1,1919

1919 MAR 19 PM 3 47

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

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.0 , Other eligibles considered:

None

Previous incumbent, Theodore R.Brahn Services terminated, April 30,1919

Reason, Promoted.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 to 7 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, MAR 17 1919 , 191

Assistant Secretary. Second Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1919 MAR 19 AM 11 19

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION MAR 20 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1919.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

MAR 20 1919

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Theodore R. Brahn.

Legal Residence: Maine.

(See reverse side.)

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C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

Baker's Island L.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 7th, 1918

LIGHT
SEP 11 2101
HOUSES

Lighthouse Supt.
Boston Mass.
Through Keeper

accept my resignation to take effect Sept. 14 / 1918 as First asst. Keeper at Baker's Island Light Station by reason not obeing able to start engines

John A. Stout
asst. Keeper

A. L. Payne
Keeper.

September 16, 1918.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on September 14, 1918.

Bureau	Lighthouse Service
Position	Keeper
Salary	$516 per annum.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 17 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. John A. Strout,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Form 93

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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LIGHT HOUSES SEP 11 1918

SEP 11 1918 9 00 AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass., September 3 1918. CHIEF CLERK.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee: 1918 SEP 14 AM 11 15

Name, John A. Strout- Position, Assistant Keeper-

Legal residence, Maine- Station, Bakers Island Light Station, Mass.-

Salary, $516 per annum-

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of September 14, 1918.

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

Remarks: ---

9/16/18 ap

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
[redacted]
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

APPOINTMENTS

1918 SEP 14 PM 12 13

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Yeager

Chief Clerk.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 16 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 12 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

AUG 5 1913

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

Mr John Augustus Strout.

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

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

Cape Elizabeth, (City or town) Maine, (State or Territory.) Cumberland, (County.) #1 (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Portland, Maine

6. When were you born? Jan. (Month.) 14 (Day.) 1891 (Year.)

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

Mrs. John Augustus Street (Name.) 16 Valley St. (Number and street.)

Portland (City or town.) Maine (State or Territory.)

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
J. W. Street	Father	Commerce	Light House	Keeper

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

Asst. Lighthouse Keeper, May 15, 1918.

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

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Engineers	War	Dredging Inspector	$720.	April 15, 1914	June 26, 1914
Commerce	Lighthouse	Asst. Keeper	$552	July 12, 1915	Sept 30 1915
Engineers	War	Dredging Inspector	$1,080.	Oct. 23, 1917	July 17, 1918

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

Name under which service was rendered No

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

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

Gas Fitter

Steam "

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

Grammar and High School

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

No

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

Asst. Lighthouse Keeper, May 13, 1918. Sept. 1. 1914

Dredgeling Inspector April 16-1914 Oct 26-1917

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

yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. July 25, 1918.

Witness:

(Signature) John Augustus Short

P. O. Address: Cape Cottage, Me.
City or town.

Number and street.

Maine.
State or Territory.

In case signature is by mark.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded August 2, 1918

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Signature) Meager

(Official title) Chief Clerk.

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PART II.

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

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) — Bakers Island Light Station (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) — Second (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Keeper-

3. State the date of appointment. July 19, 1918-

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

July 27, 1918-

5. State the date of the oath. July 25, 1918-

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. July 27, 1918-

7. What is his salary? $516 per annum-

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

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

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

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

From Civil Service eligible register-

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No-

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

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) Meager

(Official title) Chief Clerk.

Date: August 2, 1918.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES AUG 5 1918

AUG 5 1918 9 52 AM

CHIEF CLERK

I, John A. Strout

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.

John A. Strout
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS AUG 5 1918

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 25 day of July, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

NOTARY PUBLIC WILLARD E. BARROWS MAINE

[4] (Name) Willard E. Barrows

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 1922

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$516 per annum	Bakers Island Light Station, Mass.
Former [5] --	--	--

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Second District

Boston, Mass. (Address), August 2, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 27, 1918. (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Yeager
(Signature, followed by title) Chief Clerk.

[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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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1918.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Arthur L. Payne.

Legal Residence: Maine.

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 19 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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CARDED

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WGY-WBJ

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS

Boston, Mass., JUL 13 1918
(City) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

1918 JUL 18 AM 9 37 CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Probationary appointment-

Name, John A. Strout- Legal residence, Maine-

Position, ~~Assistant~~ Keeper- Salary, $516 per annum-

1918 JUL 18 AM 9 10

Location, Bakers Island Light Station, Mass.- Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses-

Effective July 21, 1918 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

RECEIVED JUL 13 1918 FIRST C. S. DIST.

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

Location, ---

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Assistant Light-house Keeper- Percentage, 83.0, Other eligibles considered:

W. D. Rogers, C-

Previous incumbent, Arthur L. Payne- Services terminated, July 20, 1918-

Reason, Promotion-

Members of family in Government Service, Father, J.W.Strout, Keeper, L. H. S.

Remarks: Mr. Strout served as Second Assistant Keeper at The Graves Light Station from July to October, 1915. The applicant was not required to appear at the office, owing to distance. Quarters are provided for the families of Keepers at this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, JUL 13 1918, 191

E. L. Reynolds
Acting Secretary, 1st Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 17 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JUL 17 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1918 JUL 17 PM 3 43

Acting Commissioner

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1916.

CHIEF CLERK
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Dept. letter Oct. 9, 1916, authorizing assignment of J. A. Strout to duty as 2d asst. kpr. Race Rock L.S., N. Y.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for cancelation as Mr. Strout has declined to enter on duty.

S Conway
Acting Commissioner

11-8-16

File

LIGHT
OCT 10 1916
HOUSES

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

October 9, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of this date, the Department hereby authorizes the assignment of John A. Strout to duty as second assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, at $456 per annum. A formal appointment will be issued to Mr. Strout upon receipt of nomination bearing the endorsement of the local civil service secretary.

CANCELED.

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN
Acting Secretary.

CANCELED

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
OCT 10 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau telegram of October 9, 1916. Submit nomination in the case of Strout if not already done.

Acting Commissioner.

C-L

October 21, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 20th instant, the Department hereby grants authority for the assignment of Frank R. Hopkins to duty as second assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, at $456 per annum. A formal appointment will be issued to Mr. Hopkins upon receipt of nomination bearing the endorsement of the local civil service district secretary.

In this connection the Department hereby cancels the authority contained in its letter of October 9, 1916, for the assignment of John A. Strout to duty in the above-mentioned position.

Outs

(SIGNED) E. E. PRATT.

Acting Secretary.

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CODED.

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October 9, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of this date, the Department hereby authorizes the assignment of John A. Strout to duty as second assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, at $456 per annum. A formal appointment will be issued to Mr. Strout upon receipt of nomination bearing the endorsement of the local civil service secretary.

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN
Acting Secretary.

CANCELED.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 9- 1916 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

SPECIAL

General Depot
Office of Inspector, 3d District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

CHIEF CLERK OCT 9 1916 5

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October 7, 1916.

Commissioner:-

Authority is requested to assign John A. Strout to duty as Second Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, on October 10, 1916, vice Robert H. Ebbitts promoted. The assignment to duty of Mr. Strout is approved by the Secretary of the 2nd Civil Service District. Mr. Strout has one relative in the Government Service, his father, J. W. Strout, keeper of Portland Head Light Station, Maine.

It is further requested that this office be advised by telegraph of authority for assigning Mr. Strout to duty, so that the necessary orders may be issued in sufficient time for him to enter on duty on October 10, 1916.

(Signed) J. T. Yates.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 9, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that authority be granted to assign John A. Strout to duty as Second Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, effective beginning October 10, 1916. Nomination in his case will be submitted to the Department as soon as received by the Bureau, when formal appointment may be issued. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice R. H. Ebbitts promoted 1 A.K. Race

10-9-16

Acting Commissioner

September 21, 1915.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated September 15, 1915, as second assistant keeper of The Graves Light Station, Massachusetts, at $552 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of September 30, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. John A. Strout,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 21 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE JOURNAL

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
SEP 16 1915
RECEIVED
BOSTON, MASS.

SECOND DISTRICT

The Graves
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 15th, 1915

To the Light House Inspector

Sir:—

I closend find my resignation as second Assistant Keeper at the Graves light station the same to take affect on October 1st. 1915. Cause for leaveing service not sufficient shore Libeity for what time is spent on station. Please send pay Check to Cape Cottage Me.

Respectfully

John. A. Stuart.

Respectfully Forwarded
Towle Keeper

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

WGY-WLLC.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass., September 16 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John A. Strout- Position, Second Assistant Keeper-

Legal residence, Maine- Station, The Graves Light Station, Mass.

Salary, $552.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of September 30, 1915.

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

Remarks:

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 30 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner

LIGHT
JUL 20 1915
HOUSE
CHIEF CLERK
JUL 20 1915

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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William C. Redfield
Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS
JUL 20 1915

CARDED.

PART I.

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

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

Mr. John Augustus Stroot.

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

John A. Stroot.

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

Cape Cottage Me.	Maine	Cumberland	1st
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Portland Maine.

6. When were you born?

January	14th.	1891
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

J. W. Strout — Name.
Cape Cottage Me. — City or town.
Maine. — State or Territory.
Number and street.

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
J. W. Strout	Father	Commerce	Light House	Keeper
E. L. Field	Uncle	Post Office		Postmaster

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

Asst. Light House Keeper Sept 1st. 1914.

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

No

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Army	Engrs. Dept.	Dredging Inspector	45 P. month	April 19th 1914	June 23. 1914

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

None

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

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

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

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

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

Name under which service was rendered No.

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

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

Gas fitter

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

Public Schools

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

Gas fitter - Painter

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

Asst Light House Keeper Sept 1st 1914.

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

Yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. July 19th, 1915

(Signature) John A. Strout.

P. O. Address: Cape Cottage Me
City or town.

Number and street.

Maine
State or Territory.

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded July 19 19 15.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Inspector.

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PART II.

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

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

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) — The Graves Light Station, Mass. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) — Second (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Assistant Keeper-

3. State the date of appointment. July 12, 1915-

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

July 19, 1915-

5. State the date of the oath. July 19, 1915-

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. July 19- 1915.

7. What is his salary? $552. per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1916-

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

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

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

Selected from Civil Service eligible register-

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) Graham

(Official title) Inspector.

Date: July 19, 19 15.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT
JUL 20 1915
HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK
JUL 26 1915

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, John A. Strout,

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.

John A. Strout.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 19th day of July, A. D. 1915

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. G. Yeager

(Official title)

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Second Assistant Keeper	$552. per annum	The Graves Light Station, Mass.
Former[5]	---	---	---

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Second District

Boston, Mass., (Address), July 19, 1915. (Date)

CARDED.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 19, 1915. (Date)

(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector.

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1915.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty-two dollars

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

(By selection from certificate No. ....., and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 12 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE

CARRIED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Acting

Vice: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Legal Residence: Maine.

CHANGE REPORTED U. S. COMMISSION JUL 1915

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED
JUL 8 1915
FIRST C. S. DIST.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass., (City.) July 8 (Date.), 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment-

Name, John A. Strout,

Legal residence, Maine-

Position, Second Assistant Keeper-

Salary, $552. per annum-

Location, The Graves Light Station, Mass.

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1916-

Effective July 16, 1915, {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, 1 Rating, Assistant Light-house Keeper Percentage, 93.50, Other eligibles considered:

George A. Jamieson, C- Arthur L. Payne, C-

Previous incumbent, Emil Mueller- Services terminated, to be reported later.

Reason, Transferred to Eleventh District. Ecd

Relatives in Government Service, J.W.Strout, father, married, Lighthouse keeper.
E.L.Field, uncle, married, Postmaster, Cape Cottage, Maine.

Remarks: No quarters are provided for families at this station. Mr. Strout was not required to appear in person owing to distance, but his vouchers show clean record in previous employment. He has had Government service in the Army Department from Aug. 1, 1911, to Oct. 10, 1911. None of the men considered are deaf mutes.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. July 8, 1915. In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Edwd E. Stebbins
Secretary, 1st Civil Service District.

Meager
Chief Clerk.

* No papers

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 10 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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Commander, 1st CG District
1400 Custom House, Boston 9, Mass.

27 July, 1951

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Following is a transcript of the service record of Mr. JOHN AUGUSTUS STROUT, 1 Vale Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts, on file in the office of Commander, First Coast Guard District, Civilian Personnel Section:

Nature of Action	Position	Post of Duty	Effective Dates	Reason
Probational appt.	2nd Asst. Keeper	Graves L/S	7/19/15 thru 9/30/15 inc.	resigned
Probational appt.	1st Asst. Keeper	Bakers Island L/H., Mass.	7/27/18 thru 9/14/18	resigned
Probational appt.	Asst.Keeper	Nantucket L/H	5/1/19 thru 2/25/20	
Transfer	Asst.Keeper	Plymouth L/H	2/26/20 thru 10/15/20	resigned
Probational appt.	2nd Asst. Keeper	Boston L/H	12-2-22 thru 5/15/23	resigned
Probational appt.	Asst.Keeper	Dumpling Rock L/H	8/25/27 thru 4/30/31	
Transfer	Asst.Keepert	Spring Point L/H Maine	5/1/31 thru 6/1/31	resigned
Temp.Appt.	Laborer	Chelsea Depot	4/29/35 thru 10/31/35	terminated
Tepp. Appt.	Laborer	Chelsea Depot	4/1/36 thru 9/15/36	terminated
Temp. Appt.	Laborer	Chelsea Depot	5/9/38 thru 6/30/38	terminated
W.S.A.	Laborer	Chelsea Depot	4/27/42 thru 10/26/42	terminated

R. G. WHITTEMORE
Chief, Civilian Personnel Section

Form No. 50

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER, FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

1. Name: "STROUT, John A." Date: 16 November, 1942.

This is to notify you of the following action concerning your employment.

2. Nature of action: Termination of services.

3. Effective date: close of 26 October, 1942.

9. Report No.

10. Civ.Ser. or other legal authority:

From	To
4. Position: Laborer (temporary)	
5. Grade and Salary: None $5.92 per diem	
6. Bureau or other unit: COAST GUARD BASE, Chelsea, Mass.	
7. Headquarters: Dist. C. G. Office, 1st Naval District, Boston, Mass.	
8. Departmental or field: Field	

11. Appropriation:

Gen. Exps.
Coast Guard

12. Date of birth:

14 January, 1891

13. Specific vacancy:

14. Retirement:

Civ. Ser.
Retirement

Remarks:

G. J. O'LEARY, Ensign, U.S.C.G.R.,
R. J. B. ORTOLEY,
Lieut.-Comdr., U. S. C. G.,
Asst. Personnel Officer,
First Naval District

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16 November, 1942.

Mr. John A. Strout,
20 Bloomingdale Street,
Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The attached Form 50 is for your personal files.

G. J. O'LEARY,
Ensign, U.S.C.G.R.,
Asst. Personnel Officer,
First Naval District.

N.C.G. No. 2599
U.S. COAST GUARD

HEADQUARTERS _____
PERSONNEL _____
FILE _____

REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

SEROUT	John	A.	Civilian	Laborer (Temporary)
(Surname)	(First)	(Middle Initial)	(Service No.)	(Rank or Rate)

U. S. Coast Guard Base	Chelsea, Massachusetts	13 November, 1942
(Unit)	(Place)	(Date)

1630, 12 November, 1942, services terminated due to expiration of 90 day extension of appointment, 26 October, 1942, and 13 days authorized annual leave.

13 days. Murray told on telephone this was correct number of days. Hasle 11/14/42

AUTHORITY:

C. C. BALZER, Lieut-Comdr.
(Commanding)

Commanding Officer, BASE
(Title)

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LAW	PERSONNEL RECORDS		
	STATISTICS	CORRESP'NCE	RECORDS

6 October, 1942

From: District Coast Guard Officer, First Naval District
To: John A. Strout, Civilian Employee

Via: Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Base, Chelsea, Mass.

Subject: Extension of employment

1. The records of this office show that on October 26, 1942, you will have been employed for a period of six months.

2. We regret that under our regulations we cannot employ you for a period longer than six months at any one time, and, therefore, we are unable to extend you employment beyond October 26, 1942.

R. J. Borromey
By Direction

Form No. 50

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

9. Report No.

1. Name **STROUT, John A.** Date: **27 August, 1942**

This is to notify you of the following action concerning your employment.

2. Nature of action **Temporary employment (Extension of)**

3. Effective date **27 August, 1942**

10. Civil Service or other legal authority

	From-	To-
4. Position	**Laborer (Temp)**	**Laborer (Temp.)**
5. Grade and salary	**None** **$5.28 per diem**	**None** **$5.28 per diem**
6. Bureau or other unit	**U.S.Coast Guard Base** **Chelsea, Mass.**	**U.S.C.G.Base** **Chelsea,Mass.**
7. Headquarters	DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICE First Naval District Boston, Massachusetts	
8. Departmental or field	Field	

11. Appropriation

G.E. C.G., 1943

12. Date of birth

1-14-1891

13. Specific vacancy

Temporary Laborer

REMARKS: **It is the intention of this office to extend the employment of the subject named employee for a period of ninety days.**

R. J. BORROMEY,
Lieut-Comdr., U.S.C.G.,
Personnel Officer,
First Naval District.

Standard Form No. 47
Approved by the Bureau
of the Budget
May 15, 1941

PERSONNEL AFFIDAVIT

NAVY DEPARTMENT (Department or agency) U.S. COAST GUARD (Bureau or division) CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS (Place of employment)

Name JOHN A. STROUT
(Given name, initial or initials, if any, and last name. Print or type)

Section 9A of Public 252—76th Congress, approved August 2, 1939, otherwise known as the "Hatch Act," provides:

"(1) It shall be unlawful for any person employed in any capacity by any agency of the Federal Government, whose compensation, or any part thereof, is paid from funds authorized or appropriated by any Act of Congress, to have membership in any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States.

"(2) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be immediately removed from the position or office held by him, and thereafter no part of the funds appropriated by any Act of Congress for such position or office shall be used to pay the compensation of such person;"

It is provided in various appropriation acts that no part of the funds so appropriated shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence, and that an affidavit shall be considered *prima facie* evidence that the person making the affidavit does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence. Such acts provide further that any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment, the salary or wages for which are paid from any such appropriation, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both, and that the above penalty shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

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I, JOHN A. STROUT, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have read and understand the foregoing; that I do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; that I am not a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

JOHN A. STROUT John A. Strout
(Signature of employee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, A. D., 19 42,

at Chelsea (City or place), Massachusetts (State)

[SEAL] THOM J. FLANAGAN MASSACHUSETTS NOTARY PUBLIC

THOM J. FLANAGAN

Notary Public

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1940— O

N.C.G. No. 2599
U. S. Coast Guard
(Revised 1937)

REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

STROUT	John	A.	Civilian	Temporary Laborer
(Surname)	(First name)	(Middle initial)	(Service No.)	(Rank or rating)

Coast Guard Base	Chelsea, Massachusetts	15 August, 1942
(Unit)	(Place)	(Date)

Change in pay from $5.28 per diem to $5.92 per diem, effective 6 July, 1942

Corrected 4 ltrs

AUTHORITY:
Form 50, dated, 5 August, 1942
effective 6 July, 1942

G. C. BALZER
(Commanding)

Lieutenant
(Title)

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LAW	PERSONNEL RECORDS		
	STATISTICS	CORRESPONDENCE	RECORDS

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

...STRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER, FIRST NA... DISTRICT

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

...me: STROUT, John A. Date: 5 August, 1942.

This is to notify you of the following action concerning your employment.

2. Nature of action: Wage Adjustment

3. Effective date: 6 July, 1942.

9. Report No.

10. Civ.Ser. or other legal authority: C.S. Auth.C-177 4-23-42. C.S. Auth. C-81 7-30-42/ Headquarters' letter, 30 July,1942.CG-CP-75)

	From	To
4. Position:	Laborer,(temporay)	Laborer,(temporary)
5. Grade and Salary:	$5.28 per diem	$5.92 per diem
6. Bureau or other unit:	U.S.Coast Guard Base, Chelsea,Massachusetts.	U.S.Coast Guard Base, Chelsea,Massachusetts.
7. Headquarters:	Dist. C. G. Office, 1st Naval District, Boston, Mass.	Dist. C. G. Office, 1st Naval District, Boston, Mass.
8. Departmental or field:	Field	Field

11. Appropriation: Gen. Exps. Coast Guard

12. Date of birth: January 14, 1891.

13. Specific vacancy:

XX. Retirement: Civ. Ser. Retirement

Remarks:

R. J. B ORROMEY,
Lieut.-Comdr., U. S. C. G.,
Personnel Officer,
First Naval District

18 August, 1942.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, 1st Naval District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: STROUT, John Augustus - Laborer.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 26 June, 1942 (CG-CP-75).

Inclosure: (A) Form 2806 in the case of subject.
(B) Standard Form No. 6, Personal History Statement, in duplicate.
(C) Record of CWA, FERA, NYA, and WPA Service for Purpose of Obtaining Verification in Future, in duplicate.

1. Inclosures (A), (B), and (C) are forwarded herewith in compliance with instructions contained in reference (a).

2. It will be noted that some of the entries on inclosure (A) for Government service other than in the former Lighthouse Service and Coast Guard are incomplete. After an exhaustive search of the files at this office, no further information relative to these entries could be located.

R. J. BORROMEY,
By direction.

Form No. 6
...y the President 3/28/24)
...evised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment U.S. Coast Guard Service **Date** July 28 1942

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Strout (Surname) John (Given name) Augustus (Middle name)
2. Present address 26 Bloomingdale St (Number) (Street) Chelsea (City) Mass. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Mass. 12th (State and Congressional District) Suffolk (County) Chelsea (City or town)
4. Where born Maine (State or foreign country) Portland (City or town) When born Jan. 14 1891 (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 41 years one Son 11 years old
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. Light House	S. Graves Lt.	Asst Keeper	$55.00 per month	July	10th	1915	Oct	1st	1915
" " " "	Baker Island Lt.	" "	$63.00	July	1st	1918	Oct	1st	1918
" " " "	Great Pt. Lt.	" "	$85.00	May	1st	1919	March	30	1920
" " " "	Plymouth Lt.	" "	$93.00	March	30	1920	Oct	15	1920
" " " "	Boston Lt.	" "	$83.00	Dec	15	1921	May	15	1922
" " " "	Dumpling Lt.	" "	$110	Aug	10	1928	May	1st	1931

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below: None

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: No

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service? No

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

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

None √	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Rank ____ Rank ____
Organization ____ Organization ____

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Rank ____ Rank ____
Organization ____ Organization ____

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

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
E.J. Burroughs Salem Factory Portland Me	Painter	3 years
F.O. Gray 11 Preble St Portland Me	Sta Fireman	2 years
Hotchkiss School Lakeville Conn Frank Myers	Sta Fireman	9 month
Waumbeck Hotel Corp Jefferson N.H.	Sta Fireman	2 months

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. John A Stout

Relationship Wife Post office address 20 Bloomingdale St Chelsea Mass

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

John A. Stout

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

10—1920

Jan 14 1921

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RECORD OF CWA, FERA, NYA, and WPA SERVICE FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING VERIFICATION IN FUTURE

Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Mr. Strout (Surname) John (Given Name) Augustus (Middle Name)

State other names under which previously employed none

Date entered the U. S. Coast Guard April 27 1942 Date of birth Jan 14 1891

District or Office Boston Mass

Department	Bureau - Indicating whether CWA, FERA, NYA, or WPA Funds	Location City & State	Position	Salary	Date Appointed Month	Date Appointed Year	Date Separated Month	Date Separated Year
C.W.A.		Portland Me	Painter	$9.00 per day	Dec	1933	May	1. 1934
W.P.A.		Chelsea Mass	Fireman	$17.00 per wk	Sept 25	1936	April	~~25~~ 1942

List project, supervisor's name, your identification number, and whether retirement deductions were taken from the salary for the Civil Service Retirement Fund.

