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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Surdich, Irby		

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: 1944 LA

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.)
Daughter of Robert and Annie Gage

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location): Lighthouse Service (LA)
From: 1916 To: 1917

(Agency & Location):
From: To:

(Agency & Location):
From: To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: [ ] Yes [ ] No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0006759263

Attendant Signature:

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Final Return:

Irby Surdich

Irby Surdich

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Mississippi

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
1st Asst Kpr. Chandeleur L. S. La	$576	L. H.	Feb. 11, 1918
Resigned - close July 15, 1918.			

INACTIVE

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

LIGHT FEB 18 1918 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., February 14, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

APPOINTMENTS FEB 19 1918

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Irby Surdich. Legal residence, Mississippi.

Position, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $576.00 per annum.

Location, Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective February 11, 1918, [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACTION TAKEN FEB 19 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Location, - -

Rank on eligible list, First. Rating, Assistant Keeper. Percentage, 81.2 , Other eligibles considered:

No other eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Mack W. Hamm. Services terminated, February 7, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Irby Surdich has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Chandeleur L.S. for the family of the First Assistant Keeper. There is no suitable employee in the service who desires transfer to this position. Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at this station, Mr. Surdich was assigned to duty on February 11, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, February 14, 1918

E A Fanning
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

B B Dorry
Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 18 1918.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

FEB 19 1918 10 17 AM

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 19, 1918.

Mr. Irby Surdich,

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, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Seventy-six dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Mack W. Hamm.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

(See reverse side.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 19 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JOURNAL 11—528.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR MAR 2 1918 New Orleans, La

LIGHT MAR 9 1918 HOUSES

I, Irby Surdich,

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

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Irby Surdich
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 1st day of March, A. D. 191 8.

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. J. Travis

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb 15 - MAR 23 1919

APPOINTMENTS MAR 23 1918

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	First Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$576 p.a.	Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana.
Former [5]	Probationary appointment.		

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

MCC

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., March 4, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 11, 1918.
(Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

E. S. Lanphier,
(Signature, followed by title) Superintendent.

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[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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per

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR MAR 2 1918 New Orleans, La.

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 9 1918

(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. Jorby Lurdich

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

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth. (District.)

APPOINTMENTS 1918 MAR 9 PM 4 09

4. Position to which appointed First Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $576 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.)

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination--January 15, 1918.

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

Biloxi (City or town.) Mississippi (State or Territory.) Harrison (County.) Sixth (Congressional district.)

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

No.

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

11. Where were you born? New Orleans La.

12. When were you born? December (Month.) 22. (Day.) 1896 (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out No.

14. What is your marital condition? ~~Married~~ SINGLE.

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

Mrs E. Lurdich (Name.) 232 Thomas St. (Number and street.)

Biloxi Miss (City or town.) Mississippi (State or Territory.)

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No.

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

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

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

I have Weak Eyes and I wear Glasses.

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.
No.					

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? No. (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 None.

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

I Work at the gulf cities gass co., Biloxi, Miss.

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.)

grammar School: fifth grade.

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.")

No.

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

Asst Light House Keeper: Jan 15 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.)

Yes.

Date, March 1, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Irby Surdich

P. O. Address: 418 Biloxi
City or town.
232 Thomas St
Number and street.
Mississippi
State or Territory.

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded March 4, 1918.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

(Signature) E. S. Lanphier

(Official title) Supt., 8th Lighthouse District.

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Form 98

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

CHIEF CLERK 5

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 22 1918

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

1918 JUL 23 PM 12 32

New Orleans, La., July 18 1918.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Irby Surdich — Position, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Mississippi. — Station, Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana.

Salary, $576.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 15, 1918.

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

Remarks:

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON JUL 22 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 2 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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A. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 22 1918
HOUSES

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur St. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 15th, 1918

Lighthouse Inspector,

Sir, Please except My Resignation as Trist Assistant Keeper at Chandeleur Station to go into Effect July fifteenth - Nineteen - Eighteen.

