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REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Tolson, Thomas, H.		1880 MD

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: 1958

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (MD) 5th district	From: 1918	To: 1921
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Final Return:

Thomas H. Tolson

Thomas H. Tolson

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Virginia

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper, Maryland D.H.S. Md	720	N. N.	Dec. 25, 1918
RESIGNED CLOSE Of Oct 31. 1920.			

INACTIVE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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LIGHT DEC 13 1918 HOUSES

FOURTH DISTRICT DEC 13 1918 8 57 AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MEM

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent Fifth DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md. (City.) December 11, 1918 (Date.), 191

Received DEC 13 1918

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Sec'y 4th Civil Service District)

Action recommended, Probationary Appointment

Name, Thomas H. Tolson

Legal residence, Virginia

CHIEF CLERK

Position, Keeper

Salary, $ 720. p.a.

1918 DEC 13 PM 3 42

Location, Maryland Point Light Station, ~~Va.~~ Md.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 25, 1918 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, None

Former salary,

APPOINTMENTS

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Kpr Percentage, 89.6 1918 DEC PM 3 58 Other eligibles considered:
86.-C ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Nathaniel Bradford -C
86.-C Manie Haywood

Previous incumbent, Andrew Jarvis

Services terminated, With close of Dec. 24, 1918

Reason, To be transferred

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks:

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Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, 12/12/, 1918

L. H. Fisher 4th. H. D. King

Secretary, Civil Service District. Supt. of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 13 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT SECTION DEC 14 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Acting Commissioner

Mrs Parker

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1918.

Mr. Thomas H. Folson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

CARDED

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

DEC 14 1918
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Lawrence.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice Andrew J. Jarvis.

Legal Residence Virginia.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

JAN 2 1919

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEC 30 PM 3 01

CHIEF CLERK

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES BALTIMORE, MD. DEC 26 1918

LIGHT DEC 30 1918 BALTIMORES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Thomas H. Tolson,

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.

DEC 30 1918 11 03 AM

Thos H. Tolson

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 24th day of December, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Thomas L. Hunter

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires 23 Aug, 1922

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper	$ 720. p.a.	Maryland Point Light Station, Va.
Former [5]	None	-------	-------

Supt.
1 A Supt.
Chief Cl.
2 A Supt.
3 A Supt.
4 A Supt.
Mech.
1 Drafts
2 Drafts
Hydrogs.
Accounts
Ordering
Personnel
Cost Kpgs.
File Clks.
Stenogs.
Messengers
Files

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

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Supt., 5th DISTRICT

Baltimore, Md. December 28, 1918
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 25, 1918 (Date)

CARDED

H. D. King

(Signature followed by title)

Supt. of Lighthouses

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

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

[3] The oath may be taken any time 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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JAN 2 1919

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 26 1918

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

LIGHT DEC 30 1918 HOUSES

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

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

Thomas Hill Tolson

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

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

Light House Service — Montauk Pt L Station — 5th Dist

Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel). District.

4. Position to which appointed: Assistant Keeper

5. Compensation: Seven hundred & Twenty per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries Light House Keepers

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.)

application to Sopt Light House 5th Dist

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

Ruther P.O. Va — Virginia — King George — 8th

City or town. State or Territory. County. 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.

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1 A Supt
Chief Cl.
2 A Supt.
3 A Supt.
4 A Supt.
Mech.
1 Drafts
2 Drafts
Hydrog.
Accounts
Ordering
Personnel
Cor Exp.
File Clk.
Stenog.
Messenger
File

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

11. Where were you born? King Geo Co, Virginia

12. When were you born? July 17th 1880

Month. Day. Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs E. J. Tolson — [illegible]

Name. Number and street.

Ruther — King Geo Co, — Virginia

City or town. 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? .....

(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.
O C Grymes	Wailuku T.	Position Light House Keeper	Cousin	Married
		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.)

None

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.

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

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

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

No

Relationship (widow or orphan).....

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

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

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.)

Farming & Fishing

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

Public School, to 8th 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.")

Carpenter

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

None

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

Yes

Date, Dec 26, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Thos W Tolson

P. O. Address: Amber
City or town.
Rt 2 Box 69
Number and street.
Virginia
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded 12/28/'18 ~~December 28th~~, 1918

(Signature) H. D. King

(Official title) ~~Keeper~~ Supt. of Lighthouses

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Form 93.

MEM

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1920 OCT 5 AM 8 34

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Supt., 5th DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md. October 4, 1920 , 191

CHIEF CLERK APPOINTMENTS

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thomas H. Tolson Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Maryland Station, Maryland Point L.S., Md.

Salary, $ 720. per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of October 31,1920.

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

Remarks: Letter of resignation attached. Nomination for suitable successor will be made as early as practicable.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
OCT 6 - 1920
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

10-6-20

H D King

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

OCT 5 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.



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1 A Supt.
Chief Cl.
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3 A Supt.
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Mech.
1 Drafts
2 Drafts
Hydrog.
Accounts
Ordering
Personnel
Cost Kpg.
File Clk.
Stenog.
Messenger
File

Sorry to lose them
Good man
Rec'd acceptance
resignation
effective

Auburn Va
Sept 29 20
Supt Lt Houses
Balto Md

Sir:

Please accept
my resignation
to take effect
November 1st 1920

H. Tolson
asst Kpr -
Maryland Pt. S.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 1 - 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

October 6, 1920.

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...the same, upon recom-
... the close of business
... Service
...int Light Station, Md.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED
OCT 7 1920
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

...RD HASTINGS
...tment Division.

...W. Libbey
...f Clerk.

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5th district

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1920.

Mr. Thomas H. Tolson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on October 31, 1920.

Bureau.....Lighthouse Service

Station.....Maryland Point Light Station, Md.

Position.....Keeper

Salary.....$720 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED OCT 7 1920 DEPT. JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

C. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

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5th district

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 1 - 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

April 30, 1931.

Mr. T. H. Tolson,
Amber, P. O.
King George County, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Tolson:

I have your letter of April 28 and am sorry to learn that you haven't sufficient service to your credit to permit of your reinstatement. Unless you have had some military service, I fear reinstatement is impossible.

Regretting my inability to be more helpful in the matter.

Very truly yours,

E. W. LIBBEY

E. W. Libbey
Chief Clerk.

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