Milton E. Wheelock

Milton E. Wheelock

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Illinois

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Asst. Kpr. Round Isl L.S. ste Miss	$516.	L.H.	Sept 27, 1917.
Keeper " Increase	720	"	Nov. 4, 1918.
" Trans. & Prom. Crooked River Range Fla.	840	"	Dec. 10, 1918.
" Sand Isl. L. S. Alg	1020.	"	Feb. 19, 1921.
RESIGNED CLOSE OF April 20, 1921			

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., September 25, 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT OCT 4 1917 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Milton E. Wheelock.** Legal residence, **Illinois.**

Position, **Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$516 per annum.**

Location, **Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit, and Round Island Spit Lts., Mississippi.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **September 25, 1917,** {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~}

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

Location, - - - No papers E.F.

Rank on eligible list, Fourth. Rating, **Assistant Keeper.** Percentage, **82.4** , Other eligibles considered:

William M. Summerford, C; Lester Hall, C; Albert A. Branch, FR.

Previous incumbent, Frederick A. Schrieber. Services terminated, **June 30, 1917.**

Reason, **Promoted to Keeper of Round Island Light Station, etc., Miss., by Department letter dated July 2, 1917.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Milton E. Wheelock has never served under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are provided at Round Island Light Station for the family of the Assistant Keeper. Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement at Round Island Light Station, Mr. Wheelock was assigned to duty on September 25, 1917.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission October 2, 1917

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

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

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 4 1917

10-3-17

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1917.

Mr. Milton E. Wheelock,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 5 1917

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Frederick A. Schrieber.

Legal Residence: Illinois.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DISBURSING OCT 25 1917

Lighthouse Inspector OCT 18 1917 New Orleans.

LIGHT OCT 22 1917 HOUSES

CHECKED OCT 24 1917

APPOINTMENTS OCT 25 1917

I, Milton E. Wheelock,

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.

☞ Milton E. Wheelock
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 17th day of October, A. D. 1917.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. A. Stevens, Circuit Court

(Official title) Clerk Jackson County, Miss.

My commission expires Dec. 31, 1919.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$516 p.a.	Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit, and Round Island Spit Lights, Mississippi.
Former [5]	Probationary appointment.		

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

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., October 18, 1917.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 25, 1917.
(Date)

CARDED

(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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Per

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required)

Lighthouse Inspector
OCT 18 1917
New Orleans

LIGHT
OCT 22 1917
HOUSES

OCT 23 1917

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

MARCH 5, 1913.

To the CHIEFS OF BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out 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 should 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.)

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

Mr. Milton Edwin Wheelock

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

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

Waukonda (City or town.) | Ill. (State or Territory.) | Lake (County.) | Tenth. (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Waukonda Ill.

6. When were you born? January (Month.) 1st (Day.) 1894 (Year.)

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

L. C. Wheelock — Name.
Wauconda — City or town.
Ill. — State or Territory.
Number and street.

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? Yes.

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
J. C. Williams	East Point Fla.	Position Keeper Department or office St. George Light	Father in Law	Married.
		Position Department or office Commerce		
		Position Department or office		

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

None that I know of.

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No					

11. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

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

Company and regiment, 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 or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
None.			

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

Relationship (widow or orphan) None.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

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15. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 10, 11, 12, and 13.)

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15. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 10, 11, 12, and 13.)

Painter

16. 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 Schools.

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

Painter

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

~~None~~

Assistant Lighthouse Keeper--February 14, 1917.

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

Yes

Date, Oct. 16., 1917

Witness:

(Signature) Milton E. Wheelock

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Pascagoula
City or town.

Number and street.

Miss.
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded October 18, 1917.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officer of the Bureau of the Department to which the employee is assigned or by some authorized official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) | Round Island L.S., etc., Miss. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) | Eighth (District.)

2. Position to which appointed: Assistant Keeper.

3. Date of entrance on duty: September 25, 1917.

4. Compensation: $516 per annum.

5. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination.

7. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

Wauconda (Lake Co.), Illinois.

8. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out: Not foreign born.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department October 18, 1917.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

Mr. Milton E. Wheelock,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from assistant keeper at $516 per annum.

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division

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AT CLOSE OF THIS ACTION AS DATED 11-15-18
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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position, (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: Illinois.

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Form 111

APPOINTMENTS JAN 3 1919

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT DEC 9 1918 HOUSES

DEC 9 1918 9 44 AM.

I, Milton E. Wheelock,

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.

1918 DEC 9 PM 12 06

Milton E. Wheelock
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 30 th day of November, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) John H Tuomey

(Official title) 17th of Jan 1921 Notary Public

My commission expires

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present: Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$720 p.a.	Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit and Round Island Spit Lights, Mississippi.
Former [5]: Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$516 p.a.	do.

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., December 4, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1918.
(Date)

CARDED

(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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

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

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

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

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

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

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF [redacted] Eighth DISTRICT.

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 10 1918

New Orleans, La., December 6, 1918
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, Milton E. Wheelock — Legal residence, Illinois

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $840 per annum

Location, Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective December 7, 1918, ~~the date of confirmation or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the L.H. Service. — Former salary, $720 p.a.

Location, Round Island Light Station, etc., Mississippi.

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

Previous incumbent, Jefferson D.Miller — ~~Vacancy~~ Services terminated, not yet determined.

Reason, Recommended for transfer to Mobile Lighthouse Depot, Ala., as Depot Keeper, by nomination dated November 26, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

1918 DEC 10 PM 4 18

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
E. S. Lanphier.
First Assistant Superintendent.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 10 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT NOTICE SECTION DEC 11 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1918 DEC 10 PM 3 09

Acting Commissioner

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON December 11, 1918.

r. Milton E. Wheelock,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $840 per annum, effective December 7, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty. at the new rate of 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,

CARDED

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 1 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVIC[redacted]

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LIGHT
DEC 30 1918
HOUSES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Mar. Engr.
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Contracts
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December 16, 1918.

Milton E. Wheelock,
Crooked Riv.Rge.L.S.,Fla.

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1919 JAN 4 PM

1. Referring to Department letter dated December 11, 1918, notifying Milton E. Wheelock of change in his salary from $720 per annum as a keeper at Round Island Light Station, Mississippi, to $840 per annum as Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida:

2. The Bureau is advised that this change was effected on December 10, 1918.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 4 - 1919

Lanphier.
First Assistant Superintendent.

1919 JAN 4 PM 1 53

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Comm[illegible]

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JAN 13 1919
HOUSES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

January 9, 1919.

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Milton E. Wheelock,
Keeper.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter dated November 11, 1918, notifying Milton E. Wheelock, Keeper, of change in his salary from $720 per annum at Round Island Light Station, etc., Mississippi, to $840 per annum upon his transfer to Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida.

2. Bureau is advised that this change was effected on December 10, 1918.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

JAN 18 1919

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

1919 JAN 14 AM 11 38

Acting Commissioner.

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Sir:

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Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you to two men, three women and three children, in towing the disabled launch containing this party to the Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida, the Department commends you for the service thus rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

Mr. M. E. Wheelock,
Keeper, Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by E. F. SWEET

Mailed APR 18 1919 By K.H.B.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JAN 3 1921
HOUSES

SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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December 31, 1920.

M.E.Wheelock,
charges.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. The following papers are enclosed: Letter from Mrs.U.M.Gunn, dated Dec. 7th, 1920, making certain allegations regarding the actions of M.E.Wheelock, Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.; affidavit of U.M.Gunn, Asst. Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., sworn to Dec. 9th, 1920, and a letter dated Dec. 18,1920, relative to the actions of said M.E.Wheelock; copy of letter from this office preferring charges against Wheelock, dated Dec. 15, 1920; and letter from M.E.Wheelock, dated Dec. 18, 1920, to this office, replying to charges.

