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National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 08/14/2026

REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
White, John, J.		1894 CT

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
☐ Air Force ☐ Army Air Corps ☐ Army Air Force
☐ Army ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Navy
☐ Coast Guard ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
☐ Enlisted
☐ Officer
☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
☐ 1939 & Prior
☐ 1940 - 1950
☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death: 1936 CT

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location) Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District
From: 1924 To: 1936

(Agency & Location) Sounder = W300
From: To: 3 FOLDERS

(Agency & Location)
From: To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00079547B9

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Submitted to Arc. Search 8/12/26 8PM

Attendant Signature:

Remarks:

SCREENING NOTES

☑ Reviewed and Nothing Removed
☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

NA FORM 13173 – NPRC (06-13)

Out

JOHN J. WHITE.

Disappeared, and 3d's farm 93
stating presumed to have drowned
January 8, 1936 sub. to Dept 1/25/36

JOHN J. WHITE.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT SEP 21 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) September 18 (Date.), 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through Secretary, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **John J. White** Legal residence, **New Jersey**

Position, **Assistant Keeper.** Salary, **$480 per annum**

Location, **Rockland Lake Light Sta., N. Y.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **October 1, 1917** Hydrog. Engr. Cons. Mar. Engr. Personnel Accounts. Contracts Chief Clerk Dep. Commr. Commr. [1] [redacted], or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, **Keeper** Percentage, **82.2**, Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, Robert C. Ridgway Services terminated, **September 30, 1917**

Reason, **Dismissed.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of district desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,2,3,4 and 5 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. SEP 19 1917, 191

Assistant Secretary, Civil Service District. J T Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. SEP 21 1917

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

General Depot,
Office of Inspector, 3d District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

October 9, 1917.

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for cancelation, is Department letter, in duplicate, dated September 24, 1917, appointing John J. White to the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York. Mr. White has declined to enter on duty in said position.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

(Signed) F. Ockenfels,

Chief Clerk.

McC-T
3 inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 18, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending that the Department cancel its order whereby James J. White would have been given a probationary appointment as assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $480 per annum, for assignment to duty at Rockland Lake Light Station, New York. Department letter of September 24, 1917, in triplicate, is inclosed for cancelation on its face.

Acting Commissioner

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Engr. Cons.
Mat. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comnr,
Comnr.

LIGHT OCT 22 1917 HOUSES

October 19, 1917. 6149

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 18th instant, the Department has canceled its order of September 24, 1917, whereby John J. White would have been probationally appointed to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
October 30, 1917.

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York.
for his information, guidance, and files of office
Advise local civil service district secretary.

Acting Commissioner

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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 24, 1924.

Mr. John J. White,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Assistant Secretary Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WP
3rd.

Acting
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Maynard C. Robinson.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

Form A-14

11—6980

See Bureau telegram of 12/26/24 approving above appointment. File
John Eastman

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., July 18, 1930, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John J. White

Position, Keeper

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & New Haven Middle Bkw. East End Lt., Conn.

Effective, July 25, 1930

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range, $1500-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Location,

Former salary,

Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.0, Other eligibles considered:

Theodore M. Ball---C. George T. Gardiner---C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, William Burkhardt (LT#1666)

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1560 p.a.)

Services terminated, July 24, 1930

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Sept. 1, 1894

Remarks:

Mr. White was previously employed as 2nd Asst. Keeper at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. from Dec. 28, 1924 to April 16, 1925.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, JUL 19 1930, 19

Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 22 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

11—2314

Acting Lighthouse Commissioner

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Lighthouses

Gen.Expenses,L.H.Service

Washington, D. C., JUL 28 1930

Lighthouse Superintendent, Saint George, New York.

Appointments keepers john j white and lemuel g tower approved

KING

CONFIRMATION:

John J. White,
Kpr., 3rd Dist.

Lemuel G. Tower,
Kpr., 3rd Dist.

To Department - 7-22-30

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 28 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1936 JAN 23 PM 8 50

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y., Jan. 22,1936 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

~~Herewith is transmitted the resignation~~ The Bureau is advised of the presumed death of the following-named employee:

Name, John J. White Position, Keeper (2A)

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Salary, $1500.00 per annum

It is presumed Mr.White was drowned on Jan.8,1936.

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

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

Remarks: See letter to Bureau of this date.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1936 JAN 27 PM 1:41
CHIEF CLERK

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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, for information, attention being invited to the attached correspondence regarding the disappearance and search for second assistant keeper White. 11—4623

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN
Administrative Assistant

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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1936 JAN 11 AM 8 38

January 10, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut.

1. Enclosed for the Bureau's information is copy of memorandum of this date covering telephone conversation with the newspaper, New Haven Register, of New Haven, Connecticut, also copy of letter of January 9th received today from the 1st Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station, in reference to the disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper John J. White. The master of the tender Hickory, now at New London, Connecticut, and about to proceed west toward this depot, has been instructed to stop at Southwest Ledge Light Station and obtain all possible information concerning the matter of the disappearance of Assistant Keeper White.

2. The Bureau will be further advised concerning same as additional information in the matter is obtained.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

'36 JAN 14 AM 8 30

Commissioner of Lighthouses:- Jan.13,1936

SUBJECT: John J.White,2AK,S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan.10,1936.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated Jan.10,1936 relative to the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut; the Bureau is advised the Master of the tender Hickory visited Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 11th, and a copy of his report, dated January 12th, is attached hereto.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

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1936 JAN 23 PM 8 50

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Jan. 22,1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: J.J.White, 2AK, S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.,Ct.
REFERENCE: Letter to Bureau of Jan.13,1936.

1. Enclosed is copy of report of Jan.16,1936 from the Master of the tender Hickory, and copy of report of Jan.18th from Junior Engineer Joseph R. Davis. These reports and previous correspondence supply all available information in reference to the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. It may be statedthat a tender is at the station to-day to make further search of the breakwater.

2. The cause of and circumstances of the disappearance of Assistant Keeper White are unknown. While so far as known he had no duty or work to perform outside, it is assumed that in the early morning of Jan.8th he went outside of the station or on the adjoining breakwater for some reason, and in view of the two lanterns found on the breakwater it may have been that he heard, or thought he heard some call for help and went outside with the idea of rendering assistance. In any case it is believed that in some manner Mr.White fell overboard and was drowned.

3. All facts pertaining to the case will be reported to the United States Employment Compensation Commission.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Difficult to see what connection there is with disappearance. JCarl

1936 JAN 23 PM 8 21

LIGHTHOUSES

COMMISSIONERS
HARRY B. MITCHELL, PRESIDENT
LUCILLE FOSTER McMILLIN
LEONARD D. WHITE

LAWSON A. MOYER, CHIEF EXAMINER

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

LIGHTHOUSES

1936 APR 13 PM 2 10

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE SRR:AWM:CR
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

April 9, 1936

Chief, Appointment Division
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 11 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

4/17/26 wrote weber
copy to 3d.