Respectfully,
Irby Surdich
Trist asst.

Received and forwarded this 15th of June 1918.
W. H. Bayley
Keeper.

July 23, 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 July 15, 1918.

Bureau Lighthouse Service.
Position First Assistant Keeper.
Salary $576 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 24 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Irby Surdich,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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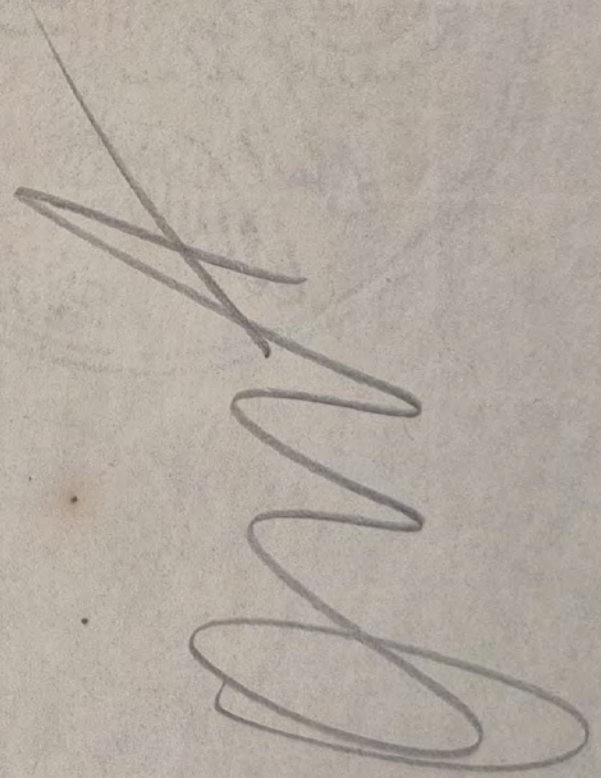
CARDED

IRBY SURDICH IRBY



IRBY SURDICH IRBY

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT FEB 18 1918 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., February 14, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Irby Surdich. Legal residence, Mississippi.

Position, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $576.00 per annum.

Location, Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective February 11, 1918, [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, First. Rating, Assistant Keeper. Percentage, 81.2, Other eligibles considered:

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

No other eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Mack W. Hamm. Services terminated, February 7, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Irby Surdich has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Chandeleur L.S. for the family of the First Assistant Keeper. There is no suitable employee in the service who desires transfer to this position. Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at this station, Mr. Surdich was assigned to duty on February 11, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, February 14, 1918

E. A. Lemmon
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

A. B. Dorry
Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 18 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

LIGHT
FEB 21 1918
HOUSES

February 19, 1918.

Mr. Irby Surdich,

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, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Seventy-six dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Mack W. Hamm.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

(See reverse side.)

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Standard Form No. 13
Approved by the President
2-26-26—Revised 1-10-28

ABSTRACT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

(For the use of the department to which the employee has been transferred)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The act, approved February 14, 1922, prescribes that "each executive department, and each independent establishment of the Government not within the jurisdiction of any executive department, shall establish and maintain such record as will enable it to determine the amount deducted within each fiscal year from the basic salary, pay, or compensation 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 official record shall be transmitted to the office to which the transfer is made."

2. A 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 abstract will be prepared in duplicate, showing his appointment in the department from which transferred and all changes of grade or compensation while therein. The original, 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 transferred 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 reinstatement, the department in which the employee is reinstated 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.

5. In the case service was per diem and continuous through the calendar year, so state; if intermittent, give dates of beginning and ending of actual employment, with the number of days served.

