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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Turner, John, W.		

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (TX)		
From: 1918	To: 1919	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Final Return:

John W. Turner

Mr. John W. Turner

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Texas

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
TEMPORARY (Probat.) Keeper Galveston Jetty L. D. Dept.	$720	L. H.	Dec. 5, 1919.
LAST DAY OF SERVICE Dec 18 1919.			
TEMPORARY (Probat.) Keeper Galv. Harbor & P. C. Dept.	$720	L. H.	Dec. 24, 1919.
LAST DAY OF SERVICE April 30, 1920			

INACTIVE

11—1248

Form 73
MCC

DEC 13 1919 7 [illegible] AM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF ~~Lighthouse Director~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT.

RECEIVED DEC 1919 TENTH U.S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

LIGHT DEC 13 1919 HOUSES

New Orleans, La., December 9, 1919
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John W. Turner — Legal residence, Texas.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $720 per annum.

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

1919 DEC 16 PM 2 08

Effective December 5, 1919. { the actual date of entrance on duty. ~~xx~~ ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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

Location, - 1919 DEC 16 PM 4 22 - - - - - - - - -

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

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Ollie C. Smith — Services terminated, December 2, 1919.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

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

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12/17/19. Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission DEC 9, 1919

TEMPORARY

Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

E. H. Hennessy
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

For and In the absence of the Superintendent
Mutth
FIRST ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

8403.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. DEC 13 1919

919 DEC 15 AM 8 24

Acting Commissioner

LIGHT HOUSE DIVISION RECEIVED ACTION TAKEN DEC 17 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1 Strike out clause which does not apply.

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1919.

Mr. John W. Turner,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

in the Lighthouse Service

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

effective December 5, 1919.

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

CANCELED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ollie C. Smith.

Legal Residence: Texas.
6th District

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 1 1919

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

JAN 8 1920 8 50 AM

JAN 15 1920 8 11 AM

Form 111.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Approved JAN 13 1920

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 3 1920 NEW ORLEANS

LIGHT JAN 8 1920 HOUSES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 12 1920 NEW ORLEANS

I, John W. Turner,

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

John Walter Turner
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 2d day of January, A. D. 1920

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Dan Johnson

(Official title) Notary Public in and for Galveston County, Texas

My commission expires June 30th 1924

CARDED

LIGHT JAN 15 1920 HOUSES

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$720 per annum	Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas.
Former Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La., January 12, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 5, 1919.
(Date)

E. S. Lauphier.
(Signature followed by title)
Superintendent 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.

11—944

MCC

DEC 30 1919 9 [illegible] AM

LIGHT
DEC 30 1919
HOUSE 8

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

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

APPOINTMENT

Name of employee John W. Turner

CHIEF CLERK

1919 DEC 30 PM 4 21

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $720 p.a.

1919 DEC 30 PM 3 37

Place of employment Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas.

CARDED

Last day served December 18, 1919.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Mutth

First Assistant Superintendent.

(Official title.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 31 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Date December 27, 1919.

Lighthouse Service - 8th District.

(Bureau or service.)

11—2876

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 73
MCC

NOMINATION

JAN 3 1920 9 15 AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 3 1920

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 6th DISTRICT,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~

New Orleans, La., December 31, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment.

Name, John W. Turner — Legal residence, Texas

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $720 per annum

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Texas — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

CHIEF CLERK 1920 JAN 5 PM 3 08

Effective December 24, 1919, {the actual date of entrance on duty.
~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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

Location, -

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

APPOINTMENTS

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Jens P. Jensen — Services terminated, December 1, 1919

1920 JAN 5 PM 4 33

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at above station, John W. Turner was assigned to duty on December 24, 1919. He previously served as temporary keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, from December 5 to 18, inclusive, 1919. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, Dec 31, 1919

E. H. Kennedy
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent: Mouth
First Assistant Superintendent.

1/6/20 TEMPORARY
Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
JAN 3- 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 7 - 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1920 JAN 5 PM 1 53

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1920.

Mr. John W. Turner,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective December 24, 1919.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 22 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

M
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Jens P. Jensen.

Legal Residence: Texas.
Eighth

U. S. REVENUE MARINE ENLISTED

11—1393

JAN 20 1920 8 54 AM

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT JAN 20 1920 HOUSES

TREASURY DEPARTMENTS JAN 20 1920

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1920 JAN 20 PM 12 15

CHIEF CLERK

1920 JAN 20 PM 12 48

I, John W. Turner,

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

John W. Turner
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] ____ day of January 15, A. D. 1920.

(Affix official seal here)

CARDED

[4] (Name) Dan Johnson

(Official title) Notary Public in and for Galveston County, Texas

My commission expires June 30—1921

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$720 p.a.	Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Texas.
Former [5] Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., January 17, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 24, 1919.
(Date)

E. S. Lanphier.
(Signature of officer authorized by law)

Superintendent 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 on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

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

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

11—944

JAN 12 1920 9 26 AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT JAN 12 1920

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 3 1920 NEW ORLEANS

LIGHT JAN 12 1920 HOUSES

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr. John Walter Turner

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

John Walter Turner

CHIEF CLERK

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 1920 JAN 8th PM 2 54 (District.)

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

5. Compensation $720 per annum.

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

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

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

Galveston (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.) Galveston (County.) Texas 7th (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.

2116 Ave F Galveston Texas

CARDED

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

11. Where were you born? Troy Alabama

12. When were you born? May (Month.) Tenth (Day.) 1888 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

J. T. Turner (Name.) 1910 Travis St. (Number and street.)

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

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

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

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

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

No

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
—	—	—	—	—	—

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.
1st Company L.A.C.	15th March 1917	15th May 1919	Dependents

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.
1st Company L.A.C.	15th March 1917	15th May 1919	Dependents

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

Relationship (widow or orphan) —

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service —

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

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

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.")

None

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

None

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

Yes

Date, January 1st, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) John Walter Turner

P. O. Address: Galveston
City or town.
2116 Avenue F
Number and street.
Texas.
State or Territory.

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded January 8, 1920.

(Signature) E. S. Lanphier.

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

MAY 17 1920 9 47 AM

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

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

CHIEF CLERK

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LIGHT HOUSES MAY 7 1920

APPOINTMENTS

1920 MAY 8 AM 9 32

1920 MAY 8 AM 10

Name of employee John W. Turner,

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $720 p.a.

Place of employment Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Texas.

Last day served April 30, 1920.

C. S. REPORT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 8 1920 DEPT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Chief Clerk.
(*Official title.*)

Date May 4, 1920.

Lighthouse Service - 8th District
(*Bureau or service.*)

11—2876