My dear Sir:

A check of our files has been made and no record can be found for a John J. White, former lighthouse keeper, so it would appear his service did not come within the purview of the Civil Service Retirement Act.

As Mr. White was a lighthouse keeper at the S. W. Ledge Station, New Haven Harbor, the enclosed letter is forwarded to you for any information you may be able to furnish.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Hull,

Wm. C. HULL
Executive Assistant.

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Engine Co.# 16,
488 Lighthouse Rd.
New Haven, Conn.
March 14th 1936.

U.S.Civil Service Commission,
Retirement and Disability Fund.
Washington,D.C.

Gentlemen;-

I am writing at the request of Mrs.John J. White,32 Townsend Ave., New Haven,Conn.

Would you kindly advise me in the following.

Mr.White was a Lighthouse Keeper at the Southwest Ledge Station at the entrance of New Haven Harbor and on Jan.8th 1936,lost his life while on duty,as she understands he paid into your fund a certain amount each month for retirement or disability.

Will she be entitled to any of his money that he has paid into your retirement fund ?

Mrs.White has filed a compensation claim for widow's benefits through the Lighthouse Service and it is at present before the U.S.Compensation Bureau for approval.

Mrs.White has been left with five children and a widowered* mother and I feel she is at present in need of some assistance.

Hoping you will furnish me with the above imformation and applications if necessary.

I remain,
Yours Respectfully,
Henry J. Weber
Henry J. Weber,Captain.

April 17, 1936.

Mr. Henry J. Weber, Captain,
Engine Company No. 16,
488 Lighthouse Road,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 14, addressed to the Civil Service Commission, this city, and referred to this office, requesting information as to whether or not any contributions were made by Mr. John J. White to the civil service retirement and disability fund while employed as a lighthouse keeper in this Service.

Lighthouse keepers come under the Lighthouse Service retirement law which law does not require contributions by employees to a retirement or disability fund and there would therefore be no amount due Mrs. White on this account.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

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May 18, 1936.

Memorandum:

Congressman Shanley's office of Connecticut telephoned on Commissioner's phone regarding keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station in New Haven Harbor. Stated that former keeper had been missing since January, and his body had just recently been found (drowned). Their particular interest is in having someone appointed to succeed this keeper, even if just temporarily, who is not under Civil Service.

After having matter looked up, I phoned back, stating that former keeper, John J. White, had been missing as stated, but that Joseph A.Landry had been appointed to fill his place in April. She asked if Mr. Landry is under Civil Service, and I stated that he is.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1936 MAY 16 AM 8 40

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

May 15,1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: John J. White former 2AK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter and Form 93 from this office Jan.22, 1936, and letter from this office of Feb. 12,1936.

1. Referring to letter and Form 93 from this office dated January 22,1936 relative to the disappearance and presumed death of John J. White, 2d Asst. Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, and to letter from this office dated February 12,1936 relative to compensation due the Estate of Mr.White; transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau is copy of telegram of this date from Captain Weber of the New Haven Fire Department stating the body of Mr.White had been identified by his widow and brother. Mr. White's body was recovered from Coroline Creek, near Southwest Ledge Light Station, on May 14,1936.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

olc-w Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C. May 20, 1936

Respectfully forwarded to the General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C., through Division of Accounts, Commerce, attention being invited to Commerce Claim No. 58178 in favor of Mrs. John J. White, in the amount of $33.32, which was forwarded to your office by Department letter of February 21, 1936.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant

E-K Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
May 22, 1936.
incl.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

LIGHTHOUSES
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C O P Y

W E S T E R N U N I O N

Received at Ferry House, St.George,S.I., N.Y.

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J P YATES - SUPT OF LIGHT HOUSES

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BODY OF JOHN J WHITE IDENTIFIED BY WIFE AND BROTHER

BURIAL BRIDGEPORT MAY EIGHTEENTH

CAPT WEBER ENGINE CO 16 488 LIGHTHOUSE ROAD

See file 1436 contains a letter from Thomas H. Hughes dated 8/21/29. He appears to be in school text book business & see no indication of connection with this

The office of Congressman Shanley of Connecticut phoned asking the name of a Mr. Thomas Hughes understood to be an investigator for the Lighthouse Service. It appeared that the Congressman had written from his home to his office in washington asking that it learn Mr. Hughes name and then write a letter to the Dept. asking that he be sent to investigate the claim of Mrs. John J. White, whose husband, former keeper, disappeared from the station and was later found to have been drowned.

After searching White's folder it appeared that Mrs. White had filed a claim with the ECC. This fact was mentioned over phone to the Congressman's office, and the lady then said that claims had been filed with the ECC and Vet. Adm. It was suggested that perhaps the investigator referred to was in one of those Departments.

HHw 9/25/37

The Commr. took the incoming call & I phoned back, the Commr. having come to Ress. & heard conversation

HHw

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

285 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

In reply refer to File No. 469100

August 15, 1942

Albert H. Ladner, Jr.

Mrs. Matilda Hornyak, Guardian
Estates of John, Pearl, and Robert White
631 Bestwick Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the case of John Joseph White, former Second Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Connecticut, whose death occurred on January 8, 1936.

Inasmuch as you have been appointed guardian of the estates of John, Pearl, and Robert White, compensation on their accounts will go forward to you in the future. On or about August 24, 1942, a check will go forward to you in amount of $58.50, representing compensation from July 1, 1942, to August 15, 1942, inclusive. In the future, the semi-monthly check will be for $19.50.

Claims for further compensation should be prepared on the enclosed Forms CA-15 on the first of the following months: January, April, July and October, in accordance with the instructions on the back of the forms, and forwarded to the Commission in the franked envelopes herewith.

The compensation awarded these children should be used for their maintenance and education during their minority, and if necessary, you should secure authority from the court by which you were appointed to so use the compensation.

As legal guardian for the beneficiary, the Commission requires that you file with this office a copy of each report which you submit to the court having jurisdiction of your guardianship. Please inform the Commission of the requirements of the state of Connecticut in this respect.

Yours very truly,

S. D. Logsdon
Chief of Section

VS/EF

Official copies to: The Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Staten Island, New York
The Clerk, Probate Court, Bridgeport, Connecticut

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

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285 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

In reply refer to File No. 469100

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Albert H. Ladner, Jr.

July 24, 1942

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U.S. COAST GUARD
DISTRICT DEPOT
ST. GEORGE, S.I.