NAME: Surdich, Irby — December 22, 1896
(Surname first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) (Date of birth)

Dept. of Commerce, U.S.Lighthouse Service, 8th District
(Department and office in which last service was had. See Paragraph 2 of Instructions)

New Orleans, La. — July 28, 1931
(Place) (Date)

I. SERVICE RECORD

ESTABLISHMENT (a)	ACTION (b)	POSITION (Pay-roll title)	RATE OF PAY (c)	DATE EFFECTIVE
Chandeleur Light Station, La.	PA	First Assistant Keeper	$576 p.a.	Feb. 11, 1918
	Res.			July 15, 1918

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(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 one month 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—BY FISCAL YEARS

(See Instructions No. 3)

BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS		BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS	
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents
						NONE									

Do records show employee has made application for refund of any portion of amount shown above? ---
(Yes or No)

If the records show that refund of the above deductions has been made in whole or in part, state the amount or amounts, and period or periods covered and give claim number. (If none, so state) ---

State leaves of absence in current calendar year: annual ---; sick ---; without pay ---

State any leave of absence in excess of six months in the aggregate in any calendar year: ---

The foregoing is a complete abstract of the official record on file in this office showing all Federal service to date of the employee named herein.

(Signature)

Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Official title)

Countersigned ---, 19---

(Signature)

(Official title)

Furnished to:

WAR DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE

MOBILE, ALA.

July 25, 1931.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 27 1931
ANT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Subject: Service Record.

To: U. S. Lighthouse Service, 8th District, New Orleans, La.

1. It is requested that this office be furnished with abstract of service record covering the entire government service in your department, classified, unclassified, permanent and temporary, together with leave record, in the case of the following employee:

NAME	LOCATION OF WORK	SERVICE CLAIMED
Irby Surdich	Chandeleur Island Lighthouse, La.	February to October, 1915

2. Please expedite.

By direction of the District Engineer:

R. E. Ros,
Chief Clerk.

LEC
Incl.

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., July 28, 1931

1. Returned to The District Engineer, U. S. Engineer Office, Mobile, Ala., together with Abstract of Official Record of Irby Surdich as taken from the records of this office.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 56
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Personnel

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. _____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

New Orleans La November 29, 1918
(Place and date)

SEND TO Irby Surdich
Two Thirty Two Thomas Street
Biloxi Mississippi

Will you accept keepership Cat Island Light Station at increased pay seven hundred eighty dollars year forty five cents day rations Desirable you report soon as possible Telegraph reply

DORRY LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

[SIGNED] DORRY
(Name)

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 6th Dist.
(Title)

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November 19, 1918.

Mr. Irby Surdich,
232 Thomas St.,
Biloxi, Mississippi.

Sir:

There will be a vacancy at Cat Island Light Station, Miss., on December 2, 1918. Salary: $624 per annum and a ration allowance of 45¢ per day in cash. Only one keeper is authorized to care for this station and family quarters are provided.

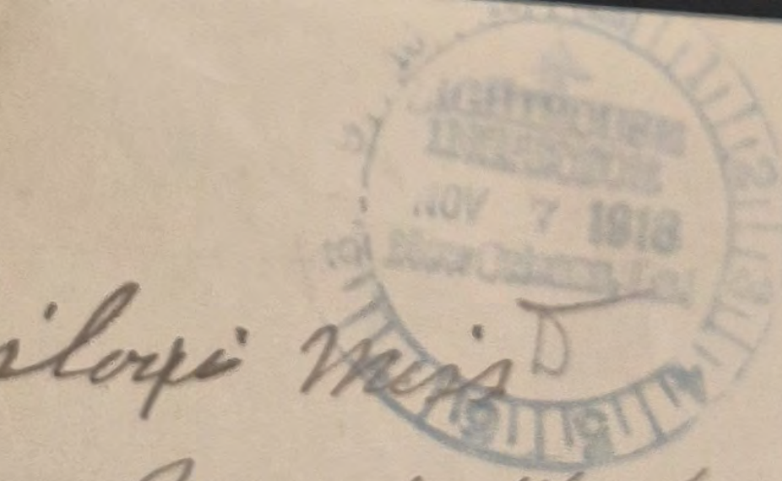
Advise this office as soon as practicable after receipt of this letter if you desire to be considered for the keepership at this station beginning December 2, 1918.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Respectfully,

E. S. L.

First Assistant Superintendent.



LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NOV 7 1918
New Orleans, La.
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Biloxi Miss

Nov 6 11/18

Superindent of Lighthouses

Sir I am Referring to see if there is an open to the Position as Range Light keeper at Biloxi harver Lights if there is an open I would be Noore tham glad to have the Position as Light keeper at Biloxi harver Lights. Sir and I do not have to go off in the draft I am all ok Now. Sir if there is an open I am Ready to fill the Position at any time if Needit. I Will thank you for kindness.

Respectfully

Irby Swalich

232 Thomas St

Biloxi Miss

LIGHT
JUL 25 1918
HOUSES

July 23, 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 July 15, 1918.
on

Bureau Lighthouse Service.
Position First Assistant Keeper.
Salary $576 per annum.

JUL 25 1918 3 05 PM

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
JUL 30 1918
New Orleans, La.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Irby Surdich,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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August 13, 1918.

Irby Surdich, Former Assistant Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
232 Thomas St.,
Biloxi, Mississippi.

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated July 23, 1918, accepting your resignation as First Assistant Keeper at Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana, at $576 per annum, effective at the close of July 15, 1918.

Check in payment of your services from July 1 to 15, inclusive, is also inclosed.

(Signed) DORRY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished W. W. Bayly, Keeper, Chandeleur L.S., Box 417, Biloxi, Miss., for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 33

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., July 18, 1918.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Irby Surdich

Position, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Mississippi.

Station, Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana.

Salary, $576.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 15, 1918.

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

Remarks:

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 15, 1918.

Lighthouse Inspector:

Sir:

Please accept my resignation as First Assistant Keeper at Chandeleur Light Station to go into effect July Fifteenth, Nineteen Eighteen.

Respectfully,

IRBY SURDICH,
First Assistant.

Received and forwarded this 15th of June, 1918.

W. W. BAYLY,
Keeper.

JAM-MCC

May 24, 1918.

Irby Surdich, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
P. O. Box 417,
Biloxi, Miss.
(Through the Keeper.)

Your letter of May 22, 1918, tendering your resignation as First Assistant Keeper of Chandeleur Light Station effective at the close of July 1, 1918, is herewith returned.

Official letter paper should be used and the letter forwarded through the Keeper, in accordance with paragraph 55 (subparagraphs 1 and 6) of "Instructions to Employees, 1915." Be guided accordingly.

(Signed) DORRY,

Inspector.

Copy furnished W. W. Bayly, Keeper, Chandeleur L.S., for his information and the station files.

Upon receipt of Mr. Surdich's resignation on official paper and properly indorsed by you, same will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with recommendation that it be accepted.

Advise whether or not Second Assistant Keeper Joseph C. Seidule possesses the necessary qualifications and is worthy of promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper of Chandeleur Light Station.

Inspector.

COPY (MCC)

Biloxi, Miss., May 22, 1918.

Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,
Inspector, of 8th District.

Dear Sir:

After July 1, 1918, I tender my resignation as First Assistant Lighthouse Keeper at Chandeleur Station.

Respectfully,

IRBY SURDICH

COPY (MCC)

Biloxi, Miss., May 22, 1918.

Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,
Inspector, of 8th District.

Dear Sir:

After July 1, 1918, I tender my resignation as First Assistant Lighthouse Keeper at Chandeleur Station.

Respectfully,

IRBY SURDICH

JAM-MCC

March 30, 1918.

William W. Bayly, Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
P. O. Box 417,
Biloxi, Mississippi.

Referring to your letter of February 13, 1918, stating that First Assistant Keeper Surdich was an incompetent boatman:

As it is impracticable at this time to procure the services of a qualified keeper, you are directed to exert every effort towards assisting the assistant keeper to become familiar with the station work. If in the future it appears that he is unable to efficiently fill the position, make further report in his case.