2. In my opinion the charges relating to unauthorized leave of absence have been substantiated and it is recommended that, as a punishment, M.E.Wheelock, Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., be transferred to a station without quarters for a family, the infractions of the regulations being sufficiently serious to warrant this action. It is not desired to recommend this employee's dismissal although the actions of the Keeper would warrant it, but it is desired to give Wheelock another opportunity. It is also recommended that the Bureau write Keeper Wheelock a letter of reprimand. It is further recommended that a letter of reprimand be written to U.M.Gunn, Asst. Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., for his failure to report to this office at an earlier date the actions of Keeper Wheelock, it appearing from the Asst. Keeper's statements that such actions were of long standing.

3. It is proposed to recommend the transfer of the present Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Ala., to Crooked River Range Light Station, and the transfer of Wheelock from Crooked River to Sand Island. The Keeper of Sand Island has requested transfer to Crooked River.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

No. 3.

Crooked River Range Light Station
Carrabelle Fla.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
DEC 11 1920
New Orleans

Dec 7. 1920

Light House Inspector
New Orleans,
Louisiana.

Sir

The Keeper of This Station
Away ingage in privit
Works. Absent from this
Station in the Year of 1920
Jan 11 days. Feb 8 days mar 3 days
April 10 days. may 4 days.
June 8 days July 9 days, Aug 5 days
Sept 8 days. Oct 13 days. nov 23 days
Dec 5 days and Keeper away
Now and has Sign his
Watch up to Dec the 12 th.
Keeper has no Substitute Keeper
in his Place now.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
DEC 11 1920
New Orleans

You required the assistant
keeper that all Communications
Be forwarded through-
Immediate official Superior
of the employes writing.
So you see it would not be
Good for the assistant keeper
to make out a report against the
keeper and forwarded it-
Through the keeper. So I
thought it would be better for
me to take up this matter
and let You know about
it as I under Stand all about
This Station affairs and
the condition of it.
It looks as the keeper has
Put double duty on the

Superintendent of Lighthouses
DEC 11 1920
New Orleans

Assistant Keeper.

The assistant will be Compleded to Leave the Station alone when Going after Supplys.

Remember the Keeper Sign Up his watch in the watch Book for as many days as he will Be away before Leaving the Station.

From Mrs. L. M. Gunn.
Tarrabelle,
Fla.

State of Florida }
Franklin County }

DEC 15
LIGHT
JAN 3 1921
HOUSE

Personally appeared before me J R Blocker a Notary Public for the State of Florida at Large U. M. Gunn who being duly sworn deposes and says that he is the assistant Light Keeper at the Crooked River Light House, and that the Keeper of the Light is continuously off from duty. He has been off more than he is allowed some-when about one hundred and eight (108) days this year. It causes me to have to leave the Station, must kept for hours at a time. he signes his watch from six to eight days at a time, and then leaves the Station. So what must I do in this Matter

U. M. Gunn

Sworn to and subscribed to
before me this 9th day of Dec 1920

J R Blocker

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My commission expires November 15, 1921

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supervisor of Lighthouses
DEC 22 1920
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

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

Dec 18, 1920

Light House Superintendent Carabelle Fla

Sir

Refering to the copy furnished asst keeper U. M. Gunn.
yes the keeper has been absent contenuen through this year as was Reported by mrs U. M. Gunn. it is true that the keeper swged his watch befor leaving Station as was Reported by her in the Report that She made to the offic.
I recived this letter Dec 18. 1920 haw Eight P. M.

Respt
U. M. Gunn
asst keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
December 15, 1920.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station,
Carrabelle, Florida.

1. Enclosed is a copy of sworn statement of U. M. Gunn, Asst. Keeper, Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida, received today, charging that you were absent from the station without authority for 108 days at various times during the calendar year 1920, and with making false entries in the journal of the light station.

2. In view of the statements contained in the above report and in the letter from Mrs. U. M. Gunn, wife of the Assistant Keeper, dated December 7, 1920, copy of which was sent you in this days mail, you are hereby charged with being absent without leave, neglect of duty, and conduct unbecoming a Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, having made false entries in the journal of the light station.

3. You are given three days after receipt of this letter in which to submit such reply to charges preferred against you as you may deem proper.

(SIGNED) LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crooked River Range
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 18 —, 1920

Eighth District of Lighthouses
DEC 22 1920
New Orleans

Light house Superintendent — Sir.

I was appointed keeper of Crooked River range Light Station two years ago this month. When I came there Mr. Gunn was very much dissatisfied with the former keeper according to the statement he made to me. I decided Mr. Gunn was a decent fellow and tried to make his position more pleasant hoping to be able to get along with him although I was advised that it could not be done. We got on fine for three or four months and then Mr. Gunn began to get slack in his work. He would not take care of the tools and leave them lying about the place and I would have to go and pick them up and take care of them. I spoke to him about it and he got mad and showed disrespect to me which I overlooked for the time being. When I gave him work to do while I was engaged in other duties he would do nothing until I returned to help him saying that the keeper was supposed to help do every thing there was to be done. When we were working together his wife would call him from his work to go do something for her which was many times a day.

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New Orleans

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Then his wife had a misunderstanding with my family and there has been trouble ever since. Although I treated him with respect and allowed him every privalige with in my power. He was raising hog's which took considerable time to look after them. Also was waiting on his neighbors which took more times. When I asked him to carry mail to town he would tell me he was not going and then go any way. He refused to bring my mail from town telling me there was not any when I would go in the next day and receive mail. No mail train coming in since Mr. Gunn was in. When I have been away from the station on official leave I have came back and found him gone and the station left alone. He has been gardening and peddeling his produce to the hands at a tune. still also selling goat meat and opossum's Thus taking several day's a week and much time consumed in producing the same. He was also engaged in raising hog's on shares with another party. In fact the largest part of his time in the day time was spent at something out side of his station duties.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Inspector 8th Dist. of Lighthouses
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New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

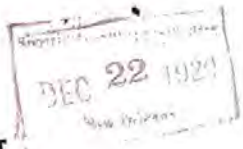
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Mr. Gunn has made the statement to out side parties that he was going to see if he couldn't get my $105 a month. Never saying any thing to me that he was dissatisfied with any thing at the station. Mr. Gunn has acted disrespectful to me every time I have had occasion to speak to him about his conduct which I would have had to resent personally if I had not been in the Government Service. Mrs. Gunn has interfered with the business through Mr. Gunn for a long period of time and has caused much trouble. Both Gunns family and mine not speaking for

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over a year. This has been the condition for so long that I had decided to resign if things could not be adjusted for the better. As soon as I mentioned it Mr. Gunn made application for the keepership of this station without consulting his superior officer or obtaining his signature as you will note on his application. He has ignored any authority which I may have as keeper the same as if I had not been keeper. There are a few of the things I have had to contend with but will not take time to mention any more at present. Mr. Gunn has practiced the very same thing as I am charged with in addition to the contents of this letter. I hope you will mark a decision in this matter soon. If the charges against me are great enough to cause my dismissal I will be glad to hear of it soon so I can make arrangements before Jan 1. — 21.

Respectfully,
M. E. Wheelock
Keeper.

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

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Inclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

January 14, 1921.

Subject: 8th Supt's. letter, Dec. 31, 1920, M. E. Wheelock, Keeper, Crooked River Range L. S., charges.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter of reprimand to Keeper Wheelock, in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, copy thereof to be furnished to the Department for its files, and that he be transferred to Sand Island Light Station, nomination therefor to be submitted at a later date. It is further recommended that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter of reprimand to Assistant Keeper Gunn for his failure to report at an earlier date the action of Keeper Wheelock, copy thereof to be furnished the Department for its files.

APPROVED:

Secretary of Commerce.

APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JAN 19 1921
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JAN 19 1921
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD [illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division..

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In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JEH-EK

January 24, 1921.

Reprimand.

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M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

1. Referring to report of the Superintendent of the Eighth Lighthouse District in regard to your unauthorized absence from duty, etc.