Lorney Murray Supervisor C.W.A. I.D. No #4062

Miss Mary McCarthy W.P.A.

No funds for retirement on C.W.A. or W.P.A.

A. Service

Dec. 12 1933 to May 1st. 1934

W. P. A. Sept. 1st. 1936 to April 25 1942

No retirement deductions made

U. S. Coast Guard
Boston Base
21 JUL 1942
Received

NAVY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Office of
District Coast Guard Officer
First Naval District

Boston, Massachusetts,

20 July, 1942.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, 1st Naval District.
To : **STROUT, J. A., Temporary Laborer.**

Via : **Commanding Officer, COAST GUARD BASE, Chelsea, Mass.**

Subject: Standard Form No. 6, Personal History Statement.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 26 June, 1942 (CG-CP-75).

Inclosure: (A) Three blank copies of subject form.

1. In order for this office to comply with instructions contained in reference (a), it is requested that you complete all three copies of inclosure (A) and return them to this office for submission to Headquarters as soon as possible.

2. Your attention is invited to the fact that Personal History Statements must be made out in the employee's own handwriting, and each question on the form must be answered. In the event there are questions in your case which require no answers, the words "No" or "None," whichever applies, should be used.

3. If you have had CWA, FERA, NYA or WPA service, submit complete information for verification and advise whether or not retirement deductions were made during such employment.

E. S. TUTTLE, JR.,
By direction.

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13 August, 1942.

OFFICE OF
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER
FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT

From: District Coast Guard Officer, First Naval District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Application of Revision of Navy Department's Wage Schedule.

Reference:
(a) Headquarters' letter 6 July, 1942 (CG-CP-75).
(b) List of Coast Guard Civilian Personnel in the First Naval District as of 30 June, 1942.
(c) Navy Department's Circular dated 26 June, 1942(PS&M-1a-RBC).
(d) Headquarters' letter 30 July, 1942 (CG-CP-75).
(e) Nomination Form 2660 16 July, 1942, re Roy S. Paine, Jr.
(f) DCGO1ND letter 25 July, 1942 re amendment of Roy S. Paine, Jr., on Woods Hole Depot list of Civilian positions and incumbents (or vacancies) as of 30 June, 1942.

Inclosure: (A) Nomination Form 2660 re Roy S. Paine, Jr.

1. In reply to reference (d) Headquarters is advised that Abraham Levine resigned without prejudice close of 18 June, 1942 and Thomas W. Ryan resigned without prejudice close of 11 May, 1942. In regard to Roy S. Paine, Jr. inclosure (A) is submitted to Headquarters for appropriate action in connection with his wage adjustment as it is contemplated to employ this man for a longer period than six months. In this connection see references (e) and (f).

2. Regarding Daniel J. Fitzgerald, this office submitted under separate cover an excerpt on Form 50 showing that he was hired as a temporary machinist's helper for a period of 90 days and accordingly this office initiated Form 50 effecting wage adjustment retroactive to 6 July, 1942.

3. Forms 50 were also initiated for the following named individuals effecting their wage adjustment retroactive to 6 July, 1942:

Edward Augustynlak	Edward Oliver	Elvestine V. Beal
Joseph L. McCambly	Peter T. Flaherty	Albert E. Moore
John A. Strout	Robert J. Casey	Herbert N. Moore

4. In view of the fact that Robert C. Breau's services were terminated the close of 30 June, 1942, without prejudice and Joseph F. Mahoney resigned without prejudice the close of 15 July, 1942, no action with regard to wage adjustment will be taken by this office.

5. Thomas D. Burns was originally hired by us on a 90-day temporary Laborer's basis and on 20 July, 1942 he was transferred to the Boston Navy Yard as Helper Electrician. Therefore, this office requests advice as to whether or not this office should initiate Form 50 to cover the wage adjustment of Thomas D. Burns from 6 July, 1942, to the date of his transfer to the Boston Navy Yard.

E. S. TUTTLE, JR.,
By direction.
(init.) HWS

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON

CG-CP-75

QUARTERS

30 July, 1942.

From: Commandant.
To: District Coast Guard Officer, First Naval District, Boston.

Subject: Revision of Navy Department's Wage Schedule; application of.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter 6 July, 1942 (CG-CP-75).
(b) List of Coast Guard civilian personnel in the First Naval District as of 30 June, 1942.
(c) Navy Department's Circular dated June 26, 1942(PS&M-la-RBC).

1. As stated in reference (a) Headquarters is preparing recommendations for the adjustments in pay of those per diem employees affected by reference (c). In this connection it is noted Headquarters has Forms 2806 for the following employees whose names do not appear on reference (b):

Abraham Levine Roy S. Paine, Jr. Thomas W. Ryan

In the event they have been separated from the service, recommendations should be promptly submitted showing the proper action to be taken in each case.

2. It is further noted that reference (b) contains the name of D. J. Firzgerald. Headquarters has not received nomination for his appointment and action on his adjustment will necessarily be delayed pending receipt of Form 2660.

3. Reference (b) lists the following temporary laborers and carpenters for whom Headquarters does not have records:

T. D. Burns	E. Augustynlak	J. McCambly
J. F. Mahoney	J. A. Strout	R. C. Breau
E. Oliver	P. F. Flaherty	R. J. Casey
E. V. Beal	A. E. Moore	H. N. Moore

If it is not contemplated to employ these men for longer than six months, your office should make the proper adjustments in their pay; but if their employment is to be of longer duration, nominations should be submitted showing the dates of entrance on duty, the probable length of their employment, and the Civil Service authority under which they were employed, together with certified Forms 2806. An early reply is requested in order that the wage adjustments may be properly completed.

(sgd) N. R. STILES

N. R. STILES,
By direction.

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6 August, 1942.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, 1st Naval District.
To : Commanding Officer, COAST GUARD BASE, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Subject: STROUT, John A. - Laborer (Temporary).

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 26 June, 1942 (CG-CP-75).

Inclosure: (A) Four blank copies of mimeographed form of Record of CWA, FERA, NYA, and WPA Service for Purpose of Obtaining Verification in Future.

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for completion by subject and return to this office in triplicate as soon as possible. Attention is invited to the note on the bottom of the form. All required information must be clearly indicated on the forms.

G. J. O'LEARY,
By direction.
GJO'L

Form No. 50

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

9. Report No.

1. Name **STROUT, John A.** Date: **10 July, 1942**

This is to notify you of the following action concerning your employment.

2. Nature of action **Temporary employment (extension of)**

3. Effective date **27 July, 1942**

10. Civil Service or other legal authority
C.S. Form C-81, dated 30 July, 1942, file EL:AA

	From-	To-
4. Position	**Laborer (temp.)**	**Laborer (temp.)**
5. Grade and salary	**None** **$5.28 p.d.**	**None** **$5.28 p.d.**
6. Bureau or other unit	**U.S. Coast Guard Base** **Chelsea, Mass.**	**U.S. Coast Guard Base** **Chelsea, Mass.**
7. Headquarters	DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICE First Naval District Boston, Massachusetts	**Dist, C.G. Office** **First Naval District**
8. Departmental or field	**Field**	**Field**

11. Appropriation
Gen. Exp. C.G.

12. Date of birth
1-14-1891

13. Specific vacancy

REMARKS: **It is the intention of this office to extend the employment of the subject-named employee for a period of ninety days due to the fact that the work originally planned is incomplete.**

R. J. BORROMEY,
Lieut-Comdr., U.S.C.G.,
Personnel Officer,
First Naval District.

COPY

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Form C-81
May-1940
WAF-mth
(amended)

Office of the Manager,
FIRST UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
1002 Post Office Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

EL:AA
(file)

July 30, 1942.

District Coast Guard Officer,
First Naval District,
U. S. Coast Guard,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Referring to your recent request for the extension of the temporary appointment of the employee or employees listed below, you are advised that because of the reasons given in your letter, extension of temporary appointment is authorized for the period indicated below. However, your attention is invited to the fact that in cases where temporary apppintments are approved for a definite period, as in this case, the temporary appointee must be separated on or before the expiration of the period named. If the employee renders service longer ~~xhxnx~~ than the time authorized without ADDITIONAL PRIOR approval of the Civil Service Commission or of the District Manager, such service will be illegal (See Civil Service Rule XV ---Withholding Salary)/

Very truly yours,

/s/ Willaim A. Foley,
District Manager

Date of request: July 25, 1942.

NAME OF EMPLOYEE	POSITION	SALARY	PERIOD OF EXTENSION
John A. Strout	Laborer	$5.28 pd	Thru October 26, 1942.

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25 July, 1942.

Manager,
1st U.S. Civil Service District,
Federal Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Sir:

It is requested that authority be issued to extend the temporary employment of the following-named man who was employed under authority of your Form C-177, dated 23 April, 1942, WS#7814:

John A. Strout, entered on duty as temporary laborer at U.S. Coast Guard Base, Chelsea, Massachusetts, 27 April, 1942.

The work on which this man is engaged is not yet completed, and it is requested that his employment be extended for a period of ninety days.

Very truly yours,

R. J. BORROMEY,
Lieutenant Commander, U.S.Coast Guard,
Personnel Officer,
First Naval District.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Office of
District Coast Guard Officer
First Naval District

Boston, Massachusetts,

20 July, 1942.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, 1st Naval District.
To : **STROUT, J. A., Temporary Laborer.**

Via : **Commanding Officer, COAST GUARD BASE, Chelsea, Mass.**

Subject: Standard Form No. 6, Personal History Statement.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 26 June, 1942 (CG-CP-75).

Inclosure: (A) Three blank copies of subject form.

1. In order for this office to comply with instructions contained in reference (a), it is requested that you complete all three copies of inclosure (A) and return them to this office for submission to Headquarters as soon as possible.

2. Your attention is invited to the fact that Personal History Statements must be made out in the employee's own handwriting, and each question on the form must be answered. In the event there are questions in your case which require no answers, the words "No" or "None," whichever applies, should be used.

3. If you have had CWA, FERA, NYA or WPA service, submit complete information for verification and advise whether or not retirement deductions were made during such employment.

E. S. Tuttle, Jr.

E. S. TUTTLE, JR.,
By direction.

Form 375
September 1941

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT, TRANSFER, REINSTATEMENT, OR PROMOTION, ETC.
(NONCOMPETITIVE)

(This form is used to determine, noncompetitively, the qualifications of a person when official action is proposed in his case. It should be submitted only through the appointing officer, and only when official action is proposed.)

Any false statement in an application, or alteration of a voucher or certificate, or presentation to the Commission of any such paper, is a violation of the law and punishable as such. All answers must be in ink or typewriting. If more space is required, an additional sheet securely fastened to this form may be used. Answers on such sheet should be numbered to correspond to questions.

Print your name plainly in ink, or typewrite (one given name, initial or initials, and surname). If a woman, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs.," and if married, use *your own* given name, as "Mrs. Mary L. Doe."

John A. Strout (Name)
20 Bloomingdale St. (R. D. or street address)
Chelsea (City or post office) Suffolk (County) Mass. (State)
No Telephone (Telephone number)

Applicant will not fill the following blanks

Rating _____ Application No. _____
Kind of examination _____
Place _____
Date _____
Application _____ approved _____, 19____
By whom _____ approved _____

1. (a) Check the purpose for which this form is being filed: ☐ Reinstatement ☐ Transfer ☐ Promotion ☑ Temporary appointment ☐ Reemployment List ☐ Emergency Replacement List ☐ Classification. (b) What department or agency is proposing the action? U.S. Coast Guard
2. Are you a citizen of the United States? (Answer yes or no) Yes
3. Give (a) the date of your birth Jan 14 1891 (b) the place of your birth Portland Maine
4. Give in the blanks below a detailed statement of your education, including dates:
   (a) Grammar school: Attended from Sept, 1897, to June, 1906 Highest grade completed 9th Grade
   (b) High school: Name and location _____
   Attended from _____, 1____, to _____, 1____ Highest grade completed _____ Were you graduated? _____

(c) College or university (Give both graduate and undergraduate work)		Dates of attendance (Give month and year)		Semester-hours credit received	Major subject		Degree conferred	Date of degree
Name	Location	From	To		Name	Sem. hrs. in major		

(d) Specify here any specialized courses which you have completed in high school, college, or elsewhere, and indicate the credits received for each course.

(e) Have you ever been admitted to the bar? _____ Of what State? _____ When? _____

5. Furnish in the blanks below a complete, comprehensive statement, showing every employment you have had since you first began to work, including your present employment, and accounting for all periods of unemployment. List employments chronologically, beginning with the earliest. If you acquired your experience under a different name from that shown above, indicate in the spaces below the name by which you were employed.

	Place of employment	Dates of employment (Month and year)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (Give street address and city and State. If unemployed, give own address at that time)	Yearly salary or net earnings	NAME OF POSITION AND DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES
1	City Portland State Maine	From June, 1910 To July, 1915	Employed by myself	Per day $3.00	Lobster fishing
2	City Boston State Mass.	From July, 1915 To Oct, 1915	U.S. Lighthouse Service	Per month $55.00	Light House Keeper
3	City Portland State Maine	From Oct, 1915 To June, 1917	Burroughs Screen Fac	Per week 18.00	Printing
4	City Salem State Mass	From June, 1917 To Oct, 1917	U.S. Lighthouse Service	Per month $3.00	Light House Keeper
5	City Portland State Maine	From Oct, 1917 To May, 1918	Unemployed		

IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, CONTINUE YOUR ENTRIES ON A SEPARATE SHEET ARRANGED AS ABOVE 16—497-1

6. Have you ever been discharged or forced to resign from any position? ..... No
Yes or No

If answer is "Yes," state when and where employed and give the name and address of your employer and the reason for your discharge or forced resignation in each case.

7. Within the past 12 months have you used intoxicating beverages? ..... No
Yes or No

Habitually? ..... Yes or No

To excess? ..... Yes or No

READ CAREFULLY.—An answer to the following question concealing either trivial or serious offenses may cause rejection of application and debarment from examinations.

8. Have you ever been arrested, or summoned into Court as a defendant, or indicted, or convicted, or fined, or imprisoned, or placed on probation, or has any case against you been filed, or have you ever been ordered to deposit collateral for alleged breach or violation of any law or police regulation or ordinance whatsoever? ..... No
Yes or No

If so, list all the cases without any exception whatsoever on a sheet attached, giving in each case (1) the date, (2) your age at the time, (3) the place where the alleged offense or violation occurred, (4) the name and location of the court, (5) the nature of the offense or violation, (6) the penalty, if any, imposed, or other disposition. The above question includes arrests by military or naval authorities and disciplinary action imposed by courts martial, as well as in civil cases. If appointed, your fingerprints will be taken.

9. If you have any practical knowledge of a mechanical trade, name the trade or trades, and state the time you have worked at each, and when, where, and under whom, giving places and dates. (If you have served an apprenticeship, so state.)
No Knowledge of a Mechanical trade only House painting

10. If not now employed, state how long you have been unemployed Employed U.S. Coast Guard

11. Have you ever been in the United States military or naval service? No (Yes or no) If so, give name of organization and dates of enlistment and discharge.

12. (a) Have you ever filed an application with this Commission or its representative for any branch of the United States Government service?

(b) If so, give information indicated regarding each examination.

Name each position for which examined, or for which application was filed	In what city were you, or are you to be, examined?	Give the date of each examination (Month and year)	Did you pass? (Answer "Yes" or "No")
Light House Keeper	Boston Mass		yes
"	"		"
"	"		"
"	"		"

13. In what State or Territory have you legal or voting residence?	Length of such residence therein? (Residence must be shown up to date of jurat)	In what county have you legal or voting residence?	Length of such residence in county? (Residence must be shown up to date of jurat)
Mass	From April (Month) 1935 (Year), to May (Month) 1942 (Year)	Suffolk	From April (Month) 1935 (Year), to May (Month) 1942 (Year)

14. If during the past year you have *not* resided continuously in the State or Territory in which you claim legal or voting residence, or are not now actually living in such State or Territory, answer the following questions fully:

(a) For what periods since such residence was first established have you been absent therefrom? (Give dates)

(b) What is the name, address, and relationship of the person, if any, living at the place in the State or Territory in which you claim legal or voting residence?	(c) Are you now a voter in such State or Territory? (Answer "Yes" or "No")
	yes

15. Are you a member of any Communist or German Bund organization or any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States, or do you have membership in or any affiliation with any group, association, or organization which advocates, or lends support to any organization or movement advocating, the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States? No (Yes or No) If so, name the organization and give complete details on sheet to be attached hereto.

JURAT (OR OATH).—This jurat (or oath) must be executed.

The following oath must be taken before a notary public, the secretary of a United States civil service board of examiners or other officer authorized to administer oaths, before whom the applicant must appear in person. The following are among those not authorized to administer this oath: Postmasters, Army officers, post-office inspectors, and chief clerks and assistant chief clerks in the Railway Mail Service.

The composition and work in connection with any material required to be submitted for this examination are entirely my own, except where I have given full credit for quoted matter or the collaboration of others by quotation marks and references, and in the composition of the same I have received no assistance except as indicated fully in my explanatory statement.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

If female, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs.," and if married, use your own given name, as "Mrs. Mary L. Doe."

(Signature of applicant) John A Strout
(SIGN WITH PEN AND INK your name—one given name, initial or initials, and surname)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant, this sixth day of May, 1942, at city [or town] of Chelsea county of Suffolk, and State [or Territory or District] of Massachusetts

(Signature of officer) Thomas J. Flannagan (Official title) Notary Public

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—41711

	Place of employment	Dates of Employment Month & Year	Name and address of Employer. Street address, city, and State. If unemployed, give own address at that time.	Yearly Salary or earnings	Name of Position and description of Duties.
1	City Nantucket Isl. State Mass	From May, 1918 To March, 1919	U. S Lighthouse Service	$83. Per Month	Light House Keeper.
2	City Plymouth State mass	From March, 1919 To Oct. 1919	U. S. Lighthouse Service (Transfer.)	$93. per month	Light House Keeper.
3	City Portland State Maine	From Oct - 1919 To May - 1920	automobile Washer Miles. B. Banks. 27 Preble St. Portland Maine.	$25. per week.	Washing autos.
4	City Rangely State Maine	From May. - 1920 To Oct - 1920	Rangely Lake Hotel Rangely Maine.	$4. per day	Painter Inside + out.
5	City Portland State Maine.	From Oct. - 1920 To Nov. 1922	Burroughs Screen Co. Portland, Maine.	$18. per week.	Painter + Finisher.
6	City Boston State Mass.	From Dec. - 1922 To May - 1923	U. S Lighthouse Service.	$83. Per Month	Lighthouse Keeper.
7	City Portland State Maine	From May - 1923 To Nov - 1923	U. S. Lighthouse Service	$24. per week.	Temporary Laborer.
8	City Lakeville Conn. State Connecticut	From Nov - 1923 To June - 1924	Hotchkiss School Mr. Hotchkiss Lakeville Conn.	$86. Per month	Stationary Fireman.
9	City Portland State. Maine	From June - 1924 To Aug. - 1927	Graymore Hotel 49 Preble St. Portland Maine F. M. Gray.	$18. Per Week.	House-man.

Place of Employment	Dates of Employment month year	name & address of employer street, address & State if unemployed give own address at that time.	Yearly Salary or net income	name Position & description of Duties
City So Portland State Maine.	From Aug 1927 TO May-1931	U.S. Lighthouse Service	$ 110 Per month	Lighthouse Keeper
City Portland State Maine	From May 1931 To June 1931	U.S. Lighthouse Service (Transfer)	$ 120 Per month	Lighthouse Keeper
City Cape Cottage State Maine	From June 1931 To May 1932	Unemployed Cape Cottage me.		
City Cape Cottage Maine State Maine	From May 1932 To Sept 1932	Cape Hotel E. L. Field Mng.	$ 15. per week.	Kitchen-man.
City Cape Cottage State Maine	From Sept 1933 To Dec 1933	Unemployed Cape Cottage Maine		
City Cape Cottage State Maine	From Dec 1933 To May 1934	C. W. A.	$ 36. per week.	Carpenters helper
City Cape Cottage State Maine	From May 1934 To Sept 1934	U. S. Lighthouse Service	$ 80 Per month	Temporary Laborer
City Cape Cottage State Maine	From Sept 1934 To April 1935	Unemployed Cape Cottage Maine		
City Cheboro State Maine	From April 1935 To Sept 1935	U. S. Lighthouse Service	$ 24. Per week.	Temporary Labor

Place of Employment	Dates of Employment Month & year	Name & address of Employer Street, address & State If unemployed, give own address at that time.	Yearly Salary or net income	Name of Position Description of Duties
City Chelsea State Mass	From Sept 1935 To April 1936	Unemployed		
City Chelsea State Mass	From April 1936 To Sept 1936	U.S. Light House Service	$27 Per week	Temporary Laborer
City Chelsea State Mass	From Sept 1936 To Sept 1940	W. P. A.	$13.72 Per week	Laborer
City Chelsea State Mass	From Sept 1940 To Dec. 1940	W. P. A. Chelsea Naval Hospital	$21.40 Per week	Painter Inside-out.
City Chelsea State Mass	From Dec 1940 To Feb 1941	Unemployed 20 Bloomingdale St Chelsea Mass.		
City Chelsea State Mass	From Feb 1941 To April 1942	W. P. A. Cary School Walnut St.	$17.20 Per week	Stationary Fireman
City Chelsea State Mass.	From April 1942 To.	U.S. Coast Guard 37 Marginal St Chelsea Mass.	Temporary	Laborer.

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)

Department or Establishment U. S. Coast Guard **Date** 28 April, 1942

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Mrs. (Surname) Stout (Given name) John (Middle name) Augustus
2. Present address 20 (Number) Bloomingdale St (Street) Chelsea (City) mass. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence mass. (State and Congressional District) 7 Suffolk (County) Chelsea (City or town)
4. Where born Portland (State or foreign country) Maine (City or town) When born Jan. 14 1891 (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 Two. Wife age 41 Son age 11 years
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 Month	Day	Year	DATE SEPARATED Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse	mass. Boston	Light Keeper	$55.00 month	July		1915	Oct.		1915
"	"	"	$63.00	"		1918	"		1918
"	Plymouth	"	$93.00	Feb		1919	Sept		1919
"	Nantucket	"	$83.00	may		1920	Sept		1920
"	So Dartmouth	"	$93.00	Aug		1927	may		1931
"	Portland Me.	"	$120 month	may		1931	June		1931

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) (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 ..... Discharged .....
Rank ..... Rank .....
Organization ..... Organization .....

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

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) _____

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

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. Harriett L Strout.

Relationship wife Post office address Chelsea Mass.

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

John A L Strout.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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This form *must* be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. It must then be forwarded promptly to the CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE which certified the appointee's name. The Department Officer before whom the certificate is made must sign the statement on the reverse of this sheet.

