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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
Watson, Victor, L.		1874 NC

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: 1925 VA

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns 8/11/25

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (NC)	1901	1925
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00060757O9

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Submitted to Arc. search 8/5/25 sgn

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed MH ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

WATSON, VICTOR L.

WATSON, VICTOR L.

Retired 3/4/1925

Died April 3, 1925

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Form 73

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 23 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Baltimore, Md., December 20, 1911

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer

Name, Victor L. Watson Legal residence, North Carolina

Position, Keeper Salary, $600.

Location, Bluff Shoal Light-Station, N. C.

Effective on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper Former salary, $42.50 per month.

Location, Cape Lookout Light-Station, N. C.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, John T. Twiford Services terminated,

Reason, Transfer recommended.

Remarks: To be paid for from "Appropriation for Salaries of Keepers of Light-Houses."

H. Lamberton

Commander, U.S.N., Retired,
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON DEC 23 1911

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

11—2314

Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

December 26, 1911.

Mr. Victor L. Watson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, North Carolina,

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

effective beginning January 16, 1912, or as soon thereafter

as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from First Assistant Keeper at $42.50 per month of Cape Lookout Light Station, North Carolina.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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Chief Clerk.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John T. Whiford.

Legal Residence: North Carolina.

11—3692

Aug. 18, 1914, 5th Inspr. reports efficiency stars awarded to following stations for fiscal year ending June 30, 1914:

V. L. Watson ✓	Bluff Shoal, N. C.
T. H. Baum	Long Shoal, N.C.
A. J. Simpson	S.W.Point Royal Shoal, N.C.

and efficiency pennant awarded Baltimore, L.S., Md.

John Berentsen	Keeper
Oscar P. Olsen	Asst.Keeper.

File 1636.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 8 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Lighthouse Service
2. Where employed Cape Hatteras Light-Station, N. C.
3. Name Victor L. Watson
4. Where born North Carolina
5. Age 35
6. Position 1st Assistant Keeper
7. Compensation $42.50 per mo.
8. When appointed (*a*) October 4, 1900
9. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service Examination
10. Appointed from
    - State North Carolina
    - Congressional District First
    - County Hyde
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
13. Other Government service None
14. Duties (describe fully) Assists in care and maintenance of station.
15. Efficiency
    - Quantity of work (*d*) 10 tenths
    - Quality of work (*e*) Excellent
    - Interest manifested in work (*f*) Yes
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes
17. Remarks (*g*)

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

Robt. D. Russell
Commander, U. S. N., Inspector, 8th Light House Dist. *Head of Bureau or Office.*

June 5, 1909.

11—3005

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 13 1911

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Victor L. Watson 2. Age 37 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse Service. 4. Position First Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $42.50 per mo. Where employed Cape Lookout Light, N.C.

7. When appointed (*a*) Oct. 4, 1900 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service examination.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Assists in care and maintenance of station.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	95	2	190 00
Quality of work	85	3	255 00
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300 00
Attendance	100	2	200 00
Total		10	945 00
Average percentage			94 50

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Is not a purely routine employee and manifests interest in his work and in the service.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Fair equivalent.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

W. P. Austin

Commander, U. S. N. Inspector, 5th Dist.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

Chief of Bureau or Office.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 22 1915

HDK--REOM

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21, 1915
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in pay

Name, **Victor L. Watson**

Legal residence, **N. Carolina**

Position, **Keeper**

Salary, **$624. per an.**

Location, **Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses,**

Effective **Jan. 1, 1916**

{ [illegible] or
as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, **$600. per an.**

Location, **Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C.**

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

Previous incumbent, (New position) Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: This recommendation in accordance with Bureau letter of Dec. 17, 1915 authorizing certain changes in the schedule of pay of keepers in this District. This employee considered deserving of increase in his pay.

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

King

Secretary, Civil Service District. Lighthouse Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 22 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 24 1915

December 23, 1915.

Mr. Victor L. Watson,

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 Six Hundred and Twenty-four dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $600 per annum.)

E D Jan 1, 1916

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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M

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: North Carolina.

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John L. Ennis, kpr, Hooper Is. LS, Md.
Gary E. Powell, AK, Great Shoals L.S., Md.
Anders Simonsen, kpr, Love Pt L.S., Md.
Victor L. Watson, kpr, Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C.

Dept. 1st Jan. 14, 1916, waives provisions of Regs,1914, par.469, sec. 5, in order that the leave applications subm by the above-named keepers may be approved.

(See file of Geo. L. Fulcher)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 25 1916 HOUSES

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

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

April 22, 1916

HOK--RECM.

Re "Report of Inspection."

Keeper, Bluff Shoal Light Station,
Engelhard, N.C.

Sir:

Recent "Report of Inspection" of your station indicates unsatisfactory conditions in some respects.

The iron work of the foundation is reported in bad condition as to painting. This applies to all iron work under the house, including the "I" beam floor supports.

You are directed to undertake at once the thorough scaling, red leading, and painting of all this iron work. This work is to be completed within thirty days from this date, failing which all shore liberty will be discontinued until the work is properly accomplished.

You are cautioned to observe strictly the instructions in paragraph #105, sub-paragraphs 1 and 5, of "Instructions to Employees" of the U.S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, and the instructions heretofore given you relative to the signing of the watch book. Several discrepancies having been noted between the absences recorded in the journal and the signatures in the watch book.

It is further noted that the clock work of the lens was very greasy and that the fog signal striking machine was dirty. Give these matters prompt attention and avoid the use of unnecessary quantities of oil on the clock work.

Copies of this letter have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for his information.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 27 1916

H. D. King.
Lighthouse Inspector.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Commissioner.

TSC--McC.

Keeper, Bluff Shoal L. S.,
caution.

Ap May 3, 1916.

Lighthouse Inspector, Baltimore, Md.

Referring to caution addressed by you on April 22, 1916, to the keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, N. C., relative to unsatisfactory condition of light station, two copies of which were transmitted by you to this office.

A copy of said caution has been submitted to the Department for its information and with recommendation that the Bureau be instructed to advise you to make further report and recommendation in this case in six months from April 22, 1916. You will be duly advised of the action taken by the Department.

Attention is invited to omission of name of keeper from the superscription of letter of caution. Names of addressees should always be supplied in letters of commendation or caution.

It appears that this matter has heretofore been called to the attention of the Inspector.

Acting Commissioner.

Keeper
Victor L. Watson
T.S.C.

LIGHT
MAY 6 1916
HOUSES

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

May 5, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Bureau's communication of the 3d instant, forwarding copy of the Fifth Inspector's letter of the 22nd ultimo cautioning Victor L. Watson, keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, in regard to the unsatisfactory condition of his station, and approves the recommendation that the Inspector be directed to make further report, accompanied by appropriate recommendation, at the end of six months from April 22, 1916.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

H B

Bureau of Lighthouses
May 6, 1916.

Referred to the Lighthouse Inspector, Baltimore, Md., for his information and files. Submit further report and recommendation at the end of six months from April 22, 1916.

Acting Commissioner.

TSC--McC.

May 3, 1916.

Subject: Keeper, Bluff Shoal Light Station, N. C., caution.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

It is recommended that the Bureau be authorized to instruct the Fifth Inspector to make further report and recommendation in this case at the end of six months from April 22, 1916.

The records show that Victor L. Watson is the keeper of the station referred to. The Fifth Inspector's attention has been called to the omission of the name of the keeper from the superscription of the letter of caution and instructed to supply names of addressees in letters of caution and commendation in the future.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Adjuster
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comsr.
Comsr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

LIGHT SEP 30 1916 HOUSES

REOM.
5 inclosures.
Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C.
Leave of absence, keeper Victor L.Watson.

Sept. 29, 1916

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

There is inclosed herewith the application on Form 76 in duplicate of Victor L. Watson, keeper, Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C. for 17 days of shore liberty or annual leave, July 30 to Aug. 5, inclusive, 1916, which it is recommended be granted. Bluff Shoal is in Class I as to leave of absence.

Attention is invited to the keeper's letters of Sept. 1 and 22 and copy of letter to keeper from this office dated Sept. 6. Return of this correspondence is requested for the files of this office.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

F. C. Ruffhead
Chief Clerk.

Not this man may have
72 days' leave each year, a
class I station HB 10/2

HB-NDW Bureau of Lighthouses, October 3, 1916,
Washington.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation that the absence of Watson for more than six days without providing, at his own expense, a substitute, satisfactory to the Inspector, in accordance with the Regulations, 1914, paragraph 469 (par. numbered 5, first sentence) as amended by Department letter of July 24, 1916, so far as the Fifth District is concerned, be approved

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
OCT 3 1916
HOUSES

HDK--REOM.

Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C.:
Re condition of station.

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

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Oct. 2, 1916

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Referring to Bureau indorsement of May 6, 1916 forwarding to this Office Department letter of May 5, 1916 re the unsatisfactory condition of Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C. etc.

The Bureau is informed that Bluff Shoal Light Station was inspected by the writer on September 25, 1916 and found in a very satisfactory condition. It is accordingly recommended that no further action be taken in the case of Victor L. Watson, keeper of the station.

H. D. King.

Lighthouse Inspector

HB-NDW Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, October 3, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation for approval.

Acting Commissioner.

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

LIGHT
OCT 5 1916
HOUSES

October 5, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Fifth Inspector's report of the 2nd instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 3rd instant, in the case of Victor L. Watson, keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, who was reprimanded under date of April 22, 1916, for the unsatisfactory condition of his station, and approves the recommendation that no further action be taken in view of the improvement which has been shown.

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

HB-EFL Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, October 6, 1916.

Referred to the Lighthouse Inspector, Baltimore, Md., for his information, guidance and files.

Acting Commissioner

C

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

LIGHT
OCT 5 1916
HOUSES

October 5, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 3rd instant, the Department hereby waives the provision of the leave regulations for the Lighthouse Service requiring keepers in the Fifth District to furnish a substitute when taking leave in excess of six days, and authorizes the Bureau to approve the application of Victor L. Watson, keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, for leave of absence covering the period from July 20 to August 5, inclusive, 1916, when a substitute was not furnished.