2. You are hereby severely reprimanded for being absent from your station without authority, for neglect of duty, and for conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service in making false entires in the station journal, in violation to Instructions to Employees, 1915, paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, and 34, and steps will be taken looking to your transfer to a station without family quarters. Should there be a repetition of these offenses on your part more drastic action will be taken.

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

(Signed)

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
January 24, 1921.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information. Attention is invited to Bureau recommendation of January 14, 1921, approved by the Department on January 18, 1921. Inclosed is copy of letter of reprimand addressed to Assistant Keeper U. M. Gunn.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

File

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) February 3rd, (Date.) 1921

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

1921 FEB 8 PM 3 57

Name, M. E. Wheelock, Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Salary, $1020 per annum.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Ala. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective February 16, 1921, {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Serv. Former salary, $840 per annum.

Location, Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.

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

- - - -

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1921.

M
r. Milton E. Wheelock,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 1020 per annum, effective February 15, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Carrabelle, Florida, to Fort Morgan, Alabama, have been authorized.

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,
(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

M.E.Wheelock, effective
date of change in salary.

March 2nd, 1921.

CHIEF CLERK

APPOINTMENTS

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter dated Feb. 10, 1921, concerning change in salary of M. E. Wheelock, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, from $840 per annum to $1020 per annum, effective from February 16, 1921, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the above change became effective beginning February 19th, 1921.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 5 1921
1921 MAR 7 PM 1 55

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

CARDED

Acting Commissioner.

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

1921 APR 13 PM 3 57

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., April 9th, 1921.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

1921 APR 15 PM 3 21

Name, M.E.Wheelock, Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Florida. Station, Sand Island Light Station, Ala.

Salary, $1020 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 20, 1921.

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

Remarks:

APPOINTMENTS

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN APR 16 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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E. S. Lamplier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1921 APR 13 P
APR 8 1921

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island 57
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

4 — 7 — 1921

Light House Supt.

Accept notice of my resignation as Keeper in the Light House Service to take effect as soon as you can get a man to relieve me and not later than April 20th.

Respectfully,
M. E. Wheelock
Keeper.

Send me three copies of Form 30 to transfer the property.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1921.

Mr. Milton E. Wheelock,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on April 20, 1921.

Bureau ..... Lighthouse Service.

Station ..... Sand Island Light Station, Ala.

Position ..... Keeper.

Salary ..... $1020 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

CARDED

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD H. ENG

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 16 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Resigned close of Apr. 20, 1921.
Term 93d Dept. Apr. 13, 1921.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT OCT 4 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

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

New Orleans, La., September 25, 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Milton E. Wheelock.** Legal residence, **Illinois.**

Position, **Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$516 per annum.**

Location **Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit, and Round Island Spit Lts., Mississippi.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **September 25, 1917.** {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~}

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

Location, **- - -**

Rank on eligible list, Fourth. Rating, **Assistant Keeper.** Percentage, **82.4** , Other eligibles considered:

William M. Summerford, C; Lester Hall, C; Albert A. Branch, NR.

Previous incumbent, Frederick A. Schrieber. Services terminated, **June 30, 1917.**

Reason, **Promoted to Keeper of Round Island Light Station, etc., Miss., by Department letter dated July 2, 1917.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Milton E. Wheelock has never served under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are provided at Round Island Light Station for the family of the Assistant Keeper. Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement at Round Island Light Station, Mr. Wheelock was assigned to duty on September 25, 1917.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. October 2, 1917.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

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

E. S. Laughlier
Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. OCT 4 1917

Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
OCT 6 1917
HOUSES

October 5, 1917.

Mr. Milton E. Wheelock,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Frederick A. Schrieber.

Legal Residence: Illinois.

(See reverse side.)

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crooked River Range Fla.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

3 - 30, 1917.

LIGHT APR 1 1918 HOUSES

Light House Superintendent,

The Keeper of this station rendered assistance to Mr. D. Donaldson and Mr. H. F. Donaldson and three ladies and three children when they broke the crank shaft to their engine. Towed them to station in skiff and gave supper and lodging to ladies and children.

Respectfully,
M. E. Wheelock
Keeper.

H F Donaldson
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
APR 7 1919
HOUSES

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crooked River Range , Fla.,

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LIGHT
APR 13 1919
HOUSES

Lighthouse Superintendent, La.

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Respectfully,

M. E. Wheelock,

Keeper.

H. F. Donaldson
D. D. Donalson.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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NEW ORLEANS LA.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 4, 1919.

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APR 18 1919
LIGHT HOUSES

4/1/19 Commendation
Copy Dept. appreciation

SUBJECT: Report dated March 30, 1919, of assistance rendered by M. E. Wheelock, Keeper, Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla. Assistance rendered party in disabled launch.

1. Forwarded to The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

2. It is recommended that M. E. Wheelock, Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida, be commended for his action in assisting the party in disabled launch as stated in his report of March 30, 1919, which is attached hereto.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Sir:

Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you to two men, three women and three children, in towing the disabled launch containing this party to the Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida, the Department commends you for the service thus rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

Mr. M. E. Wheelock,
Keeper, Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Commissioner of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La

By direction of the Commissioner, See your report for files of his office of april 4. 1919.

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Chief Clerk.

LIGHTHOUSES--Bureau's files.

E. F. SWEET

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed APR 18 1919 by

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JAN 8 1921
HOUSES

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
December 31, 1920.

M.E.Wheelock,
charges.

1/14/21 Wrote Dept
1/24/21 Reprimanded Wheelock
Copy to 8th Supt.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1/24/21 Reprimanded Gunn. — m Gunn's file,
Copy to 8th Supt

1. The following papers are enclosed: Letter from Mrs.U.M.Gunn, dated Dec. 7th, 1920, making certain allegations regarding the actions of M.E.Wheelock, Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.; affidavit of U.M.Gunn, Asst. Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., sworn to Dec. 9th, 1920, and a letter dated Dec. 18,1920, relative to the actions of said M.E.Wheelock; copy of letter from this office preferring charges against Wheelock, dated Dec. 15, 1920; and letter from M.E.Wheelock, dated Dec. 18, 1920, to this office, replying to charges.

2. In my opinion the charges relating to unauthorized leave of absence have been substantiated and it is recommended that, as a punishment, M.E.Wheelock, Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., be transferred to a station without quarters for a family, the infractions of the regulations being sufficiently serious to warrant this action. It is not desired to recommend this employee's dismissal although the actions of the Keeper would warrant it, but it is desired to give Wheelock another opportunity. It is also recommended that the Bureau write Keeper Wheelock a letter of reprimand. It is further recommended that a letter of reprimand be written to U.M.Gunn, Asst. Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., for his failure to report to this office at an earlier date the actions of Keeper Wheelock, it appearing from the Asst. Keeper's statements that such actions were of long standing.

3. It is proposed to recommend the transfer of the present Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Ala., to Crooked River Range Light Station, and the transfer of Wheelock from Crooked River to Sand Island. The Keeper of Sand Island has requested transfer to Crooked River.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY.

Crooked River Range Light Station.
Carrabelle, Fla. Dec. 7,1920.

Lighthouse Inspector,
New Orleans,
Louisiana.

Sir;

The keeper of this station away ingage in privit works. Absent from this station in the year of 1920, Jan. 11days, Feb. 8 days, Mar. 3 days, April 10 days, May 4 days, June 8 days, July 9 days, Aug. 5 days, Sept. 8 days, Oct. 13 days, Nov. 23 days, Dec. 5 days and Keeper away now and has sign his watch up to Dec. the 12th. Keeper has no Substitute Keeper in his place now. You required the Assistant Keeper that all communications be forwarded through immediate official superior of the employee writing. So you see it would not be good for the Assistant Keeper to make out a report against the Keeper and forwarded it - through the Keeper. So I thought it would be better for me to take up this matter and let you know about it as I under stand all about this station affairs and the condition of it. It looks as the keeper has put double duty on the Assistant Keeper. The Assistant will be compeleded to leave the Station alone when going after supplies. Remember the Keeper sign up his watch in the watch book for as many days as he will be away before leaving the station.

