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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

All communications should be addressed to "The Light-House Board."

Washington, 6 Sept., 1900.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. Carl O. Svendsen to be Assistant Keeper of Bull Bay, S.C., light-station, with pay at the rate of $300. a year, position authorized by Department letter of 4 Sept., 1900.

Mr. Svendsen has passed the required Civil Service examination and attained a rating of 91.3 per cent.

Respectfully,

Thomas Perry

Captain, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

All communications should be addressed to "The Light-House Board."

Washington, 19 February, 1901.

No. 928.

In correspondence on this subject quote the above file number.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask that Mr. Carl O. Svendsen, Assistant Keeper of the Bull Bay, S. C., Light-Station, be given an absolute appointment, to date from 8 March 1901, with pay at the rate of $300. a year.

The probationary appointment of Mr. Svendsen will expire on 7 March 1901, and the Inspector of the Sixth Light-House District recommends that he receive an absolute appointment.

Respectfully,

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

All communications should be addressed to "The Light-House Board."

Washington, April 5, 1901.

No. 928.

In correspondence on this subject quote the above file number.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. Carl O. Svendsen, from the position of Assistant Keeper at Bull Bay, S. C., Light-Station to that of Second Assistant Keeper at Jupiter Inlet Fla., Light-Station, to date from 21 April, 1901, with pay at the rate of $487. a year, in the place of Mr. T. Braly Miles, whose probationary appointment will expire April 20, 1901, and who does not desire an absolute appointment.

Respectfully,

W. McCaynd

Captain, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

FILE NO. 928.

Washington, 20 Dec. 1902.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer and promotion of Mr. Carl O. Svendsen, from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Jupiter Inlet Fla., Light-Station, to that of First Assistant Keeper at Charleston, S. C., Light-Station, to date from 1 Jan'y., 1903, with pay at the rate of $500.00 a year, in place of Mr. Angus G. Bennett, transferred and promoted.

Respectfully,

C. J. Hutchins.

Captain U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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File No. 928.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

8 May, 1907.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer and promotion of Mr. Carl O. Svendsen of South Carolina, from the position of First Assistant Keeper at the Charleston, S. C., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $500 a year, to that of Keeper at the St. Simon, Ga., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $600 a year, to date from 1 June, '07, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. Joseph Champagne, resigned. Effective May 31 '07

Respectfully,

5-9-07

Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUN 14 1907 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN 15 1907 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

I, Carl O. Svendsen

do solemnly[a] Swear 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.**

Carl O. Svendsen

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date 1 June '07
[signature] Johnson
Chief Clerk,
[initials]

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of June, A. D. 1907

[c] Name: Jas D Gould

Official title: Justice of the Peace

{Affix official seal.}

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Keeper	St Simon, Ga.	Cardiff Eng	S. C.

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

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] 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. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED JUN 14 1907 TO APPOINTMENTS DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

928 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED AUG 13 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of the Inspector, 6th L. H. Dist.,

Charleston, S.C.,

July 29, 1908.
(Date)

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) change in designation
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Mr. Carl O. Svendsen (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) South Carolina,
(State or Territory)
from (4) Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) St. Simon Light-Station, Ga.,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $600.00 per an. (Salary now paid) (7) Keeper
(Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) St. Simon Light-Station and St. Simon Beacon, Ga., at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $50.00 per mo (Salary recommended), effective beginning (10) July 1, 1908, (the date
of his entrance on duty) ~~(or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)~~
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) himself
~~is recommended for change~~ (Name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) designation on (13) June 30, 1908.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) --- stands No. (15) --- in list of eligibles,
This amount of pay is the same as that recommended by the report of the Committee
Class (16) ---, with an average of (17) --- per cent, and
on Equalization of Pay, approved June 25, 1908. The salary is arranged on a month-
was considered with (18) ---
ly basis in accordance with that report and the designation of the keeper is changed
(19) letters of declination of --- herewith.
to include an additional light.

Respectfully,

Comdr., U.S.N., Inspr. 6th L.H.Dist.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

August 12, 1908.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED AUG 13 1908 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Captain, U. S. N.
Naval Secretary

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OATH OF OFFICE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Carl O. Svendsen

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.

Carl O. Svendsen
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 7th day of Aug, A. D. 1912

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Jas. D. Lovell

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Keeper	$600.00 p.a.	St. Simon Light Station, and St. Simon Beacon Light, Georgia.

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

No change in position or location.

By change from $50.00 p.m. to above rate of pay.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Sixth District

Charleston, South Carolina, (Address) August 7, 1912. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 1, 1912. (Date)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

H. D. King
(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector, 6th L.H. 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 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.

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

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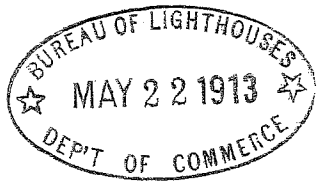
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

HDK-HMD

Office of Inspector, 6th District,
Charleston, S. C.,

May 20, 1913.

Quarterly
Commendation.



Carl O. Svendsen:

You are hereby commended for the general improvement in the condition of your station since prior inspection, as evidenced on the occasion of inspection for quarter ending March 31, 1913.

KING

Inspector.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Dec. 15, 1914.

Mr. C. O. Svendsen, Keeper, St. Simon Light Station.

Your letter of December 12th declining proposed transfer to Georgetown Light Station is received.

There is forwarded this day, to Asst. Keeper at your station, through the Keeper, a request for a detailed statement as to his reasons for requesting transfer. When you forward his reply, you are directed to submit therewith, statement in explanation of the difficulty experienced in recent years in retaining Asst. Keepers at your station. Attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Wescott is the fourth Asst. Keeper you have had at your station during the past twenty-one months. Two of these Assts. having resigned, one accepted transfer to another station at a reduction in pay and rank and now the fourth states that resignation is preferable to remaining longer at this station. In the opinion of this office, St. Simon Light Station is, in its location and surroundings, one of the most desirable stations in the District and this continued difficulty in retaining Asst. Keepers is not understood.

In view of the general satisfactory condition of the Station at this time and its marked emprovement since two years ago, this office is not disposed to take any radical action without the most careful consideration, and you are directed to make your statement of this matter very complete in order that there may be no failure to discover the exact cause of the difficulties at your station.

King

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than he could get a way he was offered 2nd Asst at St Augustian Fla he left for that station April 11th 1914.

Mr J. L. King reported for duty April 12th 1914 and left service July 15th 1914 His reasons for leaving as far as I know was that there was to much work and he was refused a transfer and he did not like the way the officer answered his letters.

