Walter A. Roberts

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS 9, LA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER (pcp)
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT
REFER TO FILE: 75

19 June, 1946

To: W. A. Roberts, CBM, St. Joseph Point Range Light Station

Subj: Information re retirement

1. Your letter of 18 May was received in due course, but became lost in the shuffle. Although late in answering, I did talk with Captain Zibilich concerning Montgomery's request for transfer to Cape San Blas Light Station, but he had already made other arrangements.

2. Later on, Mr. Braswell made a trip to the East and I asked him to contact Montgomery to find out whether or not he would be interested in a transfer to Sabine Pass Light Station. Upon Braswell's return to the office, I was informed that Montgomery did not want this transfer, and was now satisfied. You may tell him that I had his pay adjusted. His subsistence allowance of $1.20 a day was terminated on 20th April last when he applied for ten days leave. This was an error on the part of the Commanding Officer, and this allowance has been restored retroactively.

3. I have been unable to get any definite information regarding your retirement status. Since you will not have 30 years service until August, I would suggest that you wait until that time, and then file your application for retirement, if you desire.

4. Probably you will drop back to your last permanent rating, that is BM 1c. It is too late now to submit an application for retirement as of 30 June. My advice is to wait until you have 30 years service and then take the matter up officially with the district office. According to my computation, you will receive not less than $97.50 per month under the Lighthouse Retirement Act, which is three-fourths of $1560, the annual salary you were receiving on the date preceding your induction into the military establishment. I doubt that you would get any more under the Coast Guard retirement system.

W. J. BRAUN, JR.,
By direction

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
Port St. Joe, Florida.

ADDRESS REPLY TO

St. Joseph Point Range Rear L/S

AND REFER TO

18 May, 1946

Mr W.J.Braun
U.S.Coast Guard
Customhouse Building
New Orleans, La.

Mr Braun you will find a letter attached addressed to Commander 8th, U.S.Coast Guard District, of which is a request from John W.Montgomery of Cape St. George L/S for a transfer to Cape San Blas L/S as Officer in Charge.

If possible will you endeaver to assist him in getting this transfer for his interest and of the service as I am in a position to make this statement as you knew Chief Bosarge long before I did and personaly I would like very much to see Montgomery or some Keeper that would be on friendly terms with all personnel of the service to have Cape San Blas L/S.

This above message is off the record please destroy.

I received Commander's Circular No.14-46 today and it looks as plenty of rating will go down soon, if possible will you advise if I will have to drop back or will retain my rating and if I should go back would it be adiveable to retire by 30 June as 30 years will be up in August and if I do retire the approx- salary, would appreciate any advise on the above note.

Do back to BM 2c

W.A. Roberts

W.A.Roberts,

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Cape St. George L/S

Apalachicola, Fla.

17 May, 1946

To: Personnel Officer, 8th Coast Guard District, New Orleans, La.

Subj: Transfer. John W. Montgomery. BMlc. (226-927)

Via: Officer in Charge

1. I have been informed that there will be a vacancy at Cape San Blas Lightstation in the near future as Officer In Charge and would appreciate it if you would consider me for this vacancy.

2. My reason for requesting a transfer to this station is as follows I have had approximately eight (8) years of service at light stations and intend to remain in same also I have a son of school age and as at the present time my family is residing in Apalachicola, if the above request is granted my family will reside on station and at present time I am paying rent on two houses.

3. I have had fifteen (15) years experience with gasoline and diesel motors of all types and if you will give me a few weeks of Radio Beacon operation on station I am confident that this station will operate successfly as it should.

COPY FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sullivan R.White, CBM.
OinC.

John W. Montgomery, BMlc.

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(pcp)

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8 March, 1946

To: W. A. Roberts, Jr., Commanding Officer, St. Joseph Point Range Light Station, Port St. Joe, Fla.

Subj: Port St. Joe Entrance Range Front and Rear Lights, Fla.; change in attendance of.

Inclosed is copy of letter, dated 8 March, 1946, addressed to Burt C. Gaillard, from which it will be noted that his services as lamplighter of subject lights will be discontinued at the close of 9 March, 1946. Beginning 10 March, 1946, the servicing of subject lights will be your responsibility, and, on that date, you will take over from Mr. Gaillard the care of the lights and all government property in his charge, giving him receipt therefor. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

H. J. ROLLINS,
By direction

Incl.- Copy of DCOO ltr. 3-8-46
to Burt C. Gaillard

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
United States Coast Guard.