Mrs. Matilda Hornyak, Conservatrix
Estate of Mrs. Matilda White
631 Bestwick Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the case of John Joseph White, former Second Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Connecticut, whose death occurred on January 8, 1936.

Inasmuch as you have been appointed Conservatrix of the Estate of Mrs. Matilda White, incompetent widow of the decedent, compensation on her account will go forward to you in the future. On or about July 22, 1942, a check went forward to you in amount of $22.75, representing compensation from July 1 to 15, 1942, inclusive. In the future the semi-monthly check will be for $22.75.

As conservatrix of the beneficiary's estate, the Commission requires that you file with this office a copy of each report which you submit to the court having jurisdiction. Please inform the Commission of the requirements of the State of Connecticut in this respect.

The compensation to which the minor children of John Joseph White are entitled will be paid to a duly appointed legal guardian upon receipt of a certified copy of the letters of guardianship, under seal of the court.

Very truly yours,

S. D. Logsdon
Chief of Section

VS:pmh

Official copies to: The Commander, U. S. Coast Guard, Staten Island, New York
The Clerk, Probate Court, Bridgeport, Connecticut

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

COPY-PS
Oath of Office and -) fwded to Washington
PERSONAL HISTORY) 8/19/30-

PS

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouse Service-3rd District

1. Name in full John Joseph White

2. Legal (voting) residence Conn.-4th (State and Congressional District) Fairfield (County) Bridgeport (City or town)

3. Where born? Conn. - Bridgeport (State or foreign country) (City or town) When born? 9-1-1894 (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse Service	2nd Asst Kpr.	$960.A	12	28	1924	1	31	1925
		1260.A	2	1	1925	4	16	1925

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army X	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted 11-15-1917 Discharged 4-3-1919
Organization Air Service

Enlisted Discharged
Organization

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications None

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs. Matilda White (Name) Wife (Relationship)
170 Osborne Street Bridgeport, Conn.
(Post office address)

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

(Sgd) John J. White
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Aug. 16, 1930 (Date)

Present address 170 Osborne Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circ
(second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity
officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

John J. White
(Name.)

2nd asst Keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Aug 16 1930

(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

Oath of Office fwd. to Wash.-1/8/1925

PERSONAL HISTORY -fwd to Wash.-1/8/1925

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Light house

1. Name in full John J White 4th Coup

2. Legal (voting) residence ~~403 Hancock ave~~ 3rd Dist (State and Congressional District) Fairfield (County) Bridgeport ~~Conn~~ (City or town)

3. Where born? U.S.A. (State or foreign country) Bridgeport Conn (City or town) When born? Sept 1. 1894 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army ✓	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted Nov. 15. 1917 Discharged April 4. 1919
Organization 368th Aero Squadron

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school								High school				College				Degrees, if any
1	2	3	4	5	6 ✓	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	

9. State special qualifications

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs Matilda J White (Name) Wife (Relationship)
403 Hancock ave Bridgeport conn. (Post office address)

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

John J White
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Jan. 4. 1925 (Date)

Present address P.O. Box 28 Rowayton conn

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I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

John J White
(Name.)

2nd Asst. Keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Jan 4 1925

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(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

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UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

January 12, 1940

In reply refer to File No. 469100

Mrs. Matilda White
54 Waldorf Avenue
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the case of John Joseph White, former second assistant keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn., whose death occurred on January 8, 1936.

Inasmuch as Helen will become eighteen years of age on January 13, 1940, compensation on her account will cease January 12, 1940.

On or about January 25, 1940, a check will go forward to you in amount of $43.12 representing compensation on account of yourself and four children from January 1 to 12, 1940, inclusive, plus compensation on account of yourself and three children from January 13 to 15, 1940, inclusive. In the future your semi-monthly check will be for $42.25.

On future claims for compensation, please omit the names of Matilda and Helen since they are not entitled to further compensation and their names have been removed from the Commission's rolls.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Carpenter

Chief Claim Examiner

VS:W
Official Copy to:

The Commander
U. S. Coast Guard
Staten Island, New York

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FWO:HR

9:15 a.m.
January 10, 1936.

John J White 2d asst Kpr.

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F. W. OCKENFELS

10 15 am 1/10
Supt. instr. Master Hickory (now at New London & about to proceed back) to stop at SW Ledge Lt & obtain all possible info re disappearance of White

12/24/24 – 4/16/25 2d asst Fowl Ledge-resigned
8/2/30 – to date 2d " SW Ledge Lt
Born Conn. 9-1-1894. – Married – In Army 11/15/17 – 4/4/19.

wife – mrs. Matilda White
170 Albania Ave
Bridgeport Conn
(1930)

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10 30 am

Through the Keeper.

Southwest Ledge Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
New Haven. Conn.
Jan. 9th, 1936.

Superintendent
of Light Houses. 3rd dist.
Sir.

On. Jan 7th 10.00 AM I went ashore for food and mail in the afternoon it blew up a Strong N.W. having the row boat I waited for the wind to let up but I had to wait untill next morning got to the Light Station at 730 AM as I got near the light I call for the second asst Keeper John J. White. but no answer when I got my boat fasten I went up through the light but no answer the light was still burning I but the light out and looked all through the light houses but no White I went out side and looked around I found one of our lanterns but it was not lit so I said to my self he may of went fishing so I looks around the bigger part of the break water but no White. When I went back and looked around again in the light house I found

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in cellar one of the windows broke out up stairs I found both chains for the fog horn valves it looks some what like a case of losing his mind We repaired the fog horn connection with wire and chain we had at the light ups to now we found no hide or hair of John J White 2nd Asst Keeper. the Keeper went home on his leave Jan 6th I called him back Jan 8th.. I notified the Police... in the mean time about the case...

William Burkhardt
1st Asst Keeper.

John Ostman Keeper

FWO:HR

January 10, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut.

1. Enclosed for the Bureau's information is copy of memorandum of this date covering telephone conversation with the newspaper, New Haven Register, of New Haven, Connecticut, also copy of letter of January 9th received today from the 1st Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station, in reference to the disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper John J. White. The master of the tender Hickory, now at New London, Connecticut, and about to proceed west toward this depot, has been instructed to stop at Southwest Ledge Light Station and obtain all possible information concerning the matter of the disappearance of Assistant Keeper White.

2. The Bureau will be further advised concerning same as additional information in the matter is obtained.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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Hickory
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January 12, 1936

Superintendent of Light houses
Third District
Sir.