Form 124 b—Field
February 1940

Appointing officer:
Please check below respecting this appointment.
_____ Permanent
_____ Reinstatement

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

U.S. Coast Guard
(Branch of service or department)

Chelsea, Mass.
(Name of city) (State)

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

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. Name John A. Stout
(Furnish one given name, initial or initials, if any, and surname)

2. (a) Place of birth Portland Maine (b) Date of birth Jan. 14 1891
(Month, day, and year)

(c) Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
(Yes or no)

(d) To what race do you belong? White
(Caucasian, Mongolian, Negroid, Indian, Malayan)

3. From what examination are you being appointed? _____

4. To what position are you being appointed? Temporary Laborer
(Title)

5. Are any members of your family or relatives (either blood or by marriage) in *any* part of the service of the United States (executive, judicial, legislative, military, or naval)? Answer "Yes" or "No" No If so, fill in the following blanks stating, under "Relationship," whether the connection is by blood or marriage. (See sec. I of attached form.) If additional space is necessary, attach a sheet.

Name	Post-office address (Give street number, if any)	Position and department or office in which employed	Relationship	Married or single
		Position		
		Department or office		
		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 this position? _____ 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)? 20 Bloomingdale St. Chelsea Mass. How long have you resided at this address? Six years.

8. (a) Are you holding any position or office under the United States or under any State, Territory, county, or municipality? No
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the place, position, and salary _____

(c) Are you willing to resign such position or office, upon appointment in the Federal Government, if it becomes necessary to do so in order to hold the Federal position? _____
(Yes or no)

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9. (a) Have you served in any branch of the military or naval service of the United States at any time? No (Yes or no)

If so, state service _____

(b) If discharged, state under what conditions _____ (Honorable, dishonorable, inaptitude, etc.)

10. Have you been retired from (a) U. S. Government service? _____ (b) District of Columbia government? _____

(c) U. S. military or naval service? _____ If so, state whether for age, length of service, or disability _____

_____ Amount of retirement pay _____ Rank when retired from military or naval service _____

_____

11. Have you been discharged for cause or have you resigned *any* position under compulsion since filing your application for this position? No

12. Have you ever been arrested or fined, or convicted of any offense? No (Yes or no) If so, attach a sheet and give full details showing dates, places, and nature of offenses, and the manner in which all charges have been disposed of that are not still pending. (Your answer should include *all* felonies and *all* misdemeanors.)

13. Have you ever been barred from a U. S. civil-service examination? No If so, when? _____

14. 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

15. Are you a member of any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States? No (Yes or No) If so, name the organization _____

16. 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 28 April, 1942 John A. Strout

(Signature of appointee—Must correspond exactly with name given in answer to question 1)

APPOINTING OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE IS MADE:

Before appointment is further considered this form must be submitted to the appropriate civil-service office for approval *if*—

(1) *Citizenship.*—Answer to question 2 (*a*) hereon shows foreign birth, while answer to similar question in the application shows birth in the United States.

(2) *Age.*—Discrepancy exists between the answer given to question 2 (*b*) hereon and that given to the corresponding question in the application, and if questioning of the applicant (in the manner described in Departmental Circular No. 195) either substantiates doubt as to eligibility or indicates willful misrepresentation. (This instruction applies only in probationary appointments.)

(3) *Members of family.*—Answer to question 5 hereon includes the names of two or more persons at the same address as the appointee.

(4) The appointee holds any State, Territorial, county, or municipal office or position, whether by election or appointment, in possible contravention of the Executive orders of January 17 and 28, 1873, and does not agree to resign such position or office if necessary. (See Civil Service Commission Form 1236 quoting these orders and listing *exceptions* thereto.) (See applicant's answer to questions 8 (*a*), (*b*), and (*c*).)

If the appointee's answer to question 15 is "Yes," he cannot be given appointment.

Please fill in and sign the following in connection with *probationary appointment:*

Have you, for purposes of identification and to prevent impersonation—

(1) Questioned the appointee on his personal history for agreement with his application statements? _____

(2) Checked the appointee's personal and physical appearance for agreement with his photograph, medical certificate, and descriptions given in preliminary and declaration sheet? _____

(3) Checked the appointee's signature and handwriting in this form with that in the examination papers and application? _____

The above certificate was executed before me, in his own handwriting, by the identical person who has reported for assignment to duty. The appointee has been identified satisfactorily by the method described in Departmental Circular No. 195.

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

_____ (Officer's signature)

_____ (Official title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—5803

Form 205 CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT IN REGISTERED POSITION

2390 5/22/42

NAVY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Chelsea, Massachusetts 27 April, 19 42
(Place & Date)

Employment has been given to John A. Strout

as Laborer, in connection with

work in the Coast Guard, First Naval District at the rate of $ 5.28 per diem for duty at Coast Guard Base, Chelsea, Mass., for a period not to exceed 90 days, beginning 27 April, , 19 42 under the civil service regulations for the Coast Guard Service. This contract supersedes all previous contracts of employment or certificates of appointment.

O. A. LITTLEFIELD,
By direction.

CS Auth; C-177
4-23-42.

I accept the above conditions and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the U. S. Coast Guard.

John A. Strout
JOHN A. STROUT

Copies To:
Hdgtrs.
Dist. C.S. Mgr.
J.A.Strout
Office Files (orig)

Instructions-To be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be handed to employee and the other kept on file in the District Office. Whenever the pay of a registered employee is changed, a new contract of employment should be prepared.

N.C.G. No. 2599
U. S. Coast Guard
(Revised 1937)

REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

STROUT,	John	A.	Civilian	Laborer
(Surname)	(First name)	(Middle initial)	(Service No.)	(Rank or rating)

COAST GUARD BASE	Chelsea, Mass.	27 April, 1942.
(Unit)	(Place)	(Date)

0800-This date reported this unit for assignment to temporary duty.

AUTHORITY:

G. C. Balzer

G. C. BALZER, Lieutenant.
(Commanding)

Commanding, COAST GUARD BASE.
(Title)

SPACE BELOW IS FOR HEADQUARTERS' USE ONLY

LAW	PERSONNEL RECORDS		
	Statistics	Correspondence	Records

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Form C-177
(Eff. 3-16-42)
("War-Service Appt."-
TEMPORARY)

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
* * *
Office of the Manager
FIRST UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
10th Floor, Post Office Building
Boston, Massachusetts

Refer to
File No.
WS 7814

Date April 23, 1942

The Personnel Officer
Coast Guard
Custom House
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request of April 22, 1942 to fill the temporary position of Laborer at $5.28 per diem for duty in U.S.Coast Guard,Base, Chelsea, Mass. (Temporary - ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~) not to exceed 90 days may be given a "War-Service Appointment" to fill this vacancy pursuant to Executive Order 9063 subject to review of qualifications on Form 375 if appointment for 90 days or more. Appointment is / is not subject to character investigation.

If not already furnished, please forward Form 375 (if appointment for 90 days or more) with report of appointment on this form accompanied by Form 2390 (fingerprint chart).

The appointing officer is charged with the responsibility of appointing citizens of the United States. If the proposed appointee is foreign born, he must furnish proof of citizenship to the appointing officer.

If separated within ninety days from an INDEFINITE appointment in an agency or activity having the same or higher priority classification, written release must be secured and forwarded to this office with report of appointment.

Please refer to the date and file of this letter.

Very truly yours,

William A. Foley
WILLIAM A. FOLEY
District Manager

Enclosures:
Form 375 (if required)
2390
(In duplicate to appointing officer)

- -

Date 28 April, 1942.

To District Manager:

Mr. John A. Strout reported ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ for duty under this authority effective 27 April, 1942. The required forms are enclosed.

O.A. LITTLEFIELD, Lieut.-Comdr. USCG.
Appointing Officer

Encs.

GFL:CP

November 2, 1934

Mr. John A Strout,
Cape Cottage, Maine.

Sir:

With reference to my letter of October 25, you are advised that the result of your physical examination by the U. S. Marine Hospital indicates that you are not capable of performing the duties of laborer at Portland Lighthouse Depot and further action with regard to recommending your reinstatement will therefore not be taken.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Respectfully,

THOMAS SAMPSON
Assistant Superintendent

Form 2418
July 1933

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 27 1934
1ST DIST. PORTLAND, ME.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER, JUNE 18, 1923

(APPLICANT MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE)

John A Strout
(Name)

Cape Cottage, Me.
(Post-office address)

Male
(Sex)

Oct. 29. 1934.
(Date of birth)

What examination did you take? Laborer. Dept (L.H.) Commerce.

In what Department and Bureau are you to be employed? Dept. Commerce.

In what City or Town are you to be employed? South Portland, Me.

Rolled print, right forefinger



(Use fingerprint indelible pad)

(PHYSICIAN SHOULD FILL IN THE FOLLOWING)

5 7 3/4 inches. * 154 pounds. 149. 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/— Left 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 Slightly defective Method of testing color vision Plates -

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.
Evidence of disease or injury: Right ear No Left ear No

3. Nose ✓

4. Mouth Several missing teeth - Several Caries.

5. Throat ✓

6. Thyroid (especially in women) ✓

7. Heart Within Normal Regular Rhythm — If organic heart disease is present, is it fully compensated? ____

8. Lungs: Right ✓ Left ✓ — If history of tuberculosis, has it been arrested for 1 year? ____

9. Inguinal rings (men only): Right ✓ Left ✓ — Is truss worn? ____
(Any hernia should be noted, inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.)

10. Varicose veins No (If "Yes", state location and degree) Varicocele No

11. Flat foot No (If "Yes", state extent of impairment of function)

12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above Several Imperfect Missing - Since 1922 - None Bones any Trouble -

13. Scars of serious injury or disease None ✓

14. Nervous system (give symptoms and history) ✓

15. Urinalysis (see over) Completed - Venereal disease Negative History & Findings

16. Has applicant ever received pension, compensation, allowance, retired pay, or training because of disability received while in military or naval service? No. If "Yes", describe disability and state whether present now Imperfect Several Missing. Moderately Advanced Light Duty

17. In my opinion, applicant is capable of performing duties involving Light Duty physical exertion. (Arduous, moderate, or light)

Portland, Me. (Place of examination)
Oct. 29. 1934 (Date of examination)

The examining physician must be in the Federal service

P.E. Hammond (Name of examining physician)
P.H. Surgeon (R) U.S.P.H.S. (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

16—1066

The aim of the Executive order of June 18, 1923, and of this examination thereunder is to obtain information as to the physical condition of appointees to the classified civil service with a view to promoting efficiency and minimizing accidents and claims under United States employees' compensation laws.

NOTES FOR EXAMINING PHYSICIAN

WEIGHT.—Males, without clothing, and also in ordinary clothing without overcoat or hat (weigh twice); females, clothed but without wrap or hat.

HEIGHT.—Without boots or shoes; observe that no appliances are used to increase.

The examination should include the following observations, as to—

1. EYES.—Ptosis; discharge; corneal scar; pterygium. In recording distant vision consider 20 feet as normal and report all vision as a fraction with 20 feet as numerator and the smallest type read at 20 feet as denominator. If glasses are used, record for each eye the finding with and without glasses.*

2. EARS.—Evidence of middle ear or mastoid disease; condition of drums; discharge. In recording hearing, record 20 feet as normal distance for conversational voice and record deviation from normal as fraction with 20 as denominator and actual distance as numerator.

3. NOSE.—Ability to blow through each nostril. If free, a speculum examination would not be indicated.

4. MOUTH.—Missing teeth, pyorrhea.

5. THROAT.—Tonsils, hypertrophy or disease.

6. THYROID.—Presence of tumor in neck and tremor, exophthalmos; nervous highstrung disposition, especially in women.

7. HEART.—Murmurs. State whether functional or organic. If valvular disease exists, state whether or not it is fully compensated.

8. LUNGS.—It is necessary that the auscultatory cough be used. Tuberculosis; if present, state whether active or arrested, and if arrested your opinion as to how long it has been quiescent. Sputum to be examined for tubercle bacilli in all suspected cases.

9. INGUINAL RINGS.—Hernia; no hernia, but impulse on coughing; no hernia or impulse, but abnormally large rings. Any other hernia should be noted, and if present describe fully and state whether it is retained by well-fitting truss.

10 to 13. Scars, deformities, atrophies, paralyses, or flat foot of such a nature as to incapacitate or become aggravated by work or be later alleged as caused by accident or occupation. By "flat foot", as used in this form, is meant a foot with impaired function, the term being equivalent to "fallen or misplaced arch", an abnormal condition. Impairment of function is the point to be noted. It is not intended that small, insignificant blemishes which might be referred to as marks of identification be recorded.

14. This entry should include symptoms and full history of any mental or nervous abnormality.

15. Urinalysis to be made and blood pressure to be taken when especially indicated, particularly in persons over 40 when arteriosclerosis, nephritis, or diabetes is suspected.

Record, if taken—Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1025-1030 Albumen ~~0~~ 0 Sugar 0

Blood pressure: Mm. Hg. systolic 130 Mm. Hg. diastolic 80

REMARKS: _____

J. E. Hammond
(Name of examining physician)

P.A. Surgeon (R) U.S.P.H.S.
(Title, and branch of medical service)

* Near vision

What is the longest and the shortest distance at which the paragraph below can be read by applicant: Test each eye separately. { Without glasses R.____in. to____in. With glasses, if used R.____in. to____in. L.____in. to____in. L.____in. to____in.

With the view of promoting health and efficiency and of minimizing accidents among Federal employees, the heads of the several executive departments and independent establishments having a medical personnel are directed to make such physical examinations of applicants for and employees in the Federal classified service as may be requested by the Civil Service Commission or its authorized representatives.

This order will supplement the Executive orders of May 29 and June 18, 1923 (Executive order September 4, 1924).

Jaeger 1; Snellen .50; Dioptic 37 D.

Examined for position in—

Department _____

Bureau _____

Title of position _____

Number of certificate upon which applicant's name appears _____

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1923 16—1056

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

TREAS. DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 31 1934

Form No. C-61 Certificate No. ~~18539~~

L E T T E R O F A U T H O R I T Y

For Physical Examination
Office of the District Manager of
THE FIRST UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
Customhouse Tower, Boston, Massachusetts.

(Date) October 25, 1934.

Register REINSTATEMENT
POSITION FOR
WHICH CERTIFIED Laborer
AVERAGE ----

Mr. John A Strout,
Cape Cottage Lane,
Cape Cottage, Maine.

Sir:

~~Your name appears on the eligible register named above and~~ you are being considered for ~~appointment~~ reinstatement for the position indicated. In accordance with the Executive Order of September 4, 1924, and the provisions of Section 4 (b) of Civil Service Rule V relating to physical fitness, please report for a physical examination on the first possible week day, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., at the U S Marine Hospital, Veranda St., Portland, Maine, presenting this letter to the Officer in Charge.

This examination is necessary in connection with your proposed appointment even tho you have been given a physical examination by a doctor of medicine whose certificate of examination was submitted by you with your application for the examination taken by you.

Very truly yours,

E. L. REYNOLDS
District Manager

BY _____
(Nominating Officer)
~~C. E. SHERMAN~~ CHARLES C BRUSH

TITLE Superintendent of Lighthouses

PLACE Portland, Maine

NOTE TO MEDICAL OFFICER: THIS LETTER OF AUTHORITY, TOGETHER WITH CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION ON FORM 2413, SHOULD BE SENT BY YOU TO THE LOCAL NOMINATING OFFICER WHO SIGNS THIS LETTER IN THE ENVELOPE HEREWITH. NEITHER THIS LETTER NOR THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT OR ELIGIBLE.

United States Post Office

PORTLAND, MAINE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 30 1934
1st DIST. PORTLAND, ME.
FIRST CLASS

Supt.
Asst. Engr.
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
Jun. Engr.
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk
Messenger
Portland S. H.
L D 1st Depot
Hibiscus
Ilex
Call-up
Files

October 29, 1934.

Superintendent,
Lighthouse Service,
Portland, Maine.

HOLD
Call-up file

Dear Sir:

Please find inclosed fingerprints of John A. Strout, Laborer, Lighthouse Service, Portland, Maine.

Very respectfully yours,

Sherman L. Marr

SECRETARY, Local Board
of U. S. Civil Service Examiners.

Insert
Sup. Sa. middle
name or start
hold until
papers.

APPLICANT MUST FILL IN THE FOLLOWING

Signature John A. Strout
(Give first, middle, and last name)

Sex Male

Present address Cape Cattage Maine

Date of birth Jan 14th 1891

Prints taken by: Herman L. Marr
1. Name
2. Title SECRETARY, Local Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners
3. Address Portland, Maine
4. Date

Title of examination Reinstatement
(If noncompetitive or investigation for suitability (or both) note in the left-hand margin.)

Average attained ..... Civil Service Dist. No. 1

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 29 1934 PORTLAND, MAINE

Applicant must give below all places of residence during the past FIVE years

From— (Month and year)	To— (Month and year)	Number and Street	City and State
Jan. 1929	May 1, 1930	Dumpling Rock Light Station	So. Dartmouth Mass.
May 1 1930	Oct 29 1934	Cape Cattage	Maine

Applicant will fill the following blanks if he has any record of arrest

Date of Arrest	Age	Charge	Court and Location	Judge	Disposition
		I have never been arrested			
		John A. Strout			
		Place of Birth Portland Maine Jan 14 1891			
		Father Name Joseph W. Strout			
		Mother Name Mary Cagan			

Noncompetitive Character investigation

(If the applicant executing this chart claims he has never been arrested, he should write in the space provided for arrest record: "I have never been arrested.")

Have you ever been fingerprinted? yes

Where? Augusta Maine When? July 15. 1917

If for the Civil Service, what position? Army

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IMPORTANT

Please give names of cities where prints were searched

REINSTATEMENT

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

FINGERPRINTS

CLASSIFICATION

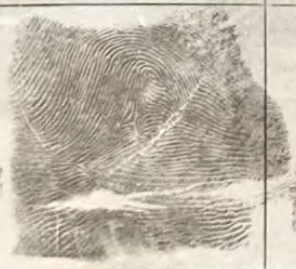
Position to which apptd. Laborer

Department and Bureau Lighthouse Service

NAME STROUT, JOHN A.
(Typewritten) (Give last name, then first name and middle name)

Location: Portland, Maine

1-R. Thumb	2-R. Forefinger	3-R. Middle finger	4-R. Ring finger	5-R. Little finger
				

6-L. Thumb	7-L. Forefinger	8-L. Middle finger	9-L. Ring finger	10-L. Little finger
				

Plain impression of the four fingers taken simultaneously
Left Hand



NOTE AMPUTATIONS HERE

L. Thumb	R. Thumb
	

Plain impression of the four fingers taken simultaneously
Right Hand



This form *must* be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. It must then be forwarded promptly to the CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE which certified the appointee's name

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 30 1934
1ST DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE

Form 124 b—Field
April 1934

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
(Branch of service or department)

Portland, (Name of city) Maine (State)

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

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) Place of birth Portland Me. (b) Date of birth Jan 14 1891 (Month, day, and year) (c) Race White
2. From what examination are you being appointed? ---- (Title)
3. To what position are you being appointed? Laborer
4. Is your husband, or wife, or any other member of your family, or relative (either blood or by marriage) in *any* part of the service of the United States (Executive, Judicial, Legislative, Military, or Naval) or of the District of Columbia? Answer "Yes" or "No" No. If so, fill in the following blanks stating, under "Relationship", whether the connection is by blood or marriage. (See sec. I of attached form.) If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name	Post-office address (Give street number, if any)	Position and department or office in which employed	Relationship	Married or single
Arthur L. Stout	Sawyer St. So. Portland Maine	Position Light Keeper Department or office Commerce	Cousin	Married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

5. Were any of the above-named persons appointed to the Government service after you made your application for this position? No If so, give the name of each such person and state whether he is living in the same house with you:
6. What is your present address (give street and number, city, and State)? Cape Cottage Maine How long have you resided at this address? May 1, 1930
7. 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? Yes If so, state the place, position, and salary $3.80 per day
8. Have you been retired from the (a) U.S. civil service? No (b) U.S. military or naval service? No If so, state whether for age, length of service, or disability ---- Amount of retirement pay? ----
9. Have you been discharged for cause or have you resigned any position under compulsion since filing your application for this position? No
10. Have you ever been arrested, or fined, or convicted of any offense? No If so, give dates ----
If since filing your application for this position, give details on the back of this sheet, showing places and nature of offenses.
11. Have you ever been barred from U.S. Civil Service examination? No
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 Oct. 30 1934 John A. Stout (Signature)

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

16—251

(OVER)

LB Form C-86 (A)
(Aug., 1932)

Reinstatement
Title of Examination

Average



UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
* * * * *
BOARD OF UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINERS

at Portland, Maine.

AFFIDAVIT AS TO MARITAL STATUS OF APPLICANTS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTE: No applicant will be considered for certification or appointment until this affidavit has been duly executed and returned to this office.

Section 213 of the so-called Economy Act of June 30, 1932, provides that "In the appointment of persons to the classified civil service, preference shall be given to persons other than married persons living with husband or wife, such husband or wife being in the service of the United States or the District of Columbia".

Any false statement in this affidavit, which is under oath, or alteration of a certificate, or the presentation to the Commission of a paper containing such false statement or alteration, is a violation of the law and punishable as such. Answer all questions fully and with the utmost care.

1. Name of affiant John A. Strout.
2. At what address are you now living? 1 Cape Cottage Maine
3. Are you now married? yes (Yes or No)
4. Is your wife (or husband) now in the service of the United States Government or the District of Columbia? No (Yes or No)
5. If so employed give
   (a) Name of wife (or husband) _____
   (b) Service in which employed _____
   (c) Position and location _____
   (d) Permanent or temporary _____
6. If married, are you living with your wife (or husband)? yes (Yes or No)
7. If living separate and apart, give as follows:
   (a) Date of separation _____
   (b) Cause of separation (divorce, legal separation, etc.) _____
   (c) Address of wife (or husband) _____
8. Are any members of your family or relatives (either blood or by marriage) in any part of the Government Service whatsoever? yes (Yes or No)
9. If answer is "Yes", give name, address, relationship, and department of each such relative Arthur L. Strout 5 Fayer St. South Portland Maine Cousin
10. Will you promptly notify this office, before accepting appointment in the classified civil service of the United States, of any change which occurs in your marital status, or members of family in the Government Service, at any time after the date of this affidavit? yes (Yes or No)

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the statements made by me in answer to each and all of the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

(Signature of Affiant) John A. Strout

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named affiant this 30th day of October, 1934, at city ~~(or town)~~ of Portland, county of Cumberland, and State ~~(or Territory or District)~~ of Maine.

(Signature of Officer) Secy. Bd. of U.S. Civil Service Examiners Lighthouse Service.

(Official Title)

(OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL)

This oath may be administered (without charge) by a Secretary of a Board of Civil Service Examiners who has been authorized to execute oaths by the United States Civil Service Commission, by a member of a local board who has received such authority, or, if necessary, by a postmaster.

(EM).

GFL:CP
Enclosures

October 25, 1934

Mr. John A Strout,
Cape Cottage Lane,
Cape Cottage, Maine.

Sir:

In connection with the proposed action of this office of recommending your reinstatement and transfer to the position of laborer for duty at Portland Lighthouse Depot, you are requested to present yourself to Mr. Sherman L Marr, Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service examiners, New Post Office, Portland, Maine, for the purpose of having your fingerprints recorded on the form enclosed herewith. You are also directed to fill out and return to this office the enclosed Declaration of Appointee and Affidavit as to Marital Status.