Mr T. L. Wescott reported for duty July 17th 1914 he has not been well since he has been here I think that it was the change of climate and the sulphur water that made him sick he has even had chicken pox since coming here seems to be enjoying good health at the present time,

Respectfully
C. C. Swindsen
Keeper

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St.Simon Island Ga. Dec.17/14

LIGHT HOUSES

Lighthouse Inspector,

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of Dec.15, will say that there has been no trouble between Keeper C.O.Svendsen and myself and I have no dread on my part for I have done my duty in every respect since I have been on this station. Have never grumbled or given the keeper one back word since I have been here. My reasons for wanting to leave is that my health is no good at all, being broke of my rest so much and not being use to it keeps me sick and therefore I dont like it here. And yet I will say if you will give me a transfer I will surely appreciate it. In regards to my letter of Nov. 27th I did not mean to carry it over the Keeper. I did not know that all correspondence with the Office had to go through him, but hereafter I will pass through his hands all my future correspondence with the office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J.E.Wescott
Asst.Keeper, St.Simon Light Station
St. Simons Island, Ga.

Through Keeper.

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Wanchese, N.C. Mar. 28, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, So. Car.

BOARD OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTORS
5-6-15
Copy 6 rd Dept
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 23d received. The check I have received and in regards to the treatment I received from Keeper C. O. Svendsen was treatment that you or I would not give a negro or anything else that is called human. I will give you some names below that you may write to and find out for yourself that I was strict to my duties. C. O. Svendsen can not say iota against me while I was in the Service. I never gave him any back words when he was cursing and swearing at every thing. I did all the work that was done on the station while I was there, while he was working for himself. As you may know, he runs a wood Yard and he was getting wood off the beach or sawing wood all the time and when he was not at that he was scraping the whitewash off his cottage so he could paint it.
Now I will tell you about the paint so you can see for yourself.
The green paint he took from the Green cottage abreast the Lighthouse and the white paint that he used to make it light with he got off the Government's paint. Also the oil and turpentine he got from the Government workhouse. He said if the Oil run short that he would use kerosine oil to thin the paint with.
The oil cans he sold to Wright & Gowen at Brunswick, Ga for 15 cts for all the rusty ones and those that are not rusty he would get 20 cts for. He told me that the office gave all the cans to him. I know that he kept all the money that he got for them. He mostly let the money go on his bills with the Wright & Gowen. Mr. Bouk, I have never had a job that I like so well as I did the Lighthouse. but I could not stay with a man like I was with.
All the Asst. Keepers that left before I did was glad to get away and no doubt will tell you the treatment they received while they were with him.

Now you can write to some names I will tell you in order to find out what I did and how I conducted myself while I was there . You can write to just these addresses are and they will get the letters or you may see them in person. Mr. C. A. True, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wm. Wallace, also the lady Postmistress and her father Miss & Mr. [illegible]. Mr Gale. All there are of one address:

St. Simon Island, Ga.

Now, if you should doubt one word in this letter, you can send it back to me and I will go before a notary take oath and have his seal put in it and send it back to you. There is not one word in this letter that is not true.
You will see for yourself. when you go. I will tell you now that you will never get a man in St Simon Lt house that will report C.O.Svendsen.
Each man is glad to get away from him as easy as possible. He would keep me in the tower from 1:25 to 3:20 o'clock every morning and turn me to work on the morning at 8:30 o'clock and work me until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.
I was in bed sick three days and he never even came to the door and ask me to have a cup of coffee and I was paying him $18.00 per mo. for my table board.
Also I had to go and keep the beacon every time it was gone & and every morning I had to fill up the tank and pump up and clean the tower. When I was sick I had to do it just the same as I did when I was well.

Please write to those who I have given you the names of so you will know how I conducted myself while I was there.

T.L. Wescott

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CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

April 1, 1915.

Miss Gould, Postmistress,

St.Simon Island Rural Sta., Ga.

Madam:

Mr. T. L. Wescott, formerly Assistant Keeper at St.Simon Light Station has referred me to you as one having knowledge as to what he did and how he conducted himself while he was at the station.

He claims that the Keeper, Mr. C.O.Svendsen, required him to perform an undue amount of the station work and that in other ways he did not receive proper treatment.

He also claims that Mr. Svendsen conducts a wood yard and spends a considerable portion of his time in getting wood off the beach and sawing it up at the same time requiring the Assistant to perform the station work.

I should be very much pleased to have you make a statement in regard to this if you have any knowledge of the matter and care to do so.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) H. L. Beck

Inspector.

Mr. H.L.Beck

Charleston, S.C.

Dear Sir: Being a Government employee, I prefer keeping silent on the above matter.

Respectfully
(Sgd) Julia A Gould

St.Simon s Island,Ga.

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SUBJECT: Charges preferred against Mr. C. O. Svendsen, Keeper St. Simon St Simon L.S. by Mr. T L Wescott, formerly Asst Kpr.

HLB-AEB

Office of Inspr. 6th L H Dist.
Charleston SC April 1st 1915

Referred to Mr. Svendsen for his information with instructions to return with such a statement as he may care to make. Statement must be mad3 in regard to the charges that:

1. The Keeper runs a wood yard.
2. That he used paint and oil belonging to the Lighthouse Service for his personal benefit.
3. That he sold mineral oil cans.

H. L. BECK,
Inspr

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
CHARLESTON, S.C

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
APR 13 1915
HOUSES

HLB-AEB.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

April 1, 1915.

Mr. William Wallace,

St. Simon Island Rural Station, Ga.

Sir:

Mr. T. L. Wescott, formerly Assistant Keeper at St. Simon Light Station has referred me to you as one having knowledge as to what he did and how he conducted himself while he was at the station.

He claims that the Keeper, Mr. C. O. Svendsen, required him to perform an undue amount of the station work and that in other ways he did not receive proper treatment.

He also claims that Mr. Svendsen conducts a wood yard and spends a considerable portion of his time in getting wood off the beach and sawing it up at the same time requiring the assistant to perform the station work.

I should be very much pleased to have you make a statement in regard to this if you any knowledge of the matter and care to do so.

Respectfully,

W. L. B...

Inspector.

Recd. Apr. 8th/15.

Dear Mr. Beck:

I know nothing of Lighthouse assistants duties to speak of. I have no desire to injure Mr Svendsen as a neighbor. He has never never harried me or others in the neighborhood I know of.