In accordance with your orders, I arrived at South west Ledge Light Station at 12.45 P.M. Jan. 11, 1936 Keeper Gutman and Ass't. Keeper Buckhardt were on station.
The following is description of Buckhardts movements and conditions as decribed by Buckhardt on Jan 7th to Jan 8, 1936. At 10 A.M. Jan 7th Buckhardt left Light Station for supplies, Leaving ass't. keeper John J White in charge of station
At 3 P.M. Jan 7th. Buckhardt made an attempt to return to Light Station

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due to high and wierd conditions decided that landing at station would be dangerous, returned to shore. At 6 P.M made another attempt to return to Light Station
Deciding that conditions had not improved so that landing could be made with safety returned to his home and remained there until next morning. At 7.30 AM Jan 8th Buckhardt arrived at Light Station Calling to Asst. Keeper White to assist him in landing, and receiving no response to his calls, landed on station and searched station from cellar to tower to locate White unsuccessfull in this, returned to Breakwater, calling and seeking White along Breakwater

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unable to locate White, Buckhardt decided some thing had happened to him. Buckhardt returned to station and extinguished light which was in operation. Returning to shore Buckhardt requested a Mr. Kenney, Supt. of Light house Point Park. To notify Keeper Pitman who was at his home in Stonington Conn. of White's disappearance and requesting his immediate return to light Station Mr. Kenney also notified Police of New Haven of White's disappearance Keeper Pitman arrived at station 4 P.M Jan. 8th. Pitman and Buckhardt began another search for White along breakwater. during this search. Buckhardt

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found two lined lanterns on rocks about one hundred feet from station and stated that White had a habit of using these lanterns while fishing from break water at night. They also found one window in cellar of station broken and small connecting chain from clock gear to lever on valve to fog signal missing The clock at this station is good for (5) five hours, operating twice on one winding and as the light was in operation at 7.30 A.M. It appears White disappeared between (3) three and 7.30 A.M. This is all the information I was able to obtain from the Keepers Coltman and Buckhardt.

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I called at the Chatsel St. Police Station to see what action the police had taken and found that a description of White had been broadcast to ten states by teletype, and that the police have been able to secure any evidence of White's where bouts Police has not charged waters in vicinity of light station, as their boat has been out of commission most two months. I have obtained necessary equipment and will drag around light station to morrow morning. Monday.

Respectfully

H C White

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses:- Jan.13,1936

SUBJECT: John J.White,2AK,S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan.10,1936.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated Jan.10,1936 relative to the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut; the Bureau is advised the Master of the tender Hickory visited Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 11th, and a copy of his report, dated January 12th, is attached hereto.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

FWO-JHG

Mrs. John J. White,
170 Osborn Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Jan.13,1936

Madam:-

1. It is with regret this office advises you of the disappearance of your husband, John J. White, Second Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut.

2. According to information in the matter that has been received up to the present time, it appears that the First Assistant Keeper went ashore on January 7th for provisions and mail, and on account of weather conditions he was unable to return to the station until 7:30 A.M. on January 8th. Upon his arrival at the station it was found that the light was still burning, and upon search being made throughout the station as well as along a considerable part of the breakwater in the vicinity of the light, Mr.White could not be found. The matter of Mr.White's disappearance is being investigated, and as soon as additional information in the matter is obtained, you will be further advised.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Capt W
1st —

att'd Cor

JAN 13 1936

1/45 PM

Memo

Capt White of Kichan on plane at New Haven — says has dragged some on inside of Boats, but couldn't drag outside a/c weather —

He has not yet changed anything on his orders — Effort to do so tomorrow —

He asked if he should spend more time dragging — Told him yes, but not more than a day, since he is there —

Chas

OK
WO

JHG

Jan. 13,1936

Voucher Clerk

Time Clerk

John J. White, 2AK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta., disappeared from the station on Jan.8th,1936.

Hold up any salary payments to him until receipt of further orders.

Asst.Supt.

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Fear Southwest Ledge Light Keeper Drowned

Fears that John W. White of 32 Townsend avenue, keeper of the Southwest Ledge lighthouse, has been drowned, were intensified yesterday as no reports of his whereabouts were received by police.

William Buckhart, another keeper stationed at the light, told Detective John C. Caporale he last saw White Tuesday. Buckhart left the light that day to come ashore for the mail, and was unable to return because of raging seas.

When he finally succeeded in reaching the lighthouse, Wednesday, White was gone, Buckhart said. A window of the lighthouse was broken, and two chains had been torn from the fog-horn, apparently by the storm. Two red lights were found on the rocks outside the lighthouse.

Buckhart expressed his opinion that White must have been swept or fallen into the water and had been drowned.

Light Keeper Feared Lost





It was from the rock surrounding the Southwest Ledge lighthouse, at top, that John J. White, 41-year-old keeper, below, is believed to have been swept into the Sound Tuesday while placing lanterns as warning signals to passing boats battling heavy seas in a driving rainstorm. He was discovered missing Wednesday when another keeper returned to the light.

LIGHT KEEPER, MISSING, NOW SOUGHT BY U. S.

Evidence Indicates John J. White, of Southwest Ledge Beacon, Was Drowned in Storm

Supplementing an investigation being made by police here to clear up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of John J. White, assistant keeper in Southwest ledge lighthouse, who has been missing since Wednesday, officials of the U. S. Lighthouse Department today started an inquiry.

Frank Ockensels, assistant superintendent at the Lighthouse depot at Tompkinsville, S. I. is sending an inspector here to investigate the disappearance of the assistant keeper.

Tower Damaged

With the police failing to find White, their theory is that the assistant keeper was caught by seas mounting the breakwater Wednesday, swept overboard and drowned. This belief is strengthened by finding evidence of damage done to the light tower by storm late Tuesday night or Wednesday. A window in the tower was broken and chains securing the fog horn was wrenched from their fastenings. Two red lights were found on the breakwater at the base of the light tower.

The supposition is that White was at work making equipment secure when he was caught by a wave and thrown into the water.

White came ashore a week ago today for food supplies and returned to his post the same day. Last Tuesday William Burkhart, another assistant, came ashore at Lighthouse Point, but was prevented from going back the same day because of rough weather. He stayed ashore until Wednesday and upon returning to the light was amazed to discover White was not there.

World War Veteran

White, 41 years of age, and a World War veteran has been in the lighthouse service for about ten years. Prior to coming to his post in Southwest ledge was an assistant in Green ledge light in the Sound off Norwalk. His family consists of his wife and five children. The eldest is 15 years of age and the youngest 10 months old. Mrs. White is prostrated with grief over the prolonged absence of her husband. She said he was normal when he left home to go back to the lighthouse a week ago and her belief is that he may have been washed off the breakwater and drowned. She said today she would appeal to the lighthouse department to send one of the supply vessels to New Haven to make a search of the water near the lighthouse that may result in the finding of the body.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses
Third District
Sir.