There is also enclosed a separate letter addressed to the Medical Officer in Charge, U S Marine Hospital, Portland, Maine, to whom you should present yourself for physical examination, handing him the enclosed letter and form of certificate, upon which his findings are to be recorded.

You should return the declaration and affidavit as to marital status to this office. The fingerprint chart and medical certificate will be mailed directly by the Government officials who attend to these matters.

Respectfully,

CHARLES C BRUSH
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Dear -

Enclosed please find application blank which you will please fill out and return to this office. Also enclosed please find application blank which you will please fill out and return to this office. Also enclosed please find application blank which you will please fill out and return to this office. Also

Plaintiff only gives employment for 15 days at best, not what was intended in Stouts case - he should be given permanent employment if possible

IS

All right answer questions # 4. and # 7 on attached application for reinstatement.

CCB

FORM 381 SUPPLEMENTAL
DEC. 1921

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

REASONS FAVORING REINSTATEMENT.

CHIEF CLERK

This form should accompany requests for approval of reinstatements involving waiver of the year-limit.

1921 DEC 24 AM 8 28

Name of person. John A. Stroud

1. Age on last birthday. 43

2. Total length of service. 6 years, 7 months, 10 days.

3. What was the reason for his leaving the service? On Service 5 time. Resigned 4 times, 5th time service discontinued at close of April 1921, by reason of illness and resulting mentality of his health. Following subsequent attack (3rd) of manic depressive insanity, depressed type, with prospects of recurrence of depression in future.

4. What was his efficiency rating while in the service? Was efficiency was very good, until his illness which caused duty at Spring Point Lt Sta. when he could not stand the confinement - he is a good worker while in company with other workmen.

5. On what class of work, if any, was he considered especially efficient? Pipe fitting - Painting and general Laboring work.

6. What has he been doing since he left the service? Worked temporarily on C. W. A. projects, painting and carpenter work, and as laborer on the field construction gang on Spring Point

7. What particular need can he fill that cannot just as well be filled by promotion or appointment from a register? Not any, client as this man has had many years service in the Lighthouse Service, and only left the service on account of illness, not cause by any bad habits. He should be given full consideration when listing names for the service.

8. State any reason in favor of the reinstatement not covered by the above answers. Has had previous experience in lighthouse service. was laid off on account of sickness from which he now seems to have recovered.

CHARLES C. BRUSH
SIGNATURE

Supt. of Lighthouses, 1st Dist.
OFFICIAL TITLE

Mr. Pangan —

Mr. Stuart has decided not to give him employment at present but to give him temporary employment during vacation by Dept. Engr.

OK
JS

Will have data supplied for Sub. #, 7 & attached prepare Ord. with Res. for adjustment &

John A. Stuart

Give him one of the temporary jobs.

CCB.

7/23/24.

Form 375
Sept., 1932

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT, TRANSFER, REINSTATEMENT, OR PROMOTION, ETC.

(NONCOMPETITIVE)

Any false statement in an application, or alteration of a voucher or certificate, or presentation to the Commission of any such paper, is a violation of the law and punishable as such. All answers must be in ink or typewriting. If more space is required, an additional sheet securely fastened to this form may be used. Answers on such sheet should be numbered to correspond to questions.

GIVE DATES AND PERIODS OF TIME REQUIRED IN YEARS AND MONTHS AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE

1. (a) Give your name John A. Strout (b) Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes (Yes or No)

2. Give (a) the date of your birth Jan 14th 1891 (b) the place of your birth Portland Maine

3. Give in the blanks below a detailed statement of your education, including dates:

(a) Grammar school: Attended from Sept 10th, 1897 to June 20th, 1906 Highest grade completed 9th

(b) High school: Name and location Did not attend High School

Attended from ____, 19__, to ____, 19__ Highest grade completed ____ Were you graduated? ____

(c) College or university (Give both graduate and undergraduate work)		Dates of attendance (Give month and year)		Semester-hours credit received	Major subject		Degree conferred	Date of degree
Name	Location	From	To		Name	Sem. hrs. in major		

(d) Specify here any specialized courses which you have completed in high school, college, or elsewhere, and indicate the credits received for each course

4. Furnish in the blanks below a complete, comprehensive statement, showing every employment you have had since you first began to work, including your present employment, and accounting for all periods of unemployment.

	Place of employment	Dates of employment (Month and year)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (Give street address and city and State. If unemployed, give own address at that time)	Yearly salary or net earnings	NATURE OF YOUR DUTIES
1	City Cape Cottage State Maine	From April 1907 To June 1910	Working personal	average $2.50 per day	Lobster Fishing
2	City Portsmouth State N.H.	From June 1910 To Nov 1910	U.S. Engineers	$3.00 per day	Painting & Laborer
3	City Cape Cottage State Me	From April 1911 To Sept 1911	Working personal	$2.50 per day	Painting
4	City Portland State Me	From Sept 1911 To April 1912	E.J. Burrowes & 60 68 Free St.	$2.00 per day	Painting
5	City Providence State R.I.	From April 1912 To June 1915	Libby & Carter 144 North Main St.	$2.25 per day	Steam Fitter helper
6	City Boston State Mass	From June 1915 To Oct 1915	U.S Lighthouse Service	$55.00 per month	asst Lighthouse Keeper Graves Lt. Station
7	City Portland State Me	From Oct 1915 To May 1916	E.J. Burrowes & 60. 68 Free St.	$2.25 per day	Painting
8	City S. Portland State Me	From May 1916 To Oct 1916	Municipal Lt Power 60.4 Cottage St	$2.75 per day	Pipe Fitter helper
9	City Portland State Me	From Oct 1916 To July 1918	U.S. Engineers	$85.00 per month	Deputy Inspector of dredging Portland Harbor

IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, CONTINUE YOUR ENTRIES ON A SEPARATE SHEET ARRANGED AS ABOVE 16—497

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Sept., 1932

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT, TRANSFER, REINSTATEMENT, OR PROMOTION, ETC.

(NONCOMPETITIVE)

Rating .....

Application No. .....

The applicant will carefully fill ALL blank spaces

Position sought Watchman
(Give exact title of position or examination)

in the Laborer
(Office in which the position exists)

Present position (if now employed) Unemployed
(Title)
(Department and bureau or office)

N. B.—Applicant will write plainly full name (if a woman, stating whether Miss or Mrs.) and post-office address in the blanks below. The address here given will be treated as the applicant's post-office address until notification of change is made to the Commission in writing.

Name of Applicant John A Stout

Number and street Cape Cottage Me

Post Office Cape Cottage Me

County Cumberland

State or Territory Maine

Applicant will not fill the following blanks

Kind of examination .....

Place .....

Date .....

Application ..... approved ....., 19...

By whom ..... approved .....

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5. If you have any practical knowledge of a mechanical trade, name the trade or trades, and state the time you have worked at each, and when, where, and under whom, giving places and dates. (If you have served an apprenticeship, so state.)

I have had approximately 3 years experience as Steam fitter & pipe fitting for Libby & Carter Co. 144 main St Providence R.I. I have also had approximately 4 years experience as painter C.J. Burrowes & Co. 68 Free St Portland Maine Name of Employer E.L. Barrett, Steam fitter from april 1912 to June 1915 Painting from Sept 1911 to april 1912 also 1915 to 16

6. If not now employed, state how long you have been unemployed

I have been unemployed since June 26 1934

7. If ever in the United States military or naval service, give dates of enlistment and discharge No

8. (*a*) Have you ever filed an application with this Commission or its representative for any branch of the United States Government service?

	Name each position for which examined, or for which application was filed	In what city were you, or are you to be, examined?	Give the date of each examination (Month and year)	Did you pass? (Answer "Yes" or "No")
(*b*) If so, give information indicated regarding each examination.	Deputy Inspector Dec[illegible]	Portland Maine	Oct 1st 1916	yes
	asst Light Keeper	Boston Mass	Sept 1st 1914	Yes
	asst Light Keeper	Boston Mass	Oct 24th 1921	Yes
	asst Light Keeper	Boston Mass	Dec 19 1926	Yes

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the statements made by me in answer to each and all of the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

If female, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs."

(*Signature of Applicant*) John A Stout
(Sign your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full)

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THE JURAT OR OATH IS OMITTED

JURAT OR OATH

[The following oath must be taken before a NOTARY PUBLIC, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, *before whom the applicant must appear in person.*]

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant, this 19th day of July, 1934, at city [or town] of Portland county of Cumberland, and State [or Territory or District] of Maine

(*Signature of officer*) [illegible]

(*Official title*) Secty., Bd. of U.S. Civil Service Examiners.

Place of Employment city	Dates of Employment	Name & address of Employer	Yearly Salary or earning	Nature of your Duties
Portland Maine	June 1922 to Nov. 1922	U.S. Light Service	$4.00 per day	Pipe fitting & laborer
Lakeville Conn.	Dec 1922 to april 1927	J.H. Hall Lakeville School Lakeville Conn.	$4.00 per day	Painting & General work
Portland me.	may 1927 to June 1927	U.S. Lighthouse Service	$4.00 per day	Pipe fitting & laborer
New Bedford Mass.	aug 1927 to may 1931	U.S. Lighthouse Service	$110 per month	asst. Light Keeper Dumpling Rock Lt. Station
Portland me.	may 1931 to June 1931	U.S Lighthouse Service	$120 per month	asst. Light Keeper Spring Point Ledge Lt. Sta
Cape Cottage me.		Unemployed from June 1931 to Dec. 1933		
Cape Elizabeth me.	Dec 1933 to april 1934	C.W.A Projeck	$5.20 per day	Painting & Carpenter
Cape Elizabeth Lt. Station me.	May 1934 to June 1934	U.S. Lighthouse Service	$3.60 per day	Laborer

Place of Employment City State	Dates of Employment	Name & Address of Employer	Yearly Salary or Earning	Nature of your Duties
Salam Mass.	July 1918 to Oct 1918	U.S. Light Service	$65.00 per month	asst. Light house Keeper Bakers Island Lt. Sta.
Portland Me.	Oct 1918 to Dec 1918	U.S. Engineers	$4.00 day	Carpenter helper
Nantucket Mass.	May 1919 to Mar. 1920	U.S Light house Service.	$93.50 per month	asst. Light Keeper Great Point Lt. Station
Plymouth Mass.	march 1920 to Oct 1920	U.S. Light house Service	$93.50 per month	asst. Light Keeper Plymouth Lt. Station
Seabreaze Fla.	Oct 1920 to april 1921	J.L. King Seabreaze Hotel Fla.	$65.00 per month	night Watchman
Portland Me.	april 1921 to Oct 1921	F.L. Gray Graymore Hotel 21 Preble St.	$75.00 per month	Frieman & Houseman
Boston Mass.	Dec 1921 to may 1922	U.S. Lighthouse Service	$83.00 per month	2nd. asst. Keeper Boston Lt. Station

GFL:CP
Enclosure

October 31, 1932

2nd Endorsement

1. Returned to Bureau.

2. See district letter of March 17, 1932, and copy of report of Medical Officer in Charge, U S Marine Hospital No. 16, therewith enclosed.

3. In view of the medical opinion rendered in this case, this office can see no reason for recommending Mr. Strout's reinstatement at this time. It is noted that Dr. Brown's certificate refers to Mr. Strout's physical ability to perform the duties of a light keeper, about which no question has ever been raised by this office.

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent

COPY - CP

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Naval Affairs

Portland, Maine,

October 26, 1932.

Dr. George R. Putnam, Commissioner
Bureau of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Putnam:

John A. Strout has been employed in the Lighthouse Service for the pas t ten years and was given a leave of absence of one year on account of illness and has been out of the service for eighteen months. He was assistant keeper at Spring Point Ledge and desires now to be reinstated in the service. I enclose a certificate from Dr. Brown as to his physical condition. If it is possible to reinstate Mr. Strout in the position of assistant keeper at any station I shall appreciate it. I understand that he is now qualified to resume his duties.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) FREDERICK HALE

S.
Enclosure

E-M-F Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 28, 1932.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Maine, for report and return.

For the Commissioner

(SGD) W. P. HARMAN
Administrative Assistant

COPY - CP

FRANK J BROWN, M. D.
41 Pine Street
South Portland, Maine.

Oct. 4th, 1932.

This certified that I've examined John A Strout and find him good physical condition. I can find no condition why he is not fit to again take up work in the U. S. Light House Sept.

Respectfully submitted:

(SGD) FRANK J BROWN, M. D.

GFL:CP

Enclosure

April 11, 1932

John A Strout,
Cape Cottage, Me.

Sir:

It is my duty to transmit herewith Department's letter of April 6, 1932, discontinuing, without prejudice, your services from the position of Assistant Keeper at $1440 per annum of Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Maine, effective at the close of April 4, 1932, by reason of illness and in view of the uncertainty of your health.

Respectfully,

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY TO Keeper, Spring Pt. Ledge LH., Me.
Mr. Douglass L Larabee has been transferred from the position of Additional Assistant Keeper to the position of Assistant Keeper, your station, effective April 5, 1932, without change in salary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Supt.
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Portland S.H.
L.D. 1st Dist.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 11 1932
1st DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE

April 6, 1932.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of the fact that you have been on leave without pay since June 1, 1931, by reason of illness, and in view of the uncertainty of your health, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services from the position of keeper at $1440 per annum of Spring Point Ledge Light Station, Maine, effective at the close of business on April 4, 1932.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. I. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Postal Telegraph

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES

PORTLAND MAINE

DISCONTINUANCE SERVICES KEEPER JOHN A.STROUT APPROVED

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GFL:CP
Enclosure

SPECIAL

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

March 17, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: John A Strout, Asst. Keeper, Spring Pt. Ledge LH., Me. - Recommendation for discontinuance of services.

REFERENCE: (a) Dist. let. June 2, 1931.
(b) Bu. telegram June 10, 1931.
(c) Copy dist. let. June 12, 1931, to Mr. Strout granting l.w.o.p. for not to exceed one year from June 1, 1931.

1. Mr. Strout has made a request for restoration to duty. Enclosed is copy of report of examination made by United States Public Health Service at U. S. Marine Hospital No. 16, Portland, Maine, March 10, 1932.

2. In view of the opinion of the Consulting Neuropsychiatrist that there will undoubtedly be a recurrence of manic depressive insanity, depressed type, at some future date, recommendation is again made that the service of Mr. John A Strout, Assistant Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Maine, at $1440 per annum, be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of such date as the Department may issue notice thereof.

3. Section 2, Civil Service Rule I, will not be violated by the action recommended. Mr. Strout has not taken leave in excess of that allowed by Regulations. He has no status for disability retirement.

4. As the entrance on duty of Weston E Thompson as Additional Keeper is being held in abeyance pending action on this recommendation, request telegraphic advice as soon as the Department has acted upon it.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

GEORGE F LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk

Supt.
Asso. LH Engr
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Chief Clerk
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3rd Clerk
Messenger
Foreman
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Handed for Supt's action

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

OFFICE OF
MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR
11
1932
1st DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE

U.S. Marine Hospital,
Portland, Maine,
March 10, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
First District,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your request of March 10, 1932, John A. Strout, Keeper, was examined this date. Doctor Clement P. Wescott, Consulting Specialist in Neuropsychiatry, reports as follows:

"Feels well, no insomnia, appetite good, able to work, no crying, goes about as he wishes, in fact never felt better in his life. Patient is now mentally normal having recovered from his period of depression. At the present time he is able to return to work and should be able to perform his duties well. Without doubt there will be a recurrence of his depression which may be within a few months or probably a year or two at the longest. This fact should be borne in mind by the Service when Mr. Strout returns to work.

Diagnosis: Recovery from attack (3rd) of manic depressive insanity, depressed type.
Prognosis: at present well, but without doubt there will be a recurrence of depression in the future."

His heart and lungs are apparently normal. Blood pressure, systolic 154, diastolic 104. Abdomen pendulous. Abdominal organs apparently negative. Urine examination, negative. Height, 67 1/2 inches. Weight, 205. He is overweight.

A decision as to whether or not Mr. Strout should resume duty as a keeper should be based chiefly upon the opinion of Doctor Wescott. He states that a period of mental depression may be expected at some indefinite future date.

Respectfully,

(J.R. Ridlon) Senior Surgeon,
Medical Officer in Charge.

JRR:MAR

GFL:CP
Enclosure

March 10, 1932

Medical Officer in Charge,
US Public Health Service,
US Marine Hospital No. 16,
Woodfords, Maine.

Sir:

In connection with the enclosed request for examination of Mr. John A Strout, Assistant Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Maine, at present on leave without pay due to the conditions cited in your letter of May 28, 1931 (JRR:ACB) will you kindly furnish me a written report of his condition after re-examination and an opinion as to whether or not his present condition is such that it would be advisable to return him to duty at this station in the near future?

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:
Respectfully,

GEORGE F LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk, 1st Lighthouse District

Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
CP

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, First District.

Portland, Maine
(Place)

March 10, 1932., 19

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE,
US Marine Hospital #16,
Woodfords, Maine.

SIR:

The bearer, John A Strout, Keeper,
(Name and title of applicant for medical relief)
is a beneficiary of the U. S. Public Health Service:

1. An officer or member of the crew of a vessel belonging to the Lighthouse Service (including lightship), i. e., the ----
(Name of vessel)

or—

2. A light keeper or an assistant light keeper on duty at Spring Point Ledge LH.
(Name of station)

You are requested to examine this applicant ~~and to furnish him with such medical relief as may be required~~. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of employee to be examined (Orig. signed)

Nativity American Age 41 years. Height 5 feet 11 inches.

Color of eyes ---- Color of hair blonde

Distinguishing marks

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service July 19, 1915

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, , 19

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

GEORGE P. LAURITZEN
(Title of officer signing request)
Chief Clerk, 1st Lighthouse District

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.
†Fill in only in case of light keeper or assistant light keeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

(OVER)

11—5993

GFL:CP

March 8, 1932

Mr. John A Strout,
Cape Cottage, Maine.

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant stating that your physical condition is such that you are able to return to duty:

At your early convenience kindly report to this office for the necessary papers to enable you to have a physical examination performed at the US Marine Hospital in order that this office may properly decide whether or not your condition has improved to the extent that it would be advisable to allow you to return to duty as Assistant Keeper at Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

S
SIMPSON
Assistant Superintendent

Supt.
Asst. LH Engr
Jun Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
To 1st Depot

Cape Cottage Me,
March 4, 1932.

Box 16.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR
1932
1ST DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE

Supt. of Lighthouse,
Portland Me.

Dear Sir:-

In regards to my physical condition, my health permits me able for the Service

Respectfully,
John. A. Stout.

GFL:CP

June 12, 1931

Mr. John A. Strout,
Cape Cottage, Maine.

Sir:

1. Referring to my letter to you of June 2, 1931, advising that I had recommended to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, that your services be discontinued without prejudice as at the close of May 31, 1931:

2. Pursuant to instructions from the Commissioner of Lighthouse, I am hereby advising you that you have been placed on leave without pay for a period of not to exceed one year from June 1, 1931, and that consideration will be given, during this period of leave without pay, to your restoration to duty either in the First or Second Lighthouse District if and when there is a vacancy at a station of a class to which it is advisable to assign you and your physical condition is such as to render it advisable for your good and the good of the Service.

Respectfully,

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY TO Commissioner of Lighthouses. See Bureau telegram of June 10, 1931.

COPY TO Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass. Copy of Bureau telegram of June 10, 1931, attached.

COPY TO Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Me. for his information and station files. It is not likely that Mr. Strout will be reassigned to your station, unless his physical condition and outlook upon life improve materially in the period of his leave without pay.

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES

PORTLAND MAINE

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES
FIRST DISTRICT,
PM JUN 24 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

REQUEST YOU PLACE KEEPER JOHN A STROUT ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FOR NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR GIVING CONSIDERATION WITHIN THAT PERIOD TO RESTORING HIM TO DUTY IN EITHER FIRST OR SECOND DISTRICT PERIOD IN CONNECTION NOMINATION FOR FILING VACANCY AT PRESENT TIME INCLUDE RECOMMENDATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL POSITION WITH REASONS THEREFOR

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Enclosure

June 2, 1931

Mr. John A Strout,
U S Marine Hospital,
Portland, Maine.

1. Inasmuch as a report on your psychical condition from the US Marine Hospital indicates the inadvisability of retaining you in your present position, either for your own good or the good of the Government, I am this day recommending to the Bureau of Lighthouses at Washington, D. C., that your services as Assistant Keeper at $1440 per annum be discontinued, without prejudice, effective as at the close of May 31, 1931.

2. You will consider yourself as having terminated duty in the First Lighthouse District as of the close of that date. Your May salary check is herewith.

3. As the examining physicians seem to believe that your condition will improve if you can be with your family, and as there are neither vacancies, nor prospects of vacancies in the near future, at light stations with quarters for families in this district, it is suggested that when your condition has improved sufficiently you make application for reinstatement in the Second District at some station with quarters.

GRISHAM
Superintendent

COPY TO SECOND SUPT. for information. Copy of hospital report attached.

COPY FOR Keeper, Spring Point Ledge LH., Me. for information, guidance and station files.

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES,
FIRST DISTRICT.
MAY 29 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

OFFICE OF
MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE

Supt.
Asst. LH Engr.
Dist Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
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Portland S.H.
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U.S. Marine Hospital,
Portland, Maine,
May 28, 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
First District,
Portland, Maine

Sir:

Mr. John A. Strout, keeper, was examined here yesterday and also by our Attending Specialist, Doctor Clarence P. Wescott.

A careful consideration of his previous history and present examination leads us to make a diagnosis of Manic Depressive Insanity, Depressed Type, Third Attack. Mr. Strout is at present considerably depressed, possibly due to the fact that he is separated from his wife and child. Dr. Wescott expresses an opinion that he will recover from this attack of depression but, by the usual course of the disease, there will be a recurrence probably within a few years.

It is not believed by this office that Mr. Strout is in a suitable condition to continue the active duties incident to a lighthouse keeper's position. It is felt that careful consideration should be given to the matter of his discontinuance from active duty.

Respectfully,

JRR:ACB

J.R.Ridlon, Senior Surgeon,
Medical Officer in Charge.

GFL:CP
Enclosure

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SPECIAL

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

June 2, 1931

SUBJECT: John A Strout, Asst. Keeper,
Spring Point Ledge LH., Me.
Recommendation for discontinuance
of service.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Supplementing my telegram of the 28th ultimo, requesting Bureau to withhold action on nominations of the 26th, whereby Messrs. John A. Strout and Howard A Ball were recommended for exchange of positions:

2. The Bureau is advised that on May 27th Mr. Strout was admitted to the U S Marine Hospital at Portland, Maine, for treatment, at his request, for a case of hernia. On May 28th the Medical Officer in Charge reported to me that Strout was evidently suffering from depressive insanity and that his physical ailments were largely imaginary. Strout was thereafter sent to Dr. C. P. Wescott, consulting neuropsychiatrist of the Public Health Service, for examination and observation, and as a result of said examination the Public Health Service has diagnosed his condition as Manic Depressive Insanity, Depressed Type, Third Attack. See copy of letter of May 28, 1931, from the Medical Officer in Charge, U S Marine Hospital, herewith.

3. Dr. Wescott has stated to this office over the phone that Mr. Strout is absolutely unfit for further duty as a light keeper due to the fact that his condition will become aggravated by isolation. The opinion of the physicians who have examined Strout is that he must have home surroundings and the comfort of his family. It is understood that Mr. Strout's wife and children are still residing in Massachusetts; he having been transferred to this district from the Second District on May 1, 1931.