The correspondence accompanying the Bureau's communication is returned herewith.

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

HB-EFL Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, October 6, 1916.

Referred to the Lighthouse Inspector, Baltimore, Md., for his information, guidance and files.

Enclosure 80.

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Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

REOM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAR 14 1917
HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., March 13, 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about April 1, 1917

Name, Victor L. Watson — Position, Keeper

From Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C. — To Gull Shoal L.S., N.C.

Previous incumbent, Thomas B. Spencer

Services terminated with close of March 31, 1917 — Reason, Resignation

Mr. Watson's letter of Feb. 6, 1917 requesting this transfer is attached.

Lighthouse Inspector.

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with ....., 191

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 15 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Engr. Corps
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comsr.
Comsr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 10 1917

ROOM.
Inclosures.

11/27/17 Dept. ltr. 11/19/17 Sub. to 5th Dist.

Nov. 8, 1917

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Leave of absence, Victor L. Watson, keeper, Gull Shoal L.S.,N.C.

Reference: Letter from Mr. Watson dated Sept. 30 and accompanying application for leave and prior correspondence in connection therewith. Return of all papers, requested.

It is recommended that the provision of the Lighthouse Regulations, 1914, which requires that in the Fifth District neither keeper at a two-keeper station shall be absent more than six days without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the Inspector be waived, in order that the application of Victor L. Watson, keeper, Gull Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, for leave of absence from Sept. 2 to 17, 1917, when a substitute was not furnished, may be approved.

In this connection it may be stated at this time that the records of this Office show that to the close of Oct. 1917 Keeper Watson has taken 28 days 16½ hours leave with pay in excess of the accrued amount, as follows:

	Days	Hours
Leave taken to close of Oct. 1917.....	94	16½
" accrued and due	66	
" in excess.....	28	16½

The authority of the Bureau for this excess leave is desired.

The case of this keeper is a meritorious one and worthy of special consideration. Most of the leave taken was on account of sickness, he being forced to undergo an operation for stone in bladder and hospital treatment incidental thereto and it is believed his present condition is due to his return to duty before full recovery. Mr. Watson has a good record extending over 17 years in the Lighthouse Service of this District.

Inasmuch as the leave with pay already taken by him exceeds his

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full annual allowance for the calendar year 1917 by 12 days, 16½ hours, it is recommended that he be granted a further allowance of leave with pay at the rate of 8 days a month beginning Nov. 1, 1917.

In considering Mr. Watson's absence from duty without a substitute the difficulty of obtaining substitute in the locality of Gull Shoal L.S. should be borne in mind.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

Ray L. Hankinson

Supt., L.S.

McC-T
7 inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
November 16, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval of the Inspector's recommendations contained herein.

It is recommended that the accompanying papers relating to the files of the 5th Inspector be returned to this office at the proper time.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
FEB 12 1918
HOUSES

HDK--REOM.
Inclosure.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C. Feb. 11, 1918

Subject: Leave with pay, V.L.Watson.

Reference: Keeper's letter of Feb. 11, attached.

It is recommended that Victor L. Watson, keeper, Gull Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, be granted 60 days leave with pay effective March 1, 1918 for the reasons set forth in his letter above referred to.

Mr. Watson is a keeper of over 18 years service in this District and one of our most reliable employees and I think the action recommended warranted in his case.

In the event of approval of the above recommendation, the authority of the Bureau is requested to assign Mr. David E. Quidley, present assistant keeper, Wade Point Light Station, N.C. to duty at Gull Shoal Light Station at his present rate of pay for the period of Keeper Watson's sick leave and pending the repair and reestablishment of Wade Point Light Station, N.C., which was one of the stations badly damaged by ice during the recent heavy weather.

H. D. King
Lighthouse Inspector.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comnr.
Comnr.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
FEB 16 1918

Returned approved.

It is understood that the leave hereby granted is included in the leave with pay to which Keeper Watson is entitled under the regulations.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
FEB 16 1918
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce ~~recommended for approval~~ for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Acting Commissioner

Inspector
Supt.
Chief Clk.
1 A Supt.
2 A Supt.
3 A Supt.
Draftsman
Foreman
Mech.
Hydrog.
Accounts
Ordering
Personnel
Cost Kpg.
File Clk.
Messenger
File

Lake Landing N.C.
Apr. 21. 1918

L. H.
INSPECTOR
APR 25 1918
BALTIMORE
MD.

Light House Inspector
Baltimore Md

LIGHT
APR 29 1918
HOUSES

Dear Sir:

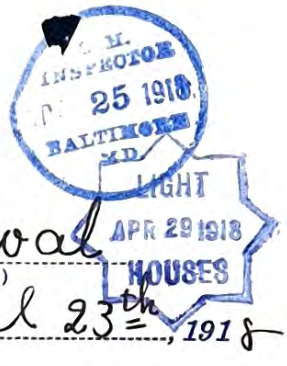
I have been attending Mr. Victor Watson for a week or more. He has been very ill and is very sick now, but some better.

He will not be able to go to work by the 1st of May

Very Respt
J. F. Mann M. D.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



FIFTH DISTRICT

Gull Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

April 23th, 1918

Light-House Inspector.
Baltimore Md.

Dear Sir.

I received a letter from the office yesterday wanting to know if I would be able to return to duty bye may. 1th I respectfully ask for 15 days more.

Respectfully.
V. L. Watson
Keeper

Bye. Mrs V.L. Watson

Inspector
Supt.
Chief Clk.
1 A Supt.
2 A Supt.
3 A Supt.
Draftsman
Foreman
Mech.
Hydrog.
Accounts
Ordering
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Cost Kpg.
File Clk.
Messenger
File

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydrog.
Engr. Asst.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
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Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comsr.
Comsr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.
JUN 1 1918 9 15 AM

May 31, 1918

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Additional annual leave, Victor L. Watson.

Reference: Bu. indsmt., Feb. 16, 1918 returning letter from this Office dated Feb. 11, 1918, subject, "Leave with pay, V.L.Watson" and subsequent correspondence.

Referring to Bureau grants of leave with pay to Victor L. Watson, keeper, Gull Shoal L.S., N.C., Feb. 16 and May 3, respectively, 1918, the Bureau is informed that Mr. Watson by reason of stress of weather was unable to return to station until May 21, 1918, to the close of which date he had been granted 92 days and 17 hours of annual leave with pay, leaving but the small amount of 3 days and 7 hours of annual leave to meet his leave needs for the balance of the calendar year. Accordingly, it is recommended that this Office be given authority to grant annual leave with pay to Mr. Watson at the rate of 8 days a month beginning June 1, 1918, such authority to continue until the close of the present calendar year.

H. D. King
Lighthouse Inspector.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
June 4, 1918.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval, in view of Watson's long and meritorious record. His protracted absence has been due to personal illness.

June 6, 1918
Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses,
APPROVED:
(Signed) E. F. Sweet Assistant Secretary

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUN 1 0 1918

Acting Commissioner

To Lighthouse Inspector, Baltimore, Md.
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

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Acting Commissioner

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BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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LIGHT HOUSES APR 29 1918 AM

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE. MD.

April 26, 1918

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Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Leave with pay, Victor L. Watson.

Reference: Bureau indorsement of February 16, 1918 returning letter from this Office dated February 11, 1918, above subject.

There is attached certificate dated April 21, 1918 from Dr. J.F. Mann, Lake Landing, N.C. to the effect that Mr. Victor L. Watson, keeper, Gull Shoal Light Station, N.C., will not be able to return to duty by May 1.

Under date of February 16, 1918 the Bureau approved the granting of 60 days leave with pay to Keeper Watson effective March 1, 1918, which grant of leave expires with the close of April 29. It is recommended that he be granted an additional 16 days leave with pay effective April 30 with the same understanding as governed Bureau approval of his original request. Mr. Watson's letter of April 23, 1918 requesting this additional leave with pay is also attached.

H. D. King
Lighthouse Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
May 3, 1918.

Returned approved.

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAR 18 AM 8 55

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 17, 1925

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Disability retirement, Victor L. Watson.

1. I enclose herewith letter of March 16th from Mr. Watson who is confined to marine hospital at Norfolk, Va. As previously reported to the Bureau this is a very urgent case for immediate action under the recent provision for retirement on account of disability.

2. While it would appear to be no technical reason why Watson should not be retired as well if he returns home as if he remains at the hospital, it is considered that for practical reasons it might be well for him to remain at the hospital until action toward his retirement is taken provided that there is not to be too long a delay. I desire to advise Mr. Watson on this point and if practicable for the Bureau to determine at this time, I would be glad of information as to whether there is any prospect that he may be retired under the disability provision within thirty days.

hospital medical officer might certify

H. D. King
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 19, 1925.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with statement that the rules and procedure governing disability retirement have not yet been approved. In the present case, however, there does not appear to be any objection to steps being taken to effect the proposed retirement. It would appear practicable to have the Government medical officer certify to Watson's disability as regards active duty and to submit this certificate with recommendation for retired pay. It would also appear desirable to have the medical officer make a statement as to the probable necessity for a future examination to determine the continuance of the disability.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy

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Marine Hospital,
Norfolk, Va.
March 16, 1925.

Lighthouse Superintendent,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Isee that I am not gaining here at the hospital and I would like very much to be with my family at home and I am not able to go back to the Lighthouse any more and I want to know if I go home, will it interfere with the retirement. I have no means to support a family on until I get help in some way. My family now is broken up.

Truly,

(Signed) V. L. Watson, Keeper,
Gull Shoal L.S.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1925 MAR 30 AM 9 07

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 28, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Disability retirement, Victor L. Watson.