Place: Port St. Joe, Fla.
Date: 9th July, 1941

From: Walter A. Roberts, Keeper, St.Joseph Point Light Station
To : Commander, New Orleans District.

Subject: Resignation.

1. I hereby tender my resignation as Keeper, St. Joseph Point Light Station, and ___ with the former Lighthouse Service for the purpose of accepting military status with the U. S. Coast Guard, this resignation to become effective on the day prior to the date of my commission, appointment, or enlistment in the U. S. Coast Guard. (Effective close 9 July, 1941).

(Signed) Walter A. Roberts
(Signature)
Walter A. Roberts

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Form 93.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
United States Coast Guard,

Office of Commander,
New Orleans District.

New Orleans, Louisiana,
14 July, 1941

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Resignation of Walter A. Roberts

Reference: (a) Subject named employee's resignation dated 9 July, 1941.

Inclosure: (1) Reference (a), in duplicate.

1. Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following named employee of the former Lighthouse Service:

Name: Walter A. Roberts
Legal Residence: Florida
Position: Keeper (Lighthouse)
Station: St.Joseph Point Range Light Station, Fla.
Salary: $1560 p.a., plus $240 p.a.quarters
Effective date: Close 9 July, 1941

2. The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective the day prior to the date he accepts military status with the Coast Guard.

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

4. Mr. Roberts has veteran (military) preference in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.

J. L. AHERN

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD
(Revised 1937)

COPY

REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

ROBERTS	Walter	A.	(226-992)	Boatswain's mate,1c.
(Surname)	(First name)	(Middle initial)	(Service No.)	(Rank or rating)

St.Joseph Point Light Station,	Port St.Joe, Fla.	10 July, 1941
(Unit)	(Place)	(Date)

Inducted into the Coast Guard by original enlistment this date in the Regular Establishment for a period of three years, in the rating of Boatswain's mate, diear class. Accepted for enlistment at Port St. Joe, Florida. Assigned to duty as Commanding Officer, St. Joseph Point Light Station, Port St. Joe, Florida. Former Keeper, St. Joseph Point Light Station.

Permanent Station: Port St. Joe, Florida.
Salary as Lighthouse Keeper: $1560 p.a., plus $240 p.a.quarters.
Total service to close 9 July, 1941 - 23 years.

AUTHORITY: Headquarters' Indorsement on Form 2525-B, dated 9 June, 1941.
Act of 5 August, 19491
Articles 531, 534, Regulations.
Mobile Base letter 26 June, 1941
(75-73-531)

(Signed) Walter C. Moyer
Walter C. Moyer, Comdr.(G.)Y.,USCG.,
Enlisting Officer
(Title)

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LAW	PERSONNEL RECORDS		
	STATISTICS	CORRESPONDENCE	RECORDS

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U. S. COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
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DIST. CMDR. | REPLY REQD. | INTELL.
CH. OF STAFF | REPORT | P. & S.
NAVIGATION | | ORDNANCE
PERSONNEL | RETURN TO | ____
COMMUN. | ____ | ____

Port St.Joe, Fla.
12 August 1940.

From: St.Joseph Point Range L.S.
To : Commander,New Orleans District.

Subject: Visitor residing on station.

1. Several weeks ago you granted me authority to have my niece visit the station for several weeks.

Kindly cancel this permit as she has completed her visit and returned home.

Name of visitor was Doris Henderson.

Respectfully,

W. A. Roberts Keeper

Personnel

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14 June, 1940

From: Commander, New Orleans District.
To : Keeper, St. Joseph Point Range Light Station.

Subject: Permission for visitor to station.

Reference: (a) Your letter 10 June, 1940.

1. Replying to reference (a), permission is granted you to have your niece, Doris Henderson, visit you and your family at the station for several weeks beginning about June 23.

2. This permission is granted with the understanding, however, that all risk and hazard will be upon you, your family and your guest, and not upon the Coast Guard, and that there will be no interference with the duties of the station.