From Mrs. U. M. Gunn,

Carrabelle, Fla.

LIGHT
JAN 3 1921
HOUSES

(Copy)

State of Florida
Franklin County

Personally appeared before Mr. J. R. Blocker a Notary Public for the State of Florida at Large.

U. M. Gunn who being duly sworn deposes and says that he is the Assistant Light Keeper at the Crooked River Light House and that the Keeper of the Light is continnually off from duty. He has been off more than he is allowedsomewhere about one hundred and eight (108) days this year. It causes me to have to leave the Station unkept for hours at a time, he signed his watch from six to eight days at a time and then leaves the Station, so what must I do in this matter

(Signed) U. M. Gunn

Sworn to and subscribed to
before me this 9th day of Dec. 1920

(Signed) J. R. Blocker

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires November 15, 1921

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CROOKED RIVER RANGE L.S.
DEC. 18,1920

Lighthouse Superintendent Carrabelell Fla.

Sir

Referring to the copy furnished Asst. Keeper U.M. Gunn. Yes the Keeper has been absent contenus through this year as was reported by Mrs. U.M. Gunn. it is true that the Keeper singed his watch before leaving Station as was reported by her in the Report that she made to the ofic1. I received this letter Dec. 18, 1920 here eight P.M.

Respt.
(Signed) U.M.Gunn,
Asst.Keeper.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

December 15, 1920.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station,
Carrabelle, Florida.

1. Enclosed is a copy of sworn statement of U. M. Gunn, Asst. Keeper, Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida, received today, charging that you were absent from the station without authority for 108 days at various times during the calendar year 1920, and with making false entries in the journal of the light station.

2. In view of the statements contained in the above report and in the letter from Mrs. U. M. Gunn, wife of the Assistant Keeper, dated December 7, 1920, copy of which was sent you in this day's mail, you are hereby charged with being absent without leave, neglect of duty, and conduct unbecoming a Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, having made false entries in the journal of the light station.

3. You are given three days after receipt of this letter in which to submit such reply to charges preferred against you as you may deem proper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT
CROOKED RIVER RANGE
DECEMBER 18, 1920.

Lighthouse Superintendent,

Sir:

I was appointed Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station two years ago this month. When I came there, Mr. Gunn was very much dissatisfied with the former keeper according to the statement he made to me. I decided Mr. Gunn was a decent fellow and tried to make his position more pleasant, hoping to be able to get along with him although I was advised that it could not be done. We got on fine for three or four months and then Mr. Gunn began to get slack in his work. He would not take care of the tools and leave them lying about the place and I would have to go and pick them up and take care of them. I spoke to him about it and he got mad and showed disrespect to me which I overlooked for the time being. When I gave him work to do while I was engaged in other duties, he would do nothing until I returned to help him saying that the Keeper was supposed to help do everything there was to be done. When wewere working together his wife would call him from his work to go do something for her which was many times a day. Then his wife had a misunderstanding with my family and there has been trouble ever since. Although I treated him with respect and allowed him every privilege within my power. He was raising hogs which took considerable time to look after them. Also was waiting on his neighbors which took more time. When I asked him to carry mail to town he would tell me he was not going and then go anyway. He refused to bring my mail from town telling me there was not any when I would go in the next day and receive mail. No mail train coming in since Mr. Gunn was in. When I have been away from the station on official leave, I have came back and found him gone and the station left alone. He has been gardening and peddeling his produce to the hands at a turp. still also selling goat meat and oppossums . This taking several days a week and much time consumed in producing the same. He was also engaged in raising hogs on shares with another party. In fact the largest part of his time in the day time was spent at something outside of his station duties. One day Mr. Gunn's wife came to my house and asked me to go over and see if Mr. Gunn was crazy. She said he was out in the yard with the children when he started cussing as loud as he could and run over and started butting the side walk with his head and then went down in the garden and started butting the fence. She said she heard the fence breaking and she came to me to see what was the matter with him. I went over there and he was laying on the ground back of the closet and he did not deny what his wife had said when asked. He said that woman would drive a man crazy. Mr. Gunn has made the statement to outside parties that she was going to see if he could'nt get my $103 a month. Never saying anything to me that he was dissatisfied with anything at the station. Mr. Gunn has acted disrespectful

to me every time I have had occasion to speak to him about his conduct which I would have had to resent personally if I had not been in the Government Service. Mrs. Gunn has interfered with the business through Mr. Gunn for a long period oftime and has caused much trouble. Both Gunns family and mine not speaking for over a year. This has been the condition for so long that I had decided to resign if things could not be adjusted for the better. As soon as I mentioned it, Mr. Gunn made application for the Keepership of this station without consulting his superior officer or obtaining his signature as you will note on his application. He has ignored any authority which I may have as Keeper the same as if I had not been keeper. These are a few of the things I have had to contend with but will not take time to mention any more at present. Mr. Gunn has practiced the very same thing as I am charged with in addition to the contents of this letter. I hope you will reach a decision in this matter soon. If the charges against me are great enough to cause my dismissal, I will be glad to hear of it soon so I can make arrangements before Jan. 1-21.

Respectfully,

(Signed) M.E. Wheelock,

Keeper.

JEH-EK
Inclosures.

January 24, 1921.

Subject: 8th Supt's. letter, Dec. 31, 1920, M. E. Wheelock, Keeper, Crooked River Range L. S., charges.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter of reprimand to Keeper Wheelock, in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, copy thereof to be furnished to the Department for its files, and that he be transferred to Sand Island Light Station, nomination therefor to be submitted at a later date. It is further recommended that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter of reprimand to Assistant Keeper Gunn for his failure to report at an earlier date the action of Keeper Wheelock, copy thereof to be furnished the Department for its files.

GP

APPROVED:
(Sgd.) J. W. Alexander.
Secretary of Commerce.
Jan. 18, 1921.

JEH-EK
2 inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
January 24, 1921.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for his information, guidance, and files, attention being invited to his report of December 31, 1920. You are requested to submit nomination for the transfer of Wheelock from Crooked River Range Light Station to Sand Island Light Station. Inclosed are copies of letters of reprimand of this date addressed to Keeper Wheelock and Assistant Keeper Gunn.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

JEH-EK

January 24, 1921.

Reprimand.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.

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Washington, D. C.
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+ Supt Trotter

to note this case,
and similar case recently
in 5th (Wolf Trap), and
to confer with Supts on
subject on their visit
districts.

Every effort must be
made to stop this practice
of mustering absentees and/
false records, and to
punish all guilty.

Jan. 27, 1921.

Noted 2/9/21

JEH-EK

January 24, 1921.

Reprimand.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

1. Referring to report of the Superintendent of the Eighth Lighthouse District in regard to your unauthorized absence from duty, etc.

2. You are hereby severely reprimanded for being absent from your station without authority, for neglect of duty, and for conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service in making false entires in the station journal, in violation to Instructions to Employees, 1915, paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, and 34, and steps will be taken looking to your transfer to a station without family quarters. Should there be a repetition of these offenses on your part more drastic action will be taken.

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

HHCB

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

JEH-EK.

1 inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
January 24, 1921.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information. Attention is invited to Bureau recommendation of January 14, 1921, approved by the Department on January 18, 1921. Inclosed is copy of letter of reprimand addressed to Assistant Keeper, U. M. Gunn.

HHCB

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

E. W. T. 1/27/21

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Form 84

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1921 JAN 28 PM 3 48

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT.

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New Orleans, La., January 26th, 1921.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter)

from this office dated December 31, 1920, on the subject of M.E. Wheelock, charges.

After forwarding above referred to letter of Dec. 31st, copies of newspaper quotations from "The Carrabelle Citizen" Nov. 11th and Dec. 16th, 1920, were received in this office without letter of transmittal, attention being drawn to the following news items:

> "Mr Dr. Holloway has not bought a new car. Mr. Wheelock has given his old car such a splendid overhauling until it looks like a new one."