Inspector.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Biloxi Harbor Lights.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel.~~)

March 3d, 1918.

Lighthouse Inspector
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to letter of the 20th ult., beg to state: That I got my information in regards to Mr. Surdich qualification as asst. Keeper, partly from himself and also from other people.

Respectfully
Albert Sommer.
Keeper.

JAM-MCC

February 20, 1918.

Albert Sommer, Keeper,
Biloxi Harbor Lights,
912 West Howard Ave.,
Biloxi, Miss.

This office recently requested a confidential voucher of you in regard to what you knew of Mr. Irby Surdich's qualifications as an Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

In answers to Questions 5, 6 and 7 on this voucher, you stated that Mr. Surdich had had experience in handling small sail, motor and row boats and that he gained this experience on the Mississippi Sound. You also stated that he had been a seaman for two years on oyster craft.

It is requested that you advise this office on what grounds you made these statements; whether or not you got this information by personal observation or from other people.

Inspector.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR FEB 19 1918 New Orleans, La.



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 13th, 1918

Light House Inspector
New Orleans, La.

Sir

I reached the station this afternoon at 4:00 P.m. with Mr Irby Sundich the 1st Hist. I placed him on duty at once. He is not any man for this station, he dont know how to run a boat, and on the way out I gave him a course on the compass while I attended to the engine, when I looked at the compass he was going back to Biloxi, he dasn't know anything about water work as he hasn't any experience along that line.

Scidule is much the best man of the two.

Very Respectfully.

W. W. Bayley
Keeper

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Biloxi Miss. July 26th 1918

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

New Orleans. La.

Sir Referring to the result of my appearance before the Examiners board on the 20th of July. I am hereby notified that I am in the Limited Military Services as a Mechanic which leaves me in a class one subject to call in order of call when the Government may have need of my services. if there are any vacants in any other Light Houses Please Let me know and I will answer right away.

for I like to have another Lighthouse Job that is any where from Round Island to the mouth of the Mississippi river I will Moore tham thank you for the Job

Respectfully

Irby. Surdick

232 Thomas St

Biloxi Miss

MCC

July 18, 1918.

Irby Surdich,
232 Thomas St.,
Biloxi, Mississippi.

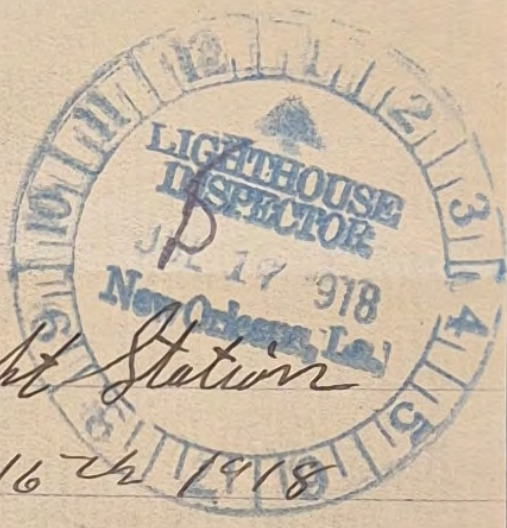
Your letter of resignation has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with recommendation that it be accepted effective at the close of July 15, 1918. Upon receipt of the Department's acceptance, check in payment of your services from July 1-15, inclusive, will be mailed to you.

Referring to your letter of July 16th applying for appointment as Assistant Keeper at Horn Island Light Station, Mississippi, you are advised that no action will be taken on your application until this office has been informedof the result of your appearance before the Examiners' Board on the 20th of July.

(Signed) DORRY,
Superintendent.

Copy furnished W. W. Bayly, Keeper, Chandeleur L.S., Box 417, Biloxi, Miss., for his information and the station files.

Superintendent.



Chandeleur Light Station
Biloxi July 16th 1918
Superintendent of Light House
New Orleans La.