I arrived at Southwest Ledge Light Station New Haven at 12.45 PM January 11, 1936 I interviewed the 1st Asst Keeper Buckhardt who stated that when he returned to Light Station, at 7.30 AM on January 8th after being ashore for mail and provisions and delayed by unsuitable weather conditions, overnight. He found no one at the station. There were two hand lanterns, one hundred feet (100) east of station on breakwater, which were frequently used by 2nd Asst. Keeper White while fishing. There were also two connecting chains from automatic clocks to lever on valves to fog signal missing

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Which put both fog signals out of commission, There were no evidence of there chains breaking. They were missing from the Station.
In the cellar a window was broken and reason was not evident for this happening The fact that the 2nd asst keeper was missing and the lanterns, being on the breakwater looked as if the 2nd Asst. Keeper had been fishing and may have fallen over board and drowned
Also the missing chains and broken window, might be an evidence of insanity of the 2nd Asst Keeper, and that he committed suicide by jumping over board
No boats were missing so it does not appear the 2nd Asst. Keeper

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intentionally deserted the station.
Therefore it was considered advisable to drag in the vicinity of the light station for the body.
On Monday January 13th crew of Hickory 2nd Officer P. Dunleavy in charge of crew dragged along South side of breakwater 1/3 its length and from breakwater to (200) two hundred feet South. with grapnel made of 56 inch piece of 3/4" pipe, Having (8) eight 4" steel pointed hooks (6") six inches apart.
On Tuesday January 14th this procedure was repeated on south side of breakwater.
Breakwater was also searched its entire length, afoot and by boat

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No evidence of the missing keeper was found

Respectfully

H C White

Master.

Supt W
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Jan. 15, 1936

Captain Frank Yates
Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island, New York

Dear Captain Yates:-

I am at this time inquiring for information for the sudden disappearance of my Brother, John White, from light-house located in New Haven, Connecticut. Kindly oblige me with every information you have received in this case.

I am at the same time rather surprised at the details that you have given to the papers. In other words, I am resenting it, for I find my brother to be in perfect health, and sound in mind as well as body. I believe it was rather a broad statement on your part to make. I hope that you can see my viewpoint in the matter, for I do believe that he would not desert his post under any circumstances, but really was washed overboard during the height of the storm on that Thursday night.

Hoping and trusting that I will hear from you with a favorable reply, I remain,

Very truly yours,

M. J. White

M. J. White
Employment Manager

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FWO:HR

January 16, 1936

Mr. M. J. White, Employment Manager,
Dictaphone Sales Corporation,
375 Howard Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, Conn.

REFERENCE: Your letter January 15, 1936.

Sir:-

1. In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that up to the present time information has not been obtained that would explain either the reason or the manner in which John J. White disappeared from Southwest Ledge Light Station. It appears that on January 7th, at which time the keeper of the station was ashore on liberty, the 1st Assistant Keeper went ashore for provisions and mail, and on account of weather conditions he was unable to return to the station until 7:30 a.m. on January 8th. Upon his arrival at the station, it was found that the light was still burning, and upon search being made throughout the station, as well as along a considerable part of the breakwater in the vicinity of the light, Mr. White could not be found. In searching for Assistant Keeper White, the 1st Assistant Keeper noted that a cellar window was broken, the cause of which was not evident, also that two connecting chains attached to the fog signal apparatus were missing, which incidentally placed the fog signal out of commission. It was also found that there were two hand lanterns located about one hundred feet east of the station on the breakwater, which lanterns had been used on previous occasions by Mr. White while fishing. The fact that the lanterns were found on the breakwater does not tend to bear out the belief, as indicated in your letter, that Mr. White was washed overboard, since if there had been sufficient sea to wash a man overboard, it is quite probable that the lanterns referred to would have been washed overboard.

2. The foregoing supplies all the information available at the present time. The matter is still under investigation, and if additional information is obtained, this office will advise you further at a later date.

3. In this connection, it may be noted that your allegations in reference to details and statement given to the papers by this office are obviously not based on fact, since this office has furnished no information in reference to the disappearance of Mr. White to any paper.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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shown in newspaper
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with memo

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New Haven

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New Haven, Conn.

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

January 18, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station.

1. Proceeded to New Haven on January 17, 1935, to investigate disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station.

2. I went to the Police Headquarters of New Haven and found that they had no additional information regarding the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper. The Police Department have made no investigation believing that the Lighthouse Service would do that. They have not searched for the body by dragging because the police boat has been hauled out for the Winter.

3. Proceeded to the U. S. Weather Bureau located in the P. O. Building and obtained the following reports:

Jan. 5th - Partly cloudy; N. & W. wind, 9.6 M.P.H. ave. velocity; light fog 12 o'clock midnight to 6 a.m.; temp. 45°- 33°.

Jan. 6th - Cloudy, rain 2 p.m. to midnight; light fog 12 o'clock noon to midnight; N. W. to S. E. wind, 5.0 M.P.H.; temp. 37°- 31°.

Jan. 7th - Partly cloudy, rain midnight - 2 A.M.; light fog midnight to 6:30 A.M.; N. and N. W. wind, 10 M.P.H.; temp. 40°- 31°.

Jan. 8th - Partly cloudy, light fog 2 A.M. to 8:40 A.M.; wind N.W. to N.E., 7.8 M.P.H.; temp. 31°- 37°.

Jan. 9th - Cloudy, rain 10 A.M. - Midnight; fog 2 P.M. to 12 Midnight; wind N.E. to N. 7-24 M.P.H.; temp. 34°- 41°.

4. I then proceeded to the home of the missing man at 32 Townsend Avenue, New Haven. Mrs. White and her five children were at home. Obtained the following information from Mrs. White: White was home over the Christmas holidays and returned to the lighthouse on December 31st. He came ashore again on January 3rd for groceries and supplies. He was ashore for only a few hours on this day. White was in good health at this time. Mrs. White stated that during the sixteen years they were married that White has had no sickness except ordinary coughs and colds. Mrs. White stated that he had no worries, his home life was very happy and when he was ashore he spent all his time at home. He had no known enemies and got along well with the other men at the lighthouse. She said that White would drink beer occasionally but never to excess. The White family has lived in the vicinity for three years.

5. I visited Fire Engine Company #16 which is just around the corner from White's house. I spoke to Captain Henry J. Weber re white. He stated that he knew White very well. He verified Mrs. White's statements as to character etc. He said that he goes fishing out at the lighthouse and knew all the keepers very well. He said there was no fishing out there at this time of the year, which disapproves the theory that White was fishing on the Breakwater. The captain was convinced that White's disappearance was caused by an accident. His theory was that White was helping someone or some boat in distress or else that he was taking care of lighthouse equipment and fell overboard. Captain Weber asked what the Government would do for White's family. He was told that the family would probably receive whatever compensation that the regulations allowed in case it is found that White died in the performance of duty. The Captain stated that White was well liked and that he personally would see to it that the family was taken care of until the Government provided for them.