3. You will advise the date of your niece's arrival and departure.

R. L. JACK

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
U.S COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
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Port St.Joe,Fla. 10 June 1940

CH. OF STAFF
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RESERVE
PERSONNEL
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REPORT
RETURN TO
INTELL.
P & S
ORDNANCE

From: St.Joseph Point Range L.S.

To: Commander,U.S.Coast Guard,New Orleans Dist.

Subject: Residing visitor.

1. Will you kindly grant me authority to have my niece visit the station for several weeks beginning about June 23. My niece is fifteen years old and resides in Mobile Ala. Name is Doris Henderson.

Respectfully,

W.A.Roberts Keeper

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STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President 3/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment: Coast Guard, Lighthouse Service (St. Joseph Point Rge. L.S., Fla., Keeper) Date March 13-1940

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Miss, or Mrs.~~): Roberts Jr Walter andrew (Surname / Given name / Middle name)
2. Present address: (Number) (Street) Port St Joe. (City) Florida. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence: Florida, 3rd (State and Congressional District) Gulf (County) Port St Joe. (City or town)
4. Where born: Florida (State or foreign country) Apalachicola (City or town) When born Feb. 29-1896 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien: —
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

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

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you: 6 including myself - 44-44-18-16-14-6
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
~~Lighthouse~~	~~Stations~~	~~Keeper~~	~~$1560 per ann.~~	~~10~~	27	1919			
	White sheet attached								
U.S. Light house Service	Cape St George L.S. Fla.	Asst. Keeper	$660 per	Jan-	1	1913	Jan	25	1913
	do	Laborer	660	Apr-	1	1917	May	6	1917
	Pensacola L.S	2nd asst Kpr	600	Oct-	27	1919	Apr-	30	1920
	Cape St George L.S. Fla.	asst. Keeper	900	Mar-	1	1920	Jan	10	1921
	do	Keeper	1080	Jan	11	1921	July	31	1921
	Crooked River Rge L.S Fla.	asst. Keeper	660	Aug	1	1921	Apr	17	1926
	Cape St George L.S. Fla.	Asst. Keeper	1440	April	18	1926	Oct	15	1932
	do	Keeper	1560	Oct.	16	1932	Aug	31	1938
	St Joseph Pt. Rge. L.S.	"	1500	Aug-	1	1938	Still on duty		

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JUL 7 1934

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

July 5th, 1934

Mr Brown

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans La.

Sir!

In reply to your letter of June 30th relative to the St Joseph Point Range Light Station.

I will appreciate it very much if you will kindly consider me for this transfer as I have wanted this station for a long time.

If I am selected for the above station will you kindly consider J. K Cooper asst Keeper to fill my vacancy if I am selected for the above station.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration on the above matter.

C. C.
a. s.

Respectfully
W. A. Rabeate Keeper.

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June 30, 1938

W. A. Roberts, Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station
Apalachicola, Florida

1. It is expected that there will be a vacancy in the position of Keeper of St. Joseph Point Range Light Station, the pay of which in your case will be $1500 per annum. It is noted that you have applied for transfer to this station, and you are requested to advise whether you now wish to be considered for this vacancy.

2. It is requested that no publicity be given to this matter.

3. Forward your reply by return mail.

Assistant Superintendent

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG - 3 1938

EIGHTH DISTRICT

St Joseph Point Rge.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Aug-1st, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans La.

Sir.

I wish to report that I was relieved from duty at Cape St George Light Station on July 29th by Mr T. K. Cooper asst-Keeper and proceeded to St Joseph Point Range Light Station arriving there on July 30th.

I assumed charge of the St Joseph Point Range Light Station on Aug-1st 1938.

Respectfully.
W. A. Roberts Keeper.

AC

Chairman Brooks

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WJB:LEC

February 25, 1939

W. A. Roberts, Keeper,
St. Joseph Point Range Light Station
Port St. Joe, Fla.

1. Replying to your letter of February 15, 1939, you are advised that you are in the same range of pay as the former keeper, that is $1500-$1860. This range of pay has been established for St. Joseph Point Range Light Station. The reason the former keeper received $1620 per annum is because he was in the third step of that range, having received two $60.00 per annum increases in pay.