Very respectfully,

W. L. Wallace.

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APR 13 1915
HOUSE

St. Simon Light Station,
St. Simon Island, Ga. April 5,1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

Your letter of April 1st, at hand. In reference to T. L. Wescott's charges preferred against me will say:

1st. Idde not run a wood yard but sell a few loads of wood in the summer.
2nd. I have not used paint and oil belonging to Lighthouse Service.
3rd. I did sell mineral oil cans, Mr. Wescott receiving half the money for same. I deny all other accusations as they are false.
I could prefer charges against Mr. Wescott but will not do so unless you wish me to. I have never reported any one as I dislike doing anything of the kind.

My journal and watch book will speak for itself. We were on friendly terms while he was here and when he left and am surprised at what he has done.

Respt.

sgd C. O. Svendsen,

Keeper, St. Simons Island, Ga.

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LIGHT
APR 12 1915
HOUSES

St. Simon Light Sta.,
St. Simon Island, Ga., April 7, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S.C.

Sir: -

In my letter of April 4th to you I denied the charges that I was not guilty of preferred against me by Mr. T. L. Wescott.

Since writing that letter I have been thinking the matter over and have decided it would be no more than right to make the following statement, as Mr. Wescott is trying to take away my character.

He told me that he had "hoboed" his way through different parts of the country and other things about these "hobo" trips that was nothing to his credit. He came here with nothing except two suit cases. My wife refused to board him as we knew nothing about him then and his personal appearance was against him. The next day I sent him to Brunswick to get his supplies and any furniture he might wish to get . When he returned I asked him when his supplies would be over. He told me that he nothing as he had no money and Wright & Cowen Co. would not trust him. He asked again to get board from us (we had in the meantime given him his meals, also furnished him with bed). My wife still refused him board so I told her it looked like we would have to let him board with us until he got some money.

The third day after he came here, she told him she would give him board and furnished room for $18.00 per month. He used the small room upstairs, (which we have furnished and which Mr. Pawcek occupies when here) until I asked him to move out in his own rooms, as he was so untidy with his person that I had to do so. He made all arrangements about his board with my wife; he settled his board with her.

He missed possibly three meals on account of being sick; said he had a headache and did not care for anything. I went upstairs to see what he wanted or needed and gave him a dose of medicine. I also gave him any medicine he asked for and offered him other medicine from the "medicine chest". My wife also gave him a bottle of headache medicine which she had put up from a prescription.

He was not sick in bed three consecutive days while here. He often went in the dining room and helped himself to a lunch when he came off watch. It was usually after those midnight lunches that he would not care for breakfast.

He boarded with us up to and including the 30th day of November, 1914. After that he did his own cooking upstairs; said he was going to save that board money or part of it to help pay his way back home, that he was going to leave the Service as the pay was so little, said he could make more fishing.

He asked my wife to sell him a bedstead and springs which she agreed to do for $10.00. He put bedstead in his own room (I gave him free of charge a mattress to use on same). Then he took two pillows from my room which I had asked him to vacate without asking leave to do so and used them as long as he was here.

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Mr. Gould came one Sunday p. m. to buy some eggs from him and Miss Gould, Postmistress was here once to go up in tower. I was with her party and don't think she even saw Mr. Wescott. He was not working at the time any of these people were here.

Mr. Wilson was never on the Station until this morning when he came over to bid on the wood for station. Therefore, these people whose names he gave you, know nothing about his conduct on station.

He took Christmas dinner with us and partook of our hospitality during Christmas time. How can he say I did not treat him right and why did he wait until he left here to say it? I favored him all I could up to the time he left here. I brushed his coat when he came down to say good-bye and he gave me a collapsible coat hanger as a parting gift saying he would possibly see me again within a year.

I hired darkies to saw and split most of the wood I have. It is outside of Lighthouse Yard fence. I have, ever since I have been here, picked up wood on the beach for my own use and what I did not use I would sell in the summer if I had any calls for it. I never neglected the station work. I mean my part of it to do this or anything else, and I never imposed upon the Assistant. I have never asked for wood until after Mr. White came. He said his papers stated coal and wood would be furnished, so I asked for the wood on his account.

The watch book will give the hours of each of our watches which will contradict his statement concerning the watches. I do not understand what he means by saying I kept him in the tower from 1:25 until 3:20 o'clock every morning. I only know that I did not do it.

In regards to the mineral oil cans will say; Mr. John Robertson Jr. who was Asst. here and who had been Assistant on Savannah River at some station there, said that he had sold them (the oil cans) while there and he made arrangements with Mr Whitmire of Wright & Gowen Co. to take all from this station and after he left here, I sold them; the assistants always received half the proceeds.

We had four inspections while Mr. Wescott was here and don't understand why he did not prefer those charges against me then, as Mr. Gregg was here on inspection on December 10, 1914, and asked Mr. Wescott, even insisted on him telling why he wanted a transfer or if he could not get that, - why he wished to leave the Service, and he told Mr. Gregg that it was on account of his health and the half night watches. He also stated that he did not have any fault to find with me. I had no charges to make. I have never spoken of his conduct while here to any one, and only do so now, because his charges against me are false (with the exception of selling the oil cans) also all of his statement regarding my treatment of him is false.

If you care to know whether I attend to my duties on station and do my share of the work and more than my share quite often, I can upon your request furnish you with the names and addresses of several to whom you can write. My conscience is perfectly clear in what I have written you.

Am returning copy of Mr. Wescott's letter per your request, but would like to have a copy of same.

Respectfully,
sgd C. O. Svendsen .

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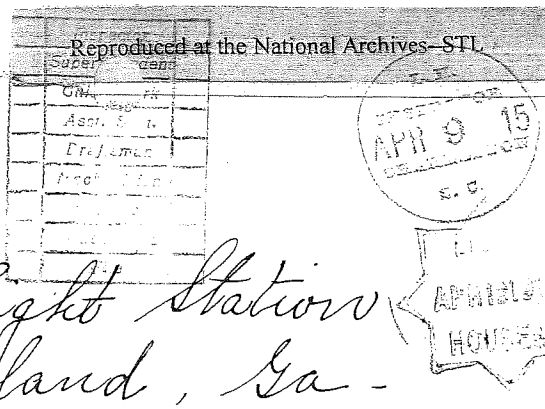

St. Simon ~~Island~~ Light Station
St. Simon Island, Ga.
April 7th 1915.

Light-house Inspector
Charleston, S. C.

Sir:-

In my letter of April 4th to you I denied the charges that I was guilty of preferred against me by Mr. T. L. Wescott.

Since writing that letter I have been thinking the matter over and have decided it would be no more than right to make the following statement, as Mr Wescott is trying to take away my character.

He told me that he had "hoboed" his way through different parts of the country and other things about those "hobo" trips that was nothing to his credit. He came here with nothing except two suit cases. My wife refused to board him as we knew nothing about him then and his personal appearance was against him.