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Respectfully submitted.

Joseph R. Davis

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Jr.Lighthouse Engineer.

JRD:TM

January 18, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station.

1. Proceeded to New Haven on January 17, 1935, to investigate disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station.

2. I went to the Police Headquarters of New Haven and found that they had no additional information regarding the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper. The Police Department have made no investigation believing that the Lighthouse Service would do that. They have not searched for the body by dragging because the police boat has been hauled out for the Winter.

3. Proceeded to the U. S. Weather Bureau located in the P. O. Building and obtained the following reports:

Jan. 5th - Partly cloudy; N. & W. wind, 9.6 M.P.H. ave. velocity; light fog 12 o'clock midnight to 6 a.m.; temp. 45°- 33°.

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Jan. 8th - Partly cloudy, light fog 2 A.M. to 8:40 A.M.; wind N.W. to N.E., 7.8 M.P.H.; temp. 31°- 37°.

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Jr.Lighthouse Engineer.

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Jan. 22,1936

SUBJECT: J.J.White, 2AK, S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.,Ct.
REFERENCE: Letter to Bureau of Jan.13,1936.

1. Enclosed is copy of report of Jan.16,1936 from the Master of the tender Hickory, and copy of report of Jan.18th from Junior Engineer Joseph R. Davis. These reports and previous correspondence supply all available information in reference to the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. It may be statedthat a tender is at the station to-day to make further search of the breakwater.

2. The cause of and circumstances of the disappearance of Assistant Keeper White are unknown. While so far as known he had no duty or work to perform outside, it is assumed that in the early morning of Jan.8th he went outside of the station or on the adjoining breakwater for some reason, and in view of the two lanterns found on the breakwater it may have been that he heard, or thought he heard some call for help and went outside with the idea of rendering assistance. In any case it is believed that in some manner Mr.White fell overboard and was drowned.

3. All facts pertaining to the case will be reported to the United States Employment Compensation Commission.

J. T. TATES
Superintendent

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

...O-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y., Jan. 22,1936 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

~~Herewith is transmitted the resignation~~ The Bureau is advised of the presumed death of the following-named employee:

Name, John J. White Position, Keeper (2A)

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Salary, $1500.00 per annum

It is presumed Mr.White was drowned on Jan.8,1936.

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

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

Remarks: See letter to Bureau of this date.

VC 1/24/36

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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

11—4623

1-22-36

TC Perl

J J White - Oak - Southwest Lg

Record of leave accrued to Jan 8-1936.

		Days - Hrs
Due - Dec 31-35	Annual leave	3 - 20
Earned 1/1 to 1/8-1936	Annual "	0 - 8
	Compensatory "	1 - 6
	Total -	5 - 10

W.W. Barry
1/22/36

Leave cannot be granted after death.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Tulip
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 22, 19 36

Supt. 3rd District.

SUBJECT: Search for Keeper. S.W.Ledge Light.

Sir:

In comliance with Superintendents instructions the crew of Tender Tulip made a thorough but unsuccessful search around both East and Middle Breakwaters at New Haven, attempting to locate assistant keeper of S.W.Ledge light who is missing. Tide was about half low at time of search (7:30 A.M. to 9:30A.M.) and Breakwaters and vicinity were fully covered in search.

Respectfully,

L. L. Pulley

Master.

FWC-JHG

William Burkhardt, 1AK, Jan.25,1936
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from station on Jan.7th.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.9th.

1. Your report of Jan.9th states that you went ashore at 10 A.M. on Jan.7th for food and mail, and that in the afternoon it blew up a strong N.W. wind; that you waited for the wind to let up, and that you had to wait until the next morning. Investigation discloses that weather reports show on Jan.7th North and Northwest wind, ten miles per hour. It is therefore not entirely clear as to why you could not return to the station on Jan.7th, and your further explanation is requested.

2. It appears that the Keeper went ashore on leave on Jan.6th. It is presumed that the Keeper was taken ashore in the station boat by yourself or Assistant Keeper White, and that the assistant keeper returned to the station on the same date. If such was the case, it would be logical for the assistant keeper to procure mail and any food required before returning to the station, instead of waiting until the next day and making another trip ashore at a time when there was but two keepers on the station, and leaving one man alone, with the result that the one keeper was alone on the station over the night of Jan.7-8. Further explanation is requested as to the necessity for going ashore for food and mail on Jan.7th.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Jan 24 to 35

New Haven Newspapers on phone

State police at Groton, have body that was picked up in ice at Eastern and Long Island Sound, body now with State police at Groton Conn.

Carl Swanson, Mechanic at Sub New London Dept wishes to be informed by phone to see if he could identify the body - Swanson later reported by phone 10:40 am 1/25 that the body had been identified as Marvin Singleton of Groton -

Clerk JAN 25 1936

John J. White - 2nd asst keeper, Southe[illegible]

Description -

age - 42

color - White

Height - 5 ft - 6 1/2"

Weight - 135 pounds.

Distinguishing marks - J.W. on right arm.

Hair Brown.

Eyes Brown.

FWO-JHG

Jan. 25,1936

To the Chief of Police:-
New London, Conn.
Bridgeport, Conn.
New Haven, Conn.
Clinton, Conn.
Greenport, N.Y.
Port Jefferson, N. Y.
Block Island, R.I.

Sir:-

1. There is shown below for your information, description of John J. White who disappeared from Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven, Connecticut, on January 8,1936, and who is presumed to have been drowned:-

Age.	.42 years
Color.	.White
Height	.5'-6-1/4"
Weight	.135 pounds
Distinguishing marks . . .	."J.W." tattooed on right arm.
Hair	.Brown
Eyes	.Brown

2. In the event of the recovery of a body answering the above description please notify this office.

Respectfully

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Engine Co.#16
488 Lighthouse Rd.,
New Haven, Conn.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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RECEIVED
STAPLETON, N.Y.

Mr. Y.T.Yates,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,N.Y.

Dear Sir;-

In behalf of a neighbor of this Station and one of the many friends of John J. White in our Community,who is missing from the South West Ledge light.

It would be highly appreciated if you could continue Mr.White's pay until he be located,as we feel in this vicinity with the harbor frozen over,it will be probably weeks before he will be found.

Mrs. White and her five children are very deserving of any favor you may extend to them during their long waite and patience for a word from their beloved one.

Any favors extended to Mrs. White will always be appreciated by the many friends of your service.

I remain,
Yours Respectfully,
Henry J. Weber
Henry J. Weber, Captain.