4. Mr. Strout is at present confined to the Marine Hospital and seems to believe that his physical condition is very poor, but the physicians state that his physical condition is good and he appears to be very robust.

5. In view of the above, it is recommended that my nominations of May 26th be cancelled, and that the services of Mr. John A Strout, Assistant Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Maine, at $1440 per annum, be discontinued without prejudice, effective as at the close of May 31, 1931, the last date upon which he performed service. Section 2, Civil Service Rule I, will not be violated by the action recommended.

6. Mr. Strout has not taken leave in excess of that allowed by Regulations. Mr. Strout has no status for disability retirement.

SHERMAN
Superintendent

STANDARD FORM NO. 14a
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

GFL:CP

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM Superintendent, 1st District

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHG. APPROPRIATION GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1931

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9240

Portland Maine May 28 1931

LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON

REQUEST BUREAU WITHHOLD ACTION MY NOMINATIONS TWENTY SIXTH JOHN STROUT HOWARD BALL UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED

NOTE: Due to illness to Keeper Strout which has developed since submission of my nominations, it is not known at this time whether or not he will be able to perform the duties of 2d Asst. at Halfway Rock. The Bureau will be further advised by letter.

SHERMAN

Postal Telegraph
Confirmation copy to Bureau of Lighthouses.

Form 73

GFL:CP
Enclosure

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

Portland, Maine, May 26, 1931.
(City) (Date), 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER & PROMOTION

Name, John A Strout

Position, 2nd Asst. Keeper

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me.

Effective, June 1, 1931 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1560

Proposed range, $1500-$1860 p.a.

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs.,etc.

Former position, Asst. Keeper

Location, Spring Pt. Ledge LH.,Me.

Former salary, $1440

Former range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Howard A Ball

Services terminated, about May 31, 1931.

Reason, Recommendation for transfer Asst. Keeper, Spring Pt. Ledge LH (by exchange of position with Mr. Strout).

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth,

Remarks: This transfer is made at Mr. Strout's request, which is herewith. See recommendation for transfer of Ball herewith.

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

(DIRECT)

Secretary, Civil Service District.

SHERMAN
Superintendent

Received 6/10/31

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

COPY - CP

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

First District

Spring Point Ledge

May 23, 1931.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I would like to exchange positions with second assistant keeper at Halfway Rock Light Station which is agreeable to us both.

Respectfully,

(SGD) J A STROUT, 1st Asst. Keeper

(SGD) AUGUSTUS A WILSON, Keeper

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

Supt.
Asst.
Jun Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
Lamp Room

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES
FIRST DISTRICT
MAY 18 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1. Name in full John Augustus Strout

2. Legal (voting) residence Maine First District (State and Congressional District) Cumberland (County) Cape Elizabeth (City or town)

3. Where born? Portland (State or foreign country) Maine (City or town) When born? Jan 14 1891 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse Service	Lighthouse Keeper	$1440	May	2nd	1931			

7. 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 0 Discharged

Organization

Enlisted Discharged

Organization

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school								High school				College				Degrees, if any
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(8)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	

9. State special qualifications Light House Keeper

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs. Harriet Strout (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Cape Cottage Maine (Post office address)

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

J. A. Strout
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

May 15th 1931 (Date) Present address Cape Cottage Maine

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Augustus A. Wilson, Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

EJC-RMC

Supt.
Asso. Lit Engr
Jun Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland 3-M.
L D 1st Dept.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES,
FIRST DISTRICT,
MAY 2 - 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

May 1, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
1st District,
Portland, Maine.

Subject: Transfer John A. Strout, Asst.Keeper, Dumpling Rock Light Station, to 1st Lighthouse District.

1. You are advised that Mr. Strout was brought ashore from Dumpling Rock Light Station on April 30, in order that he might proceed to your district to report as requested by you. He has been paid by this district to the close of April 30.

2. Abstract of Mr. Strout's service record is attached herewith. He has had 3 days 9 hours leave during this calendar year.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Edward J. Curran
Chief Clerk.

...CT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

(For the use of the department to which the employee has been transferred)

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES, 2ND DISTRICT, MAY 2 - 1931

INSTRUCTIONS

...ved February 14, 1922, prescribes that "each executive department, and each independent establishment of the Government not within the jurisdiction ...partment, shall establish and maintain such record as will enable it to determine the amount deducted within each fiscal year from the basic salary, pay, ... of each employee within its jurisdiction to whom this act applies. When such employee is transferred from one office to another a certified abstract of his ... shall be transmitted to the office to which the transfer is made."

...complete official record in the Federal service of the employee named should be set forth on this abstract. If an employee is transferred to another department, an ... will be prepared in duplicate, showing his appointment in the department from which transferred and all changes of grade or compensation while therein. The ...nal, properly executed, will be transmitted to the department to which transferred, the duplicate to be retained in his personal file. Should such employee be again ...ansferred, the second department will prepare an abstract setting forth the data contained in that received by it, with the addition of his record while in the second department, such abstract to be transmitted to the department to which he is transferred, a duplicate being retained.

In the case of a nominal reinstatement for the purpose of transfer, the department to which the employee is transferred should apply to the establishment in which the former service was rendered for an abstract of record in the case. Statements of employees must not be accepted unless verified from official records.

3. In Table II show the amount deducted for the retirement fund during each fiscal year, or part of fiscal year, the employee was in your service.

4. This certificate must be signed and countersigned (if necessary) by an official recognized by the Bureau of Pensions as authorized to sign certificate of administrative officer on application for refunds.

NAME: STROUT, John A. — January 14, 1891

(Surname first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) — (Date of birth)

Commerce, Lighthouse Service, 2nd District

(Department and office in which last service was had. See Paragraph 2 of Instructions)

Chelsea, Mass. — May 1, 1931.

(Place) — (Date)

I. SERVICE RECORD

ESTABLISHMENT (a)	ACTION (b)	POSITION (Pay-roll title)	RATE OF PAY (c)	DATE EFFECTIVE
Lighthouse Service, 2nd District	PA	2nd Asst.Keeper The Graves LH	$552 p.a.	July 19, 1915.
" "	Res.	" "	"	Sept. 30, 1915
" "	PA	1st Asst.Keeper Bakers Is. LH	$516 p.a.	July 27, 1918
" "	Res.	" "	"	Sept. 14, 1918
" "	PA	Asst.Keeper Nantucket(Gt.Pt.)LH	$720 p.a.	May 1, 1919
" "	Trans.	Asst.Keeper Plymouth LH	$720 p.a.	Feb. 26, 1920
" "	Res.	" "	"	October 15, 1920
" "	PA	2nd Asst.Keeper Boston LH	$660 p.a.	December 2, 1922
" "	Res.	" "	$660 p.a.	May 15, 1923.
" "	PA	Asst.Keeper Dumpling Rock LH	$1140 p.a.	August 25, 1927
" "	Incr.Comp.	"	$1260 p.a.	July 1, 1928
" "	"	"	$1320 p.a.	January 1, 1931
1st District, Portland Maine.	Trans.	Asst.Keeper, Spring Point Ledge LH	$1440 p.a.	May 1, 1931.

(a) Place the name of department, bureau, or office in which the service was performed.

(b) Indicate the nature of the action according to the following key abbreviations: PA, probational appointment; Exc., excepted from examination; E. O., Executive order; Rein., reinstatement; Trans., transfer; Pro., promotion; Red., reduction; Res., resignation; Rem. C., removed for cause; Rem. R., removed, reduction of force; L. W. O. P., leave without pay for periods of six months or more.

(c) Under rate of pay, do not include bonuses, allowances, overtime pay, or compensation given in addition to basic pay of positions as fixed by law or regulation.

II. STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND

(See Instructions No. 3)

YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT
NONE									

Do the records show that the employee has made application for refund of any portion of the amount shown above? -- (Yes or No)

If so, state the amount and period covered -- (Amount and period covered)

Do the records show that any portion of the amount shown above has been refunded to the employee? -- (Yes or No)

If so, state the amount and period covered -- (Amount and period covered)

In case service record shows reentry into service, does the employee claim that he has made redeposit of any amount refunded him at time of separation? -- (Yes or No)

The foregoing is a correct abstract of the official record of John A. Strout (Name of employee)

based on the official records of the Superintendent, 2nd Lighthouse District, Chelsea, Mass. (Establishment)

or official certification from the other executive departments or independent establishments in which he was employed.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:
Edward J. Curran
(Signature)
Chief Clerk.

Countersigned ----------, 19----

Superintendent, 2nd LH District.
(Official title)

(Signature)

(Official title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10-1719

Furnished to:

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
1st District,
Portland, Maine.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES, FIRST DISTRICT. MAY 6 - 1931 PORTLAND, MAINE.

April 22, 1931.

Mr. John A. Strout,

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1931 MAY 4 PM 1:57

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective May 1, 1931, or as soon thereafter as you enter 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,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

N
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CP

May 6, 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department's Notice of Change in Salary, dated April 22, 1931, in the case of Mr. John A Strout, Keeper, this district, whereby his salary was changed from $1320 to $1440 per annum, by transfer from the 2nd District:

2. The effective date of the above change is May 1, 1931.

C. E. [illegible]
Superintendent

COPY TO J A Strout, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Spring Point Ledge LH., Me.
(Via Keeper)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

EJC-RMC

Supt.
Asso. Lh Engr
Jun Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
L D 1st Depot

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES,
FIRST DISTRICT.
MAY 7 - 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

May 6, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
1st District,
Portland, Maine.

1. Referring to the transfer of John A. Strout to your district as Assistant Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Light Station on May 1, from this district, there is enclosed herewith check for his services for the month of April which was forwarded to Dumpling Rock Light Station but was received there after Mr. Strout had left. Will you please forward the check to him?

GEO. E. EATON
Superintendent.

Edward J. Curran
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

Supt
Asso. L.H. Engr.
Jun Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
L.D. 1st Dept

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES,
FIRST DISTRICT,
MAY 4 - 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

FIRST DISTRICT

Spring Point Ledge L. S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 2, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Dear Sir:-

Mr J. A. Strout arrived on Station at 7 A. M.

Augustus A. Wilson,
Keeper.

My address 329 Preble Street,
South Portland.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

Supt.
Asso. LH Engr.
Jun Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
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EJC-RMC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES,
FIRST DISTRICT,
APR 17 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

April 16, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
1st District,
Portland, Maine.

Subject: Transfer J.A.Strout, Asst.Keeper Dumpling Rock Light Sta., this district to position Asst.Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Light Sta., 1st district.

1. Reference your endorsement on copy of your letter to Mr. Strout, forwarded through this office, you are advised that he has been directed to report to your district for duty on May 1st.

EATON
Superintendent

GFL:CP

April 15, 1931

Mr. John A Strout, Assistant Keeper,
Dumpling Rock Lighthouse, Mass.,
(Via Keeper)
(Via Supt. of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass.)

1. In view of your request of the 4th instant, you have this day been recommended for transfer to the position of Assistant Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Maine, at $1440 per annum, vice Augustus A Wilson.

2. You should report at this office for duty as soon after May 1st as your services can be spared in the Second District.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

GEORGE [illegible] LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk, 1st LH District

COPY TO SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES, CHELSEA, MASS. FOR HIS INFORMATION AND FILES.

Kindly advise when Mr. Strout will report, and when he is released from Second District furnish abstract of official record showing last day of service in Second District.

Form 73
Ed. April, 1929

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GFL:CP
Enclosure

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

Portland, Maine (City) April 15, 1931, (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER

Name, John A Strout — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Assistant Keeper — Proposed salary, $1440 per annum

Location, Spring Point Ledge LH., Me. — Proposed range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

Effective, May 1, 1931 — Appropriation, Sals., Keepers, etc.

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

Former position, Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $1320 per annum

Location, Sampling Rock LH., Mass. — Former range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Augustus A Wilson — Services terminated, April 30, 1931

Reason, To be promoted Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, —

Date of birth, —

Remarks: Mr. Strout's request for transfer bearing Second Supt's approval is herewith.

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(DIRECT)

GEORGE F. [illegible], Chief Clerk.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

COPY TO Supt. of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass. for his information and files.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Dumpling Rock Lt. Sta.

April 4th, 1931.

To. Supt. of Lighthouses,

Chelsea, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I would like to be transferred to Spring Point Light Station, Portland Harbor, Maine, First District, as Asst. Keeper. When vacancy may occur.

Respectfully,

(SGD) J A STROUT, Asst.

Respectfully forwarded through Rogers Keeper.

Office of Supt., 2nd District,
Chelsea, Mass., April 8, 1931.

Forwarded to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Maine. There would be no objection to a transfer in this case.

(Good man.)

(SGD) EATON
Superintendent

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 11, 1951

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Honorable Thomas J. Lane
House of Representatives
Room 1715
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Lane:

Your letter of July 2, 1951, in behalf of Mr. John A. Strout, has been referred to this Service by the Civil Service Commission, inasmuch as the Lighthouse Service was consolidated with the Coast Guard effective July 1, 1939.

The record shows that Mr. Strout's services as a Keeper in the U. S. Lighthouse Service terminated at the close of April 4, 1932, by reason of illness, he having been in a leave without pay status for almost a year at the time of his separation. Prior to that he had been a Keeper intermittently since 1915, although his total service amounted to only about six years in that period.

During the period of his employment in the Lighthouse Service Mr. Strout was covered by the provisions of the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act of June 20, 1918, as amended. To receive benefits under that Act, an employee must actually retire from the service under the provisions of that Act. At the time of his separation for illness in April 1932, Mr. Strout had but six years of creditable service. He was not eligible for retirement on account of disability under the Act since eligibility for such retirement requires at least 15 years of creditable service.

I regret to inform you that Mr. Strout is not eligible for any retirement or pension benefits solely on the basis of his employment in the U. S. Lighthouse Service.

Very truly yours,

MERLIN O'NEILL
Vice Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commandant

JJHiggins/ac
Date Typed 7-20-51

Return 3-2

Date Mailed: 7-24-51

OFFICE OR DIVISION DESIGNATORS	PC	P	C											
INITIALS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS														
INTRA-OFFICE OR DIVISION INITIALS	JJH						291							

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 11, 1951

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE RET:CL:ERL:AB
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

Chief, Civilian Personnel Section
United States Coast Guard
Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The attached letter from the Honorable Frank J. Lane is forwarded to you for reply inasmuch as it is a matter coming under your jurisdiction.

The Congressman has been advised of this reference.

Sincerely yours,

Warren B. Irons

Warren B. Irons
Chief, Retirement Division

Enclosure

COMMITTEE:
JUDICIARY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

July 2, 1951



Chief
Retirement Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: John A. Strout
1 Vale Street
Chelsea, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The above-named has contacted me regarding his desire to determine whether or not he is entitled to a pension in view of his length of service in the Federal Lighthouse.

Mr. Strout states that he was employed with the government Lighthouse Service for 13-years and worked at Spring Point Ledge, Portland, Maine until separated in 1931.

I shall be thankful if you will kindly review his service record and advise me whether he is entitled to any benefits based on the same.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Lane



CG-CP-75

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26 February, 1943

From: District Coast Guard Officer, 1st Naval District.
To:

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

NAME AND DESIGNATION

John A. Strout, former Laborer.

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet in duplicate.
(3) Furnish certified statement of unappointed service in duplicate.
(4) Furnish oath of office in duplicate.
(5) Furnish Civil Service Form 375 in triplicate.
(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 2478, attached.
(8) Furnish one copy of certified Form 2806.
(9) Forward promptly address to which retirement pay checks are to be mailed.

(10) Have the enclosed form signed and returned.
(11) Furnish Form 3444, Personnel Information Sheet.
(12) Furnish Form 2000, 1769, 2413, and 14.
(13) In the event retirement deductions were not made from the pay include the aggregate basic salary by fiscal years.
(14) Advise whether all accrued and accumulated annual leave granted

XXXXXXX Form 2806 for the subject employee is forwarded with request that it be completed to include aggregate basic salary and tontine for the period 1 July to 26 October, 1942, and returned to Headquarters.

U. S. COAST GUARD (11)

T. O. ROBERTSON,
By direction.

MAILED FEB 27 1943

Stewart Room 3012 3-2

Form No. 50

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER, FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

1. Name: STROUT, John A. Date: 16 November, 1942.

This is to notify you of the following action concerning your employment.

2. Nature of action: Termination of services.

3. Effective date: close of 26 October, 1942.

9. Report No.

10. Civ.Ser. or other legal authority:

From	To
4. Position: Laborer (temporary)	
5. Grade and Salary: None $5.92 per diem	
6. Bureau or other unit: COAST GUARD BASE, Chelsea, Mass.	
7. Headquarters: Dist. C. G. Office, 1st Naval District, Boston, Mass.	
8. Departmental or field: Field	

11. Appropriation:

Gen. Exps.
Coast Guard

12. Date of birth:

14 January, 1891

13. Specific vacancy:

14. Retirement:

Civ. Ser. Retirement

Remarks:

G. J. O'LEARY, Ensign, U.S.C.G.R.,
[illegible] B. ORMONEY,
[illegible],

Asst. Personnel Officer,
First Naval District

Form No. 50

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER, FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

1. Name: STROUT, John A. Date: 5 August, 1942.

This is to notify you of the following action concerning your employment.

2. Nature of action: Wage Adjustment

3. Effective date: 6 July, 1942.

9. Report No.

10. Civ.Ser. or other legal authority:
C.S.Auth,C-177 4-23-32
C.S.Auth.C-81 7-30-42
Headquarters' letter, 30 July,1942.(CC-CP-75)

11. Appropriation:
Gen. Exps. Coast Guard

12. Date of birth:
January, 14, 1891

13. Specific vacancy:

14. Retirement:
Civ. Ser. Retirement

	From	To
4. Position:	Laborer,(temporary)	Laborer,(temporary)
5. Grade and Salary:	$5.28 per diem	$5.92 per diem
6. Bureau or other unit:	U.S.Coast Guard Base, Chelsea, Massachusetts.	U.S.Coast Guard Base, Chelsea,Massachusetts.
7. Headquarters:	Dist. C. G. Office, 1st Naval District, Boston, Mass.	Dist. C. G. Office, 1st Naval District, Boston, Mass.
8. Departmental or field:	Field	Field

Remarks:

R. J. B ORROMEY,
Lieut.-Comdr., U. S. C. G.,
Personnel Officer,
First Naval District

CP-75

1 September, 1942.

From: Commandant.
To: **District Coast Guard Officer, 1st Naval District, Boston, Massachusetts.**

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

NAME AND DESIGNATION

John A. Strout, laborer.

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet in duplicate.
(3) Furnish certified statement of unappointed service in duplicate.
(4) Furnish oath of office in duplicate.
(5) Furnish Civil Service Form 375 in triplicate.
(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) Furnish one copy of certified Form 2806.
(9) Forward promptly address to which retirement pay checks are to be mailed.
(10) Have the enclosed form signed and returned.
(11) Furnish Form 3464a, Personnel Information Sheet.
(12) Furnish Form 2390, 1769, 2413, and 14.
(13) In the event retirement deductions were not made from the pay include the aggregate basic salary by fiscal years.

(14) Advise whether all accrued and accumulated annual leave granted before effective date of separation of employee.

XXXX The information shown on the form 2806 is inadequate for verifying the service of Mr. Strout as dredge inspector. It is requested that the name of the Bureau and Department be furnished as well as the location of the employment. It is also requested that you advise whether the CWA and WPA service was under any of the Executive Departments or Bureaus; and if so, furnish the name of the Bureau and Department in each case.

N. R. STILES,
By direction.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

BOSTON, MASS.

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
BOSTON DISTRICT

OFFICE OF
SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER
FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT

18 August, 1942.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, 1st Naval District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: STROUT, John Augustus - Laborer.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 26 June, 1942 (CG-CP-75).

Inclosure:
(A) Form 2806 in the case of subject.
(B) Standard Form No. 6, Personal History Statement, in duplicate.
(C) Record of CWA, FERA, NYA, and WPA Service for Purpose of Obtaining Verification in Future, in duplicate.

1. Inclosures (A), (B), and (C) are forwarded herewith in compliance with instructions contained in reference (a).

2. It will be noted that some of the entries on inclosure (A) for Government service other than in the former Lighthouse Service and Coast Guard are incomplete. After an exhaustive search of the files at this office, no further information relative to these entries could be located.

R. J. Borromey,
By direction.

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)

Department or Establishment U. S. Coast Guard Service **Date** July 28 1942

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Stout (Surname) John (Given name) Augustus (Middle name)
2. Present address 20 Bloomingdale St (Number) (Street) Chelsea (City) Mass. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Mass 12th (State and Congressional District) Suffolk (County) Chelsea (City or town)
4. Where born Portland Maine (State or foreign country) Portland (City or town) When born Jan 14 1891 (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 41 years one Son 11 years old

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. Light House S.	Graves Lt.	asst Keeper	$55.00 per month	July	10th	1915	Oct.	1st.	1915
" " " "	Bakers Island Lt.	" "	$63.00 per month	July	1st	1918	oct.	1st	1918
" " " "	Great Pt. Lt.	" "	$85.00	May	1st	1919	March	30	1920
" " " "	Plymouth Lt.	" "	$93.60	March	30	1920	Oct	15th	1920
" " " "	Boston Lt.	" "	$83.00	Dec	15	1921	May	15th	1922
" " " "	Dumpling Lt.	" "	$110	Aug	10	1927	May	1st	1931

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below: None

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: No

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service? No

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

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

None √	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Rank ____ Rank ____
Organization ____ Organization ____

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Rank ____ Rank ____
Organization ____ Organization ____

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

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
E.J. Burroughs Screen Factory Portland	Ptr. Painter	3 years
F.W. Gray V. Prebble St Portland Maine	Sta. Fireman	2 years
Hotchkiss School Lakeville Conn.	Frank Myers Sta. Fireman	9 months
Waumbeck Hotel Corp Jefferson N.H.	Sta. Fireman	2 months

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. John A. Stout

Relationship Wife Post office address 20 Bloomingdale St. Chelsea Mass.

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

John A. Stout
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

10—1930

Department or Establish...
1. Name in full (Mr...
Present ad...

COPY

Form 205 CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT IN REGISTERED POSITION

U. S. COAST GUARD (9)

REC'D APR 30 1942

NAVY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Chelsea, Massachusetts 27 April, 19 42
(Place & Date)

Employment has been given to John A. Strout

as Laborer in connection with

work in the Coast Guard, First Naval District at the rate of $ 5.28 per diem for duty at Coast Guard Base, Chelsea, Mass., for a period not to exceed 90 days, beginning 27 April, 19 42 under the Civil service regulations of the Coast Guard Service. This contract supersedes all previous contracts of employment or certificates of appointment.

O. A. LITTLEFIELD.
By direction.

CS Auth; C-177
4-23-42.

I accept the above conditions and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the U. S. Coast Guard.

/s/ JOHN A. STROUT

Copies To:
Mdgtrs.
Dist. C.S. Mgr.
J.A.Strout
Office Files (orig)

Instructions-To be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be handed to employee and the other kept on file in the District Office. Whenever the pay of a registered employee is changed, a new contract of employment should be prepared.