2. The matter of increasing your pay to the second step of the range will be given consideration at the proper time.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

By: _____
Assistant Superintendent

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 18 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

St Joseph Point Rge Lt.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Feb - 15 Th, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

Will you kindly advise me if possible how to get in the range so I can receive the pay at this station the former Keeper received. I was informed he received $1620 per annum.

I will appreciate it if you can help me in the above Matter.

Respectfully
W. A. Roberts Keeper.

CC
In same range but lower scale?
Yes. 1860

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PETROLEUM AND ITS PRODUCTS

GULF OIL CORPORATION

HURT BUILDING, ATLANTA, GA.

August 12, 1938

Department of Commerce
Light House Dept.
New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen:

We wish to establish a charge account for the party named on the reverse side of this letter, who we are advised is in your employ. If you will be kind enough to answer the questions it will be an accommodation to your employee as well as to us.

The first of the two groups of questions asks for information which your records are most likely to disclose, and which is the most important to us, but if you have the knowledge and feel disposed to answer the second group also, it will be helpful.

We assure you that the information furnished will be very much appreciated, and treated in strict confidence.

Yours very truly,

GULF OIL CORPORATION

HMO-ej

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RE: W. A. Roberts
General Delivery
Port St. Joe, Fla.

OCCUPATION Lighthouse Keeper LENGTH OF SERVICE 21 yrs.

POSITION CONSIDERED PERMANENT? Yes

APPROX. MONTHLY INCOME $ 125 WAGE ☐ SALARY ☒ COMMISSION ☐

HOW OFTEN PAID? Once monthly

DOES OCCUPATION REQUIRE TRAVELING? No

DO YOU PAY EXPENSES? - - - -

HAVE YOU HEARD ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT MANNER OF PAYING CREDITORS? No

—o—o—o—

AGE 42 MARRIED ☒ SINGLE ☐ NO. OF DEPENDENTS 4

OWN CAR? Not known OWN REAL ESTATE? Not known

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND FOR CREDIT? Yes

COMMENTS:

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BY

GULF 2105 BACK

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LEC

rec'd

May 30, 1939

W. A. Roberts, Keeper,
St. Joseph Point Range Light Station
Port St. Joe, Florida

1. It is noted from your personnel record card that you had military service from May 28, 1916, to July 15, 1919, and you are requested for forward your enlistment and discharge certificates in order that these dates may be checked. It is now necessary to verify all other government service of employees of this Service coming under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act, and it will assist materially if you will forward the certificates requested without delay. They will be returned as soon as they have served the purpose.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

By: _____
Chief Clerk

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JAN 18 1938

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St Geo.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan- 16th, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans La.

Sir:

Please send me a permit to go to the Public Health Doctor here for Medical attention,

I have a large abscess on my back.

I am going to Doctor today please send Necessary papers to Cover same.

Respectfully,
W A Roberts
Keeper.

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ESL:LEC

December 19, 1932

W. A. Roberts, Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida

1. Replying to your letter of December 15, 1932, you are advised that because your promotion from assistant keeper to the position of keeper was without change in compensation, no additional appointment was necessary. All keepers and assistant keepers are appointed as Keepers in the Lighthouse Service.

2. You may retain this letter as a record showing that you were assigned to duty as Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station on October 16, 1932, with pay at the rate of $1560 per annum.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 19 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St. George, L.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 15th., 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans La.

Sir,

Can you give me any information as to when I will receive my appointment as Keeper of this station, the Asst Keeper received his about six weeks ago.

Will you kindly notify the Tender that delivers supplies here in 1933. please don't put any Kerosene oil on the beacon at West Pass as I have sufficient amount on it for the next fourteen months, I will take all empty drums to oilhouse.

Respectfully,
W. A. Roberts
Keeper

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WJB.

June 26th,1922.

W. A. Roberts, Jr., Asst. Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station,
Carrabelle, Florida.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of June 23rd, stating that it will be necessary for you to make several trips to Apalachicola in connection with dental treatment by the U.S.Veterans' Bureau, and asking for permission to submit application after leave has been taken on account of the uncertainty of the time required:

2. You are informed that this procedure cannot be followed as the Department has just recently issued instructions to the contrary. See circular letter from this office dated June 24th,1922. If the trip can be made in 6 hours time or less no application is necessary and the leave will not be charged to your annual allowance, but same must be reported on the reverse of Form 65. If the trip requires more than 6 hours time it is absolutely necessary for you to submit application in advance and receive authority from this office before proceeding on leave. If time will not permit sending an application by mail you may resort to the telegraph but the expense of your message and the answer from this office will have to be borne by you.