FWO-JHG

Captain Henry J. Weber,
Engine Nompany No.16,
488 Lighthouse Road,
New Haven, Conn.

Jan. 31,1936

Sir:-

SUBJECT: J.J.White, 2AK, S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter, without date, received to-day.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter concerning John J. White, Second Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Conn., who disappeared on January 8,1936. It is regretted that there is no means whereby Mr.White's pay might be continued until he is either located or his body found, but with the view of assisting Mr.White's family as much as it is possible to do so at this time, the necessary forms have been forwarded to Mrs. White for her use in making application for compensation on the presumption that Mr.White was drowned. As soon as these forms are returned to this office, they will be forwarded to the United States Employees Compensation Commission at Washington for proper action.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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THIRD DISTRICT

South West Ledge Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

New Haven, Conn Jan 31, 1936

Superintendent of Light Houses
3rd Dist

Sir

Owing to cold weather and everthing covered with ice also Heavy ice large floe around the break water we could not do much searching for John J White body but today the ice on the South of breakwater broke away and we drag and search what holes in breakwater have not heard and find any trace of his body.

Respectfully
John Ostman
South West Ledge LS
New Haven
Conn

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Southwest Ledge Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
New Haven. Conn.
Jan 31st, 1936.

Thru the Keeper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
3rd Dist...

Sir.

Your letter of Jan 25th 1936. Subject absence from station on Jan 7th 1936.

I took the Keeper ashore on the morning of Jan 6th 1936. I forgot to take a memorandum of the food wanted and as the pay checks were not here on that date I went in next morning and the checks were here I took Whites 2nd asst check home as he asked me to do if it was here then I went uptown to do some shopping and when I got back in the afternoon the sea was sloppy Northwest wind I waited till sundown and it still was the same so when it got dark I was afraid to go so I waited until next morning. I went down to back at 6 P.M. o'clock on the 7th to see if the light was burning every thing looked OK from shore.. I arrived at the Light on the 8th at 730 AM. and found condition as state before.

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and my reports were sent to the office also to the police...

William Burkhardt.
Asst Keeper...

John Ostman.
Keeper

P. S.
This letter from the offic came to the Jan 31. 1936
we could not get ashore befor on account of the heavy sea in the harbor...

William Burkhardt
Asst Keeper

FWO-JHG

William Burkhardt,1AK, Feb. 6,1936
Thru. the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,
C/O Sebjcon, 328 Lighthouse Rd.,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence on Jan.7,1936.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.31,1936.

1. Your explanation concerning the matter of going ashore on January 7th after having been ashore January 6th, necessarily cannot be considered as satisfactory when consideration is given to the fact that three men are employed at the station in order that there may be at least two men on the station at all times, and to the fact that the reliable maintenance of a station cannot be made secondary to any other matters, whether they be the personal affairs or business of keeper, or otherwise. There is also question as to there being any great difference in weather conditions during the morning and the afternoon that would prevent your return to the station on the afternoon of Jan. 7th. There is also question as to whether good judgement was exercised in leaving the station if there was any doubt as to being able to return to the station promptly.

2. So far as known there was no failure of the light or fog signal during the night of Jan.7th, but had such a condition occurred due to your inexcusable absence, you as First Assistant Keeper in charge of the Station, in the absence of the Keeper, would have been responsible therefor, as provided for by Paragraphs 12 and 125 of Instructions to Employees.

3. You will see to it that there is no repetition in the future of the occurrence referred to herein.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

WLPS

JAN 31 1936

Estate of John J. White
c/o Mrs. John J. White,
#32 Townsend Avenue,
New Haven, Conn.

Subject: Payment of Compensation Due -
Estate of John J. White

Madam:

1. Herewith, affidavit form No. 1055 to cover amount of $33.32 due the late Mr. John J. White, for services rendered as 2nd Asst. Keeper, So.West Ledge Light Station, New Haven, Conn., period January 1st to 8th, 1936, inclusive. Affidavit to be executed and returned.

2. If there has been an administrator or executor appointed by the Court, a certificate of qualification should be furnished, see par. 5 of Form 1055, enclosed.

3. If there has been no administration upon the Estate of the late Mr. John J. White, the affidavit should be executed and sworn to by next of kin before a Notary Public and returned to this office.

Respectfully,
J.T.Yates
Superintendent.

By: W.J.Lawton
Chief Clerk.

WJL-RS

February 5, 1936

Mrs. John J. White,
32 Townsend Ave.,
New Haven, Conn.

Subject: Payment of Compensation-Estate of John J. White

Reference: Letter, this office Jan. 31, 1936.

Madam:

1. Application for settlement of claim, Form No. 1055, herewith for completion, attention being invited to par. 6, also 6(g.h.i) reverse of form.

2. Having complied with above, form should be returned to this office for further consideration.

Respectfully,
J. T. Yates,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

WJL:BS

February 12, 1936.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

SUBJECT: Payment of compensation due - Estate of John J. White - for services rendered January 1-8, 1936.

1. Forwarded, herewith, for direct settlement by the General Accounting Office is claim voucher No. 26472 in the amount of $33.32 for compensation due John J. White, presumed drowned, for period January 1 to 8, 1936, together with executed Standard Form No. 1055.

2. It is presumed that Mr. White was drowned on January 8, 1936, and had he survived the full pay period would have been paid on Voucher #2-68293 (26321), Schedule of Disbursements No. 524, paid February 3, 1936, by G.F.Allen, Chief Disbursing Officer, Symbol No. 108,102.

3. No funeral expenses have been paid so far as known, as Mr. White has been presumed drowned and body not recovered.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

Standard Form No. 1055
Form approved by Comptroller General U. S.
April 25, 1928

NOTICE.—Read carefully instructions on back before executing this application.

APPLICATION FOR SETTLEMENT BY THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE OF AMOUNTS DUE DECEASED OR INCOMPETENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN IN THE MILITARY SERVICE, AND PUBLIC CREDITORS OF THE UNITED STATES (INCLUDING PENSION AND CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT CHECKS)

State of Connecticut
County of New Haven } ss:

Amounts due from the United States in excess of $500 (except certain Retirement and United States Veterans' Bureau claims) may be paid only to the legally appointed executor or administrator of the estate of the decedent, or as may be ordered by the Court. In case of incompetency, all amounts due must be paid to the guardian or committee of the estate of the incompetent, or as may be ordered by the Court.