> "Judge C.T.Wathen is having his residence re-painted. Mr. M.E.Wheelock is doing the painting and is making a good job of it."

Recommendation in letter of December 31st, 1920, for the transfer of Keeper Wheelock to a station without quarters is considered very lenient and it is requested that this matter be decided as soon as possible.

E. S. Lamphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

JEH-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
January 29, 1921.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of January 24, 1921, inclosing copies of letters of reprimand addressed to keeper Wheelock and to assistant keeper Gunn.

HCB

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

April 16, 1921.

1921 APR 18 PM 3 26

Superintendent of Lighthouses
APR 21 1921
New Orleans

Mr. Milton E. Wheelock,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on April 20, 1921.

Bureau ..... Lighthouse Service.

Station ..... Sand Island Light Station, Ala.

Position ..... Keeper.

Salary ..... $1020 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD H. [illegible]
Chief of Appointment Division.

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May 7th, 1921.

M. E. Wheelock, Former Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Wauconda, Ill.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated April 16th,1921, accepting your resignation as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of business on April 20th, 1921.

2. There is also enclosed check for $79.00, your salary for the period April 1st to 20th incl.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Booked

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Received Office of Lighthouses
APR 22 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 20, 1921

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans. La.

Sir

I took charge of Sand Island Light Station April 20. 1921.

Mr Wheelock left the station April 20. 1920.

Yours truly
William H Wright
1st Asst in Charge.

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April 22, 1921

M. E. Wheelock,
East Point,
Florida

1. Referring to your letter of April 20, 1921, requesting that your salary check be sent to East Point, Fla., you are informed that check in payment of your salary will be sent as soon as property return received from you has been checked and all articles properly accounted for.

2. With reference to the second paragraph of your letter regarding the possibilities for reinstatement, you are informed that it is permissible to reinstate a person within one year from the date of resignation, but it is not obligatory upon the nominating officer to do so. It is also possible to be reinstated in another district at the discretion of the Superintendent of the district in question.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
APR 22 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

4 — 20, 1921

Light House Supt.

Leaving said Island the 20th. Please send my salry check to East Point, Fla. Advise me, if you will about what date you will send it as I am going to leave this part of the country and I would like to know if it will be sent soon enough so that I can wait for it.

Inform me if I can be reinstated in the Light House service within one year if I so desire, and if I can reinstate in another district without an examination.

Respectfully,
M. E. Wheelock.
Keeper, Retiring.

Advise him that it is permissible to reinstate a person within one year from date of resignation but obligations must be complied with before he is reinstated at the discretion of Superintendent of District in question. If reinstated in another district also

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

WJB.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., April 9th, 1921.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, M.E.Wheelock, Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Florida. Station, Sand Island Light Station, Ala.

Salary, $1020 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 20, 1921.

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

Remarks:

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

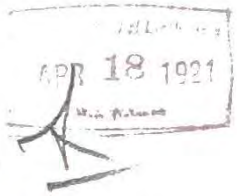
Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

4 — 16, 1921

Light House Supt.

I left Sand Island the 11th to come to Mobile to cash check. The wind has been blowing stong so that I have been unable to return to the station. Will return soon as possible and make application for leave of absence on proper form.

Respectfully

W. E. Wheelock

Keeper.

WJB.

April 9th, 1921.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 7th, 1921, tendering your resignation as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are advised that your resignation has been accepted effective at the close of April 20th, 1921.

3. Before leaving the station you will turn over to Wm. H. Wright, 1st Assistant Keeper, all Government property in your care, obtaining his receipt therefor on Form 30, three copies enclosed.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished Wm. H. Wright, 1st Asst. Keeper, S and Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Ala., for his information and guidance. Report to this office, by letter, the exact time Mr. Wheelock leaves the light station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

C O P Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

Sand Island Light Station, Ala.

April 7th, 1921.

Lighthouse Superintendent:

Accept notice of my resignation as Keeper in the Light House Service to take effect as soon as you can get a man to ~~take~~ relieve me and not later than April 20th.

Respectfully,

(Signed) M. E. Wheelock.

Keeper.

Send me three copies of Form 30 to transfer the property.

C O P Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

Sand Island Light Station, Ala.

April 7th, 1921.

Lighthouse Superintendent:

Accept notice of my resignation as Keeper in the Light House Service to take effect as soon as you can get a man to ~~take~~ relieve me and not later than April 20th.

Respectfully,

(Signed) M. E. Wheelock.

Keeper.

Send me three copies of Form 30 to transfer the property.

LIGHTHOUSES

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New Orleans

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

M February 10, 1921.

r. Milton E. Wheelock,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 1020 per annum, effective February 16, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Carrabelle, Florida, to Fort Morgan, Alabama, have been authorized. 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,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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M.E.Wheelock, effective
date of change in salary.

March 2nd, 1921.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter dated Feb. 10, 1921, concerning change in salary of M. E. Wheelock, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, from $840 per annum to $1020 per annum, effective from February 16, 1921, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the above change became effective beginning February 19th, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WJB.

March 2nd, 1921.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan , Alabama.

1. In reply to your letter of February 28th, 1921, you are advised that the time consumed by you in transferring from Crooked River Range Light Station to Sand Island Light Station will not be charged to leave of absence as this travel was on official business. For your information it may be stated that you have been taken up on the pay roll as Keeper of Sand Island Light Station beginning February 19th.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
MAR 2. 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Mobile L.H.Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 1st, 1921., 19

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans, La.
Sir:-

1. It is respectfully reported that M.E.Wheelock, Keeper Sand Island Light Station, left Mobile on the Steamer Hollabird for his station. 9 a.m. Sunday last.

Respectfully,

J. D. Miller

Depot Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAR 1, 1921

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island Ala.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

2 — 28, 1921

Light House Superintendent, Sir.

Left Carrabelle Fla 2—23—21 and Arrived in Mobile the 24th. There was no boat running to Fort Morgan so could not get out until the 27th. Please inform me whether or not I should take Leave of absence for the time consumed in transferring

Respectfully—

W. E. Wheelock.

Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
FEB 25 1921
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Mobile L.H.Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 24th. 1921., 19

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans, La.
Sir:-

1. Referring to your letter of 2-14-21, relative to W.E.Wheelocks transfer from Keeper of Crooked River Light Station to Keeper of Sand Island Light Station.

2. It is respectfully reported that Wheelock at this depot at 8 A.M. to-day, the Steamer will not leave Mobile untill Sunday morning at 9 A.M.. I will report when Wheelock leaves Mobile.

3. Wheelock is being instructed to-day in the care and operation of a Type "B" I. O. V. Lamp. He has no experience with the type of lamp in use at Sand Island.

4. The Coupon C-102921 taken from transportation request is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

J. D. Miller

Depot Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8th DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

WJB.

February 14, 1921.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station,
Carrabelle, Fla.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Feb.10, 1921, advising that your salary as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $840 per annum to $1020 per annum, effective Feb.16,1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty as Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Ala.

2. After you have turned over to T. Hansen, who will succeed you as Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, all government property in your charge, and received his receipt therefor on Form 30, you are directed to proceed to Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Ala., and assume charge at that station. Transportation request is enclosed to cover your railroad fare from Carrabelle, Fla., to Mobile, Ala. Upon your arrival at Mobile you will get in touch with Mr.J.D.Miller, Keeper of the Lighthouse Depot, whose phone is No.679. He has been directed to assist you in reaching Fort Morgan from Mobile.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth,

First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy furnished J. D. Miller, Keeper Lighthouse Depot, P. O. Box 270, Mobile, Ala., for his information and guidance. Upon the arrival of Mr. Wheelock you are directed to make arrangements with the U.S. Quartermaster boat "Holabird" for his transportation from Mobile to Fort Morgan. Advise this office the date Mr. Wheelock arrives and departs from Mobile.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. T. Muth

First Assistant Superintendent.