The next day I sent him to Brunswick to get his supplies and any furniture he might wish to get-

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When he returned I asked him ~~when his supplies~~ would be over, he told me that he got nothing as he had no money and Wright & Gowen Co. would not trust him. He asked again to get board from us, (we had in the meantime given him his meals also furnished him with bed) my wife still refused him board, so I told her it looked like we would have to let him board with us until he got some money.

The third day after he came here she told him she would give him board and furnished room for $18 00 per. month. He used the small room up stairs (which we have furnished and which Mr. Paweck occupies when here) until I asked him to move out in his own rooms as he was so untidy with his person that I had to do so.

He made all arrangements about his board with my wife - he settled his board with her.

He missed possibly three meals on account of being sick - said he had a headache and did not care for any thing. I went up stairs to see what he wanted or needed and gave him a dose of medicine, I also gave him any medicine he asked for and offered him other medicine from the "medicine chest." My wife also gave him a bottle of headache medicine which she had put up from a prescription

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He was not sick in bed three consecutive days while here, He often went in the dining-room and helped him self to a lunch when he came off watch - It was usually after these mid-night lunches that he would not care for breakfast.

He boarded with us up to and including the 30th day of November, 1914. After that he did his own cooking up stairs; said he was going to save that board money or part of it to help pay his way back home, that he was going to leave the Service, as the pay was so little - said he could make more fishing.

He asked my wife to sell him a bedstead, springs, which she agreed to do for $10.00, he put bedstead in his own room, (I gave him free of charge, a mattress to use on same) then took two pillows from my room which I had asked him to vacate, without asking leave to do so, and used them as long as he was here. He also continued to use the the small room except he didnt sleep in it, until about two weeks before he left here, my wife asked him to take his things out as she wished to clean the room which she intended to do, but was taken very ill and has just recovered sufficiently to take charge of household affairs for the last week.

Mr. Wescott made his first payment on beadstead, which was $2.00, in October 1914; second payment of $2.00 on Jan. 10th 1915. total amt. recd. $4.00 He decided in January that he would not take the beadstead, after having used it and other things several months. Other people had similar experiences with him, ~~and~~ only know of one person who held him to his agreement.

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He made him dy very much at home in my quarters. When I came to this Station to take charge I brought lots of small articles useful around boats and the place generally (I had owned a sail boat and then a launch before coming here) I brought tools, brass tacks and other things, he helped himself to any of these for his own use altho I told him that these things were mine. I also had white paint, which I used and which he accuses me of taking from the government, which I did not do. One of the Inspectors asked me ~~asked~~ what I used in the paint in tower as the paint up there was so white and glossy, I told him I used kerosene in mixing it, that is the only paint I use kerosene in mixing.

Almost every morning for several weeks before Mr. Prescott left this Station he failed to report for duty at 8:30 a.m. it was usually 9:30 and a great many times 10:30 or 11:00 in the afternoon. At first I would try to get him to come down and start work but he would not do so and it made things unpleasant so after he sent in his resignation I never insisted as it did no good, I never kept a record of the times he was late nor of the days he did not work at all (except to fill tank and pump up), During this time I would start work on Station from 8 to 8:30 a.m. whether he started or not. I said nothing about this as it didnt harm me and as long as a person does me no harm, I never say any thing to harm them.

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It was not the first time I had done Station work alone. When we were working by the fence one day soon after he came here cleaning away trash, he told me that it was a negro's work and that he did not come in the Lighthouse Service to do a negros work.

The only time he worked after the dinner hour ~~was~~ (by my order) was when we worked on the beacon and we have to work according to the tide and weather, also when white washing tower we have to do all we can when the weather is fine.

On Oct. 10th 1914 he went to Brunswick, came back intoxicated, he was so drunk he forgot his packages left them on the "Sea Gate" (boat) and Capt. Harry O. Berrie of "Sea Gate" took care of his packages until next day. He was with at least two of the people to whom he wished you to write, he even walked up to the Post Office with Miss Gould the Postmistress.

He was so drunk he couldnt take his watch, I took it for him.

None of the people he asked you to write to ever came on the Station while he was here except, Mr. True came to look at his (Mr. Wescotts) chickens, Mr. Gould came one Sunday p.m. to buy some eggs from him and Miss Gould, Postmistress. was here once to go up in tower, I was with her party and don't think she even saw Mr. Wescott. He was not working at the time any of these people were here.

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Mr. Watson was never on the station until this morning when he came over to bid on the wood for station; therefore, these people whose names he gave you, know nothing about his conduct on sta.

He took Christmas dinner with us and partook of our hospitality during Christmas time, How can he say I did not treat him right and why did he wait until he left here to say it? I favored him all I could up to the time he left here, I brushed his coat when he came down to say good-bye and he gave me a collapsible coat hanger as a parting gift saying he would possibly see me again with in a year.

I hired darkies to saw and split most of the wood I have, it is outside of light house yard fence. I have, ever since I have been here, picked up wood on the beach for my own use and what I did not use I would sell in the summer if I had any calls for it. I never neglected the Stations work, I mean my part of it to do this or any thing else, and I never imposed upon the Assistant. I have never asked for wood until after Mr. White came, he said his papers stated coal and wood would be furnished, so I asked for the wood on his account

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T. C. watch-book will give the [illegible] each of our watches, which will contradict his statement concerning the watcher. I do not understand what he meant by saying I kept him in the tower from 1:25 until 3:20 o'clock every morning, I only know that I did not do it.

In regards to the mineral oil cans, will say: Asst. John Robertson Jr, who was Asst. here and who had been Asst. on Savannah river above Station there, said that he had sold them (the oil cans) while there and he made arrangements with Asst. Whitmire of Wright-Tower Co, to take all from this Station and after he left here, I sold them, the Asst's. always received half the proceeds.

We had four inspections while Asst. Wescott was here and don't understand why he did not prefer those charges against me then, as Asst. Gregg was here on inspection on Dec. 10th 1914 and asked Asst. Wescott, even insisted on him telling why he wanted a transfer or if he could'nt get that why he wished to leave Service, and he told Asst. Gregg that it was on account of his health and the half night watches. He also stated that he did not have any fault to find with me.

I had no charges to make.

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I have never spoken of his conduct while here, to any one, and only do so now because his charges against me are false (with the exception of selling the oil cans) also all of his statement regarding my treatment of him is false.

If you care to know ~~what~~ whether I attend to my duties on Station and do my share of the work and more than my share guild of it, I can upon your request furnish you with the names and addresses of several to whom you can write.

My concience is perfectly clear in what I have written you.

Am returning "Copy" of Mr. Hascotts letter per. your request, but would like to have a copy of same.