1. There is forwarded herewith application for the retirement of Victor L. Watson on account of disability, accompanied by letter from the Surgeon of the Public Health Hospital at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Va. This application is being made in compliance with Bureau endorsement of March 19, 1925, on letter from this office dated March 17, 1925. The date of retirement has been set for March 4, 1925, the day the law was passed, as Mr. Watson has been on leave without pay since December 1, 1924.

H. D: King
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 31, 1925.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with statement that it appears the period December 1, 1924 to March 3, 1925, should be omitted from the computation of pay for the last five years of actual service, in accordance with Bureau Circular No. 74 of December 4, 1918.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dept. of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT

Name [redacted]ctor L. Watson Date of Birth Feb. 8, 1874 Rating [redacted] Keeper

Service Record Showing Character and Continuity of Service:-

Rating	From	To	Period of Service Yrs	Mos	Das	Remarks
Asst. Keeper	Dec. 1,1898	March 31,1899	0	4	0	
Asst. Keeper	Dec. 1,1899	March 31,1900	0	4	0	
Asst. Keeper	Sep.22,1900	Jan. 15,1912	11	3	24	
Keeper	Jan.16,1912	Nov. 30,1924	12	10	15	
			24	10	9	

Leave without pay Dec. 1, 1924, March 3, 1925

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Pay during five service years preceding proposed date of retirement not including ration allowance nor any additional bonus.

From	To	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	Rate per a.	Amount paid
Dec. 1, 1919	Mar. 3, 1920	0	3	3	960.00	348.00
Mar. 4, 1920	Apr. 22, 1923	3	1	19	$960.00	$3010.67
Apr. 23, 1923	June 30, 1924	1	2	8	1020.00	1212.67
July 1, 1924	Nov. 30, 1924	0	5	0	1500.00 (inc.ration allowance)	556.15
Dec. 1, 1924	Mar. 3, 1925	0	3	3	Leave without pay	-------
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Average for last five service years: $ 1005.50 x 24.858 /40 = $ 624.87

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

I desire to make formal application for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service from March 4, 1925, as per service shown above.

Dated March 22 1925 Name W L Watson Rating Keeper

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Md., March 28, 1925 192_.

Forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending retirement at $ 624.87 per annum beginning March 4, 1925 192_. The above record of service and pay is certified correct as shown by files of this office.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

V. L. Watson, LHS

SUP. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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BALTIMORE, MD.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
TANNERS CREEK
NORFOLK, VA.

U. S. MARINE HOSPITAL No. 82

March 24, 1925.

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1925 MAR 30 AM 9 07

The Superintendent of Light Houses,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 20, 1925 re: Victor L. Watson, I have to inform you that this man, who was admitted to this hospital on November 4, 1924 from the Gull Shoal Light Station, is suffering with carcinoma, papillary, of bladder, and that in our opinion it is improbable that he will ever be able to resume his usual occupation. It is improbable that his life will extend more than a few years and it is possible that if he leaves the hospital he will be in no condition to return to it at the end of a year for further examination and certificate of disability.

By direction of the Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. Bryan, Surg.,
Executive Officer.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 28, 1925.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES BALTIMORE, MD. APR 1 1925

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Disability retirement, Victor L. Watson.

1. There is forwarded herewith application for the retirement of Victor L. Watson on account of disability, accompanied by letter from the Surgeon of the Public Health Hospital at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Va. This application is being made in compliance with Bureau endorsement of March 19, 1925, on letter from this office dated March 17, 1925. The date of retirement has been set for March 4, 1925, the day the law was passed, as Mr. Watson has been on leave without pay since December 1, 1924.

H. D. King
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 31, 1925.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with statement that it appears the period December 1, 1924 to March 3, 1925, should be omitted from the computation of pay for the last five years of actual service, in accordance with Bureau Circular No. 74 of December 4, 1918.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, Balto., Md., 4/1/25

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., computation of pay having been changed in accordance with above.

King
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Cadet
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Asst Kpr Watson

APR - 4 '25

Capt Kuiz phoned that Asst Kpr Watson, Quill Shd, who was recommended for retirement under new disability law, died Apr 3. This will be confirmed in the usual way later.

Capt. K. stated his family was left practic. without funds, as a result of long illness, & asked permission to transport the body by Cadet to his former home in North Carolina, along with the widow and other members of the family. The Cadet Holly is bound that way on a regular L H trip, the only difference being that we start to-day, instead of Monday. There is no regular means of transp. to this place in N.C. until next Wednesday.

I told Capt K. O.K. subject to the rep of subsistence &c.

J. C. Hyde

J B

RG-EK
Incls.

April 4, 1925.

Subject: 5th Supt's. recommendation Mar.28,1925, retirement Victor L. Watson.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925. The Bureau is at the present time formulating a set of rules to govern disability retirement in accordance with the Act approved March 4, 1925 (Pub.No.598), and will submit them to the Department in the near future. The present disability case appears to conform to the proposed rules.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Papers in case recalled from Appt. Div. by phone

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

April 11, 1925.

Subject: Request for aid by Mrs. Victor L. Watson.

1. Attached is a ~~copy of a~~ letter from Mrs. Lena Watson, from Englehard, N. C., wife of the late Victor L. Watson who died April 3, 1925. Mr. Watson was keeper of Gull Shoal Light Station.

2. Mrs. Watson's letter shows that they have 6 children under 16 years of age and have no income. This is a real pitiful case and one that needs help.

3. On March 28th, 1925 this office recommended retirement of Mr. Watson on March 4th, 1925, and it is recommended that this retirement be granted so that Mrs. Watson will draw a little money from this retirement if practicable which would help her to some extent.

4. It is hoped that the Bureau will see its way clear to do what it can to render assistance in this case.

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RG-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., April 14, 1925.
Incl.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce together with Bureau recommendation of April 4, for Watson's retirement on account of disability. The latter recommendation was informally withdrawn from the Department when it was learned that Watson had died on April 3. In view of the circumstances of the keeper's family it is recommended that retirement be approved effective March 4, 1925, if such action is possible.

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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5/22/25 wrote Mrs. Watson copy to 5th

Engelhard, N. C.
May 6, 1925.

Department of Commerce and Labor,
Washington, D. C.

5/12/25 wrote Dept

Dear Sir:

I can get some help from you all. My
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n with me with some work I could do to
from this. I hope it may not be in
record in the Lighthouse Service.

(Signed) Mrs. Lena R. Watson,
Engelhard, N. C.

Ben rec for disability retirement pending will cover retired pay for mar 4 to Apl 2, date of death. Does not appear Ben can do more than advise accord, copy to 5th

Ben Dept date

(COPY)EK

Engelhard, N. C.
May 6, 1925.

5/22/25 wrote Mrs. Watson
copy to 5th

Department of Commerce and Labor,
Washington, D. C.

5/12/25 wrote Dept

Dear Sir:

I am writing to see if I can get some help from you all. My husband, Victor L. Watson, was a lighthouse keeper for 26 years. He died April 3, 1925, a great loss to me and my six little children and I have no income whatever. His salary only was enought to live on and build us a little home and we had none to lay up I hope you can see fit to help me a little at least for five years until my children can get large enought to help me. I hope the one that may read this letter and will consider the love he has for his children if you have any and think of having to part with them and companion too for the love of both of them are great. If you only could give me $50.00 a month I could keep my children with me with some work I could do to help out. Please let me hear from this. I hope it may not be in vain. Mr. Watson left a good record in the Lighthouse Service.

Truly,
(Signed) Mrs. Lena R. Watson,
Engelhard, N. C.

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RG-EK
Incl.

May 12, 1925.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. With reference to Bureau recommendation for the disability retirement for Keeper Victor L. Watson, now being given consideration by the Department:

2. There is inclosed a letter of May 6, 1925, from Keeper Watson's widow for the Department's information. The Bureau will advise Mrs. Watson of the status of the matter and state that there is no law in accordance with which further provision could be made for her.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., April 30, 1925

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter)
from this office dated March 28, 1925 on the subject of disability retirement of Victor L. Watson, late keeper of Gull Shoal Light Station, N. C., except Bureau endorsement of March 31, 1925, requesting a change in computation of pay. This change was made and application forwarded by endorsement of April 1, 1925. As the Bureau has been previously advised Mr. Watson died on April 3, 1925, and as his family is now in the most straitened circumstances it is respectfully requested that this matter of his retirement pay from March 4th to April 3rd be settled at as early a date as possible.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

L. M. Hopkins

L. M. Hopkins
First Assistant Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. May 13, 1925.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with advice that the Bureau is informally advised by the Department that this matter is now before the Solicitor of the Department for action. You will be advised in the matter as soon as practicable.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication, that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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RG-EK

May 22, 1925.

Victor L. Uniform

Mrs. Lena R. Watson,
Engelhard, N. C.

Dear Madam:

1. With reference to your letter of May 6, regarding a pension for yourself on account of your husband's service as a lighthouse keeper:

2. The Bureau is pleased to inform you that your husband's retirement on account of disability has been approved effective on March 4, 1925, and it appears that you will be entitled to his retired pay up to the date of his death. After that time, however, there is no law whereby the Bureau could make any provision for you.

2. The Superintendent of Lighthouses at Baltimore, Md., will communicate with you at an early date with reference to the retired pay which is due. The Bureau sincerely regrets its limitations in the matter.

Respectfully,

Phoned 5th to return notice of retirement as requested by Asst TPS 5/23

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 5th Supt

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Certificate of Retirement, V. L. Watson.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

May 25, 1925

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses in compliance with telephonic request of May 23, 1925.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Incl.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
May 26, 1925.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with statement that the date on certificate has been amended. It is now understood to be in proper form.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG-EK

May 27, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

1. With reference to the retirement of Keeper Victor L. Watson, effective on March 4, 1925,

2. The Department has requested that Watson's death be formally reported on Form 93. Be guided accordingly.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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CHIEF CLERK

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Sect of Navy.