Booked

Form 73

WJB.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) February 3rd, (Date.) 19 21

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, **M. E. Wheelock,** Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$1020 per annum.**

Location, **Sand Island Light Station, Ala.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **February 16, 1921,** {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty;~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Serv. Former salary, **$840 per annum.**

Location, **Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.**

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

Previous incumbent, T. Hansen Services to be terminated, **about Feb. 15, 1921.**

Reason, **Transferred to Crooked River Range Light Station.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: See Bureau indorsement of Jan. 24th, 1921, inclosing copies of letters of reprimand addressed to Keeper Wheelock and to Asst. Keeper Gunn. Authority for payment of transportation from Carrabelle, Fla., to Fort Morgan, Ala., is requested.

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

E. S. L.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Booked

1921 JAN 19 PM 2 33

(COPY)

Superintendent of Light Houses
JAN 31 1921
New Orleans

JEH-EK
Inclosures.

January 24, 1921.

Subject: 8th Supt's. letter, Dec. 31, 1920, M. E. Wheelock, Keeper, Crooked River Range L. S., charges.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter of reprimand to Keeper Wheelock, in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, copy thereof to be furnished to the Department for its files, and that he be transferred to Sand Island Light Station, nomination therefor to be submitted at a later date. It is further recommended that the Bureau be authorized to address a letter of reprimand to Assistant Keeper Gunn for his failure to report at an earlier date the action of Keeper Wheelock, copy thereof to be furnished the Department for its files.

(Signed)

APPROVED:

J. W. Alexander Jan 18, 1921.

Secretary of Commerce.

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Aid. Vis.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Clifford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

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2 inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
January 24, 1921.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for his information, guidance, and files, attention being invited to his report of December 31, 1920. You are requested to submit nomination for the transfer of Wheelock from Crooked River Range Light Station to Sand Island Light Station. Inclosed are copies of letters of reprimand of this date addressed to Keeper Wheelock and Assistant Keeper Gunn.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

In replying address
Comm. issioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and File No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 31 1921
New Orleans

January 24, 1921.

Reprimand.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

1. Referring to report of the Superintendent of the Eighth Lighthouse District in regard to your unauthorized absence from duty, etc.

2. You are hereby severely reprimanded for being absent from your station without authority, for neglect of duty, and for conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service in making false entires in the station journal, in violation to Instructions to Employees, 1915, paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, and 54, and steps will be taken looking to your transfer to a station without family quarters. Should there be a repetition of these offenses on your part more drastic action will be taken.

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(Signed)

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
FEB 7 192
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Cracked River Range Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
~~Oct 27~~ ~~20~~
Feb. 4. , 192/

Light House Superintendent Sir.

Your letter of Feb. 4. rec'd. Will accept Keepership of Sand Island. Light Station.

Respectfully
M. C. Wheelock.
Keeper.

Form 84

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LIGHTHOUSES

1921 JAN 28 PM 3 48

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT.

Superintendent of Lighthouses FEB 2 1921 New Orleans

New Orleans, La., January 26th, 1921.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter)

from this office dated December 31, 1920, on the subject of M.E.Wheelock, charges.

After forwarding above referred to letter of Dec. 31st, copies of newspaper quotations from "The Carrabelle Citizen" Nov. 11th and Dec. 16th, 1920, were received in this office without letter of transmittal, attention being drawn to the following news items:

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Recommendation in letter of December 31st, 1920, for the transfer of Keeper Wheelock to a station without quarters is considered very lenient and it is requested that this matter be decided as soon as possible.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

JEH-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
January 29, 1921.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of January 24, 1921, inclosing copies of letters of reprimand addressed to keeper Wheelock and to assistant keeper Gunn.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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.

11—6363

WJB.

February 1st, 1921.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station,
Carrabelle, Florida.

1. Transmitted herewith, to be retained by you, is Bureau letter of reprimand dated January 24th, 1921.

2. Nomination has been made for your transfer to the position of Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Ala., at a salary of $1020 per annum, plus bonus and usual ration allowance, effective beginning February 16th. Be guided accordingly.

3. You will await the arrival of the Keeper who is to relieve you at your station. You will then be given orders to proceed to Sand Island and assume charge of that station. Before leaving the station you will obtain from your successor a receipt on Form 30 (three copies enclosed) for all the Government property at your station. You will keep one copy, surrender one copy to the new keeper, and forward one copy to this office as soon as possible. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
WASHINGTON

JEH-EK

January 24, 1921.

Reprimand.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

1. Referring to report of the Superintendent of the Eighth Lighthouse District in regard to your unauthorized absence from duty, etc.

2. You are hereby reprimanded for being absent from your station without authority, for neglect of duty, and for conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service in making false entries in the station journal, in violation to Instructions to Employees, 1915, paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, and 34, and steps will be taken looking to your transfer to a station without family quarters. Should there be a repetition of these offenses on your part more drastic action will be taken.

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

(Signed) G. R. Putnam,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 84.
RP-WJB.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., January 26th, 1921.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter)

from this office dated December 31, 1920, on the subject of M.E.Wheelock, charges.

After forwarding above referred to letter of Dec. 31st, copies of newspaper quotations from "The Carrabelle Citizen" Nov. 11th and Dec. 16th, 1920, were received in this office without letter of transmittal, attention being drawn to the following news items:

> "Mr Dr. Holloway has not bought a new car. Mr. Wheelock has given his old car such a splendid overhauling until it looks like a new one."

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Recommendation in letter of December 31st, 1920, for the transfer of Keeper Wheelock to a station without quarters is considered very lenient and it is requested that this matter be decided as soon as possible.

L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crooked River Range.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 31, 1921

Light House Superintendent. - Sir.

Will you please inform me whether or not you can transfer me to some other coast light or to beacons. It is impossible to get along with the Ass't. Keeper here and I dont want to be responsible for this place with an Ass't that cannot be depended upon or can not trust. If I can not get another Ass't, or transfer in the near future I will have to hand in my resignation. An early reply to this letter is desired.

Respectfully
M. E. Whelock.
Keeper.

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EP-WJB.

M.E.Wheelock,
charges.
Registered mail.

December 31, 1920.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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2. In my opinion the charges relating to unauthorized leave of absence have been substantiated and it is recommended that, as a punishment, M.E.Wheelock, Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., be transferred to a station without quarters for a family, the infractions of the regulations being sufficiently serious to warrant this action. It is not desired to recommend this employee's dismissal although the actions of the Keeper would warrant it, but it is desired to give Wheelock another opportunity. It is also recommended that the Bureau write Keeper Wheelock a letter of reprimand. It is further recommended that a letter of reprimand be written to U.M.Gunn, Asst. Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., for his failure to report to this office at an earlier date the actions of Keeper Wheelock, it appearing from the Asst. Keeper's statements that such actions were of long standing.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WJB. M E M O. Jan. 20, 1921.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EP-WJB.

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+ a letter dated Dec 18/20

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Leave o absences of

M. E. WHEELOCK, KEEPER, Crooked River Light Station.

1920	Reported by asst. keeper	as shown by form 65	Authorized leave
Jan.	11 days	- - - - -	- - - - - - -
Feb.	8	- - - - -	- - - - - - -
Mar.	3	- - - - -	- - - - - - -
Apr.	10	3-19/30	2-19/30
May.	4	- - - - -	- - - - - - -
June.	8	3 (Business)	2
July.	9	3 do	2
Aug.	5	- - - - - -	- - - - - - -
Sept.	8	- - - - - -	- - - - - - -
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Nov.	23	left station 4 p.m. on 15 return date not shown	(twenty (three (days. (Nov. and Dec.
Dec.	5		
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT
CROOKED RIVER RANGE
DECEMBER 18, 1920.