3. ANY LEAVE IN EXCESS OF 6 HOURS, WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORITY, WILL BE CHARGED TO "LEAVE WITHOUT PAY".

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth,

First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy for information and guidance of T.Hansen, Keeper, Crooked River Range Light Station, Carrabelle, Fla.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. M.

First Asst. Superintendent.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 24 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crooked River Rg. L. S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 23, 1922

Supt. of Light houses.
New Orleans La.

Sir.

Permission has been granted by the Veterans Bureau of Atlanta for Dental treatment by Dr Ham of Apalachicola and work has already been started but it will require several trips to complete the work and as I do not know just when I will be called of for the length of time required, please advise if permission will be granted to go to apalachicola when Dr Ham sends for me and if satisfactory to fill out a leave of absent when I return to station.

Respect-
W. A. Robuts Jr. asst Kpr.

P.S. I am enclosing letter of authority for work.
T. Hamm
Dentist.

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(Through the Keeper)

Cape St. George L.S.
June 6, 21

Supt. Light Houses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir,-

Replying to your letter of May 21st will say the only evidence I have to offer the charges against Mr. W. A. Roberts, Jr., is as follows:

2. Refering to what I said in regards to him planning with others, to remove me from this place, find enclosed a written statement. This is not through the Keeper.

3. Relative to my statement, that I saw the Keepers report for the month of Feb. and that it was not correct, while I have no copy of this report, but the 2 dates on the report that I was refering to, was either the 17th or 18th and the 25th. Any way, I remember both these dates, the report showed he returned on the same day he left, when the fact in this case is, he left the station late in the afternoon of the 17th returning about sunset on the 19th. The working party left the station on the 17th. It is very likely some of them saw him in Apalachicola on the nights of the 17th and 18th. And on the 25th he left the station early in the morning and returned late in the afternoon of the 26th. Having been here just one week is why I remember so well, that he left the station early in the A.M. of Jan. 18th returning about dark on the 20th. Since March 1st he has left the station, I can safely say, between 5 and 8 times, that he did not return on the same day, usualy leaving early in the morning and returning late in the P.M. on the second and third day following, making arrangements with my little girl to feed his chicks at nights, while away. The only evidence I have to offer in this case is my own, and my families word.

4. With reference to what I said in regards to him being oppressive in authority, and disagreeable in manner, I can not recall the dates of all such actions. He has many times made this remark to me, knowing a thing is one thing, but prooving it is another. With this consolation, he and his father has carried on a continued game of spite work. For example. The three last trips I made to town, (I do not remember the dates) he gave me his consent to go. In starting I would ask if he wanted me to bring him anything, he would say, no, not a thing. On arriving in Apa. I would find no mail in the box. When I returned to the station I would find that his Father had been over and brought him supplies. I asked him why he did not tell me his father was coming over with the mail, his only explination was, Papa comes when he gets ready. My business to town was after supplies, I had ordered bills of same being in that mail. The L.H. boat was out of commission from May 10th to May 25th. During this time Mr. Roberts knew I was short of groceries. On the morning of the 20th I asked him what were we to do about going to the beacons, his answer was he would scrape up some way to get to beacons. That afternoon his father came over, brought groceries for him, attended beacons. Next day I telephoned to Apalachicola, hired a boat to bring over some groceries for me. Each time I have had leave of absence, he took me to town, bringing the boat back when I told him I did not

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want over one and a half days in town, he contends he is responciable for the boat. Each time I have been able to catch a fish boat back to the station, without cost to me.

I've had him to tell me not be gone over two hours on Sunday A.M. when I had started for a walk on Gulf Beach.

Gave me an unpleasant lecture because I went back to boat house after my oyer coat without his knowledge. Don't want me to have a cow. Mad because I brought 10 chickens to station.

The above is just a sample of many others simular.

He is not acting right with me at all, and he is not acting right with the property of the L.H.Dept. His father lodging with him, looking after cattle on this Island. Keeper useing the L.H.boat for that interest. Can proove this if you wish.