Sir Replying to your Letter of July 10th I wish to state that I accept the position as asst Keeper at Horn Island Station but cannot go on duty Until the 25th of July as I have been ordered before the Examiner board on the 20th of July there is also Lately No doubt that I will be Exampted as I am the only support of My Mother hopping that My Explanation will be satisfactory and the kind thanks of you for kind offer. and how am I to get out there when

I am to Report on duty Please
State how I am to get there so
I can be ready to go am when
the time come. Please send
My Mail to 232 Thomas St
Biloxi Miss here after.

Respectfully

Irby Surdick
first asst Lighthouse Keeper

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
JUL 17 1918
New Orleans, La.



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 16th, 1918

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans La.

Sir

I have discontinued the services of Mr Peby Surdich as 1st Assistant Keeper at Chandeleur Light Station on the close of the 15th and will take him to Belize today. he seemed tired of the station

Very Respectfully
W. W. Bayley
Keeper

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July 10, 1918.

Irby Surdich, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
P.O.Box 417,
Biloxi, Miss.
(Through the Keeper.)

Referring to your letter of June 7, 1918, requesting transfer to any station between Horn Island and the mouth of the Mississippi River:

You are requested to advise this office, by return mail if practicable, whether or not you will accept appointment as Assistant Keeper at Horn Island Light Station at a salary of $492 per annum and the usual ration allowance of 45¢ per day in cash. If so, state the earliest date on which you can report at that station for duty.

The keepers of Horn Island Light Station are included in Class I for leave of absence, being allowed 96 days per annum, or at the rate of 8 days per month. However, there being only two keepers authorized for this station, neither keeper shall be absent more than 4 days at a time without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the Superintendent.

If you will not accept transfer as outlined above, advise this office at once whether you still wish your resignation to take effect at the close of July 15, 1918.

(Signed) DORRY,
Superintendent.

Copy furnished W.W.Bayly, Keeper, Chandeleur L.S., for his information and the station files.

If Mr. Surdich does not desire to accept transfer to Horn Island, you are directed to release him from duty at the close of July 15, 1918, promptly advising this office, and to employ a suitable person to act as temporary additional keeper at $456 per annum and the usual ration allowance of 45¢ per day in cash. In this connection, your attention is invited to letter from this office dated June 4, 1918, suggesting that you employ Earl J. Dellenger of 218 Cuevas St., Biloxi, Miss., who has submitted an application for the position of Assistant Keeper, provided he possesses the necessary qualifications.

Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur St. Sat.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

June 7, 1918

Lighthouse Inspector
New Orleans La

Sir

Refering to My Last Letter of May 22th asking to Except my Resignation I respectfully request that I be transferred instead as soon as possible. any station from horn island to the Mouth of Mississippi river will be excepted. I respectfully request that this go in to effect immediatley.

Respectfully
Irby Surdick
first asst.

Rec'vd and Forwarded this 8th day of June 1918.

W. A. Bagley.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chandeleur Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 8th, 1918.

Light House Inspector
New Orleans, La.

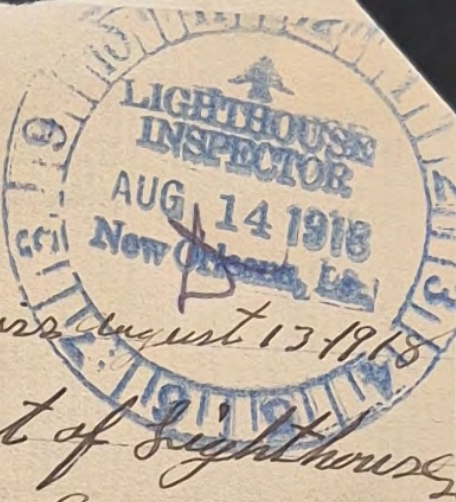
Sir

Mr Roy Sudrick has changed his mind about his resignation. He desires to be transfered to some other station near the main land.