Dear Sir.

my husband Victor H Watson was a light house keeper for 24 years when he died last April 3 he left me with no income and six children under 16 yeas. I am writting to see if you can help me get something for my children it is a hard strigged to keep them togeather. now please help me if you can I hope you can help me let me hear from you.

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Mrs Lena Watson
West Durham N.C.

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West Durham N.C.
Oct 25. 1925

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Mrs Lena Watson
West Durham N.C.

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This matter was up before & thoroughly considered. Concur with Pers. In sending copy to 5th he might be asked that if he has anything to add, he advise Re direct

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Oct 29

Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dept. Counsel
AWW

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RG-EK

October 31, 1925.

Victor L Watson

Mrs. Lena Watson,
WEST Durham, N. C.

Dear Madam:

1. With reference to your letter of October 25, regarding some provision for yourself on account of your husband's service as a lighthouse keeper before his death:

2. The Bureau regrets to advise you that the retirement legislation affecting this Service contains no provision for the dependents or widows of deceased employes. The Bureau sincerely regrets this limitation in the circumstances.

Respectfully,

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

COPY to 5th. Inclosed is copy of letter from Mrs. Watson referred to above. Should your office have any suggestions in the matter, it is suggested that you advise Mrs. Watson direct.

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CONFEDERATE STATES STAMPS
ESPECIALLY DESIRED

JOSEPH HYDE PRATT
CONSULTING ENGINEER AND ADVISOR
CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

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ENGINEERS
BILTMORE, N. C.

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August 23, 1932.

Superintendent Fifth District,
Lighthouse Service,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recently Mrs. Victor L. Watson has discussed with me the question of whether or not she is entitled to appension or other compensation from the Federal Government on account of her husband having been in the lighthouse service for about twenty-five years.

He was taken ill while on duty and died April 3,1925. He was in the Marine Hospital No. 82, Norfolk, Virginia, during January, February, March, 1925, and perhaps longer. In March, 1925, after the passage of the Act of Congress approved March 4, 1925, providing for the disability retirement of lighthouse keepers, the retirement of Mr. Watson was taken up as per letter of H.D.King, Superintendent of Lighthouses, under date of March 20, 1925, from office of the Superintendent of the Fifth District, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Watson's compensation, as approved March 31, 1925, while he was in the hospital, was $1500 per year.

Mr. Watson left a widow and six children who are now residing in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

I will appreciate it very much indeed if you will let me know if Mrs. Watson is entitled to pension or other compensation on account of the death of her husband, and what steps we should take to enable her to receive such pension or compensation.

Mr. Watson was keeper of the Gull Shoals Light Station, Englehard, North Carolina.

Yours very truly,

Joseph Hyde Pratt

Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chairman,
Chapel Hill Chapter,
American Red Cross.

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 26, 1932.
Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md. Furnish writer directly such information as may be practicable.
For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

VICTOR S. BRYANT GLAUDE V. JONES

BRYANT & JONES
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
415-416-417 TRUST BUILDING
DURHAM, N. C.

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 JUN-23- AM 9:07

6/24/33 - Wrote Mr. Bryant.

June 22, 1933

Law does not make any provision, and Mrs. Watson & other interested parties have been so informed. A.P.St.

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Victor L. (Lena Read) Watson, whose husband, Mr. Victor L. Watson, was keeper of the Gull Shoal light station at Englehard, North Carolina, from September 22, 1900, to April 3, 1925, has been to see me with reference to obtaining a pension. Her husband died in the service after an honorable record during the above period. She feels that she is entitled to a pension to support her, as she is now greatly in need of assistance. Please advise me if, under the Federal law, she is eligible for a pension at this time.

Very truly yours,

Victor S. Bryant

VSB:B

June 24, 1933.

Mr. Victor S. Bryant,
415-417 Trust Building,
Durham, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 22, 1933, in regard to obtaining a pension for Mrs. Victor L. Watson, widow of a former lighthouse keeper at Gull Shoal Light Station, N. C., who died April 3, 1925.

There is no provision of law under which Mrs. Watson could be granted a pension on account of her husband's services as lighthouse keeper. The Lighthouse Service Retirement law provides for retired pay of certain employees in this Service under conditions specified in the law. Such pay is properly not a pension but pay granted after retirement from active duty based on prior service, and is personal to the employee. It therefore terminates with his death the same as his salary does, and is not continued to his widow or other relatives; nor is there any provision for pay to widow or relatives in case an employee dies without having been retired. The beneficiaries of this act do not make any contribution toward their retirement pay.

Our records indicate that this situation has been clearly explained to Mrs. Watson in the past.

Respectfully,

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant.

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Bureau Files

Mrs. J. E. Stagg
CHAIRMAN

T. C. WORTH
TREASURER

MRS. JENNIE D. THACKSTON
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

AMERICAN RED CROSS

1935 JAN - 10 AM 50

DURHAM COUNTY CHAPTER
DURHAM, N. C.

2/15/35 wrote Thackston
Copy to 5th

1935 JAN - 10 AM 8:28
CHIEF CLERK
WAR DEPARTMENT

January 7, 1935

Adjutant General of the Army
War Department
Washington, D. C.

VICTOR L. WATSON

Dear Sir:

Victor L. Watson enlisted September 22, 1900 as a Light House Keeper and served at Gull Shoals and Gull Rock, Englehard, N. C. He died April 3, 1925 in the Marine Hospital at Norfolk, Va., while on duty.

At the time of his death, this man left six children, two of whom are now dependent, being 12 and 14 years of age and his widow. Do you know whether or not this family will be entitled to any benefits in a case of this kind?

If this is not directed to the proper office, we would appreciate your forwarding it to the right place in order that we can get direct information for the inquirer, Mr. Watson's widow.

Unless died from injury &c, as apparently not the case, no relief advise writer WRM 1/10

Received A. G. O. JAN 9 1935

Very truly yours

Jennie D. Thackston

Mrs. Jennie D. Thackston
Executive Secretary

JDT/ew

February 15, 1935.

Mrs. Jennie D. Thackston,
Executive Secretary,
American Red Cross,
Durham, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of January 7, addressed to the Adjutant General of the Army, concerning Mr. Victor L. Watson has been referred to this office because of the fact that Mr. Watson's employment was as a lighthouse keeper in this Service.

The records show that Mr. Watson's last position was that of keeper at Gull Shoal Light Station, N. C., and that he was retired from this position on account of illness which disabled him for active duty at the close of March 3, 1925. His death occurred April 3, 1925. Under the retirement legislation retired pay is personal to the employee and ceases at the time of his death, not being continued to his widow or any other dependents he may have. Accordingly the family of Mr. Watson is not entitled to any pension payment under the terms of the law.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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5th Supt.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to

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LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 26 8 22 AM '37

910 Holloway St.,
Durham, N. C.
Jan. 25, 1937.

1/30 wrote Mrs. Watson
Copy to 5th

Bureau of Light houses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

My husband, Victor Lawson Watson, was in lighthouse service from 1900 until his death on April 3, 1925. I have been told that men in such service during the World War were entitled to a bonus just as were the war veterans. I do not know if I am entitled to this but it seems that I might be able to secure a pension because my husband was in government service for 25 years.

I have six children, two under 18 years of age and I have no employment or means of support for myself and these two younger children. I would appreciate your advising me if I am entitled to any benefits.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Lena Watson

Mrs Lena Watson

CHECK GRID, INITIALS, MEMORANDA

ETC., SHOULD GO ON PAPERS

To	For
Commissioner	Information
Deputy Com.	Proper action
A. A.	Approve if no objection
C. C.	
Chief Engr.	Attach papers
Mar. Eng.	Rec. & ret. to _____ thru _____
Signals	
Radio	Prepare reply for sig. of _____
Elec. & Mech.	
Arch. & Str.	
Hydrographic	Forward to _____
Personnel	Ack. & to _____
Finance	for rec.
L. & P.	To _____ for direct action and report
Edit clerk	
Examiner	
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	Call up w.a.r.
	Call up w.f.r.r.
	Call up

If Bur records indicate his service may be of value to Bur — otherwise to 5th — or 16978, W.D. ref to Lieut — answer.

January 30, 1937.

Mrs. Lena Watson,
910 Holloway St.,
Durham, N. C.

Dear Madam:

In reference to your letter of January 25, inquiring whether you would be entitled to adjusted compensation on account of your husband's service in this Service during the World War:

Only employees who served at stations that were transferred to the jurisdiction of the War and/or Navy Departments during the World War are entitled to adjusted compensation and it appears that your husband did not serve at such a station and you would, therefore, not be entitled to any benefits on account of Mr. Watson's service in the Lighthouse Service during the World War.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to.....5th.....Supt

Victor L. Watson

Victor L. Watson

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
North Carolina

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESICNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Second Asst Kpr Bodie Island, N. C.	$450pa	Light-House	Oct. 21, 1906
1st Asst Kpr. Cape Hatteras L.S.N.C.	$500	"	Oct 24. 1907
" " " " " " "	$42.50	"	July 1. 1908.
" " " Cape Lookout L.S.N.C	42.50	"	October 1, 1909
Keeper Bluff Shoal L-S. N. C	$600.	"	Jan. 16, 1912.
" " " " "	$624.	"	Jan. 1. 1916
" Gull Shoal L.S.N.C.	$624.	"	April 1. 1917
" Increases "	960	"	Nov. 4 1918.
" "	1020	"	Apr. 23, 1923.
" Read. of Pay "	1260	"	JUL 1 1924
" Readjustment of pay "	1500	"	FEB 1 1925

Retired - Disability close Mar. 31 1925 - $624.87.

Died - April 3, 1925.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET.

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, by operation of law, July 1, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

To the Heads of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for in Part II of this form, relative to each appointee or employee, now in the service, who was serving in your Bureau June 30, 1903, and was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor July 1, 1903, pursuant to the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1903, and March 3, 1903, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

CANCELED. *Secretary.*

PART I.

(Blanks in Part I are to be filled by the appointee or employee; but if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case, the statement is to be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.)