Respectfully,
C. O. Goerdsen
Keeper

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

April 10, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In compliance with the Regulations, 1914, paragraph 397, second section, I have to submit the following:

1. Mr. T. L. Wescott, formerly Assistant Keeper at St. Simon Light Station resigned effective at the close of February 20, 1915. After leaving the Service, he wrote to this office and intimated that he had not been properly treated by the Keeper. I replied and informed him that if his resignation from the Lighthouse Service was due to improper treatment by the Keeper, he was requested to make a full statement of the facts, in order that an investigation might be held.

2. A copy of Wescott's letter making charges against the Keeper was referred to the Keeper, Mr. C. O. Svendsen, for such statement as he might care to make . A copy of Wescott's letter, my indorsement referring it to the Keeper, and the Keeper's reply are inclosed.

3. Letters were written to the persons suggested by Wescott in his letter as being persons having knowledge as to how he conducted himself while at St. Simon Light Station. Replies were received from only two of these persons and these replies are inclosed.

4. There is also inclosed a second letter from Keeper C. O. Svendsen in regard to the charges preferred against him.

5. There is inclosed a copy of a letter dated December 17th, 1914, from T. L. Wescott in which he states there had been no trouble between him and the Keeper and that his reason for desiring to leave was that his health was not good.

6. The conclusions which I have formed in this case are:

(a) That no great weight should be given to Wescott's allegations. His own statements are contradictory.

(b). That Keeper Svendsen probably requires the Assistant to perform his full share of the station work including certain duties that former Assistant Keeper Wescott considered beneath his position.

(c) That the allegations that the Keeper runs a wood yard and uses paint and oil belonging to the Lighthouse Service are essentially untrue.

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(c) He admits having sold mineral oil cans for his own profit. In this connection, it should be stated that under date of January 13, 1912, a circular was sent out from this office, with Bureau approval which in part as follows:

"The empty oil cans are to be used in any way that may be of benefit to the Service. They are not to be allowed to accumulate and become eye sores around the station."

I am of the opinion that Mr. Svendsen did not consider that he was doing anything wrong in disposing of oil cans for his own benefit when if he had not done so they would have been destroyed and not disposed of for the benefit of the Government.

I have to recommend that a letter be written to Mr. Svendsen by the Commissioner informing him that this whole case has been reviewed by the Bureau and that it is not to his credit and he should ~~xxx~~ have conducted himself in such a way that it became necessary to present a case of this kind to the Bureau for review. It should be mentioned that the Bureau has knowledge of the fact that there has been more or less trou[illegible] in the past in retaining an Assistant Keeper at his station and it is not altogether certain that he (Svendsen) has not been partly responsible for this condition of affairs. Svendsen should also be cautioned by the Bureau in regard to the sale of the discarded oil cans which were still Government property. He should perhaps be required to render a statement of all sums received for oil cans sold by him and be required to refund the same to the Government.

W.E. BOCK.

Inspector.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1915

CHIEF CLERK APR 24 1915
APPOINTMENTS APR 24 1915
APR 28 1915

Subject: 6th Inspector's letter Apr. 10,1915, C.O.Svendsen, charges, and accompanying papers.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, the Bureau concurring with the Inspector and recommending that it be authorized to direct the Sixth Inspector to address a letter to Mr. T. L. Westcott, formerly assistant keeper at St. Simon Light Station, advising him, in response to his letter of March 28, 1915, addressed to the Inspector, that inasmuch as after a careful investigation the charges against the keeper have not been substantiated the matter will be considered closed, except as to his charge of the sale of oil cans, concerning which appropriate action will be taken. It is also recommended that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter to Svendsen, inviting his attention to the fact that there has been more or less trouble at his station in the past in retaining an assistant keeper, and calling his attention to the Instructions for the Personnel, page 144, par. "Oppression of subordinates;" that Svendsen's attention be also called to the Instructions for the Personnel, page 79, par. "Use of property," and that he be cautioned in regard to the sale of the discarded oil cans and required to render a statement of all sums received for oil cans sold by him and to refund the same to the Government. If these recommendations are approved a copy of the Bureau's letter to Svendsen will be submitted to the Department for its files.

APPOINTMENTS APR 27 1915

April 26, 1915.

APPROVED:

Assistant Secretary.

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Engr. Corps.
Mer Engr.
Aeronaut.

April 28, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's communication of the 20th instant, transmitting letter dated the 10th instant, and enclosures, from the Sixth Inspector, relative to certain charges preferred against Carl O. Svendsen, keeper of St. Simon Light Station, Georgia, by T. L. Westcott, formerly assistant keeper at that station, and in view of all the circumstances in the case has approved the recommendation to the effect that Mr. Westcott be advised that inasmuch as after a careful investigation the charges against the keeper have not been substantiated, the matter will be considered closed, except as to his charge of the sale of oil cans, concerning which appropriate action will be taken.

The Department has also approved the Bureau's recommendation with respect to addressing a letter of reprimand to Mr. Svendsen, and that he be required to render a statement of all sums received for oil cans sold by him and make refund therefor to the Government. It is noted that a copy of the letter of reprimand will be furnished the Department for its files.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

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Reprimand.

May 6, 1915.

CHIEF CLERK
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Mr. Carl O. Svendsen,
Keeper, St. Simon Light Station, Ga.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S. C.)

Referring to charges recently preferred against you by Mr. T. L. Westcott, formerly assistant keeper at St. Simon Light Station, Ga., you are advised that the Bureau has reviewed the whole case as presented by Mr. Westcott, and it is not considered to your credit that you conducted yourself in such manner as to necessitate a case of this kind being presented to the Bureau. Investigation shows that more or less trouble has been experienced in the past in retaining an assistant keeper at your station, and in this connection your attention is invited to the Instructions for the Personnel, 1911, page 144, par. "Oppression of subordinates." It is also observed that you admit having sold mineral oil cans, the property of the Government, for your own profit. The Instructions for the Personnel, page 153, ninth paragraph, prescribes that no public property shall be used for any purpose other than that specified, nor otherwise than for the benefit of the United States. You are reprimanded for your conduct as above noted, cautioned against any further violation of the Instructions for the Personnel, 1911, and will be required to render a statement of all sums received for oil cans sold and to refund the same to the Government.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
May 6 1915
Signed

Commissioner

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.
See D Ept letter of April 28, 1915. Inclosed is copy of letter addressed to Westcott.

Acting Commissioner

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Carl O. Svendsen,
charges.

May 6, 1915.

Mr. T. L. Westcott,

Wanchese, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 28, 1915, addressed to the Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S. C., preferring certain charges against the keeper of St. Simon Light Station, Ga.