LIGHTHOUSES
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

6/23 & 2nd to 2nd
6/9-38

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

June 4, 1938

Concur that we should have a more unqualifiedly favorable report from medical examiner before employing him. He says moderate, duty. Is it in the interest of the service to employ one who is not capable of full duty for which paid? Certainly not unless service is obligated to.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau's attention is respectfully invited at this time to the case of John A. Strout, whose services as Assistant Keeper at Spring Point Ledge Light Station in the First District were terminated as of the close of May 31, 1931 on account of report from the U.S.Marine Hospital ar Portland, Maine, which indicated the inadvisability of retaining him in the said position. he has been in and out since 1915, does not seem to be the case as clears up fully and would not favor taking up with C.S.C. until he can return to previous condition it not anticipated by Med Officers

The aforementioned report and subsequent action on the part of the First District Office was based upon the previous medical history and further examination on May 27, 1931 at the above hospital, which disclosed the fact that Mr. Strout was suffering from Manic Depressive Insanity, Depressed Type, Third Attack. Earn his pay and return

Subsequent to the discontinuance of the above man's services, the First District Superintendent on June 12, 1931 advised Mr. Strout as follows:

> "Pursuant to instructions from the Commissioner of Lighthouses, I am hereby advising you that you have been placed on leave without pay for a period of not to exceed one year from June 1, 1931, and that consideration will be given, during this period of leave without pay, to your restoration to duty either in the First or Second Lighthouse District if and when there is a vacancy at a station of a class to which it is advisable to assign you and your physical condition is such as to render it advisable for your good and the good of the Service."

With the encouragement offered by the above advice, in so far as the possibility of future employment in this Service was concerned, Mr. Strout made numerous visits to this office earnestly requesting consideration for reinstatement in the event of a suitable vacancy, until on September 9, 1935 recommendation was submitted to the Bureau covering nomination for his reinstatement in a position of Assistant Keeper of Dumpling Rock Light Station.

Concur if med exam indicates now qualified 6/9

On page 3 Supt suggests Bu take up with C.S.C. whether he would be acceptable now for a position of laborer at the depot, under supervision. File is attached. Note CSC letter of 9/3/36 that he was not acceptable - that was when he was re-for watchman.

Doubt that it is in the interest of the Service to reinstate this man, who had only about 6 yrs. service. However, if Bu. desires to put the matter up to C.S.C., the med. cert. cover. he submitted.

It would appear unreasonable to deny any person employment because of a pre-existing mental or physical disability.

H.M. 6/7

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C of L (Case of John A. Strout)
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In view of the Bureau's unfavorable disposition towards the action recommended, as well as advice from the Medical Officer in Charge of the U.S. Marine Hospital in Chelsea to the effect that on account of the facts noted from Mr. Strout's previous clinical record, in so far as it not being advisable to appoint this man in a position involving responsibility on his part, this office in endorsement dated October 1 on Bureau letter September 19, 1935, recommended that District's original recommendation be cancelled and no further action was taken in the matter.

While Mr. Strout was advised as to the inability of this office to effect his reinstatement, and it being assumed that he definitely appreciated the circumstances which prevented such action, same had no apparent effect on his earnest desire for reinstatement, continuing his endeavor in this respect by personal visits to this office and contacts through outside sources - for example, see in this connection Bureau's reply of November 29 to letter from Honorable David I. Walsh dated November 22, 1935.

It will also be noted from District's letter of May 6, 1936 that advice as to the Bureau's disposition was requested in connection with this office submitting nomination for the above man's reinstatement as Watchman-Janitor at this depot. In view of the contents of Bureau's reply dated May 11, 1936, this office took necessary action and accordingly submitted proper recommendation covering Mr. Strout's nomination for the aforementioned position. It will be noted, however, from letter which the Chief Examiner of the Civil Service Commission in Washington addressed to the Secretary of Commerce on September 3, 1936, a copy of which was transmitted to the Bureau, that in view of the previous clinical record of this man he was still not acceptable as an employee, and District's recommendation was accordingly disapproved.

Although Mr. Strout was again definitely advised as to this District's inability to effect his reinstatement, he has at frequent subsequent times not only visited this office but the office of the Local District Civil Service Manager, the Marine Hospitals at both Chelsea, Mass., and Portland, Maine, and the Local Branch of the Federal Employees Association, in addition to contacting several Congressmen. In fact he has practically exhausted every possible means of endeavor to have his reinstatement in some position in this district favorably brought about.

In view of the regrettable circumstances this office has shown Mr. Strout the utmost courtesy at all times. However, the Bureau will no doubt appreciate the annoyance resulting from his continual visits.

But in this case the illness was (or at least was so diagnosed) of a definitely recurrent type of psychosis, it was on account of this recurrent feature apparently that his reinstatement was disapproved by the Civ Ser Com in 1936. The present medical certificate seems rather questionable & accordingly suggs (on this point)

#3
C of L (Case of John A. Strout)
6-4-38

as well as the amount of clerical labor involved in handling correspondence with outside parties who have communicated with this office on his behalf. At the close of June 30, 1938 a vacancy will exist in the position of Laborer at Chelsea Lighthouse Depot, and so that the future prospects of this man's reinstatement in this district may be definitely ascertained it will be greatly appreciated if the Bureau will take the matter up with the Civil Service authorities in Washington, with a view to finding out whether favorable action would be taken in the event formal recommendation covering this man's nomination for said position was submitted by this office, or if the previous objections still exist. It will be noted that Mr. Strout's services as Laborer would be under the direct supervision of other personnel at this depot, with a minimum amount of responsibility on his part as compared with either of the aforementioned positions for which he was previously nominated.

For the Bureau's further information and that of the above authorities, there is attached a Certificate of Medical Examination in this man's case which was executed at the U.S.Marine Hospital, Chelsea,Mass., on May 21, 1938. Particular attention is invited to the remarks on the reverse of this enclosure.

Provided the Bureau and the Civil Service authorities approve the proposed latter action, the Superintendent would have no objections. It is also understood that same is agreeable to the District Civil Service Manager.

This office would otherwise consider the advice previously received in this man's case as final were it not for the relatively numerous outside parties who have expressed interest in the matter, not to mention the unceasing personal effort on the part of Mr. Strout to obtain reinstatement.

An early reply to the above will be very much appreciated, with return of the enclosed Medical Examination Certificate.

Eaton

Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent.

Answer, but think that General pursuant of med. certificate would be favorable acceptable, but my personal opinion probably be disapproved. Strout should be given thus 1 Sept with

advise that in consideration of the previous disapproval of reinstatement, such action could not properly be proposed again unless the medical certificate showed that the present mental health was sound, & that the indications were that it would so continue. R C 6/8

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington June 25, 1938

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Massachusetts, it being noted that the reinstatement of Mr. Strout was disapproved by the Civil Service Commission under date of September 3, 1936, after careful consideration of his case, the apparent ground being that the uncertain condition of his health did not warrant his reinstatement. It accordingly appears that this case can not be given further consideration unless the medical certificate is quite definite in showing that the present mental and physical health is sound and that there are reasonable indications that it will so continue. Although the present medical certificate, which is herewith returned, appears to tend in this direction, it does not appear sufficiently clear and definite in this regard.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant

Form 84

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES **Second** DISTRICT

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

Chelsea, Mass., June 25th, 1938.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (**letter**)
from this office dated **June 4, 1938** on the subject of **reinstatement status of John A. Strout.**

It being desired to fill the vacancy referred to in paragraph one, page three of the above referenced letter as early as possible after the close of June 30, 1938, it will be appreciated if the Bureau will furnish telegraphic advice as to its disposition in connection with the subject matter.

EATON,
Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
June 28, 1938

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Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Massachusetts, inviting attention to Bureau indorsement of June 25th, stating that inasmuch as Strout's case was disapproved by the Civil Service Commission in 1936 on account of the uncertain condition of his health, he could not be given further consideration for reinstatement in the absence of a more definite statement by the medical officer.

For the Commissioner:

C.J.LUDWIG, Jr.
Chief Clerk.

HM/C

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication—that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

20 Bloomingdale St.
Chelsea Mass

LIGHTHOUSES
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June. 28. 1938,

To the Commissioner of Light-houses.
Washington. D.C.

7/20 answered + wrote 2nd copy to 2nd

Dear Sir;

On May. 9, 1938.
I was reinstated as a laborer at the Light-house Depot, Chelsea Mass. after the physical examinations by Doctors at the Portland Marine Hospital, Portland Maine. April 25, 1938. also at the Chelsea Marine Hospital Chelsea Mass. May 21, 1938. and also told by the Civil Service manager Mr Reynolds here at Boston Mass I was. O.K. for reinstatement.

Now a letter comes from you to Capt. Eaton. Supt of the Light house Depot. Chelsea Mass. letting me out

JUL 8 1938 SUPT. LIGHTHOUSES BOSTON, CHELSEA, MASS.

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C. W. Ludwig, Jr.
Chief Clerk

of the service again.

In view of the fact that all matters pertaining to my last sickness was fully cleared up by the Portland Maine Marine Hospital also Chelsea Marine Hospital Chelsea Mass. along with Dr. Myerson of Boston Mass.

I am at a loss to understand why I was left out this time.

Would you please tell me what I now must do to get my position back?

Yours Respectfully
Mr. John A. Strout

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 8 1938
1ST DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

CJL-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
July 7, 1938.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass., for report and comment. It is noted that Mr. Strout states that he was employed as laborer from May 9 to approximately June 29, but your letter of June 4 did not indicate he was employed in any capacity at that time. In forwarding report advise the Bureau the periods of service in which he has been employed as an unclassified laborer.

For the Commissioner:

C. J. Ludwig, Jr.
Chief Clerk

ABRAHAM MYERSON M D
475 Commonwealth Avenue
BOSTON

July 8, 1938.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have examined Mr. John A. Strout on two occasions, one on February 20, 1937 and on this day, July 8, 1938. My opinion is that Mr. Strout is free from any nervous condition at the present time and whatever he had in the past was of a temporary nature and is not likely to return. I see no reason why he cannot carry on in any occupation for which he is physically and mentally suited by virtue of his training. On the whole, he presents evidences of good nervous and physical stability.

AM:ZYH

ABRAHAM MYERSON

ABRAHAM MYERSON M D
475 Commonwealth Avenue
BOSTON

February 20, 1937

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In reviewing the illness which Mr. John A. Strout had in 1931 it seems to me to be more likely that this was a neurosis than a true manic-depressive state. The past history of the man is that of an entirely normal individual and there is nothing to indicate that he has had any return of nervous symptoms since 1931.

I think it is fairer to state that he had a short nervous period and it is certainly evident at the present time that he is perfectly well mentally. I see no reason why he could not carry out the work of a painter or that of a lighthouse-keeper at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

AM:ZY

ABRAHAM MYERSON

H L M

In sending this case back to Supt, enclose original certfs by Dr Myerson, left here by Mr Steward, Nos 7 & 8, & say that if not required by Co Sers Mgr, he may return them to Stroud

O B K
7/19

Jno A Strout - 2nd

This is apparently a response to Bureau indorsement to the 2d of June 25 in the attached file, in which the answer is perhaps indicated, but in view of the circumstances refer to 2d for report.

Suggest

RJ 9/1

Letter June 29 from Mr.JohnA.Strout,re phycial examination.

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CJL-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
July 7, 1938.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses,Chelsea,Mass., for report and comment. It is noted that Mr. Strout states that he was employed as laborer from May 9 to approximately June 29, but your letter of June 4 did not indicate he was employed in any capacity at that time. In forwarding report advise the Bureau the periods of service in which he has been employed as an unclassified laborer.

For the Commissioner:

C.J.Ludwig,Jr.
Chief Clerk

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LIGHTHOUSES

Office of Superintendent, Second District,
Chelsea, Mass., July 13th, 1938.

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Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

7/20 wrote 2nd

Upon receipt of Bureau's endorsement of June 25 on district's letter of June 4, 1938, this office addressed a letter to Mr. Strout stating the reasons which prevented favorable action being taken in connection with his reinstatement in this district. A copy of this communication is attached hereto for the Bureau's information.

Relative to Mr. Strout's employment at this Depot from May 9, to June 30, 1938, inclusive, the Bureau is advised that on April 27, 1938, this man submitted to the District Civil Service Manager a medical certificate (Form 2413) executed at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Portland, Maine, on which it was indicated that his nervous condition was normal and that in the opinion of the examining physician he was capable of performing duties involving arduous physical exertion. As it appeared from the latter advice that Mr. Strout was physically qualified and he otherwise having a reinstatement status, also, as the services of a temporary laborer were urgently required at this depot, the said Local Civil Service Manager on May 6, 1938, authorized this office to hire this man. Such authority, however, was granted with the understanding that such employment would be temporary only, pending definite approval of our Bureau and the Civil Service authorities in Washington, for this man's appointment to fill a vacancy in a permanent position of Classified Laborer which also was to occur at the close of June 30, 1938. The aforementioned authority was also granted with the understanding that his temporary employment must terminate not later than June 30, 1938; regardless of the action taken in connection with his possible permanent appointment as of July 1, and Mr. Strout was definitely advised in this respect.

In view of the fact that practically all medical examinations in connection with appointments in this district are performed at the Chelsea Marine Hospital this office considered that the proper arrangement would be to have a medical certificate accomplished at the latter hospital rather than submit the one referred to above as having been executed at the Marine Hospital in Portland. Action in this respect was accordingly taken and the certificate from the Chelsea Marine Hospital was submitted for the Bureau's information with district's above referenced letter of June 4. It will be noted, however, that the Bureau did not consider that the advice indicated on the said certificate was sufficiently definite in showing that Mr. Strout's present mental and physical health was sound and there was reasonable indications that it would so continue. In view of the latter and the fact that under the circumstances the medical authorities at the Chelsea Marine Hospital declined to amplify their previous statements relative to this man's physical and particularly his mental condition there was no other alternative than to terminate his temporary employment on June 30, as previously instructed by the Local District Civil Service Manager and defer the taking of any further action insofar as his reinstatement as permanent Classified Laborer was concerned.

Since the above action was taken Mr. Strout has visited this office and presented two original certificates from Dr. Abraham Myerson of Boston, dated February 20, 1937, and July 8, 1938, respectively. Copies of these

7/20 wrote 2nd

certificates are enclosed, according to which it will be noted that there appears to be question as to whether Mr. Strout was actually suffering from manic depressive insanity at the time original diagnosis of his case was made at the Marine Hospital in Portland. It will be further noted from the certificate dated July 8, 1938, that Dr. Myerson states "My opinion is that Mr. Strout is free from any nervous condition at the present time and whatever he had in the past was of a temporary nature and is not likely to return". It would appear that this statement in itself constitutes sufficient evidence to satisfy the requirements in this man's case according to the advice contained in Bureau's endorsement of June 25th, and warrant approval of district's recommendation to cover his reinstatement as Classified Laborer at this Depot. The latter position which is still vacant will remain unfilled pending advice as to the Bureau's disposition in the matter.

Originals of certificates mentioned sent to Lt. Comdr. Jr. by C of L. 7/19/38 WHH

For the Bureau's further information it is stated that Dr. Myerson, who furnished the above-mentioned certificates, is a Psychiatrist who is not only widely known throughout the East but recognized throughout the country as an authority on mental diseases. These facts have been definitely confirmed by the medical authorities at the Massachusetts General and City Hospitals in Boston. In fact, Mr. Strout went to considerable personal expense, which he could ill-afford, to be examined by such Specialist as Dr. Myerson, and it is trusted that in view of the embarrassment he has previously suffered and the evidence he has now presented that his efforts to obtain same will not be in vain.

Since the position to which the Pd apparently desires to reins. Strout is that of laborer (an unappointive one), and in view of the information above given, particularly that of Dr. Myerson, if the Bu has no objection to Strouts reinstatement suggest tell Pd to submit the matter to his local Dist C S Mgr.

also reply to Strout that his case is receiving further consideration, on basis of additional info. recd

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.
Edward J. Curran
Chief Clerk.

Concur WPH 7/18

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CHELSEA, MASS.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.
June 27th, 1938.

Mr. John A. Strout, Temporary Laborer,
(Through the Keeper, Chelsea Depot)

The matter of your reinstatement as Permanent Laborer at this Depot has been taken up with our Bureau, including submittal of the medical evidence recently furnished in your case by the Chelsea Marine Hospital.

In accordance with advice received today it is understood that at the time your reinstatement as Watchman-Janitor at this Depot was previously recommended, the Civil Service authorities in Washington gave careful consideration to your case and disapproved your reinstatement on the apparent grounds that the uncertain condition of your health did not warrant favorable action.

In view of the foregoing our Bureau has advised that it accordingly appears that your case cannot be given further consideration at this time unless the medical certificate furnished quite definitely shows that your present mental and physical health is sound and that there are reasonable indications that it will so continue.

The Bureau further advises thatwhile the medical certificate recently furnished appears to indicate favorable findings in the aforementioned direction it, nevertheless, does not appear sufficiently definite to warrant approval of your reinstatement as referred to in paragraph one above.

In view of the above and the fact that under the circumstances the medical authorities at the Chelsea Marine Hospital decline to amplify their previous statements this office has no other alternative than to terminate your services as of the close of June 30, 1938, and defer at this time the taking of any further action insofar as your reinstatement as permanent Classified Laborer is concerned.

(Signed) GEO. E. EATON,
Superintendent/
E.J.C.

July 20, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Chelsea, Massachusetts

With reference to your letter of July 13 resubmitting the case of John A. Strout, in view of the additional information furnished, the Bureau has no objection to your proceeding with the proposal for his reinstatement. As the position is an unappointive one of laborer at the depot, it is requested that instead of forwarding the papers to this office you submit the medical certificate and other necessary papers directly to your District Civil Service Manager for the necessary action.

Mr. L. C. Steward, Jr., of the National Federation of Federal Employees left with the Bureau a statement dated February 20, 1937, by Dr. Abraham Myerson, and another dated July 8, 1938, by the same physician. It appears that these are the originals of the enclosures submitted with your letter of July 13. In the event these are not required by the District Civil Service Manager in connection with the proposed reinstatement, it appears that they may be returned to Mr. Strout.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure
hlm/see

July 20, 1938

Mr. John A. Strout
20 Bloomingdale Street
Chelsea, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of June 29 regarding your desire to reenter the Lighthouse Service as a laborer at the Chelsea Depot, this matter is being given further consideration on the basis of new information received in your case. Any further inquiry in the matter should be made of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Respectfully,
For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 2nd Supt.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
17 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

May 6th, 1936.

5/11 Ord to 2d.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Request of John A. Strout, former Lighthouse Keeper, for consideration in filling vacancy in the position of Watchman-Janitor at this depot.

In connection with the above request the Bureau's attention is respectfully invited to its letter of November 29, 1935, addressed to Hon. David I. Walsh which contains a resume of Mr. Strout's previous record in this Service as well as the reasons as to why favorable action was not taken in September 1935 in connection with recommendation made by this office for his reinstatement as a lighthouse keeper. Taking into consideration the facts contained in the Bureau's said letter inquiry is made at this time as to whether the Bureau would favorably consider this man's nomination for the position mentioned in the above subject.

Mr. Strout is at present temporarily employed as a Laborer at this depot under proper authority granted by the local District Civil Service Manager and as it is not expected that his services will be required after another six or eight weeks' time, he will then have to again resort to the Welfare Department of the Town in which he resides for the support of himself and family unless he is fortunate enough to obtain employment elsewhere and under the conditions existing at present in this locality it is very doubtful if he would be able to secure other work.

Aside from the possibility, according to medical advice previously received, that this man may at any future time suffer a recurrence of his manic depressive insanity attacks, his services are entirely satisfactory and from close observation appears to be fully normal at all times. In view of the latter and the fact that he most earnestly desires to be favorably considered for filling the said vacancy so that he may be assured of being financially able to care for his dependents the Superintendent would appreciate advice as to the Bureau's disposition in the matter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

Curran
Chief Clerk.

Bureau formerly objection was previously to employment as Keeper

WPH 5/8

Rec'd give favorable consideration to this since not to be employed as Light Keeper

WPH 5/8

Concur but should apparently be kept under rather close observation at all times.

O.K.

May 11, 1936.

2d Supt's. letter May 6, 1936, re John A. Strout, former keeper, appointment as watchman-janitor.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass. In consideration of the fact that his present services have been entirely satisfactory and that close observation indicates that he is fully normal, nomination for appointment as watchman-janitor may be submitted as proposed. If Mr. Strout successfully passes the medical examination in connection with such appointment it would appear that there would be no objection to his assignment to duty thereunder. As stated, therefore, nomination may be submitted.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
May 28th, 1936.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Reinstatement of John A. Strout in position of Watchman-Janitor, Chelsea Lighthouse Depot.

Reference: Bureau endorsement of May 11, on district's letter dated May 6, 1936, and previous correspondence.

In view of the advice contained in the Bureau's endorsement above referred to, Nomination, Form 73 and pertinent papers are forwarded herewith recommending approval of the subject action.

According to verbal information received from the Medical Officer in Charge and as evidenced by the attached Medical Certificate which was executed at the Chelsea Marine Hospital, Mr. Strout is physically capable in all respects of performing the required duties of the position for which he is being nominated.

Although, as the Bureau has been previously fully advised, this man suffered from manic depressive insanity attacks in 1915, 1925 and 1931, respectively, and according to the medical authorities there is a possibility of such person suffering a recurrence of the said attacks, no abnormal symptoms were noted at the time of the thorough examination which was given Mr. Strout on May 15 and completed on May 22, 1936, neither have any of the aforementioned symptoms been noted from close daily observation of this man during his present employment as temporary laborer at this depot.

In view of the above it is respectfully recommended that the enclosed nomination be approved. Provided approval is made in this instance the Superintendent and other officers at this depot will continue to closely observe the employee and in the event any abnormalty is noted whereby it would appear that there was danger of his suffering another of his previous attacks the Bureau will be promptly advised and proper action taken in the matter.

Eaton

EATON,
Superintendent.

Rec. O.K. as the objection has been removed to appointment as laborer 6/1

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

1936 JUN 1 AM 8 29

Chelsea, Mass., (City) May 26, 1936. (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement

Name, John A. Strout

Position, Watchman-Janitor

Location, Chelsea Lighthouse Depot, Mass

Effective, June 1, 1936.

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1320 per annum

Proposed range, $1320-1680 CU-4

Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Service

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

Former position, Assistant Lighthouse Keeper

Location, Spring Point Ledge Light Station, 1st Lighthouse District, Portland, Me.

Former salary, $1440 per annum

Former range, $1380-1740

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

(Lt.#1282)

Previous incumbent and his pay, E.J.Copenhaver / $1440 per annum Services terminated, April 30, 1936.

Reason, Transferred to 5th Lighthouse District

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, January 14, 1891.