Mr Victor Lawson Watson.

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Victor L. Watson

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

Engelhard	North Carolina,	Hyde County,	First
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Engelhard Hyde county N.C.

6. When were you born? February (Month.) 8th (Day.) 1874 (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the United States Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

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8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States Government? (If so, give below their names, relationship, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
no				

9. How long were you in the civil service of the United States Government prior to July 1, 1903?

Two years 9 mos.

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Appointed through Civil service examination Asst Kpr Sept 22th 1900

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

no, at times have to wear glasses

12. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American wars? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

13. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time, other than during the Civil and Spanish-American wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Navy Yard			

14. 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 for the Government indicated in your answers to questions 9, 12, and 13.)

Farming and Fishing

15. 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

16. What special qualifications have you—professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

None

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17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (State name and date of each, as near as you recollect.)

For Asst Kpr, some time in 1900.

18. 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

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 9th, 1904

Witness:

(Signature) Victor L. Watson.

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Engelhard, N. Carolina
City or town.

Number and street.

North Carolina
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded JUL 6 1904, 190

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Commander, U.S.N., Inspector, 5th L.H. Dist.

PART II.

(Blanks in Part II are to be filled by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the above questions was employed July 1, 1903.

Lt.Ho.Establishment. (Bureau or Service.) Gull Shoal Lt.Ho.N.C. (Place (city, town, or station).) Fifth. (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Assistant keeper.

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? October 4,1900.

4. How long had he served in the Bureau or Service in which he was employed July 1, 1903?

Two years, eight months, twenty-seven days.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $440. per annum.

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903?

Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses,1904.

7. Was the position he held July 1, 1903, excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules?

Competitive

8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896.

9. If the appointee or employee was appointed through examination, state the kind of examination. If not so appointed, state how he entered the position. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Non-educational.

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) H W Lee

(Official title) Commander, U.S.N., Inspector, 5th L.H. Dist.

Date: JUL 6 1904, 190

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Mr Lyman:

(Ed. 4-26-1900—1,000,000.)

No. 19. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

In view of the statement as to the conduct of the employee - Watson - politically - shall the matter be referred to the Civil Service Commission for consideration.

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How was he appointed?

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posed upon Gov Excellency by the appointment of Victor Watson as Assistant Keeper of gull Shoal light House he is a strong democrat and belonged to the red shirt gang in august last who paraded our County and kept the people from voting their sentiments and caused any county from going republican in the aug Election his father is a strong dem-



vcrat as ever lived he represented
our county 2 terms and was Sheriff
6 years and is now a Justice of the
Piece and I have labored for the
last twenty years for the republican
party and we are now gaining ground
here rapidly. but the appointment of
this young man in Sept last has
caused a great deal of dissatisfaction
with my people and they ask a
change and unless there is a change
with him there will be a great loss in
the Republican vote hereafter and it is
very humiliating to me as hard as
I have worked for the party let me hear
from you Yours Truly
Morgan M Gibbs

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

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington, 19 Sept., 1900.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. Victor L. Watson to be Assistant Keeper of Gull Shoal, N.C., light-station, with pay at the rate of $440. a year, in the place of Mr. Benjamin F. Cox, whose transfer and promotion has been asked.

Mr. Watson has passed the required Civil Service examination and attained a rating of 88.6 per cent.

Respectfully,

Thomas Perry
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.
Form 111.—Ed. 4 26 99 1,000.

OATH OF OFFICE.

PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.

I, Victor L Watson

do solemnly 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.

Victor L, Watson

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 3 day of October A. D. 1900

I B Watson

Justice of the Peace

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Asst Keeper	Gull Shoal	North Carolina	North Carolina

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a 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.

A.H.R.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

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

Washington, 1 April, 1901.

No. 1658.

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. Victor L. Watson, Assistant Keeper of the Gull Shoal, N. C., Light-Station, be given an absolute appointment, to date from 4 April, 1901 with pay at the rate of $440. a year.

The probationary appointment of Mr. Watson will expir on 3 April, 1901, and the Inspector of the Fifth Light-House District recommends that he receive an absolute appointment

Respectfully,

W. W. Wayne

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington 5 Oct., 1906.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. Victor L. Watson of North Carolina, from the position of Assistant Keeper at Gull Shoal, N. C., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $440 a year, to that of Second Assistant Keeper at Bodie Island, N. C., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $450 a year, to date from 16 Oct., '06, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. Fabius E. Simpson, transferred. Oct 1/06

Respectfully,

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

1663

October 6, 1906.

Mr. Victor L. Watson, of North Carolina, is hereby appointed Second Assistant Keeper at Bodie Island Light-Station, North Carolina, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Four Hundred and Fifty dollars per annum, effective beginning October 16, 1906, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice Fabius E. Simpson.

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By transfer from Assistant Keeper at Shell Shoal Light-Station, North Carolina, at $440 per annum.)

CARDED.

Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

I, Victor L. Watson 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.**

Victor L. Watson.

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date Oct. 21, 1906.

J. B. Johnson
Chief Clerk.

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 26 day of October, A. D. 1906

[c] Name: B. Y. Daniel

Official title: Justice of Peace

{Affix official seal.}

B.Y.D.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
2nd asst	Roanoke Island	Hyde Co. N.C.	N. Carolina

[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.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer and promotion of Mr. Victor L. Watson, of N. C., from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Bodie Island, N. C., Light-Station, at $450 a year, to that of First Assistant Keeper at Cape Hatteras, N. C., Light-Station, at $500 a year, to date from 24 October, '07, the date of his entrance on duty, in the place of Mr. Jabez W. Burfoot, whose transfer and promotion has been recommended.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

1658

November 20, 1907.

Mr. Victor L. Watson, of North Carolina, is hereby appointed First Assistant Keeper of Cape Hatteras Light-Station, N. C.,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to be effective beginning October 24, 1907, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice Jabez W. Burfoot.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By transfer from Second Assistant Keeper of Bodie Island Light-Station, North Carolina, at $450 per annum.)

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Assistant Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE

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I, Victor L Watson

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.**

Victor L Watson

CARDED.
Light House Board
Entered upon duty.
Date 24 Oct, '07.

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 6 day of Dec, A. D. 1907

W A Guyer
Acty Chief Clerk.

[c] Name: C. C. Miller

Official title: Notary Public

Affix official seal.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
1st asst kpr Cape Hatteras	Cape Hatteras	Hyde Co, N C.	N 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.

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N. B.

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Form 72 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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RECEIVED OCT 15 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of the Inspector, 5th L. H. Dist.,

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED OCT 16 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Baltimore, Md.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

October 13, 1908.
(Date)

Promotion

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) reappointment
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)

of (2) Victor L. Watson to & c of (3) North Carolina
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)

from (4) First Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (5) Cape Hatteras Light-Station, N.C.
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

at (6) $ 500. per an. to (7) First Assistant Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (8) Cape Hatteras Light-Station, N.C. at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

(9) $ 42.50 month, effective beginning (10) July 1, 1908. (the date
(Salary recommended)

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)~~
(State name of *last* person holding position)

~~who (12)~~ ~~on (13)~~
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)

~~Mr. (14)~~ ~~stands No. (15)~~ ~~in list of eligibles,~~

~~Class (16)~~, ~~with an average of (17)~~ ~~per cent, and~~

~~was considered with (18)~~

This increase is recommended in accordance with the Board's letter of July 15, 1908.

~~(19) letters of declination of~~ Approval of Examination Report herewith.

Respectfully,

Robt. D. Russell

Commander, U. S. N., Inspector, 5th L. H. Dist.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

October 15, 1908.

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

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED OCT 16 1908 TO APPOINTMENTS

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John M. Carey

Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

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Note.—This form should be sent to the Light-House Board in duplicate. Letters of declination, if any, should be sent with

This letter is returned for correction of items Nos.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

1658

October 17, 1903.

Mr. Victor L. Watson, of North Carolina, is hereby appointed First Assistant Keeper of Cape Hatteras Light-Station, North Carolina, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Forty-nine and 50/100 dollars per month, this appointment to be effective beginning July 1, 1903, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken. (Vice himself.)

(By change from $500 per annum.)

CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT REPORTED
OCT 19 1903
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

APPROVED

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: ....., 190

The Light-House Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Victor L. Watson,

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.

Victor L. Watson

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 30th day of October, A. D. 1908

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) C. C. Miller

(Official title:) Notary Public

OFFICIAL TITLE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
1st Asst.keeper, $42.50 per mo.	Cape Hatteras Light-station, N.C.	N. C.	N. C.

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 5th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md. (Address.), November 9, 1908. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1, 1908. (Date.)

(Signed:) Robt. D. Russell
Commander, U. S. N., Inspector, 5th L. H. Dist.

CARDED

[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. 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.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be executed at any time subsequent to the actual issuance of the appointment certificate, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form. Whenever possible the oath should be executed upon the date of actual entrance upon duty.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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NOV 12 1908
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Ent'd NOV 11 1908

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Form 78 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED SEP 29 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of the Inspector, 5th L. H. Dist.,

Baltimore, Md.,

September 25, 1909.
(Date)

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) transfer
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Victor L. Watson fo E OIC of (3) North Carolina
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) First Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Cape Hatteras Light-Station, N. C.,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $42.50 month to (7) First Assistant Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Cape Lookout Light-Station, N. C., at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $42.50 month, effective beginning (10) October 1, 1909 ~~(the date of his entrance on duty)~~ (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Salary recommended) (Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) James W. Gillikin
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) resigned on (13) September 15, 1909.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
~~Mr. (14) stands No. (15) in list of eligibles,~~
~~Class (16), with an average of (17) per cent, and~~
~~was considered with (18)~~
~~(19) letters of declination of herewith.~~

Respectfully,

Robert D. Russell

Commander, U. S. N., Inspector, 5th Light House Dist

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

SEP 29 1909 4 P.m.

September 28, 1909.