Very Respectfully
W. H. Bayly.
Keeper

Personnel
chandeleur P.S.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
AUG 14 1918
New Orleans, La.



Biloxi Miss August 13 1918

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New-Orleans. La.

Sir Referring to my pay from the 1st to the 15 of July I like to know how it is that I never got my pay check for I need the money bad I have a Mother to support and I like to have it as soon as I could get it Please send it as soon as you can for I need it I will thank you every so much for doing that for me.

Respectfully
Irby Lurdich
Thomas St.

Check mailed 8/15/18 Jan

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

FEB 21 HOUSES

February 19, 1918.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR FEB 25 1918 New Orleans, La.

Mr. Irby Surdich,

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, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Seventy-six dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Mack W. Hamm.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Irby Surdich,

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.

IRBY SURDICH
(Appointee signs here)

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

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) _____

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires _____

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present First Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$576 p.a.	Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana.
Former [5] Probationary appointment.		

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

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., March 4, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 11, 1918.
(Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

L.
(Signature, followed by title) Superintendent.

[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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Corrected MCC

Form 124.
May, 1915.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION



Light House service
[Branch of service or department.]

Biloxi, Mississippi
[Name of city.] [State.]

March 1, 1918

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. If the answer to question 6 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted by the appointing officer for approval before appointment may be authorized. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What was your age on your last birthday and what was the date of your birth?	December 22 age 21.
2. Where were you born?	
3. What were the names of the persons who signed the vouchers to your application?	E Moore. A Baker. W Dazell. W Elmer Jr. Albert Sommer.
4. In what city or town, and in what building were you examined?	Biloxi Mississippi
5. To what position have you been appointed? State the salary. If temporary, so state.	Assist Light House Keeper. P.A. $576.

6. Are any members of your family in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" Yes. If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name.	Post office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Albert Sundich		Position Sergeant Department or office Army.	Brother	Married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

7. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination? No. If so, give the name of each such person

8. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form? Yes.

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

Joby Sundich
[Signature.]

P.O.Box 417, Biloxi, Miss. Residence: 232 Thomas St., Biloxi, Miss.
[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

The officer before whom the above certificate is made is requested to sign the following:

The above certificate was executed before me, in his own handwriting, by the identical person who has reported for assignment to duty.

Was photograph of appointee furnished you? no If so, is it a correct likeness of the person who executed this form? xxxx - - -

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.
The paper should be returned to Chief Clerk of bureau when completed.

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Signature W. W. Bayley

Official title Keeper

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February 26, 1918.

Irby Surdich, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Chandeleur Light Station,
Box 417,
Biloxi, Mississippi.
(Through the Keeper.)

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated February 19, 1918, appointing you First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Serfice at a salary of $576 per annum (plus 10% during present fiscal year) and an allowance of thirty cents (30¢) per day in cash instead of rations, for duty at Chandeleur Light Station effective commencing February 11, 1918.

Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same promptly, as no compensation will be paid you until the oath is received in proper form.

"Personal Question Sheet" should be executed in duplicate, all questions being answered, even if only "Yes" or "No" is necessary.

Form 124, "Declaration of Appointee," should be completed by you in the presence of the Keeper of Chandeleur Light Station; then dated and signed by him and forwarded to this office.

Give the above your careful attention.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,

Inspector.

Copy furnished W. W. Bayly, Keeper, Chandeleur Light Station, Box 417, Biloxi, Miss., for his information and the station files.

Inspector.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., February 14, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Irby Surdich. Legal residence, Mississippi.

Position, First Assistant Keeper in the Light-house Service. Salary, $576.00 per annum.

Location, Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective February 11, 1918, (the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.)

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

Location, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, First. Rating, Assistant Keeper. Percentage, 81.2, Other eligibles considered:

No other eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Mack W. Hamm. Services terminated, February 7, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Irby Surdich has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Chandeleur L.S. for the family of the First Assistant Keeper. There is no suitable employee in the service who desires transfer to this position. Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at this station, Mr. Surdich was assigned to duty on February 11, 1918.