I have to advise you that inasmuch as, after a careful investigation, the charges against the keeper have not been substantiated, the matter will be considered closed, except as to the charge of the sale of oil cans, concerning which appropriate action will be taken.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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St. Simon Light-Station
St. Simon Island, Ga.
May 11th 1915.

Lighthouse Commissioner, Washington, D.C.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S.C.)

Sir;

Reprimand of May 6th received. I wish to state that I have not violated Instructions for the Personnel, 1911 page 144, par. "Oppression of subordinates" Regarding trouble in retaining Assistant Keepers at this Station will say; This is a large Station and it requires 8 to 9 hours work to keep it in an efficient condition, as the inspectors have found it so. We also have half night watches.

The assistants during the last few years do not care to work more than eight or ten hours including their watches, out of the twenty four.

The present Asst. Asst. Keeper R. H. White, does not care to work more than eight hours, including his watch and is considering his resignation because he is required to work more than eight hours. The present beacon requires as much work as the main light.

HLB/AEB. Office of Inspr., 6th L.H.Dist.,
Charleston, S.C., May 13, 1915.

Forwarded:

Beck
Lighthouse Inspector.

Respectfully,
C.O. Svendsen
Keeper

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CHARLESTON, S. C
HLB-AEB.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S.C.

June 8, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the last paragraph of Bureau indorsement of May 6,1915, forwarding Department letter of April 28,1915, (reprimand Carl O. Svendsen, Keeper St. Simon Light Station):

Svendsen has been required to render a statement of empty oil cans sold, on form 38 which is forwarded herewith. Attached thereto is a copy of a letter to Svendsen from the dealer in Brunswick, Georgia, to whom he sold the cans. There is also inclosed a post office money order for $44.20 made payable to the Secretary of Commerce. The delay in forwarding this money has been due to the fact that Svendsen stated he was unable to comply with my instructions when they were first received and he was permitted to wait until after he had received his pay check for the month of May.

In view of the fact that Svendsen has already been reprimanded, I have to recommend that no further action be taken against him at this time.

H. L. BECK,
Lighthouse Inspector.

(Inclosures)

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S&T inclosures.

Empty oil cans,
sale.

June 21, 1915.

Secretary of Commerce:

The Bureau inclosed a letter dated June 8, 1915, and its accompanying papers, from the Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S.C., with reference to the unauthorized sale by Carl O. Svendsen, keeper of St. Simon Light Station, Ga., of empty oil cans belonging to the Government, for his own profit. In view of the fact that this keeper has refunded to the Government the sum received for these cans, it is recommended that no further action be taken against him at this time.

As the sale of this property was not authorized by the Secretary of Commerce, as required by the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1914, par. 355, the Bureau recommends that authority be granted to receive the money recovered from Mr. Svendsen on account of the sale of the said oil cans, the same to be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and that the property records of the Lighthouse Service be adjusted accordingly. Attention is invited to Department letter of April 28, 1915, on this subject.

(Signed)

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Note: For endorsement of Asst. Sec. approving action recommended by Bureau, see other side.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

ITEM 23

SIXTH DISTRICT

_____
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

_____, 19

This tower is equipped with an D.O.V. Type "A" out fit with a double tank system.

To operate this light the vaporizer is heated from ten to fifteen minutes with an alcohol torch, then the oil is turned on. I use from 65 to 70 lbs. of pressure on oil tank and 100 lbs. on air tank.

Pressure is pumped by hand twice during the night. After the light is burning I wind up the clock that revolves the lens as this is a revolving light with clock work run by weights which must be wound up every hour and fifteen minutes while light is burning.

This clock has to be taken apart and cleaned by me and my assistant as often as necessary to keep it in perfect running condition.

The light must be kept burning from sunset to sunrise. This is a 3rd order lens.

When on first watch I go in the tower fifteen minutes or more before sun set and come off watch at midnight and when on last watch

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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CHARLESTON, S. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
LIGHTHOUSES

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

November 4, 1933

C. O. Svendsen, Keeper,
St. Simon Lighthouse,
St. Simon Island, Ga.

Subject: Caution.

1. In view of the many years you have served in the Lighthouse Service, the experience you have gained during that period and the knowledge you should have of the regulations and the proper conduct of a keeper, it is with unusual reluctance that it becomes necessary for me to address a letter of caution to you.

2. When I visited your station on November 2, 1933 - not for the purpose of making a formal inspection - Mr. F. Mollycheck, Assistant Keeper, took occasion, as you know, to make certain accusations against you in your presence. You admitted having picked up loose bricks on the beach, which is a part of the reservation, for use on the nearby premises which belong to you or some member of your family. These bricks were of little value to the Lighthouse Service, but, as you know, I had previously refused to permit a resident in that locality to take them for her use. You admitted having used tools belonging to the Lighthouse in connection with work which you were doing on the adjacent property, which belongs to you or some member of your family. You, also, admitted that you do not sign the Record of Absences when you leave the station for the purpose of working or spending a considerable time at this privately owned property, although you properly require the assistant keeper to sign the Record of Absences whenever he leaves the station for any purpose.

3. With respect to the loan or gift of public property, your attention is called to Article 42 on page 19 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927. You have been guilty of violating that regulation, and it is necessary to caution that any further violation will necessarily result in more drastic action being taken. With respect to your absences from station, your attention is called to paragraph 2 of the Instructions, printed on the inside cover of form 303. It reads as follows: "All absences of keepers, for whatever purpose or duration including absences for supplies, mail, annual leave, etc., shall be recorded in this book." You will also note paragraph 3 of the same instructions and hereafter be guided strictly by those instructions.

4. A copy of this letter of caution is being forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses in compliance with the requirements of the

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HLB:MSH

April 30, 1935.

Mr. C. O. Svendsen,
Keeper,
St. Simon L. S.,
St. Simon Island, Ga.

Subject: Condition of health and proposed disability retirement
Reference: Your letter of April 29, 1935.

1. It is regretted that your health has improved so little that you are of the opinion that in justice to yourself you will have to retire on account of disability. This office can arrange to have you examined by a medical officer of the United States at any time that suits you.

2. If the physical examination shows you to be actually disabled for useful and efficient service, it will become necessary for me to relieve you from active duty at once. For the remainder of that month you could be granted accrued annual leave and compensatory time and also sick leave if necessary in order to carry you through the month. You would necessarily be retired on the first day of the following month after your examination. Because of no provision having been made for your retirement during the present fiscal year, it will perhaps be best for you to request a medical examination early in the month of June, 1935. That would make your retirement effective July 1, 1935. Of course, if you do not feel able to direct the work at the station, you may request a medical examination by return mail..