Lighthouse Superintendent,

Sir:

I was appointed Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station two years ago this month. When I came there, Mr. Gunn was very much dissatisfied with the former keeper according to the statement he made to me. I decided Mr. Gunn was a decent fellow and tried to make his position more pleasant, hoping to be able to get along with him although I was advised that it could not be done. We got on fine for three or four months and then Mr. Gunn began to get slack in his work. He would not take care of the tools and leave them lying about the place and I would have to go and pick them up and take care of them. I spoke to him about it and he got mad and showed disrespect to me which I overlooked for the time being. When I gave him work to do while I was engaged in other duties, he would do nothing until I returned to help him saying that the Keeper was supposed to help do everything there was to be done. When wewere working together his wife would call him from his work to go do something for her which was many times a day. Then his wife had a misunderstanding with my family and there has been trouble ever since. Although I treated him with respect and allowed him every privilege within my power. He was raising hogs which took considerable time to look after them. Also was waiting on his neighbors which took more time. When I asked him to carry mail to town he would tell me he was not going and then go anyway. He refused to bring my mail from town telling me there was not any when I would go in the next day and receive mail. No mail train coming in since Mr. Gunn was in. When I have been away from the station on official leave, I have came back and found him gone and the station left alone. He has been gardening and peddeling his produce to the hands at a turp. still also selling goat meat and oppossums . This taking several days a week and much time consumed in producing the same. He was also engaged in raising hogs on shares with another party. In fact the largest part of his time in the day time was spent at something outside of his station duties. One day Mr. Gunn's wife came to my house and asked me to go over and see if Mr. Gunn was crazy. She said he was out in the yard with the children when he started cussing as loud as he could and run over and started butting the side walk with his head and then went down in the garden and started butting the fence. She said she heard the fence breaking and she came to me to see what was the matter with him. I went over there and he was laying on the ground back of the closet and he did not deny what his wife had said when asked. He said that woman would drive a man crazy. Mr. Gunn has made the statement to outside parties that she was going to see if he could'nt get my $103 a month. Never saying anything to me that he was dissatisfied with anything at the station. Mr. Gunn has acted disrespectful

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Respectfully,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
DEC 22 1920
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crooked River Range
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

12 - 20, 1920

Light House Superintendent:- S.W.

Your letter of Dec 15 - 20 relating to sworn statement of W. M. Gunn was rec'd today. I have mailed letters which I think will cover this Statement. I note that the report of Mr. Gunn and Mrs. Gunn does not correspond as to the number of day's I was absent. Both of which include official leave and time consumed in getting provisions.

Respectfully

W. E. Wheelock

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

If you consider that I should be dismissed from the service I would like to have a chance to resign Thank you.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
DEC 22 1920
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crooked River Range.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 18, 1920

Light house Superintendent:-

Referring to your letter of Dec 15. I am accused of being absent for 107 day's in the year 1920. Including official leave. The time I am charged with was spent while going after supplies and mail. I have to walk to town and back and carry supplies on my back. Therefore it is impossible to go to town and back in 6 hours. When we got back late the keeper at the station would take care of the light until the absent keeper returned who would then resume his own watch. When this happened we would sign the watch book for the full watch not intending to violate the rules of the service. This being agreed to by Mr. Gunn and myself. Mrs Gunn alleged that I was engaged in private work which is not true. I have helped people several times but have never received compensation for it. And that is only what every white man ought to do. The charge against me is the same thing that is practiced by Mr. Gunn. Mr. Gunn agreed that it was all right when I first took charge of this station. If this is not explained satisfactory I would be glad to answer any question's you may ask.

Respectfully, M. E. Wheelock Keeper.

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CROOKED RIVER RANGE L.S.
DEC. 18,1920

Lighthouse Superintendent Carrabelell Fla.

Sir

Referring to the copy furnished Asst. Keeper U.M. Gunn. Yes the Keeper has been absent contenus through this year as was reported by Mrs. U.M. Gunn. it is true that the Keeper singed his watch before leaving Station as was reported by her in the Report that she made to the ofiel. I received this letter Dec. 18, 1920 here eight P.M.

Respt.
(Signed) U.M.Gunn,
Asst.Keeper.

(COPY)

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
EP-JEB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

December 15, 1920.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station,
Carrabelle, Florida.

1. Enclosed is a copy of sworn statement of U. M. Gunn, Asst. Keeper, Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida, received today, charging that you were absent from the station without authority for 108 days at various times during the calendar year 1920, and with making false entries in the journal of the light station.

2. In view of the statements contained in the above report and in the letter from Mrs. U. M. Gunn, wife of the Assistant Keeper, dated December 7, 1920, copy of which was sent you in this day's mail, you are hereby charged with being absent without leave, neglect of duty, and conduct unbecoming a Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, having made false entries in the journal of the light station.

3. You are given three days after receipt of this letter in which to submit such reply to charges preferred against you as you may deem proper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EP-JEB

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EP-WJB.

December 15, 1920.

M. E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station,
Carrabelle, Florida.

1. Enclosed you will find a copy of letter received from Mrs.U.M.Gunn. According to the records of this office you were granted the following leave during the present calender year: April, 2-19/24 days; June 2 days; July 2 days; November and December 23 days; making a total of 29-19/24 days.

2. On your application of Nov. 2nd for the 23 days leave you stated that you had previously taken only 6-19/24 days leave and the application was accordingly approved, as this was not contrary to the records of this office. According to the assertions of Mrs. Gunn it appears that you have been absent from the station for a total of 107 days between Jan. 1st and Dec. 7th,1920.

3. It is also alleged that you have made false entries in the station journal by reason of having signed the journal in advance for the full period for which you were absent from the station.

4. You are directed to report to this office in regard to the allegations contained in the letter of Mrs. U.M.Gunn, copy of which is attached, setting forth specifically whether or not you were absent for all or part of the time stated by her when you had received no authorized leave of absence.

5. Your attention in this connection is called to the Regulations regarding absences in excess of 6 hours duration. No one will be permitted to continue in the employ of this Service who has violated the Regulations for leave of absence etc. as alleged by Mrs. Gunn.

6. You are hereby directed to mail the Light Station Journal to this office without making any further entries in same after receipt of this letter.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished Asst.Keeper U.M.Gunn, through the Keeper, with directions to report as to the truth of the statements made by Mrs.U.M.Gunn, copy of whose letter is attached hereto. You are also directed to report the date and hour on which you receive this letter. The keeper has been directed to mail the station journal to this office without making any further entries in same after receipt of letter sent him this date.

E.S.L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EP-JEB

December 15, 1920.

U. M. Gunn, Asst. Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station,
Carrabelle, Florida.
(Throught the keeper)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your sworn statement, relative to the continued absences, without authority, of Keeper M.E.Wheelock, of Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., and in reply you are informed that this matter will receive proper attention by this office.

2. A copy of letter to the keeper transmitting to him a copy of letter from your wife, has been sent you through the keeper directing you to report as to the truth of your wife's statements.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

5 Copies

WJB. DRAFT. Dec. 15,1920.

Registered Mail.

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State of Florida
Franklin County

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(Signed) U. M. Gunn

Sworn to and subscribed to
before me this 9th day of Dec. 1920

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Carrabelle, Fla. Dec. 7,1920.

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Louisiana.

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From Mrs. U. M. Gunn,

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Louisiana.

Sir;

The keeper of this station away ingage in privit works. Absent from this station in the year of 1920, Jan. 11days, Feb. 8 days, Mar. 3 days, April 10 days, May 4 days, June 8 days, July 9 days, Aug. 5 days, Sept. 8 days, Oct. 13 days, Nov. 23 days, Dec. 5 days and Keeper away now and has sign his watch up to Dec. the 12th. Keeper has no Substitute Keeper in his place now. You required the Assistant Keeper that all communications be forwarded through immediate official superior of the employee writing. So you see it would not be good for the Assistant Keeper to make out a report against the Keeper and forwarded it - through the Keeper. So I thought it would be better for me to take up this matter and let you know about it as I under stand all about this station affairs and the condition of it. It looks as the keeper has put double duty on the Assistant Keeper. The Assistant will be compeleded to leave the station alone when going after supplies. Remember the Keeper sign up his watch in the watch book for as many days as he will be away before leaving the station.