Remarks: ~~See letter attached.~~

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN - 3 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. medical certificate, fingerprint chart, affidavit as to marital status, declaration of appointee, and Form S.S.93-A accompanying. Classification sheet is also herewith submitted. Mr. Strout was previously employed in the Service as keeper for more than six years from about 1915 to 1927 with good record, and since about April 1935 has been temporarily employed as a laborer at the Chelsea Depot. While the Bureau questioned Mr. Strout's application for reinstatement as keeper a short time ago, it has no objection to his reinstatement as watchman-janitor as proposed herein, where he would always be under observation, and reinstatement is accordingly proposed on the basis of previous Service.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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FIELD CLASSIFICATION SHEET

BUREAU NO. 1282

CHECK TO INDICATE WHETHER SHEET IS FOR—		GIVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR ITEM CHECKED
New position		(Temporary or permanent)
Vice change	x	Edward J. Copenhaver - Lt.#1282 (Name and number on sheet of position into which viced)
Identical additional position		(Name and number on sheet of position with which identical)
Material modification of duties		(Mention nature of modification)
Other change		(Explain reason for submission of sheet)

CLASSIFICATION		
Recommended by—	Service and Grade	Initials
Immediate Supervisor		
Head of Field Unit		
Bureau	CU-4	
Allocation by Department		

1. Name Strout, John A. (Surname) (Given name) (Initial) — 2. Number of last sheet for this employee New person

3. Present salary (including allowances) --- — 4. Salary recommended (including allowances) $1320 pa

5. Bureau of Lighthouses

6. Station or office 2nd district, Chelsea Depot, Mass. — 7. Appropriation from which paid Sal., Lh. Service

8. Title of position Watchman-Janitor (Usual departmental or organizational title)

9. Description of the duties and responsibilities of the position: (Describe, as objectively and concretely as possible, the duties and responsibilities of the position in question, following this order: (1) Kind and extent of supervision or direction under which the work is performed; (2) the major, regular, periodic, or more important tasks, indicating proportion of time; (3) the tasks of lesser frequency or importance, indicating proportion of time; (4) any supervisory responsibility, showing the number of employees in each grade supervised; and (5) any other facts or figures bearing upon the characteristics of the position from the standpoint of difficulty, complexity, responsibility, independence of action or decision, or any other allocation factor. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs.)

Percentage of time to each task

Patrols the buildings and wharf premises of the Lighthouse Service Reservation hourly to protect the property from burglary, theft, and fire (punching time clocks at established stations on these rounds); keeps record of official telephone calls received, and contacts the Superintendent or other official when emergencies arise - - - - - - - - - - - - 75%

Cleans the office, stairways and toilets, and empties wastebaskets; tends the heating plant in the office (No.1) building, and performs other miscellaneous tasks - 25%

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10. Does employee work under immediate or general supervision or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully, setting forth to what extent his work is reviewed, etc.) Give name and sheet number of the employee's *immediate* or closest superior. Give the superior's title or rank.

Works under immediate supervision of depot keeper - George R. Goddard,#1283

11. Does employee direct or supervise the work of other employees? If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the names and sheet numbers of the employees directed or supervised.

No

12. Date when employee entered upon duties described under items 9, 10, and 11 .....

13. Number of working hours of position, per day .....

14. Qualifications of employee:

(a) Education. (Indicate by an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year completed in each type of school.)

Elementary school: Years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 ☐6 ☐7 ☐8

High school: Years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

Business school: Years ☐½ ☐1 ☐1½ ☐2 ☐2½ ☐3

College: Name .....; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

Postgraduate work: Kind .....; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3

Correspondence courses: Kind .....; number of lessons .....; number completed .....

(b) Experience and other special qualifications .....

15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box the kind of allowances furnished the employee and annual value of each:

Quarters, $ **None** ☐ House ☐ Furnished; ☐ Room ☐ Unfurnished; ☐ Other

Subsistence, $..... ☐ 1 meal ☐ 2 meals ☐ 3 meals

I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing are correct.

..... (Signature of preparing officer) ..... (Title)

I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing are correct.

..... (Signature of office head) ..... (Title)

Date **June 2, 1936** **W. P. Harman, Administrative Assistant**

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—11632

Form S. S. 93-A

[1] STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY REINSTATEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

LIGHTHOUSES
1936 JUN 1 AM 8 23

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON

Name: John A. Strout Date of Birth: January 14, 1891

Address: 331 Washington Ave., Chelsea, Mass.

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: Previous service in the Lighthouse Service as keeper, and temporary employment as laborer at the depot in which he has gained experience considered beneficial to him in his proposed employment.

Such other reasons favoring reinstatement as may be applicable:

CASES OF REINSTATEMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

Total length of service: Approximately six years and 6 months. (From July 19, 1915 to June 4, 1932 (intermittent))

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

Number of occasions when such leave was taken: -

Last efficiency rating: 93.3

Reason for leaving the service. (If by resignation, whether such resignation was entirely of employee's own initiative and volition): Placed on leave without pay for a period of not to exceed one year from June 1, 1931, at the termination of which date his services were discontinued due to His mental condition.

Whether unqualifiedly recommended for further Government employment. Should be answered "Yes" or "No"): Yes; for the position of watchman-janitor.

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

F W Eaton

Head of Bureau.

Superintendent, 2nd District.

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933

June 4, 1936.

Memorandum to Mr. Jones, Appointment Division:

Referring to nomination of John A. Strout, I find on further inquiry that his duties apparently will involve some night duty and wish to amend my oral statement in this respect. For your further information there is attached a copy of the Superintendent's letter of May 28th with particular reference to the last paragraph.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Incl.

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
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1936
2ND DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

June 2, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass.

In reference to the proposed reinstatement of John A. Strout as Watchman at $1320 per annum at the Chelsea Depot:

As Mr. Strout's former status was that of keeper, it is requested that civil service form 375, in triplicate, be furnished promptly for use in connection with the change in his status. The Bureau finds that in most such cases, the Commission requires the applicant to take a non-competitive examination; if that is required in this case, there will be considerable delay, no doubt. However, it is desired to forward the Form 375 to the Commission at the time of requesting reinstatement, and therefore it should be sent in promptly. Advise the Bureau as to the number of hours worked by the watchman-janitor per day and number of days a week; also the estimated percentage of time devoted to janitor work.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

H-M

GEE-RMC

Office of Superintendent, 2nd District,
Chelsea, Mass., June 9, 1936.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses, with Form 375, in triplicate, in the above case. The Watchman-janitor in this district works six days a week, ten hours a day, Approximately 3 hours work every evening, or 33%, is devoted to janitor work.

Eaton

GEO.E.EATON
Superintendent.

6/11-36
Noted. Brings up with another cases which appear to need correction as indicated in reply to present questionnaire

June 12, 1936

Secretary of Commerce:

Form 375 in the case of John A. Strout is herewith submitted for use, if needed, in connection with his proposed reinstatement as watchman-janitor in the 2nd District, nomination for which was submitted to the Department on June 3.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

Encl
H-M

COMMISSIONERS

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 30, 1936

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The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce

Sir:

Reference is made to the Department's request of June 8, 1936, for the reinstatement of John A. Strout as watchman-janitor, $1320 per annum, in the Lightbouse Service, field.

Medical certificate submitted in connection with his proposed reinstatement indicates that Mr. Strout has maniac depressive psychosis, with attacks in 1915, 1925, and 1931. On the basis of the medical certificate, it is not possible to approve his reinstatement as requested.

By direction of the Commission:

July 7, 1936.

Very respectfully,

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.

By direction of the Secretary:

L. A. Moyer
Chief Examiner

Chief of Appointment Division.

JUL 11 1936

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to _____ Sent

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
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LIGHTHOUSES

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION INFORMALLY ADVISES BUREAU IT IS RECONSIDERING REINSTATEMENT JOHN STROUT WATCHMAN JANITOR STOP IF HE IS NOW EMPLOYED TEMPORARILY AS LABORER SUCH EMPLOYMENT NEED NOT BE TERMINATED

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CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE=

DEPT OF COMMERCE= 7/15/36 LIGHTHOUSES

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UNDERSTAND JOHN A STROUT REJECTED FOR WATCHMAN JANITOR LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE DUE PHYSICAL HISTORY NOTWITHSTANDING FACT HE WAS PASSED PHYSICALLY BY CHELSEA MARINE HOSPITAL STOP STROUT DISCHARGED AS LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER DUE INSANITY FIFTEEN YEARS AGO WHICH HAS NEVER RECURRED STOP EVIDENCE IN FAVOR HIS REINSTATEMENT FOR WATCHMAN JANITOR IN VIEW OF FACT DANGER INVOLVED IN LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER POSITION DUE SLIGHT POSSIBILITY RECURRENCE NOT PRESENT IN THIS POSITION STOP URGE FAVORABLE ACTION=

ARTHUR D HEALEY. (Congressman)

Pse dear Mr Thurston' in the Bureau' 7/14

7/15/36 OK

Secy K, M C be advised action taken by C S Comm Does W.O. authy to change. Strout may appeal if desired direct to Commiss 7/14

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washington dc july 15 1936

HON ARTHUR D HEALEY SOMERVILLE MASS

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM JULY FOURTEEN RE JOHN A STROUT STOP ACTION AS TO DISQUALIFICATION WAS TAKEN BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IT IS UNDERSTOOD COMMISSION IS GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE CASE AND YOU WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED

COMMISSIONER LIGHTHOUSES

confirmation

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COMMISSIONERS
HARRY B. MITCHELL, PRESIDENT
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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 22 2 06 PM '36

July 15, 1936.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

Reference is made to the Department's request of June 8, 1936, for the reinstatement of John A. Strout as watchman-janitor, $1320 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, field.

In the medical examination made at the U. S. Marine Hospital Service, Chelsea, Massachusetts, on May 15, the examining physician made the following statement:

> "Previous medical history indicates this man to have suffered from maniac depressive psychosis attacks in 1915, 1925 and 1931. Complete records on file at Office of Lighthouse Superintendent, Chelsea, Mass."

In view of the importance of the indicated mental condition with relation to the duties of a watchman, the Commission would be pleased to receive for consideration in connection with the reinstatement of Mr. Strout a copy of the records mentioned above.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

July 22, 1936.

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.

By direction of the Secretary:

Jesse Gardner
Chief of Appointment Division.

L. A. Moyer,
Chief Examiner.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
July 23, 1936.

Copy referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass., with request that copy, in triplicate, of the records mentioned be submitted.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 30 8 36 AM '36

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.
July 27th, 1936.

To CS Com thru Dept

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Proposed reinstatement of John A. Strout as Watchman-Janitor at this Depot.

Reference: Bureau's endorsement July 23 on copy of letter dated July 15th from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington which was transmitted to the Bureau with Appointment Division endorsement of July 22, 1936.

As requested in Bureau's above-mentioned endorsement there is attached hereto, in ~~Duplicate~~ triplicate, a certified copy of abstract from the clinical record of John A. Strout which was furnished upon the request of this office by the Medical Director, U. S. Marine Hospital, Portland, Maine, on September 26, 1935. It will be noted that this data gives a very complete medical history of this man; particularly in so far as it refers to the mental attacks previously suffered by him.

In further reference to the latter-mentioned attacks the fact might be invited to the Bureau's attention that the last one occurred in 1931 and while according to medical advice it is possible for this man to suffer a recurrence of same at any future time he served as temporary laborer at this Depot last year for a period of approximately six months and has been similarly employed here since April 1, 1936. During these periods his actions have been closely watched and in addition to his being a most conscientious worker no abnormal symptoms of any nature have been noted in connection with his employment.

EATON,
Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington
July 31, 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce in accordance with the request of the Civil Service Commission above referred to.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

Administrative Assistant

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LOCAL MANAGER ADVISES REINSTATEMENT JOHN A STROUT WATCHMAN JANITOR CHELSEA DEPOT NOT APPROVED BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WASHINGTON ACCOUNT PHYSICAL CONDITION AND TEMPORARY SERVICES AS LABORER MUST TERMINATE IMMEDIATELY WIRE AT ONCE IF THIS OFFICE SHOULD BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY SO IF ACTION STATED IS DEFINITELY FINAL SERVICES CAN BE TERMINATED CLOSE OF PAY PERIOD TODAY=

EATON.

phoned Dept but unable to get any report from cs today 8/31

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commissioner of lighthouses

lighthouses

washington dc august 31 1936

superintendent lighthouses chelsea mass

retel john a strout stop suggest be guided by advice district civil service manager re services as laborer stop bureau endeavoring learn from commission if reinstatement definitely disapproved will advise later re this

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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2ND DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

LIGHTHOUSES
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September 1, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass.

With further reference to your telegram of August 31 and the Bureau's reply regarding John A. Strout, proposed for watchman-janitor at the Chelsea Depot, the Department phoned the Bureau this morning stating that the Commission had informally advised that the proposed reinstatement had been disapproved. Formal advice from the Commission in the matter will be forwarded if and when redeived.

For the Commissioner:

H. P. HARMAN

Administrative Assistant

H-M

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EJC-MEH

Office of Superintendent, 2nd District,
Chelsea, Mass., September 23rd, 1936.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

It will be appreciated if the Bureau will furnish definite advice whether as to the nomination (Form 73) which was submitted by this office on May 26, 1936, covering the proposed reinstatement of the above man has been finally disapproved so that steps may be promptly taken to make further recommendation to fill the position in question which has now been vacant since May 1, 1936.

OK if not passed

E. J. EATON,
Superintendent.

Bu has already found a copy of ltr finally disapproving and 2d has now come in with Rec. for filling pos. HHm 10/1

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

File U-9187
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LIGHTHOUSES

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September 8, 1936

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce

Sir:

Reference is made to the Commission's letter of June 30, 1936, disapproving the reinstatement of John A. Strout, as watchman-janitor, $1320 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, field, because of his physical condition.

The Commission was furnished a copy of Mr. Strout's clinical record in the U. S. Marine Hospital, U. S. Public Health Service, Portland, Maine. The diagnosis as made by Dr. Clement P. Wescott, Consultant in Neuropsychiatry, in May, 1935, was psychosis manic depressive, depressive type. Mr. Strout had attacks in 1915, 1925, 1931 and 1935, lasting two or three months each. Dr. Wescott further states in his report that by the usual course of the disease there will be a recurrence, probably within two or three years.

In view of Mr. Strout's physical condition, he is still not acceptable as an employee. Your request for his reinstatement remains disapproved.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

September 10, 1936.

/s/ L. A. Moyer
L. A. Moyer
Chief Examiner

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.
By direction of the Secretary:

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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CHELSEA, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

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September 9, 1935.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Proposed reinstatement, John A. Strout, Assistant Keeper, Dumpling Rock Light Station.

1. There is forwarded, herewith, nomination, Form 73, recommending the reinstatement of John A. Strout, as above. There is given below, record of previous government service of Mr. Strout:

Appt.	2nd Asst.Keeper	The Graves LH, 2nd Dist.	July 19, 1915
Res.	" "	" "	Sept.30, 1915
Appt.	Asst. Keeper	Bakers Island "	July 27, 1918
Res.	"	" "	Sept.14, 1918
Appt.	"	Nantucket (Gt.Pt.)"	May 1, 1919
Trans.	"	Plymouth LH "	Feb. 26, 1920
Res.	"	" "	Oct. 15, 1920
Appt.	2nd Asst.Keeper	Boston LH "	Dec. 2, 1922
Res.	"	" "	May 15, 1923
Appt.	Asst.Keeper	Dumpling Rock LH "	Aug. 25, 1927
Trans.	Asst.Keeper	Spring Point Ledge LH, 1st Dist.	May 1, 1931

Placed on leave without pay for period not to exceed one year commencing June 1, 1931.

Temp.employ.	Laborer	Chelsea LH Depot,2nd Dist.	April 29, 1935 to date.

2. There is also attached herewith, medical certificate in the above case, and it will be noted from same that the above man has a history of mental illness. In this connection it is to be stated that he was placed on leave without pay commencing June 1, 1931, by the Superintendent of the First Lighthouse District, on account of his mental (physical) condition. In letter to this office, which accompanied the attached medical certificate, the Medical Director stated that the man did not appear at present to be suffering from an attack of insanity, but that in view of his history it would seem to be doubtful whether he should be placed in a position of responsibility where he would be by himself for any length of time. However, he has been employed, as stated above, in the position of temporary laborer at Chelsea Lighthouse Depot, from April 29, 1935 to date, and during this period the Superintendent has had opportunity to closely observe this man in connection with the performance of his official duties and has noticed no sign of mental abnormality in his case, and is of the opinion that the previous attacks which he has suffered were only of a temporary nature and he is believed to be able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position for which he is being recommended. In the event of approval of this reinstatement, the keeper will be instructed to closely observe the actions of this man and in the event there is any question as to his sanity, prompt steps will be taken to effect his separation.

J. N. Cone
Asst. Superintendent

Ltrs.

Re last sentence of dist indorsement, would separation be possible without charges? When previously furloughed, after which separation was effected, furlough appears to have been with Strout's consent

WPX 9/13

Note 1st par. of Lautzen's letter of Mar. 17, 1932. Appears keeper requested restoration to duty from furlough status; but on acct of disability was disc. I see no reason why Strout could not be disc. again if he becomes unbalanced mentally so that he is disabled (for duty), in which case no charges are necy.

HHM 9/13

Noted
WPX

Def

(A A)

Dr (on return) Pars

Would yr experience in charge of dish afford precedent as to sign. Situation and advisable action? Generally speaking it seems undesirable to employ such a person, altho if closely supervised and separated on indications as to unbalanced condition, no harm may be done.

The Supt is evidently favorable to re-employment as Keeper. Suggest first ask if there is no other suitable person available & point out that interests of the Service are the first consideration

Concur and would seem best served in this case by declining to reinstate. Consider Bk to make inquiry as above and advise Supt that Bureau is unfavorable to reemployment as Keeper except on advice of P.H.S. that

WRP 9/13

his form of malady is unlikely to recur. They have certified him qualified to perform physical labor but I think we are justified in making specific inquiry as to mental status in view of past record which should be given P.H.S. Note statement that he needs "comforts of family" yet Supt proposes a station without quarters for family. He has been given every consideration and it would seem better to employ him as laborer if at all.

C.P.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 20 1935
2ND DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

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24 September 19, 1935.

2d Supt's. letter Sept. 9, 1935, reinstatment John A. Strout, asst. keeper, Dumpling Rock Light Station.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass. In filling this position the interests of the Service should be given first consideration, and in this connection you are requested to advise whether there is a more suitable person available for consideration. The Bureau is unfavorable to the reinstatement of Strout as keeper, except upon the advice of the Public Health Service that his form of malady is unlikely to recur. It appears that the examining physician should have a record of Mr. Strout's past history in this connection, it being noted from the First Superintendent's letter of March 17, 1932 that he was examined by the Public Health Service at Maine Hospital No. 16, Portland, Maine, on March 10, 1932, at which time the neuropsychiatrist expressed the opinion that there would be a recurrence. If, after further consideration and favorable report by the Public Health Service, you desire to resubmit recommendation for reinstatement, it should be accompanied by fingerprint chart, affidavit as to marital status and members of family in the Government service, and Form S.S.-93a.

For the Commissioner:

Acc'd card part appt 10/3 RJ 194

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

HM-EK

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Chelsea, Mass., Oct. 1, 1935.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

In further reference to the reinstatement of the above man as previously proposed by this office, the Bureau is assured that in this case, as in the cases of all similar recommendations, the interest of the service was given first consideration.

In considering Mr. Strout for the positionin question, his past history was carefully reviewed, particular note being made of the

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attacks suffered by him while employed in the 1st District. In fact, prior to requesting this man to present himself at the Chelsea Marine Hospital for physical examination in connection with the proposed nomination, the hospital authorities were confidentially informed as to the aforementioned attacks and also for their information and guidance were furnished anabstract of his clinical record as contained in the files of the U. S. Marine Hospital at Portland, Maine, which record was prepared just prior to his separation from the 1st District.

As the Bureau has already been advised, the Medical Director upon completing the examination reported that while no physical defects were found which would disbar him from performing arduous duties in the Lighthouse Service, and while at the time of the examination he did not appear to be suffering from any such malady as his previous record (made in 1931) indicated, it was doubtful in view of his history whether he should be placed in a position of responsibility where he would be left on his own resources for any length of time.

It was the conscientious belief of this office that the attacks previously suffered by Mr. Strout while employed in the 1st District were directly due to the isolated location of the station at which he had been serving (Spring Point Ledge), and particularly the fact that his wife and young child from whom he was separated were both dangerously ill and confined in a hospitalashore at the time. It was likewise believed that on account of the fact that he has not suffered any such attacks asfar as can be ascertained since his separation from the 1st District, and from close observation of his actions since being hired as temporary laborer at this depot he has been normal in all respects, there was little or no chance of any embarrassment being suffered on the part of this Service in the event his reinstatement as assistant keeper, with family quarters provided, was effected.

In view of the Bureau's disposition in connection with the above recommendation, the matter was again personally taken up with the Medical Director of the Chelsea Marine Hospital, and after fully reconsidering all phases of the case, particularly the statement now made by said Director as to there being a possibility of a recurrence of the above mentioned attacks, it has finally been decided to cancel District's original recommendation in this instance and give consideration to a more suitable eligible for filling the position. Proper forms in connection with the latter action will be forwarded as soon as practicable.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Edward J. Curran
Chief Clerk.

Comm

Pls see Mr Goss' memo giving resume of case. Is not deemed necy to get further report from Supt., reply to Senator might be prepared rather than acknowl

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O.K.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION AND LABOR

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Clinton, Massachusetts,
November 22, 1935.

11/27/35 answd copy to Lodge

Ask for proper action

Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I am writing you in regard to John A. ~~Stout~~ Strout of 331 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, Massachusetts, who served as Assistant Lighthouse Keeper for ten years in Massachusetts.

The enclosed statement is from one of my secretaries in my Boston office and contains a statement of the case which has been presented to me.

Kindly return this letter to me together with your views.

Sincerely yours,

David I. Walsh

11/29/3 wrote Walsh
copy 692d

John Strout, Senator Walsh's letter Nov. 22.

Strout's present age appears to be about 44 and the record shows that he has had intermittent service in the second district since 1915, his total service amounting to about 6 years. In 1931 (within one month after transfer to the first) he developed an illness which was diagnosed by a psychiatrist in the U. S. Marine Hospital at Portland, Maine as "manic depressive insanity, depressed type, third attack." He was placed on leave without pay for a year, and about the termination of that period his services were discontinued without prejudice. Strout had applied for restoration to duty within the period of his leave without pay, but he was not restored owing to the opinion of the psychiatrist that the condition would probably recur. The correspondence indicates that his condition at the time was aggravated by isolation and separation from his wife and children, although physcially a very robust man.

A couple months ago the Second Superintendent proposed Strout's reinstatement, the Second Superintendent having employed Strout in a temporary position of laborer at the depot, and the Second Superintendent's observation of Strout during this period having indicated that he was quite normal. The Bureau (last letter in the attached file) got a further report from the Second Superintendent at that time and the Second withdrew his nomination for reinstatement after he had again conferred with the medical director in Boston, who expressed an opinion that there was a possibility of recurrence of Strout's former illness, although the Second stated that it was his belief that Strout's illness sufferred in the First District was due to isolation and the fact that his wife and young child from whom he was separated were both dangerously ill and in the hospital at the time Strout had his attack. (The 2d Supt. knew Strout for six or seven years, and in view of the fact that Strout's trouble developed within one month after his transfer to the First District, possibly the Second's opinion in the matter is quite as valuable as the physician's). The Second proposed his reinstatement as assistant keeper at a station with family quarters and he thought that Strout would be OK in such a position.

However Until the examining medical officer has sufficient confidence in the methods and results of treatment to himself recommend Strout's reinstatement as a lighthouse keeper, it appears doubtful for the Service to undertake this responsibility in the present instance. While his former disability should not stand in the way of his present employment in some occupation, it appears that in the present case reinstatement as a keeper should not be made, unless and until ~~some psychiatrist~~ assumes a substantial part of the responsibility for such action. Suggest advise Senator Walsh accordingly.

The medical officer is ready &

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November 29, 1935.