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

H. Niles

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED SEP 29 1909 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN SEP 30 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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APPOINTMENT WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

1658

September 30, 1909.

Mr. Victor L. Watson, of North Carolina is hereby appointed

First Assistant Keeper of Cape Lookout Light-Station, North Carolina,

in the Light-House Service,

with compensation at the rate of Forty-two and 50/100

dollars per month, effective beginning October 1, 1909

or date he relieves an officer on duty * Adrian O. Willis (vice James W. Gillikin.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is

subject to the oath of office being taken.

* DL 11/15/09 for amends

(By transfer from First Assistant Keeper of Cape Hatteras Light-Station, North Carolina, at $42.50 per month.)

CARDED. Oswald Ryan
Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

CHANGE REPORTED
OCT - 1909
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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
NOV 4 1909
NO. 1658

Enclosure

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Victor L. Watson

do solemnly [a] 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.

Victor L. Watson
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 27 day of Oct., A. D. 1909

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) Jno. Forlaw
(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
First Assistant Keeper	$42.50 month	Cape Lookout L't-Station, N. C.	N. C.	N. C.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

Office of the Inspector 5th Light-House District,
Baltimore, Md. (Address.), November 2, 1909. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on October 1, 1909. (Date.)

(Signed:) J. P. de Steiguer
Lieut. Commander, U. S. N., Inspector, 5th Light House Dist

CARDED

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

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NOTE CAREFULLY.

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A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS
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NOV 6 1909
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Ent'd NOV 5 1909

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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Three inclosures.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

Victor L. Watson,
change in appointment.

November 12, 1909.

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NOV 13 1909
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
NOV 15 1909
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to return herewith Department letter of September 30, 1909, appointing Victor L. Watson first assistant keeper of Cape Lookout Light-Station, N. C., vice James W. Gillikin, and begs to ask that the name of Mr. Watson's predecessor may be changed to Adarian D. Willis, who was temporarily appointed to this position in the place of James W. Gillikin.

Respectfully,

Jno. M. Carey

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,

Engineer Secretary.

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WROTE BOARD
NOV 15 1909

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED
NOV 15 1909
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Department of Commerce and Labor

1658 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

November 15, 1909.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith, the name of the appointee's predecessor therein having been changed from James W. Gillikin to Adarian D. Willis, in accordance with the Board's request of the 12th instant, in Department letter dated September 30, 1909, appointing Victor L. Watson first assistant keeper of Cape Lookout Light-Station, North Carolina, Mr. Willis having been temporarily appointed to this position in the place of James W. Gillikin.

Respectfully,

Charles Earl
Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED NOV 16 1909 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED.

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Enclosure No. 405.
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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 8 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Lighthouse Service
2. Where employed Cape Hatteras Light-Station, N. C.
3. Name Victor L. Watson
4. Where born North Carolina
5. Age 35
6. Position 1st Assistant Keeper
7. Compensation $42.50 per mo.
8. When appointed (a) October 4, 1900
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil Service Examination
10. Appointed from — State North Carolina; Congressional District First; County Hyde
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
13. Other Government service None
14. Duties (describe fully) Assists in care and maintenance of station.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) 10 tenths; Quality of work (e) Excellent; Interest manifested in work (f) Yes
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes
17. Remarks (g)

O. R.

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Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.
CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY Commander, U. S. N., Inspector, 5th Light House Dist

Robt. T. Russell
Head of Bureau or Office.

June 5, 1909.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 13 1911

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Victor L. Watson 2. Age 37 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse Service. 4. Position First Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $42.50 per mo. 6. Where employed Cape Lookout Light, N. C.

7. When appointed (*a*) Oct. 4, 1900 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service examination.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Assists in care and maintenance of station.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	95	2	190 00
Quality of work	85	3	255 00
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300 00
Attendance	100	2	200 00
Total		10	945 00
Average percentage			94 50

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN 21 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Is not a purely routine employee and manifests interest in his work and in the service.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Fair equivalent. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

W. A. Stayer
Commander, U. S. N. Inspector, 5th Dist.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

G. R. Putnam
Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 23 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Baltimore, Md., December 20, 1911

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED DEC 26 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer

Name, Victor L. Watson *Ef 94.5* Legal residence, North Carolina

Position, Keeper Salary, $600.

Location, Bluff Shoal Light-Station, N. C.

Effective on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper Former salary, $42.50 per month.

Location, Cape Lookout Light-Station, N. C.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, John T. Twiford Services terminated,

Reason, Transfer recommended. *Done*

Remarks: To be paid for from "Appropriation for Salaries, of Keepers of Light-Houses."

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Commander, U.S.N., Retired,
Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1911

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

FORWARDED TO APPOINTMENTS DEC 26 1911

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C. A. Keenener

Acting Commissioner

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

December 26, 1911.

Mr. Victor L. Watson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, North Carolina.

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

effective beginning January 16, 1912, or as soon thereafter

as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from First Assistant Keeper at $42.50 per month of Cape Lookout Light Station, North Carolina.)

CHANGE REPORTED
JAN 1912
U. S. COMMISSION.

C.R.D.C.D.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

A. M. Pendleton Jr.
Chief Clerk.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice John T. Twiford.

Legal Residence: North Carolina.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
DEC 27 1911
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
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Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

FEB 24 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Victor L. Watson

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.

☞ Victor L. Watson.
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Affirmed (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] 19 day of February, A. D. 1912

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) L. L. Bohrer

(Official title) Notary Public

OFFICIAL TITLE.	RATE OF PAY.	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Keeper	$600.per an.	Bluff Shoal Light-Sta., N. C.

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

CARDED.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fifth DISTRICT

Baltimore, Md. February 23, 1912
(Address.) (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 16th, 1912.
(Date.)

H. Lamberton
(Signature, followed by title.)
Commander, U.S.N., Retired,
Lighthouse Inspector.

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

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

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

Entd MAR 18 1912

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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MAR 18 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HDK--REOM

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT,

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 22 1915

Baltimore, Md., (City.) Dec. 21, (Date.) 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK DEC 23 1915

APPOINTMENTS DEC 23 1915 940

Action recommended, Increase in pay

Name, Victor L. Watson — Legal residence, N. Carolina

Position, Keeper — Salary, $624. per an.

Location, Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective Jan. 1, 1916 — {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $600. per an.

Location, Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C.

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

Previous incumbent, (New position) Services terminated,

D. L. DEC 16 1915 authority

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: This recommendation in accordance with Bureau letter of Dec. 17, 1915 authorizing certain changes in the schedule of pay of keepers in this District. This employee considered deserving of increase in his pay.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Lighthouse Inspector

12-23-15

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 22 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 23, 1915.

Mr. Victor L. Watson,

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 Six Hundred and Twenty-four dollars per annum,

effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $600 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: North Carolina.

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JAN 1916
U. S. COMMISSION
CARDED
DEC 23 1915

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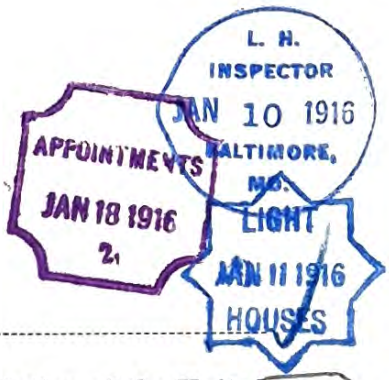
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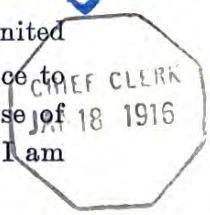
OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE





I, Victor L. Watson

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.

Victor L. Watson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 6th day of January, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) L. L. Rohr

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires July 6th 1917

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper	$624. per an.	Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C.
Former[5] do.	600. " "	" " " " " "

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 5th District

Baltimore, Md., (Address), Jan. 10, 1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Jan. 1, 1916 (Date)

H. D. King
Lighthouse Inspector

Victor L. Watson
(Signature of appointee)

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[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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Cert'd

January 14, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Fifth Inspector's letter of the 5th instant, and enclosures, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 12th instant, the Department hereby waives the provisions of the lighthouse regulations, 1914, paragraph 469, section 5, which provides that at stations where two keepers are authorized neither keeper shall be absent more than four days without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the inspector, in order that the leave applications submitted by the following keepers may be approved:

John L. Ennis, keeper of Hooper Island Light Station, Maryland,

Gary E. Powell, assistant keeper of Great Shoals Light Station, Maryland,

Anders Simonson, keeper of Love Point Light Station, Maryland,

Victor L. Watson, keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, North Carolina.

The Department notes that during the calendar year 1915 George L. Fulcher, assistant keeper of Laurel Point Light Station, North Carolina, was absent from duty 4 days and 9 hours in excess of the amount of leave to which he was entitled under the regulations. In view of the fact, however, that he provided a substitute at his own expense during this period, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that no deduction be made from his pay on this account, but that

* John L. Ennis

the Inspector be directed to withhold 4 days and 9 hours from Mr. Fulcher's leave allowance for the calendar year 1916.

The papers enclosed with the Inspector's letter are returned herewith.

Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure 983.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1916.

CHIEF CLERK MAY 4 1916 5

APPOINTMENTS MAY 4 1916

MAY 5 - 1916

Subject: Keeper, Bluff Shoal Light Station, N. C., caution.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

It is recommended that the Bureau be authorized to instruct the Fifth Inspector to make further report and recommendation in this case at the end of six months from April 22, 1916.

The records show that Victor L. Watson is the keeper of the station referred to. The Fifth Inspector's attention has been called to the omission of the name of the keeper from the superscription of the letter of caution and instructed to supply names of addressees in letters of caution and commendation in the future.

G. R. Putnam

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES
APR 25 1916

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Re "Report of Inspection."

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

April 22, 1916

Keeper, Bluff Shoal Light Station,
Engelhard, N.C.

Recent "Report of Inspection" of your station indicates unsatisfactory conditions in some respects.