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 9a

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

May 4, 1935 (Date)

NAME OF CLAIMANT C. O. Svendsen DESIGNATION St. Simon Light House

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

Height 68 in. Weight 180 pounds. Complexion sun burned, grey hai

Color of eyes Blue-grey Color of hair Grey hair

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Present disability began 7 months ago with headaches, pain in back of neck and in eyes. Abdominal cramps. Nausea.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSE CHARLESTON, S. C. 1935 MAY 7 AM 8:34

Here describe fully nature of disability: Vision 20/196.4 R., 20/68.4 L. Blood pressure 220/135; pulse 100; heart no number but very metalic closure. Right eye "blood shot".

Claimant describes the duties of his position as follows: Light house keeper, painting, upkeep of station, general duties of light house keeper.

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

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? No Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? Yes

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

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

204-5 Dugwoody Bldg. (Place of examination)
Brunswick, Georgia

J. B. Avera (Examining Surgeon)
Dr. J. B. Avera
A. A. Surgeon (Title and branch of medical service)

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Form 9 MSH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Name Carl O. Svendsen Date of birth January 22, 1878

Designation Keeper, St. Simon L. H., St. Simon Island, Georgia

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment							
Commerce-Lighthouses							
Sixth District	Sept.	8	1900	May	31	1935	
Total service		34 years 8 months 23 days					

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

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

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

If so, state the compensation received: —

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper, 6th Dist.	June	1	1930	June	30	1930	$1500	$125.00
" " "	July	1	1930	July	2	1930	$1500	6.33
" " "	July	5	1930	June	30	1931	$1560	1,551.33
" " "	July	1	1931	June	30	1932	$1560	1,560.00
" " "	July	1	1932	June	30	1933	$1560	1,560.00
" " "	July	1	1933	June	30	1934	$1560	1,560.00
" " "	July	1	1934	May	31	1935	$1560	1,450.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service $7,794.66

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1,558.932

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1,558.932 × years 30 (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = $1,169.20

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1935 MAY - 8 - PM 3 : 36

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

May 7, 1935.

Off 98

Mr. C. O. Svendsen,
Keeper, St. Simon L. H.
St. Simon Island, Ga.

Subject: Disability retirement

1. A Certificate of Medical Examination, Disability Retirement, in your case has been received. It appears that you were examined on May 4, 1935, by Dr. J. B. Avera, A. A. Surgeon, U. S. P. H. S., and found to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of disability.

2. It therefore becomes necessary to relieve you from active duty as keeper in the Lighthouse Service at once. Upon the receipt of this letter, you will consider yourself to be relieved from active duty as keeper of St. Simon L. H., Georgia. You will be granted leave of absence during the remainder of the month of May. This absence will be charged to sick leave with pay.

3. You are hereby notified that you will be retired from the Lighthouse Service on account of disability effective June 1, 1935, subject to the approval of the Department.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY: Commissioner of Lighthouses for the information and files of the Bureau. This is another unexpected retirement on account of disability. Form 9 is forwarded herewith, together with Form 9a.

H. L. Beck

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

P. S. Your quarters must be vacated by May 31, 1935.

H. L. B.

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May 13, 1935.

Mr. C. C. Svendsen, Keeper,
St. Simon L. H.,
St. Simon Island, Ga.

Subject: Property Return upon being retired.

1. I have been informally that the preparation of the property return that is required when a keeper is retired is a responsibility that is detrimental to your health in your present physical condition. It was not realized that such would be the case when you were given instructions to supervise its preparation. In view of the fact that the supervision and worry of attending to the details of the preparation of the property return are detrimental to your health, you are hereby relieved of all responsibility in the matter. Probably the best thing for you to do would be to permit Mrs. Svendsen to move you to your own home at the earliest date practicable and forget about the responsibilities of your position as keeper which you have already been relieved.

2. Mr. Mollycheck is being given instructions to proceed with the preparation of the property return by the use of the station copy of our last annual property return and by calling on your son to assist him in locating articles which he could not otherwise find. I feel perfectly confident that a property return so prepared and submitted to this office, can be approved very promptly after its receipt here. There is not the slightest doubt in my mind that all government property in your charge has been handled with scrupulous care. You had better move to your own place as soon as you can and forget about the details of St. Simon Light Station. Be guided by the advice of your physician. I wish to express the personal hope that your release from duty and the rest which you will be able to take will soon have a decidedly beneficial effect on your health.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY: F. Mollycheck, Additional Keeper, St. Simon Lighthouse, St. Simon Island, Georgia, for his information, files and guidance. Proceed with the preparation of the property return without consulting Mr. Svendsen at all. Call on his son for help if you need any. It appears from information received by me that Mr. Svendsen is permitting the preparation of the property return to worry him considerably. There is no reason why you should not be able to pre-

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.
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SIXTH DISTRICT

St. Simon Light Station
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

May 19, 1935

Supt. of lighthouses
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

M. C. O. Svendsen retired Keeper died here on the Station at 1.30 A.M. May 19.

F. Mallychuk
additional Keeper

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Form 93

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Sixth DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., May 20, 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Carl O. Svendsen Position, Keeper

Legal residence, ~~South Carolina~~ Station, St. Simon L. H., Georgia

Salary, $1560 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of

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

Remarks:

1. Mr. Svendsen died May 19, 1935.
2. Mr. Svendsen was recommended for disability retirement effective at the close of May 31, 1935.
3. Mr. Svendsen had been in the Lighthouse Service 34 years 8 months 11 days.
4. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie D. Svendsen.

H. L. Beck, Supt. of Lighthouses

May 21, 1935

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, ~~approved~~. On May 9 the Bureau submitted the application of Mr. Svendsen for retirement on account of disability, but in view of his death on May 19, the retirement papers may be disregarded. 11—4623

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division.

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June 3, 1935.

Mrs. Annie D. Svendsen,
R. F. D.
St. Simons Island, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Svendsen:

Attached hereto is Proof of Claim under Group Life Insurance covering Certificate No. 3155 in the sum of $500 issued to Mr. C. O. Svendsen under Group Contract No. 57-C. Kindly have the "Physician's Statement" at the bottom of the page filled out by the doctor who was attending Mr. Svendsen at the time of his death, and return the form to this office in the penalty envelope which requires no postage.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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304 Battle St.
La Grange Ga.
May 28th, 1935

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Washington D.C.
1936 JUN - 3 - PM 1 : 48
My Dear Mrs. Roosevelt, 6/15/35 I wrote Bain

Mr. Bain and I have returned from St. Simons Island Ga. where we attended the funeral of Mr. C.O.Svendsen the former keeper of the light at the island.