Hon. David I. Walsh,
United States Senator,
Clinton, Massachusetts.

Dear Senator Walsh:

Reference is made to your letter of November 22, inclosing one regarding the possibility of the reinstatement of former Lighthouse Keeper John A. Strout of 331 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, Mass.:

The records show that Mr. Strout's services as a lighthouse keeper were terminated at the close of April 4, 1932, by reason of illness, he having been in a leave without pay status for almost a year at the time of his separation. Prior to that he had been a lighthouse keeper intermittently since 1915, although his total service amounted to only about six years in that period, owing to the number of his resignations. In 1931 he developed an illness which was diagnosed in the United States Marine Hospital at Portland, Maine, as "manic depressive insanity, depressed type, third attack," it having been on account of this condition that his separation was effected at the time stated above, the medical officer having indicated at that time that although there were then no symptoms there were definite indications of a recurrence.

About two months ago consideration was given to Mr. Strout's application for reinstatement as a lighthouse keeper, but it was not approved after a consultation with the medical officer at Chelsea indicated that there was doubt as to Mr. Strout's suitability for the responsibilities attaching to the position of lighthouse keeper on account of his medical history.

The Bureau appreciates your inquiry in this matter, but because of the circumstances shown above Mr. Strout's reinstatement would not appear in the interest of the Service. The inclosure of your letter is herewith returned as you request.

Very truly yours,

H D. KING

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 2d Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1936.

Memorandum:

A telephone call was received from Representative Healey of Massachusetts on behalf of John A. Strout, who was a former lighthouse keeper and whom the Bureau was obliged to refuse reinstatement on account of mental condition, it not appearing from statements by Public Health Service medical officer that he was positively free from recurrence of the condition.

The record also shows that he was employed at the Chelsea Lighthouse Depot as a temporary laborer for several months beginning in April, 1935, and it appears to have been the Superintendent's observation of him during this employment on which he based his recommendation for reinstatement as keeper. I explained the circumstances about Strout's condition and the Congressman appeared to regard as reasonable the attitude of the Service in not desiring to take a chance on his reemployment in a keeper's position where so much responsibility was involved. He said, however, that Strout now desires to obtain further employment as a laborer at the Depot, and after reviewing the record I found nothing which appeared to militate against his employment in that capacity. I suggested that the Congressman write the Commissioner or refer to him the letter that he has received, and that the matter would be considered as to employment as a laborer, provided Strout's Civil Service status for such position is satisfactory and there is a vacancy where he can be used. The Congressman said that he would do this.

W. P. HARMAN
Administrative Assistant.

WPH:EBF

November 2, 1932.

Hon. Frederick Hale,
United States Senator,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Senator Hale:

1. In further reference to your letter of October 26 in the interest of the reinstatement of Mr. John A. Strout, (your letter gives his name as Stuart, Strout is apparently intended) a former lighthouse keeper in the district of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Portland, Maine:

2. You are respectfully informed that there are no suitable vacancies at the present time to which Mr. Strout's reinstatement could be considered, and there is little prospect of such an opportunity presenting itself, owing to the fact that very few vacancies occur at this time, and when they do, they are being filled wherever practicable by the transfer of other employees who have been furloughed or whose positions are proposed for discontinuance, in accordance with the program to reduce operating expenditures in order to remain within the limits of the appropriation.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 NOV - 2 - AM 8:49

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

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Enclosure

October 31, 1932

2nd Endorsement

1. Returned to Bureau.

2. See district letter of March 17, 1932, and copy of report of Medical Officer in Charge, U S Marine Hospital No. 16, therewith enclosed.

3. In view of the medical opinion rendered in this case, this office can see no reason for recommending Mr. Strout's reinstatement at this time. It is noted that Dr. Brown's certificate refers to Mr. Strout's physical ability to perform the duties of a light keeper, about which no question has ever been raised by this office.

His separation was for prejudicial reasons
TF

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS

Portland, Maine,

October 26, 1932.

Dr. George R. Putnam, Commissioner
Bureau of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Putnam:-

John A. ~~Stuart~~ Stroot has been employed in the Lighthouse Service for the past ten years and was given a leave of absence of one year on account of illness and has been out of the service for eighteen months. He was assistant keeper at Spring Point Ledge and desires now to be reinstated in the service. I enclose a certificate from Dr. Brown as to his physical condition. If it is possible to reinstate Mr. Stuart in the position of assistant keeper at any station I shall appreciate it. I understand that he is now qualified to resume his duties.

Very truly yours,

Frederick Hale

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Enclosure.

E-M-F Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 28, 1932.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Maine, for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

LIGHTHOUSE
OCT 28 PM 12:18

Frank I. Brown, M. D.
41 PINE STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

Oct 4th 1932

This certifies that I examined John A. Stuart and find him good physical condition - I can find no condition why he is not fit to again take up work in the U.S. Light House Dept.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank I. Brown M.D.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

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SPECIAL
TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

March 17, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: John A Strout, Asst. Keeper, Spring Pt. Ledge LH., Me. - Recommendation for discontinuance of services.

REFERENCE:
(a) Dist. let. June 2, 1931.
(b) Bu. telegram June 10, 1931.
(c) Copy dist. let. June 12, 1931, to Mr. Strout granting l.w.o.p. for not to exceed one year from June 1, 1931.

1. Mr. Strout has made a request for restoration to duty. Enclosed is copy of report of examination made by United States Public Health Service at U. S. Marine Hospital No. 16, Portland, Maine, March 10, 1932.

2. In view of the opinion of the Consulting Neuropsychiatrist that there will undoubtedly be a recurrence of manic depressive insanity, depressed type, at some future date, recommendation is again made that the service of Mr. John A Strout, Assistant Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Maine, at $1440 per annum, be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of such date as the Department may issue notice thereof.

3. Section 2, Civil Service Rule I, will not be violated by the action recommended. Mr. Strout has not taken leave in excess of that allowed by Regulations. He has no status for disability retirement.

4. As the entrance on duty of Weston E Thompson as Additional Keeper is being held in abeyance pending action on this recommendation, request telegraphic advice as soon as the Department has acted upon it.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

GEORGE F LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk

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appt
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John A Strout – 1st

Rec'd to Dept as per Supt's ltr 2. This keeper has been on leave w/o. pay since June 1 – 31. He has been a keeper intermittently since 1915, having resigned five times since then, served a total of about 6 yrs. His age is 41, he is not a veteran. R 3/19

March 23, 1932.

SUBJECT: Letter of March 17 from 1st Superintendent re recommendation for discontinuance of services of John A. Strout, Asst. Keeper.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce. The Bureau concurs with the views of the Superintendent in this matter. The record shows that Keeper Strout has been on leave without pay since June 1, 1931, on account of the condition of his health. He has been a keeper intermittently since 1915, having resigned five times since then. His total service amounts only to approximately six years, and he therefore has no status for retirement on account of disability. On account of the uncertainty of his health therefore, it is recommended that his services be terminated in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Superintendent's letter.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Incl.

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Deputy Commissioner of Lighthouses

APR -1 1932

Washington DC ~~March~~

Superintendent, Lighthouses, Portland, Maine

Discontinuance services keeper john a strout approved

~~PUTNAM~~

CONFIRMATION:

Sent to Dept. 3/23/32

John A. Strout, Asst. Keeper,
Sprint Pt. Ledge LH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1932.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of the fact that you have been on leave without pay since June 1, 1931, by reason of illness, and in view of the uncertainty of your health, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services from the position of keeper at $1440 per annum of Spring Point Ledge Light Station, Maine, effective at the close of business on April 4, 1932.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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October 28, 1932.

Hon. Frederick Hale,
United States Senator,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Senator Hale:

1. In reference to your letter of October 26 in the interest of John A. Stuart who desires to be reinstated in the Lighthouse Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is under consideration and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

E-M-F

November 2, 1932.

Hon. Frederick Hale,
United States Senator,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Senator Hale:

1. In further reference to your letter of October 26 in the interest of the reinstatement of Mr. John A. Strout, (your letter gives his name as Stuart, Strout is apparently intended) a former lighthouse keeper in the district of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Portland, Maine:

2. You are respectfully informed that there are no suitable vacancies at the present time to which Mr. Strout's reinstatement could be considered, and there is little prospect of such an opportunity presenting itself, owing to the fact that very few vacancies occur at this time, and when they do, they are being filled wherever practicable by the transfer of other employees who have been furloughed or whose positions are proposed for discontinuance, in accordance with the program to reduce operating expenditures in order to remain within the limits of the appropriation.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Copy for CC

Form 73
Ed. April, 1929

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GFL:CP
Enclosure

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

Portland, Maine (City) April 15, 1931. (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER

Name, John A Strout

Position, Assistant Keeper

Location, Spring Point Ledge LH., Me.

Effective, May 1, 1931 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1440 per annum

Proposed range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Sals., Keepers, etc.

Former position, Assistant Keeper

Location, Dumpling Rock LH., Mass.

Former salary, $1320 per annum

Former range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Augustus A Wilson (Lt.#1455) **Services terminated,** April 30, 1931

Reason, To be promoted Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, —

Date of birth, —

Remarks: Mr. Strout's request for transfer bearing Second Supt's approval is herewith.

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

George F. Lauritzen

(DIRECT)

Secretary, Civil Service District.

GEORGE F. LAURITZEN, Chief Clerk.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Dumpling Rock Lt. Sta.

April 4th, 1931.

To. Supt. of Lighthouses,

Chelsea, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I would like to be transferred to Spring Point Light Station, Portland Harbor, Maine, First District, as Asst. Keeper. When vacancy may occur.

Respectfully,

(SGD) J A STROUT, Asst.

Respectfully forwarded through Rogers Keeper.

Office of Supt., 2nd District,
Chelsea, Mass., April 8, 1931.

Forwarded to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Maine. There would be no objection to a transfer in this case.

(Good man.)

(SGD) EATON
Superintendent

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT,

RECEIVED JUL 8 1915 C. S. DIST.

JUL 10 1915 HOUSES

Boston, Mass., (City.) July 8 (Date.), 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment-

Name, John A. Strout,

Legal residence, Maine-

Position, Second Assistant Keeper-

Salary, $552. per annum-

Location, The Graves Light Station, Mass.

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1916-

Effective July 16, 1915, [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, -----

Former salary, ----

Location, -----

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Assistant Light-house Keeper Percentage, 93.50, Other eligibles considered:

George A. Jamieson, C- Arthur L. Payne, C-

Previous incumbent, Emil Mueller-

Services terminated, to be reported later.

Reason, Transferred to Eleventh District.

Relatives in Government Service, J.W.Strout, father, married, Lighthouse keeper.
E.L.Field, uncle, married, Postmaster, Cape Cottage, Maine.

Remarks: No quarters are provided for families at this station. Mr. Strout was not required to appear in person owing to distance, but his vouchers show clean record in previous employment. He has had Government service in the Army Department from Aug. 1, 1911, to Oct. 10, 1911. None of the men considered are deaf mutes.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. July 8, 1915. In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Edward E. Stebbins
Secretary, 1st *Civil Service District.*

Yeager
Chief Clerk.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 10 1915

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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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1915.

Mr. John A. Strout,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty-two dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. -----, and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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July 19, 1915.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Emil Mueller.
Legal Residence: Maine.

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JUL 14 1915

✓ Supt.
Asso. LH Engr
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Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES,
FIRST DISTRICT
MAY 25 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

FIRST DISTRICT

Spring Point Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 23 1931, ~~192~~

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Portland, Maine.

Sir: I would like to exchange position's with second Assistant Keeper at Half Way Rock Light Station which is agreeable to us both.

Respectfully

Augustus A. Wilson, Keeper. J. A. Stout 1st. asst. Keeper

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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

Portland, Maine, May 26, 1931. (City) (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER & PROMOTION — **Legal residence,** Maine

Name, John A Strout — **Proposed salary,** $1560

Position, 2nd Asst. Keeper — **Proposed range,** $1500-$1860 p.a.

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me. — **Appropriation,** Sals., Kprs., etc.

Effective, June 1, 1931 — [1] ~~the exact date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Asst. Keeper — **Former salary,** $1440

Location, Spring Pt. Ledge LH.,Me. — **Former range,** $1380-$1740 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Howard A Ball (Lt.#1400) Services terminated, about May 31, 1931.

Reason, Recommendation for transfer Asst. Keeper, Spring Pt. Ledge LH (by exchange of position with Mr. Strout).

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth,

Remarks: This transfer is made at Mr. Strout's request, which is herewith. See recommendation for transfer of Ball herewith.

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

(DIRECT)
Secretary, Civil Service District.

Sherman
SHERMAN
Superintendent

Cancelled

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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STANDARD FORM No. 14a
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

GFL:CP

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

LIGHTHOUSE RECEIVED MAY 29 PM 4:

FROM Superintendent, 1st District

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHG. APPROPRIATION GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1931

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9240

Portland Maine May 28 1931

LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON

REQUEST BUREAU WITHHOLD ACTION MY NOMINATIONS TWENTY SIXTH JOHN STROUT HOWARD BALL UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED

NOTE: Due to illness to Keeper Strout which has developed since submission of my nominations, it is not known at this time whether or not he will be able to perform the duties of 2d Asst. SHERMAN at Halfway Rock. The Bureau will be further advised by letter.

Postal Telegraph

Confirmation copy to Bureau of Lighthouses.

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES,
FIRST DIST.
MAY 29 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

U.S. Marine Hospital,
Portland, Maine,
May 28, 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
First District,
Portland, Maine

Sir:

Mr. John A. Strout, keeper, was examined here yesterday and also by our Attending Specialist, Doctor Clarence P. Wescott.

A careful consideration of his previous history and present examination leads us to make a diagnosis of Manic Depressive Insanity, Depressed Type, Third Attack. Mr. Strout is at present considerably depressed, possibly due to the fact that he is separated from his wife and child. Dr. Wescott expresses an opinion that he will recover from this attack of depression but, by the usual course of the disease, there will be a recurrance probably within a few years.

It is not believed by this office that Mr. Strout is in a suitable condition to continue the active duties incident to a lighthouse keeper's position. It is felt that careful consideration should be given to the matter of his discontinuance from active duty.

Respectfully,

JRR:ACB

J.R.Ridlon, Senior Surgeon,
Medical Officer in Charge.

Kelly A Stroud - 1st

Service Record

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Wash Depot	4-19-14	6-23-14	2 mos
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4th	7-19-15	9-14-16	2 "
	7-27-16	10-15-20	17½ "
	5-1-19	5-15-20	5½ "
	12-2-22	6-11-26	½ "
	5-22-26	present	4½ "
	F-25-27		1 4/74

6 yrs - 2 mos

age 40

was transferred to 1st Hqrs
1-1921, in connection with which
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leave w.o. pay for not to exceed
1 yr, sometime within that period
to consider transferring him
back to Grd, the prospect of which might aid recovery.
O.K. But 1st will need TR 6/5
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ment in connection
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

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Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1931 JUN 3 PM 3 57

6/10/31 wired Supt

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

June 2, 1931

SUBJECT: John A Strout, Asst. Keeper,
Spring Point Ledge LH., Me.
Recommendation for discontinuance
of service.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Supplementing my telegram of the 28th ultimo, requesting Bureau to withhold action on nominations of the 26th, whereby Messrs. John A. Strout and Howard A Ball were recommended for exchange of positions:

2. The Bureau is advised that on May 27th Mr. Strout was admitted to the U S Marine Hospital at Portland, Maine, for treatment, at his request, for a case of hernia. On May 28th the Medical Officer in Charge reported to me that Strout was evidently suffering from depressive insanity and that his physical ailments were largely imaginary. Strout was thereafter sent to Dr. C. P. Wescott, consulting neuropsychiatrist of the Public Health Service, for examination and observation, and as a result of said examination the Public Health Service has diagnosed his condition as Manic Depressive Insanity, Depressed Type, Third Attack. See copy of letter of May 28, 1931, from the Medical Officer in Charge, U S Marine Hospital, herewith.

3. Dr. Wescott has stated to this office over the phone that Mr. Strout is absolutely unfit for further duty as a light keeper due to the fact that his condition will become aggravated by isolation. The opinion of the physicians who have examined Strout is that he must have home surroundings and the comfort of his family. It is understood that Mr. Strout's wife and children are still residing in Massachusetts; he having been transferred to this district from the Second District on May 1, 1931.

4. Mr. Strout is at present confined to the Marine Hospital and seems to believe that his physical condition is very poor, but the physicians state that his physical condition is good and he appears to be very robust.

5. In view of the above, it is recommended that my nominations of May 26th be cancelled, and that the services of Mr. John A Strout, Assistant Keeper, Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Maine, at $1440 per annum, be discontinued without prejudice, effective as at the close of May 31, 1931, the last date upon which he performed service. Section 2, Civil Service Rule I, will not be violated by the action recommended.

6. Mr. Strout has not taken leave in excess of that allowed by Regulations. Mr. Strout has no status for disability retirement.

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SHERMAN
Superintendent

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

RG:HLM

WASHINGTON DC JUNE 10 1931

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, MAINE

REQUEST YOU PLACE KEEPER JOHN A STROUT ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FOR NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR GIVING CONSIDERATION WITHIN THAT PERIOD TO RESTORING HIM TO DUTY IN EITHER FIRST OR SECOND DISTRICT PERIOD IN CONNECTION NOMINATION FOR FILLING VACANCY AT PRESENT TIME INCLUDE RECOMMENDATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL POSITION WITH REASONS THEREFOR

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PORTLAND, ME.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1931 JUN 15 AM 9 57

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

June 12, 1931

Mr. John A. Strout,
Cape Cottage, Maine.

Sir:

1. Referring to my letter to you of June 2, 1931, advising that I had recommended to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, that your services be discontinued without prejudice as at the close of May 31, 1931:

2. Pursuant to instructions from the Commissioner of Lighthouse, I am hereby advising you that you have been placed on leave without pay for a period of not to exceed one year from June 1, 1931, and that consideration will be given, during this period of leave without pay, to your restoration to duty either in the First or Second Lighthouse District if and when there is a vacancy at a station of a class to which it is advisable to assign you and your physical condition is such as to render it advisable for your good and the good of the Service.

Respectfully,

C. E. Sherman

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY TO Commissioner of Lighthouses. See Bureau telegram of June 10, 1931.

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Washington D C October 9 1916

Lighthouse Inspector St George New York

Assignment Strout second assistant Race Rock ~~authorized~~ approved, effective October ten

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Commissioner

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Oct. 17, 1916, 3d Inspr. requested that Dept. auth for assignment to duty of John A. Strout as 2d asst.keeper, Race Rock L.S., N.Y., be canceled as he did not enter on duty.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 19, 1916.

Returned to Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N. Y., Return Department letter of October 9, 1916, referred to above, for cancelation by the Department.

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 23 1916 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

October 17,1916

LIGHT OCT 24 1916 HOUSES

Commissioner:-

Referring to Department letter dated October 9,1916 authorizing the assignment of John A. Strout to duty as second assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, at $456 per annum. It is requested that this authority be cancelled, as Mr.Strout has declined to enter on duty.

J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 19, 1916.

Returned to Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N. Y.
Return Department letter of October 9, 1916, referred to above, for cancelation by the Department.

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Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
October 23,1916

Returned to Commissioner.
Department letter of October 9,1916 returned herewith for cencelation, as requested.

J. T. Yates
Inspector

HB-NDW

November 7, 1916.

Dept. letter Oct. 9, 1916, authorizing assignment of J. A. Strout to duty as 2d asst. kpr. Race Rock L.S., N. Y.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for cancelation as Mr. Strout has declined to enter on duty.

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Acting Commissioner

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BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
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John A. Strout,
Increase of Compensation.

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Commsr.

August 13, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Authority is requested to grant increase of compensation at the rate of $120 per annum to John A. Strout, Assistant Keeper, Bakers Island Light Station, base pay $516 per annum, beginning with the date of his entrance on duty, July 27. Mr. Strout is performing his duties in an efficient manner and his ability and qualifications are such as to justify the increased compensation.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

Yeager
~~Superintendent.~~ Chief Clerk.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
August 15, 1918.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, concurring in the views and recommendation of the Superintendent.

I certify that the ability and qualifications of the employee named in the foregoing letter justify the increase of compensation.

Acting Commissioner.

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Washington D C

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York

John A Strout and Charles Gusso approved for appointment

Appointment

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Bureau of Lighthouses

Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

Lt. 1310 Bureau No. ____ Sheet No. 2(b)29

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Strout (Surname) John (Given name) A. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Dumpling Rock Light Station
   (b) Subdivision Second District
   (c) City or town South Dartmouth State Mass.
6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1260-1560
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1500.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ 240.00
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1260.00

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

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value ____

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost Uniform @ $50.00

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From No regular hours m. to ____ m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer ____ Winter ____ (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day ____;
number of days per { week / month / year } ____ (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty ____

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

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

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

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
By the Keeper of the station as to what work needs to be done

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? J. E. Rogers Keeper
Sheet No. 2(b)28

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

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

Other education (describe): ____

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most [illegible]ying or pertinent?
Ten years experience as steam fitter. Five years experience as stationery firema[illegible] most qualifying was steam fitt[illegible]

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

Percentage of working time	
55%	First task is the operating of the light from sunset to sunrise. Keeping watch for thick or foggy weather which results in operating of the fog signal Each day for the first two weeks of every month I have a fourteen hour watch from 12 midnight to 8 a.m. then from 12 noon to 6 P.M. The two last weeks in the month I have a ten hour watch from 8 A.M. to 12 noon from 6 P.M. to 12 midnight.
15%	Keeping quarters in good condition, washing paint, painting and varnishing floors shining brass such as table lamp, fire extinguisher.
15%	The work in the lantern tower is keeping the lens and plate glass windows clean and brass shined. Keeping oil tank filled with oil. Keeping tower stairs and decks swept. The fog apparatus is kept cleaned, brass shined, floors washed.
10%	The painting of buildings, light tower, making minor repairs; the work is divided equal between Keeper and Asst. Keeper.
5%	I go for mail mostly every other day. Supplies twice a month.

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

John A. Strout.
(Signature of Employee)

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

I concur in the above

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 1 year

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

September 29, 1928 (Date) — Edward J. Curran (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Chief Clerk (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked _____. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1260 to $1560.

September 29, 1928 (Date) — Geo. E. Eaton. (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent. (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked _____. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1260, to $1560

OCT -8 1928, 1928 (Date) — J. S. CONWAY (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

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LIGHT
SEP 21 1915
HOUSES

September 21, 1915.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated September 15, 1915, as second assistant keeper of The Graves Light Station, Massachusetts, at $552 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of September 30, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. John A. Strout,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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Oct 9, 1916 Mail Desp

October 7,1916

SPECIAL

Commissioner:-

Authority is requested to assign John A. Strout to duty as Second Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, on October 10,1916, vice Robert H. Ebbitts promoted. The assignment to duty of Mr.Strout is approved by the Secretary of the 2nd Civil Service District. Mr. Strout has one relative in the Government Service, his father, J. W. Strout, keeper of Portland Head Light Station,Maine.

It is further requested that this office be advised by telegraph of authority for assigning Mr.Strout to duty, so that the necessary orders may be issued in sufficient time for him to enter on duty on October 10,1916.

J. F. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 9, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that authority be granted to assign John A. Strout to duty as Second Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, effective beginning October 10, 1916. Nomination in his case will be submitted to the Department as soon as received by the Bureau, when formal appointment may be issued. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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Acting Commissioner

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