The iron work of the foundation is reported in bad condition as to painting. This applies to all iron work under the house, including the "I" beam floor supports.

You are directed to undertake at once the thorough scaling, red leading, and painting of all this iron work. This work is to be completed within thirty days from this date, failing which all shore liberty will be discontinued until the work is properly accomplished.

You are cautioned to observe strictly the instructions in paragraph #105, sub-paragraphs 1 and 5, of "Instructions to Employees" of the U.S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, and the instructions heretofore given you relative to the signing of the watch book. Several discrepancies having been noted between the absences recorded in the journal and the signatures in the watch book.

It is further noted that the clock work of the lens was very greasy and that the fog signal striking machine was dirty. Give these matters prompt attention and avoid the use of unnecessary quantities of oil on the clock work.

Copies of this letter have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for his information.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 27 1916

H. D. King.

Lighthouse Inspector.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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May 5, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Bureau's communication of the 3d instant, forwarding copy of the Fifth Inspector's letter of the 22nd ultimo cautioning Victor L. Watson, keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, in regard to the unsatisfactory condition of his station, and approves the recommendation that the Inspector be directed to make further report, accompanied by appropriate recommendation, at the end of six months from April 22, 1916.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
OCT 3 1916
HOUSES

HDK--REOM.

Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C.:
Re condition of station.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

CHIEF CLERK
OCT 4 1916

Oct. 2, 1916

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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ACTION TAKEN
OCT 5 1916
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Referring to Bureau indorsement of May 6, 1916 forwarding Office Department letter of May 5, 1916 re the unsatisfactory condition of Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C. etc.

The Bureau is informed that Bluff Shoal Light Station was inspected by the writer on September 25, 1916 and found in a very satisfactory condition. It is accordingly recommended that no further action be taken in the case of Victor L. Watson, keeper of the station.

King
Lighthouse Inspector.

HB-NDW Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, October 3, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation for approval.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
SEP 30 1916
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

REOM.
5 inclosures.
Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C.
Leave of absence, keeper Victor L.Watson.

Sept. 29, 1916.

CHIEF CLERK
OCT 4 1916

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
OCT 5 1916
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

There is inclosed herewith the application on Form 76 in duplicate of Victor L. Watson, keeper, Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C. for 17 days of shore liberty or annual leave, July 20 to Aug. 5, inclusive, 1916, which it is recommended be granted. Bluff Shoal is in Class I as to leave of absence.

Attention is invited to the keeper's letters of Sept. 1 and 22 and copy of letter to keeper from this office dated Sept. 6. Return of this correspondence is requested for the files of this office.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

Chief Clerk.

HB-NDW Bureau of Lighthouses, October 3, 1916,
Washington.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation that the absence of Watson for more than six days without providing, at his own expense, a substitute, satisfactory to the Inspector, in accordance with the Regulations, 1914, paragraph 469 (par. numbered 5, first sentence) as amended by Department letter of July 24, 1916, so far as the Fifth District is concerned, be approved.

Acting Commissioner

October 5, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Fifth Inspector's report of the 2nd instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 3rd instant, in the case of Victor L. Watson, keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, who was reprimanded under date of April 22, 1916, for the unsatisfactory condition of his station, and approves the recommendation that no further action be taken in view of the improvement which has been shown.

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

October 5, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's redommendation of the 3rd instant, the Department hereby waives the provision of the leave regulations for the Lighthouse Service requiring keepers in the Fifth District to furnish a substitute when taking leave in excess of six days, and authorizes the Bureau to approve the application of Victor L. Watson, keeper of Bluff Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, for leave of absence covering the period from July 20 to August 5, inclusive, 1916, when a substitute was not furnished.

The correspondence accompanying the Bureau's communication is returned herewith.

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

Enclosure 80.

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

REOM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT MAR 14 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., March 13, 191 7

CHIEF CLERK MAR 16 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about April 1, 1917

APPOINTMENTS MAR 16 1917

Name, Victor L. Watson — Position, Keeper 634

From Bluff Shoal L.S., N.C. — To Gull Shoal L.S., N.C.

Previous incumbent, Thomas B. Spencer

Services terminated to with close of March 31, 1917 — Reason, Resignation

Mr. Watson's letter of Feb. 6, 1917 requesting this transfer is attached.

3-16-17

King

Lighthouse Inspector.

CARDED.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 16 1917 DEPT OF COMMERCE

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON MAR 15 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Inspector
Chief Clerk
Superintendent
Draftsman
Mechanician
Foreman
Accounts
Stenographer
Ordering
Personnel
Cust. Keeping
File Clerk
Messenger
File

L. H. INSPECTOR FEB 10 1917 BALTIMORE MD.

Accepted Feb 8.1917 Upr. Light Vessel

Caidad + Aud 2/12/17

FIFTH DISTRICT

Gull Shoal Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Feb 6th, 1917

MAR 14 1917 HOUSES

Lighthouse Inspector
Baltimore Md

Dear Sir:

I have just been informed that the Keeper of Gull Shoal is going to resign the first of March. I respectfully ask to be remembered for the place. it will place me nearer home than any other Station. and I am the only Keeper that lives in the vicinity of this Station and by placing me at this Station I will have less than half the distance to go. hoping that you may see best to give me the place.

I am fraturnaly yours

L. E. Watson
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
NOV 10 1917
HOUSES

REOM
Inclosures.



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Nov. 8, 1917

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Leave of absence, Victor L. Watson, keeper, Gull Shoal L.S.,N.C.

Reference: Letter from Mr. Watson dated Sept. 30 and accompanying application for leave and prior correspondence in connection therewith. Return of all papers, requested.

It is recommended that the provision of the Lighthouse Regulations, 1914, which requires that in the Fifth District neither keeper at a two-keeper station shall be absent more than six days without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the Inspector be waived,in order that the application of Victor L. Watson, keeper, Gull Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, for leave of absence from Sept. 2 to 17, 1917, when a substitute was not furnished, may be approved.

In this connection it may be stated at this time that the records of this Office show that to the close of Oct. 1917 Keeper Watson has taken 28 days 16¼ hours leave with pay in excess of the accrued amount, as follows:

	Days	Hours
Leave taken to close of Oct. 1917.....	94	16¼
" accrued and due	66	
" in excess.....	28	16¼

The authority of the Bureau for this excess leave is desired.

The case of this keeper is a meritorious one and worthy of special consideration. Most of the leave taken was on account of sickness, he being forced to undergo an operation for stone in bladder and hospital treatment incidental thereto and it is believed his present condition is due to his return to duty before full recovery. Mr. Watson has a good record extending over 17 years in the Lighthouse Service of this District.

Inasmuch as the leave with pay already taken by him exceeds his

full annual allowance for the calendar year 1917 by 12 days, 16½ hours, it is recommended that he be granted a further allowance of leave with pay at the rate of 8 days a month beginning Nov. 1, 1917.

In considering Mr. Watson's absence from duty without a substitute the difficulty of obtaining substitute in the locality of Gull Shoal L.S. should be borne in mind.

CHIEF CLERK
NOV 17
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In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

Supt., L.S.

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7 inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
November 16, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval of the Inspector's recommendations contained herein.

It is recommended that the accompanying papers relating to the files of the 5th Inspector be returned to this office at the proper time.

APPROVED:

ASS'T.SECY.
NOV 19 1917

Acting Secretary.

C.
N.

November 19, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in letter of the 8th instant from the Fifth Inspector's Office, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 16th instant, the Department has authorized an allowance of eight days' leave with pay per month, beginning November 1, 1917, to Victor L. Watson, keeper of Gull Shoal Light Station, North Carolina, in addition to the yearly allowance fixed in the Regulations. The Department has also approved the recommendation that the provision of the Lighthouse Regulations, 1914, which requires that in the Fifth District neither keeper at a two-keeper station shall be absent more than six days without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the Inspector be waived, in order that the application of Mr. Watson for leave of absence from September 2 to September 17, 1917, when a substitute was not furnished, may be approved.

By direction of the Secretary:

Acting Chief Clerk.

Enclosure 1678.
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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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LIGHT HOUSES
NOV 4 1916

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)
Watson, Victor L.

2. Department:
Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:
Lighthouse Service, 5th Dist.

4. Designation of position:
Keeper

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):

6. Annual earnings:
$612.00

7. Kind of appropriation:
LS

8. Present rate of pay:
$ 624. PA

9. Initial rate of pay:
$440. p.a.

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Substitute— Years:	Months:	Regular— Years:	Months:
		15	9

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):
N. Carolina

12. Race:
W

13. Sex:
Male

14. Date of birth—
Month: February
Year: 1874

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:
E4

16. Marital condition:
M

17. War veteran?
No

18. Appointed from—
Congressional district and State: 1 N. Carolina
County: Hyde

19. Civil service status:
C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:
CE

21. Place of employment—
City: Baltimore
State: Maryland

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Inspector, 5th District
Baltimore, Md.
May 31, 1918.

RECM

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Additional annual leave, Victor L. Watson.

Reference: Bu. indsmt., Feb. 16, 1918 returning letter from this office dated Feb. 11, 1918, subject, "Leave with pay, V.L.Watson" and subsequent correspondence.

Referring to Bureau grants of leave with pay to Victor L. Watson, keeper, Gull Shoal L.S., N.C., Feb. 16 and May 3, respectively, 1918, the Bureau is informed that Mr. Watson by reason of stress of weather was unable to return to station until May 21, 1918, to the close of which date he had been granted 92 days and 17 hours of annual leave with pay, leaving but the small amount of 3 days and 7 hours of annual leave to meet his leave needs for the balance of the calendar year. Accordingly, it is recommended that this Office be given authority to grant annual leave with pay to Mr. Watson at the rate of 8 days a month beginning June 1, 1918, such authority to continue until the close of the present calendar year.

KING, Lighthouse Inspector.
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Bureau of Lighthouses,
June 4, 1918.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval, in view of Watson's long and meritorious record. His protracted absence has been due to personal illness.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

J.S.CONWAY, Acting Commissioner.