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

Inspector.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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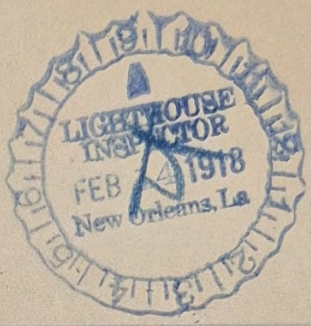
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
FEB 14 1918
New Orleans, La



Biloxi Miss
February 12th 1918.

Light House Inspector
New Orleans. La

Sir

I did not get Mr Sordeck until about 2.00 P.M. the 11th This morning we were to go out but it is blowing hard from the South and pouring down rain.
I will get out just as soon as I can.

Very Respectfully
W. W. Bayley
Keeper

E.O.D. Feb, 11, 1918.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

COPY (MCC) Recd., L.H.Inspr., N.O.,La., Feb.13,1918.9 a.m.

U.S.CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

This form is to be used solely for the purpose of recording former employment of a person appointed to the Government service with a view to directing applicants for employment to the possible need for workers. It may be filled out by the appointee, or by other person from data in application of examination papers. In the latter case the question as to strike need not be answered.

Record of last private employment of Irby Surdich, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Appointed First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, for duty
(Date) (Position) (Office)
at Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana.

Trade or calling Helper Pay received $45.00 month.

Name and address of last employer Grover Graham, Foreman of Gulf Cities Gas Company.

Was termination of employment due to a strike? No.

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., February 13, 1918.

Forwarded to U. S. Employment Office, City Hall, New Orleans, La.

Inspector.

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February 9, 1918.

Mr. Irby Surdich,
232 Thomas St.,
Biloxi, Miss.

Sir:

Referring to your return of Form 201 indicating your willingness to accept the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Chandeleur Light Station at a salary of $456 per annum (plus 10% additional during the fiscal year to end June 30, 1918) and an allowance of 30¢ per day in cash instead of rations:

You are now informed that you have been selected for the position of First Assistant Keeper at above station at a salary of $576 per annum (plus 10%) and the usual ration allowance.

It is desired to have you enter upon duty at the earliest date practicable, and the Keeper, Mr. William W. Bayly (who is now in Biloxi), has been directed to call on you and arrange to take you out to the station in the Government boat.

Inclosed slip relative to your previous employment should be completed and returned to this office without delay.

Respectfully,

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,
Inspector.

Copy furnished Wm. W. Bayly, Keeper, Chandeleur L.S., P.O.Box 417, Biloxi, Miss.

Call on Mr. Surdich at above address and arrange to take him out to the station as soon as possible.

Promptly advise this office the exact date you leave Biloxi with Mr. Surdich enroute to the station.

Inspector.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

MR. Inby Surdick

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

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth. (District.)

4. Position to which appointed First Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $576 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.)

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination--January 15, 1918.

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

Biloxi (City or town.) Mississippi (State or Territory.) Harrison (County.) Sixth (Congressional district.)

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

No.

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

11. Where were you born? New Orleans. La.

12. When were you born? December. (Month.) 22. (Day.) 1896. (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out No.

14. What is your marital condition? ~~Good~~ SINGLE.

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

Mrs E Surdick (Name.) 232 Thomas St. (Number and street.)

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

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No.

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

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

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

I have Weak Eyes and Wear Glasses.

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.
	No.				

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? No. (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 None.

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

23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

I work at the gulf cities gass Co. , Biloxi, Miss.

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.)

Grammar School fifth grade.

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.")

No.

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

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

Yes.

Date, March 1, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Gorby Surdich

P. O. Address: Box 417 Biloxi
City or town.
232 Thomas St
Number and street.
Mississippi
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.)

MCC

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded March 4, 1918.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

(Signature) E. S. L.

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(Official title) Supt., 8th Lighthouse District.