From Mrs. U. M. Gunn,

Carrabelle, Fla.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
DEC 12 1918
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON December 11, 1918.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS

r. Milton E. Wheelock,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper of the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 720 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective December 7, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty at the new rate of 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,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Crooked River
Rge. F.P.,
Fla.

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Milton E. Wheelock,
Crooked Riv.Rge.L.S.,Fla.

December 16, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter dated December 11, 1918, notifying Milton E. Wheelock of change in his salary from $720 per annum as a keeper at Round Island Light Station, Mississippi, to $840 per annum as Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida:

2. The Bureau is advised that this change was effected on December 10, 1918.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

First Assistant Superintendent.

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Milton E. Wheelock,
Keeper.

January 9, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter dated November 11, 1918, notifying Milton E. Wheelock, Keeper, of change in his salary from $720 per annum at Round Island Light Station, etc., Mississippi, to $840 per annum upon his transfer to Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida.

2. Bureau is advised that this change was effected on December 10, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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December 16, 1918.

Milton E. Wheelock, Keeper,
Crooked River Range Light Station,
Carrabelle, Florida.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated December 11, 1918, notifying you of change in salary from $720 per annum as Assistant Keeper at Round Island Light Station to $840 per annum as Keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, effective commencing December 10, 1918.

2. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

First Assistant Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crooked River
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 9, 1918

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans

Sir:

I respectfully report that Milton E. Whelock reported at this Station for duty at 6 P.M. December 9, 1918. I turned the Station and property over to him December 10, 1918.

Respectfully
J. D. Miller
Keeper

Y. O. D. Dec. 10th.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crooked River
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

12. 10., 1918.

Light House Superintendent.

Sir.

I left Round Island Light Station Dec. 7. and arrived at Crooked River Light Station Dec. 9. and took charge of the Station Dec. 10.

Respectfully.

M. E. Wheelock.

Keeper.

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

SPECIAL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., December 6, 1918
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, **Milton E. Wheelock** Legal residence, **Illinois**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$840 per annum**

Location, **Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **December 7, 1918,** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~; or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the L.H. Service. Former salary, **$720 p.a.**

Location, **Round Island Light Station, etc., Mississippi.**

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

Previous incumbent, Jefferson D.Miller Services terminated, **not yet determined.**

Reason, **Recommended for transfer to Mobile Lighthouse Depot, Ala., as Depot Keeper, by nomination dated November 26, 1918.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
E.S.K.
First Assistant Superintendent

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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November 29, 1918.

Milton E. Wheelock, Assistant Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Mississippi.
(Through the Keeper)

This office is considering your name in connection with a vacancy in the keepership of the following lights:

Crooked River Range Front Light
Crooked River Range Rear Light Station

The light station is located onshore about three miles from Carrabelle, Florida. The Range Front Light is about 5/8 mile offshore. Separate dwellings are provided for the families of the keepers. The salary of the keeper is $840 per annum, with the usual ration allowance of 45¢ per day. There is one assistant keeper.

You are requested to advise this office by return mail whether or not you will accept appointment in above position. If selected, you will be directed to proceed to the new station within the next week or ten days.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished Fredk. A. Schreiber, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Pascagoula, Mississippi, for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Inc.

December 6, 1918.

Milton E. Wheelock, Asst. Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper.)

1. You are informed that you have been nominated for transfer to Crooked River Range Light Station, Florida, as Keeper at $840 per annum effective beginning on the date you assume charge of that station.

2. You are directed to proceed to Crooked River Range Light Station, via Carrabelle, Florida, on inclosed Government Transportation Request, as soon as practicable after the receipt of this letter. When you have secured your ticket, detach the stub, date same and show value thereon and return it to this office.

3. The present keeper of Crooked River Range Light Station, Mr. J. D. Miller, has been directed to prepare a receipt for transfer of property, and, upon assuming charge of the station, you will check over and sign the receipt in accordance with instructions printed thereon.

4. Advise this office the exact date you leave Pascagoula and the date of your arrival at Crooked River Light Station.

(Signed) DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished F.A.Schrieber, Keeper, Round Island L.S., Pascagoula, Miss., for his information and the station files.

[SIGNED] DORRY
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

1. Copy furnished J. D. Miller, Keeper, Crooked River Range L.S., Carrabelle, Fla., for his information and the station files.

2. You are directed to prepare receipt for transfer of property on inclosed Forms 30, same to be signed and forwarded in accordance with Instructions "B" thereon.

3. Upon transferring the light station to Mr. Wheelock, you will proceed to Mobile, Ala., on inclosed Government Transportation Request, reporting for duty to Mr. Gilbert S. Bell, Mechanician in Charge.

4. When you have secured your ticket, detach the stub on inclosed

Transportation Request, date same and show value thereon, and return it to this office.

5. Advise this office the exact date of Mr. Wheelock's arrival at Crooked River and the date of your arrival at Mobile.

[SIGNED] DORRY

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

PS.--Before leaving the station, see that Mr. Wheelock thoroughly understands the operation of the light.

Copy furnished Mr. Gilbert S. Bell, Mechanician, Mobile Lighthouse Depot, P.O.Box 270, Mobile, Ala., for his information and the Depot files.

Advise the exact date Mr. Miller reports to you for duty as Depot Keeper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Transportation Request
for
Milton E. Wheelock, ~~Asst. Kpr.~~,
to go from Pascagoula, Miss.,
to ~~Crooked River Rge. L.S.~~,
Carrabelle, Fla., as Keeper.

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Also one for Jefferson D. Miller,
Keeper, to go from ~~Crooked River~~
~~Rge. L.S.~~, Carrabelle, Fla., to
~~Mobile L.H.Depot~~, Mobile, Ala., as
Depot Keeper.

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Form 56

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TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. _____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

New Orleans La December 6, 1918
(Place and date)

SEND TO Milton E Whellock Assistant Keeper
Round Island Light Station
Pascagoula Mississippi

You will be transferred Crooked River Make necessary preparations Letter and transportation follow

DORRY

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST: [SIGNED] DORRY

(Name)
Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.

(Title)

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Form 1201

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

RECEIVED AT S. W. COR. GRAVIER AND ST. CHARLES STS., NEW ORLEANS, LA. ALWAYS OPEN

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 6 1918 NEW ORLEANS

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PASCAGOULA MISS DEC 6 1918 1PM

LIGHT HOUSE SUPT 2128
NEWORLEANS LA

WILL ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AT CROOKED RIVER LIGHT STATION WIRE ME IF I WILL BE TRANSFERRED

225PM M E WHEELOCK

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 20 1918

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTION NOV 23 1918

November 19, 1918.

Mr. Milton E. Wheelock,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from assistant keeper at $516 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: New position, (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: Illinois.

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COPY (MCC) Recd., 8:30 a.m., Dec. 3, 1918, D.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Milton E. Wheelock,

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.

(Sgd.) Milton E. Wheelock
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 30th day of November, A. D. 191 8.

(Affix official seal here)
S(John H. Turner,
E(Notary Public
A(Jackson Co.,
L(Miss.

[4] (*Name*) John H. Turner

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires 17th of Jan., 1921.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$720 p.a.	Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit and Round Island Spit Lights, Mississippi.
Former [5] Asst.Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$516 p.a.	do.

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

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OFFICE OF ~~[illegible]~~ SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., December 4, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1918.
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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2 inclosures.

November 25, 1918.

Milton E. Wheelock, Assistant Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Mississippi.
(Through the Keeper)

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 19, 1918, promoting you to the position of Keeper in the Lighthouse Service and increasing your salary to $720, effective commencing November 1, 1918.

Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same promptly, as no compensation can be paid you under this appointment until the oath is received in proper form.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished Fredk. A. Schreiber, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Pascagoula, Mississippi, for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.