APPROVED:

SIGNED) E. F. SWEET 1918 Jun 5 PM 3 34

6/6/18 - 4:09 PM

Assistant Secretary.

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To be reported on Journal and filed.

August 27, 1918.

Lighthouses reports V. L. Watson, Keeper, Gull Shoal Light Station, N. C. at $624 pa, on leave without pay status for not to exceed 1 year from date to be reported. See file 646.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 5 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1918.

M. Victor L. Watson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $624 per annum to $60 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary: CARDED

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

ON BASIS OF THIS ADVISE
DATED 11-17-18
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NOV 15 1918

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SPECIAL
LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT.

1923 APR 23 AM 8 45

Baltimore, Md. (City.) April 21, 1923 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Increase in pay

Name, Victor L. Watson — Legal residence, North Carolina

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1020. p.a. incl. of $60. longevity

Location, Gull Shoal Light Station N.C. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 23, 1923 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

1923 APR 23 PM 4 05

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APR 24 1923

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $960. p.a. incl. of $60. longevity

Location, Gull Shoal Light Station N.C.

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

APR 24 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Himself — Services terminated, .

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Wysocking Bay and Hog Island Lts., N. C. will be established about April 23 and will be given in charge of Keepers of Gull Light Station and an increase of $60. will be given each keeper. This increase was approved by Dept. on Jan.4,1923

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

H. D. King

Secretary, Civil Service District. — Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 23 1923

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON April 24, 1923.

Mr. Victor L. Watson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $960 per annum to $1020 per annum, effective April 23, 1923, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APR 24 '23

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

11—8074

5th.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 24 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

CROSS REFERENCE.

May 11, 1923, The Bureau of Lighthouses advises the Department of the date of effect of the following change:

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of change	Letter dated	Effective date
Victor L. Watson	Keeper	$ 1020	Increase	4/24/23	4/23/23

See file of Charles L Lewis

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Watson Victor K. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 4560, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 2 3 1924 File No. 1095/21.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Victor L. Watson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 5 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1500.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

By

CARDED

5th

FEB 5 - 1925

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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Incl.

CHIEF CLERK
1925 MAY 13 PM 1 56
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 13 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

May 12, 1925

Secretary of Commerce:

1. With reference to Bureau recommendation for the disability retirement for Keeper Victor L. Watson, now being given consideration by the Department:

2. There is inclosed a letter of May 6, 1925, from Keeper Watson's widow for the Department's information. The Bureau will advise Mrs. Watson of the status of the matter and state that there is no law in accordance with which further provision could be made for her.

L. O. Colvin

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

5/13/25.

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LIGHTHOUSES

1925 MAY 9 PM 2 13

Engelhard N.C.
May 6 1925

Dept. of Commerce and Labor
Washington
D.C.

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Eng.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dept Comm.
Comm.

CHIEF CLERK
1925 MAY 13
9 PM 12 16

Dear Sir.

I am writting to see if I can get some help from you all. my husband Victor L Watson was a Light House Keeper for 24 years he died April 3. 1925 a great lost to me and my six little

children and I have no income what ever his salary only was enough to live on and build us a little home and we had none to lay up. I hope you can see fit to help me a little at least for five years until my children can get large enough to help me. I hope the one that may read this letter and will consider the love he has for his childre if you have any. and think of hapening to part with them and companion two for the love of both of them are great. if you only could give me $50.00 amonth. I could keep my children with me with some work I could

do to help out. please
let me hear from this
I hope it may not
be in vain. Mr Watson
left a good record
in the Light House
service.

Truely

Mrs Lena B Watson.
Engelhard.
N. C.

U.S.Marine Hospital No.82 (COPY)EK

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States
Public Health Service
Tanners Creek
Norfold, Va.

March 24,1925.

The Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 20, 1925 re: Victor L. Watson, I have to inform you that this man, who was admitted to this hospital on November 4, 1924, from the Gull Shoal Light Station, is suffering with carcinoma, papillary, of bladder, and that in our opinion it is improbable that he will ever be able to resume his usual occupation. It is improbable that his life will extend more than a few years and it is possible that if he leaves the hospital he will be in no condition to return to it at the end of a year for further examination and certificate of disability.

By direction of the Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Wm. M. Bryan, Surg.
Executive Officer.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

1925 APR 5 AM 10 23

RG-EK
Incls.

April 4, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 4 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Subject: 5th Supt's. recommendation Mar.28,1925, retirement Victor L. Watson.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925. The Bureau is at the present time formulating a set of rules to govern disability retirement in accordance with the Act approved March 4, 1925 (Pub.No.598), and will submit them to the Department in the near future. The present disability case appears to conform to the proposed rules.

J S Conway
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 13
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

4/4/25

APPROVED:
J Walter Drake
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

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Dept. of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT

Name Victor L. Watson Date of Birth Feb. 8, 1874 Rating Keeper

Service Record Showing Character and Continuity of Service:-

Rating	From	To	Period of Service Yrs	Mos	Das	Remarks
Asst. Keeper	Dec. 1,1898	March 31,1899	0	4	0	
Asst. Keeper	Dec. 1,1899	March 31,1900	0	4	0	
Asst. Keeper	Sep.22,1900	Jan. 15,1912	11	3	24	
Keeper	Jan.16,1912	Nov. 30,1924	12	10	15	
			24	10	19	
Leave without pay Dec. 1, 1924, to Mar. 3, 1925						

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES MAR 24 1925 BALTIMORE MD.

APR 11 192 BALTIMO

Pay during five service years preceding proposed date of retirement not including ration allowance nor any additional bonus.

From	To	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	Rate per a.	Amount paid
Dec. 1, 1919	Mar. 3, 1920	0	3	3	960.00	248.00
Mar. 4, 1920	Apr. 22, 1923	3	1	19	$960.00	$3010.67
Apr. 23, 1923	June 30, 1924	1	2	8	1020.00	1212.67
July 1, 1924	Nov. 30, 1924	0	5	0	1500.00 (inc.ration allowance)	556.15
Dec. 1, 1924	Mar. 3, 1925	0	3	3	Leave without pay	-------
						5) $5027.49
					Average for 5 years....	$1005.50

Supt.
1 A Supt
Chief Cl
3 Asst.
6 A Supt.
4 A Supt
Mech.
1 Drafts
3 Drafts
Hydrog.
Accounts
Ordering
Personnel
Cost Kpg
File Cl
Steno.
Messenger
File

Average for last five service years: $ 1005.50 x 24.858 /40 = $ 624.87

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

I desire to make formal application for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service from March 4, 1925 as per service shown above.

Dated March 22 1925 Name W L Watson Rating Keeper

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Md., March 28, 1925 192 .

Forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending retirement at $ 624.87 per annum beginning March 4, 1925 192 . The above record of service and pay is certified correct as shown by files of this office.

H. D. King
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

April 3, 1925.

Mr. Victor L. Watson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 4, 1925, entitled An Act To provide for retirement for disability in the Lighthouse Service, you are, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, hereby retired from that service (5th district), effective at the close of business on March 3, 1925, with retired pay at the rate of $624.87 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

MAY 19 1925

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ON JOURNAL
MAY 19 1925

CHIEF CLERK

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Form 93
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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, FIFTH DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 28 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Baltimore, Md., May 28, 1925, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is ~~transmitted~~ reported the ~~resignation~~ death of the following-named employee:

Name, Victor L. Watson Position, Keeper

Legal residence, North Carolina Station, Gull Shoal Light Station, N. C.

Salary, $624.87 per annum (Retired pay)

~~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: Mr. Watson was retired as of March 4, 1925, and died April 3, 1925.

On Journal May 29/25

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

5/29/25

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 29 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

11—4623

CARDED

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#1

NAME Watson, Victor L. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 5th Dist.

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
1020	240	1260	CR	164.25	142H.25	LHS	5	1500	Yes	120	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

Approved - 5 - 1500

GRADE RECOMMENDED 7

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM 5 1500 TO 5 1740

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 55

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

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1. Watson (Surname) Victor (Given name) L. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouse
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Fifth Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Gull Shoal L.S.
   (c) City or town ____ State N. C.
6. Pay-roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day Avg. about 15; per week 105
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ____; or per week ____
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From 1/2 of time from sunset to sunrise m. to ____ m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ____
   During what months ____
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ____
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $1020. per annum; bonus, $ 240. per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 960. per "; bonus, $ 240. per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate None
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum $164.25
    45¢ per diem commutation of rations.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $Est. $20.
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ____; number of lessons ____; number completed ____

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

Percentage of total time given to each task

WATER STATION

1. Operating fourth order light and bell fog signal.
2. Keeping the station painted and clean.
3. Keeping the machinery and small boats in order.
4. Keeping station records and preparing reports.
5. Xxxx Going for mail and provisions.
6. Observing aids to navigation and conditions of weather.
7. Preparing meals and keeping rooms clean.

The keepers of this station also have charge of two minor lights.

*This employee is located at a Water Station and allowances marked X do not apply to his family who must live ashore.

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Keeper is in full charge of station and is largely governed in the performance of his duties by letters from the District office and by a book of Instructions to Employees. Frequently placed on his own responsibility saving life and property under stress of weather. Stations are usually in isolated localities where the personnel must act in emergency without reference to superior officers.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? .....
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

This employee ranks first at this station and he regularly has one employee under him.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since April 1, 1917.

22. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the foregoing questions are correct.

May 25, (Date), 1923. H. D. Ring (Signature of Preparing Officer) Supt. of Lighthouses (Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

.....
(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment		X	
Accuracy		X	
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)	X		
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)		X	
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)	X		

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		X
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent .....

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Experience: If essential, kind and extent .....

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25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1320. to $ 1680. exclusive of allowances mentioned in question 15.

May 25, (Date), 1923. H. D. Ring (Signature of head of field office or station) Supt. of Lighthouses (Title)

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