6. I received authority to build cow shed on May 20th.

7. If it becomes necessary to move me from this station, will you consider me changing places with the Assistant at Crooked River or St. Marks. I will demonstrate that I entered the Service in good faith. Would prefer to stay at this station.

(Signed) S. D. Lawhon
Assistant Keeper

Keeper refused
to sign.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Walter A. Roberts Jr. (Name)

Fla. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DATE OF BIRTH 2-29-1896

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Addl Asst Kpr.	TEMPORARY not exc. 1/25/13	$660	Lighthouses - Cape St. George Fla.	Jan. 1, 1913
	LAST DAY OF SERVICE		January 25, 1913	
Laborer	TEMPORARY not exc. 1 mo.	660	Lighthouses - Cape St. George	Apr. 1, 1917
"	Extends-1 mo. not exc.	660	" " "	May 1, 1917
	LAST DAY OF SERVICE		May 6, 1917	
Keeper	Prob	600	Lighthouses - Pensacola Fla.	Oct. 27, 1919
"	Prom.	900	" Cape St. George	Mar. 1, 1920
"	"	1080	" " "	Jan. 11, 1921
"	Trans.	660	" Crooked River Range	Aug. 1, 1921
"	Read. of Pay	900	" " "	July 1, 1924
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION Read. of pay Act. Dec. 6, 1924	960	" " "	Oct. 27, 1924
"		1140	" " "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1200	" " "	July 1, 1925
"	Trans	1440	" Cape St. George	Apr. 18, 1926
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1500	" "	JUL 1 1928
"	COMPENSATION Act. July 3, 1930	1560	" "	JUL 8 1930
"	To another Pos. Same Station Trans-(73a)	1560	" "	Oct. 16, 1932
"	Transfer & Demotion	1500	" St. Joseph Pt. Rge. 8th District	8-1-38
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1560	" " "	MAR 1 1939

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EIGHTH DISTRICT
Cape St. Geo L.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
June 22nd, 1921

Supt- of Light-houses.
New Orleans,
La.

Sir.

(2) In reply to your letter dated June 18th relative to charges preferred by Wm S.D. Lawhon June 6th against me. My reasons for refusing to sign it was because they were false and I couldn't see where I would be justified in signing same and another reason he withheld part of it.

(3) I can say that I left the Station on Feb-17th and returned on the Feb-18th as I ~~taken~~ ~~say~~ was on watch on Feb 18th.

(4) I cannot say if I was absent from the Station on Feb-25th ~~or~~ not as the only record I have is in the back part of the Station Journal which ~~is~~ is in your possession.

(5) I have not been oppresive or disagreeable with the Assistant Keeper over

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This Mr S. D. Lawhon I know nothing about, but I can give you references from the best people ~~in~~ of our County as to my truthfullness Sobriety & honesty if required.

I was also among the first to volunteer when the war was started.

W. A. Robitsch Keeper

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(b) I have never refused the to permit the Assistant Keeper to use the boat under no Circumstances or even said the boat could-not stay in Apa- over night. the Assistant goes to Apa- when he gets ready as I have never objected to his going. when he stated that the boat was out of Commission from may 16th-20th he never mentioned any thing what so ever about going to Apa- for mail or supplies there was no time when we were working on the boat that I couldn't have the boat & engine in shape in two hours and on the day he said he hired a boat to bring him provisions his Brother-in-law and about a half dozen other came over-here to spend the week end with Mr Lawhon, came Sat- and left Monday and had his boat tied to the dock all this time (this was on Saturday May 21st - 1921)

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(7) The assistant was mistaken when he stated that I told him not to be gone over two hours one Sunday a.m. for I know nothing of his going for a walk.
(8) I know nothing of the assistant going back to the boat-house for his coat, except on one occasion he had worked on his (Private) boat until he was too late to light the tower, as I was busy helping to prepare supper for the workman. when it was time to light up he did not show up so I had to go for him and when he came I ask him why he was so late he said he had forgotton his coat and had to go back for it when all the workman knew that he had been working on his boat was the reason this was on or about Jan 26th 1921 —.
(11) My Father does not reside with me on the Sta-
(12) The boat never makes a trip unless it is official business or for medicine W. A. Roberts Jr Keeper