I am terribly distressed over the fact that his widow is not to receive any pension.

I know no one who could be of more help to me in finding out where a claim could be placed so as to receive attention, than yourself. For that reason I am taking the liberty of writing to you direct.

Mr. Svendsen's Father and Mother were keepers of the light at Charleston all during his childhood and so it was very natural that at the age of nineteen he went into the light house service. For thirty-eight years now he has been serving the government. For the past twenty-eight years he has been stationed at the St. Simon's Light.For over a year he has been troubled with an enlarged heart. Last summer he carried on faithfully, leaving the station only once during July and August and on that day Mrs. Svendsen was right there .

He resigned two months ago when he saw that physically he could not carry on. The doctors claim that the enlarged heart was due to the constant climbing of the steps. The family feel that the packing up and his knowing that he was going to have to leave the station hurried his death. Yet because he did not die from an injury received while in actual service he was not entitled to a pension nor would his wife be also.

All these years Mrs. Svendsen has been a partner in his work. During the world war she reported every boat coming intothe sound and every boat leaving the sound.Thru the past year she has more than carried her share of the work. Surely our Government can not accept such faithful service, and loyal

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workers with out feeling any obligation.

A president's widow draws a pension whether her husband had served our country less than four years or more than four years. Why then is a widow of a keeper of a light, who has served day in and day out for over thirty - eight years not entitled to some small consideration?

The light house keepers live a lonely life, and truly a sacrificial life at best , so that we who go down to the sea in ships may return in safety.

Tho you are a busy, busy lady, we all know that you have shown unusual interest in personal justice. Won't you try to find time to see that this appeal reaches the proper source ?Won't you try to see what can be done so that Mrs. Svendsen may receive some small remuneration for the rest of her life. She plans now to open up a rooming house on the island, but there are months when there will be no resort season.

I shall appreciate deeply any interest that you may share in this interest of mine.

Most Sincerely,

A Fellow Georgian

Kate C. Bain (Mrs. E. L.

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June 15, 1955.

Mrs. E. U. Bain,
304 Battle Street,
La Grange, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

At the request of Mrs. Roosevelt, this office is answering your letter of May 28th in the interest of the widow of Mr. C. O. Svendsen, former keeper of St. Simon Light Station, Georgia. Mr. Svendsen was proposed for retirement on account of disability effective June 1st, and having more than thirty years of service his retired pay would have been three quarters of his average pay during the last five years of his service. His death however unfortunately occurred on May 19th while he was still in an active status, and in cases of this kind the retired pay of an employee is not continued to the widow or other dependents, and ceases altogether upon the death of the employee. The law does not provide for "pensions" in the proper sense of that word, but only for "retirement" pay, which of course is personal to the employee himself.

This office appreciates your sympathetic interest in this family but owing to the circumstances and the terms of the law is unable to advise you other than as above. Only special legislation by Congress could provide relief in this situation.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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July 17, 1935.

Hon. Braswell Deen,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Deen:

In reference to telephone conversation with your office on July 5 regarding the status of the widow or son of Mr. C. O. Svendsen, keeper of St. Simon Light Station, Georgia, who died on May 19:

As indicated in our telephone conversation Mr. Svendsen was proposed for retirement on account of disability effective June 1. In such cases there is no provision of law for the widow or other dependents of the deceased employee, and the retired pay under the terms of the law is not continued after the death of the employee. The position of lighthouse keeper is under the civil service system and neither Mrs. Svendsen's widow nor his son has a status for such appointment. It appears, however, that Mr. Svendsen's son and perhaps also his wife assisted him in his duty especially during the last few weeks of his service prior to his death. Possibly his son could qualify in the civil service examination for lighthouse keeper, and his name is being added to the mailing list in the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses so that he will receive a notice and an application form when the next examination is held by the Local Civil Service Board.

Very truly yours,

H. D. KING

RG-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

COPY to 6th. Please add Mr. Svendsen's name to the mailing list as indicated above.

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.
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July 3, 1935.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S. C.

There is quoted below Bureau memorandum relative to a telephone conversation with the office of Congressman Deen of Georgia in regard to Mr. C. O. Svendsen, deceased keeper of St. Simon Light Station:

"Office of Congressman Deen of Georgia called in reference to vacancy at St. Simon Light Station, Georgia, where Keeper Svendsen recently died 11 days before retirement. He asks:

1. Whether any provision for relief of widow in such case? Told him no.

2. Whether any possibility that widow or son would be made keeper? Told him not unless eligible under civil service rules.

He will write letter on latter point. He made mention of alleged circumstance that widow (or son) had been serving as helper (maybe laborer)."

It is assumed that neither the widow nor the son have a status for appointment as keeper, and your report as to this is requested and also as to the last item regarding service rendered by the widow or son as a helper or laborer.

H. D. King
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG-EK

HLB/RWH

1st Indorsement,
Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C., July 5, 1935.

1. Returned to the Bureau with the report that neither the widow nor the son has a status for appointment as keeper. The son is very well qualified to perform the duties of a keeper. On March 14, 1935 Mr. C.O. Svendsen who was then keeper advised this office that his physical condition was such that his physician had told him that he should cease strenuous work or unnecessary exertion for a time and give the trouble a chance to clear up. Mr. Svendsen stated that he was able to attend to all minor duties and direct everything without doing any harm to himself. He requested permission to have C.O.Svendsen, Jr. act as his substitute at no expense to the government so that he could take the partial rest required by his physician.

2. I advised him as follows:
"As you will be furnishing a substitute at your own expense

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1st Indorsement. July 5, 1935.
Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C.

and will actually be on duty performing light work and directing all activities, you will not be considered to be in a leave status, either annual or sick. I wish to express the hope that you will soon recover your health. Keep the office advised in regard to it from time to time. "

On April 10, 1935 I inspected St. Simon Lighthouse and found that Mr. Svendsen was up and about but that his son was doing the routine work. He appeared to be a very sick man to me and I advised him to consider retirement on account of disability. His personal physician came in about that time and expressed the belief that Mr. Svendsen would recover. Nevertheless I told the keeper to let me know if he felt that he should apply for disability retirement and the necessary request would be made on a medical officer of the U. S. Under date of May 1, 1935 Mr. Svendsen did write that he felt that he would have to apply for disability retirement. He was examined by a medical officer on May 4,1935 and found to be totally disabled for useful and efficient service. An additional keeper was promptly sent to the station to relieve him from all duties and Mr. Svendsen was placed on leave of absence. He died before his retirement became effective.

H.L.Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.