1. I, Mrs. John J. White, being duly sworn, say that I am residing at 32 Townsend Ave.
(Street address)
city of New Haven, county of New Haven, and State of Conn.
and that on the 8th day of January, 19 36, John J. White (Name of decedent or incompetent) had his (His or her)
personal domicile in and was a resident of the city of New Haven, county of New Haven
and State of Conn., and on said date Intestate
(Died testate or died intestate or was declared incompetent)

2. That at the time of his (His or her) decease ~~of incompetency~~ he (He or she) was connected with the United States as follows:
Employed as 2nd Asst. Lighthouse Keeper, South West Ledge Light Station, New Haven, Conn.
(If civilian employee, active or retired, give name of department or establishment and bureau or office; if an officer or enlisted man, active, retired, or pensioned, in Army, give rank
Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Third District, Staten Island, N.Y.
and organization, or if in Navy or Marine Corps, give rank, vessel or station and serial number; if public creditor, give connection)

3. That at the time of his (His or her) decease ~~of incompetency~~ there remained due and unpaid to him (Him or her) from the United States the sum of thirty-three Dollars and Thirty-two Cents ($ 33.32), EXCLUSIVE OF ANY ACCRUED RETIREMENT FUND DEDUCTIONS AND NOT INCLUDING A PENSION OR RETIREMENT ANNUITY, for the payment of which application is hereby made.

4. That at the time of his (His or her) decease ~~of incompetency~~ there existed the following-described unpaid official checks and/or warrants, drawn to his (His or her) order as payee, and for the payment of which application is hereby made:

Check or Warrant No.	By Whom Drawn	Symbol No.	Amount Dollars	Amount Cents
none				
		Total,		

5.* That I am the legally appointed _____ (Executor, administrator, guardian, or committee) of the estate of decedent or incompetent, as appears from the certificate of the _____ Court, county of _____ State of _____, herewith, taken out in the interest of _____ (Give name, address, and relationship of interested relative or creditor)

—or—

6.* That the decedent left no assets subject to administration, except the sum or sums above claimed to be due from the United States and Veteran's adjusted service certificate of $561.00 less interest prior to 1931 on loan.
(List other assets left by decedent and give approximate value)
Insurance policy of $288.00

that there has been no administration upon such estate and if this claim is paid no administration will be required, and that the answers to the following questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

(a) What was your relationship to the intestate? Widow
(State whether widow, husband, child, grandchild, father, mother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, child of deceased brother or sister of the whole or half blood, nephew, or niece)

(b) Have the funeral expenses been paid? _____

(c) If so by whom, and state amount? _____

(d) Was payment made out of funds belonging to the estate of the intestate? _____

(e) If not, was payment made by you out of your own personal funds? _____ (The receipted itemized bill of the undertaker must be attached hereto.)

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* Use if claim, voluntary with administration of estate, or incompetency, fill out paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (f) when applicable, omitting remainder of paragraph 6 and the affidavit of corroborating witnesses.
† Use if claim, without administration of estate, fill out paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 (a to f) when applicable, and the affidavit of corroborating witnesses, omitting paragraph 5.

(f) If the intestate left a surviving widow, husband, child, or child of a deceased child, enter below the name of each and relationship to the intestate, together with the name of deceased child of the intestate who was the parent of surviving grandchildren.

NAME OF SURVIVOR	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO INTESTATE
Matilda P. White	32 Townsend Ave., New Haven, Conn.	Daughter
Helen T. White	ditto ditto	do
John T. White	do do	Son
Pearl E. White	do do	Daughter
Robert J. White	do do	Son

(g) If the intestate is survived by parents, enter below the name of each; if one parent is deceased, so state; if the surviving father has abandoned the support of his family, so state.

NAME OF SURVIVOR	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO INTESTATE
Father Dead		
Mother Dead		

(h) If the intestate left a brother or sister of the whole or half blood, or child of a deceased brother or sister of the whole or half blood, enter below the name of each and relationship to the intestate, together with the name of deceased brother or sister of the intestate of the whole or half blood who was the parent of surviving nieces and nephews.

NAME OF SURVIVOR	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO INTESTATE
Joseph White	Parts unknown over six(6) years	Brother
Fred White	32 Prescott St., Bridgeport, Ct.	do
Michael White	2209 Main St., Bridgeport, Ct.	do
Oliver White	84 Fieldpoint Rd., Greenwich, Ct.	do
Mrs. Mary Simpson	32 Prescott St., Bridgeport, Ct.	Sister
Mrs. Anna Chilly	811 Wardon Ave., Bridgeport, Ct.	do
Mrs. Elsie Buckbinder	318 Maycon Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.	do

(i) Have you received the benefit of any exemption or allowance from the estate of the deceased, and if so, to what extent?

No

(j) State any additional facts on which you base your claim to any amount or amounts found due:

(Signature by mark must be witnessed)

(Sgd) Mrs. John J. White
(Signature of applicant)

(Signature by mark must be witnessed)

(Signature of applicant)

Also personally appeared before me (Sgd) Henry J. Weber and (Sgd) George A. Chalmers

both of New Haven, county of New Haven, State of Conn.

who, being duly sworn, say that they were well acquainted with the above-named Mr. John J. White
(Name of decedent or incompetent)

and with her family and affairs; that they are well acquainted with Mrs. John J. White
(His or her)

the applicant herein; that they have read the statements made by the applicant in the foregoing affidavit and that such statements are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

(Sgd) Henry J. Weber
(Sign here)

(Signatures by mark must be witnessed)

(Sgd) George A. Chalmers
(Sign here)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by applicant and corroborating witnesses at East Haven

this 3rd day of February, 1936

[SEAL]

Was affixed.

(Sgd) Chauncey T. Warner
My Commission expires Feb. 1, 1939 - - - *Notary Public.*

READ CAREFULLY

Amounts due to the estates of deceased creditors of the United States are payable primarily to the executors or administrators of the estates of such creditors. In each such case a short certificate of letters testamentary or of administration, if issued, with a showing whether still in force and effect, and this application signed by the executor or administrator, shall be forwarded to the General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C.

If an executor or administrator has not been and will not be appointed and an amount not in excess of $500 is due the estate of a deceased creditor of the United States, the amount due may be paid to the person or persons who under the laws of the domicile of the decedent or an applicable Federal statute would be entitled to receive the money if administration were had. In such case this form of application should be executed by such person or persons and transmitted to the General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C.

In case of an *incompetent* creditor, a short certificate showing the appointment and qualification of a guardian or committee of the estate of the incompetent, whether bond, if required, has been given, and whether appointment is still in force and effect, and application on this form for the payment of the sum or sums from the United States, signed by the guardian or committee, shall be transmitted to the General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C.

Payments to be made on this [illegible] are for the convenience and accommodation of the claimants and the burden of proving the existence of the conditions under which such payments may be made rests upon them.

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PAY ROLL FOR PERSONAL SERVICES—MISCELLANEOUS

(EMPLOYEES ON PER HOUR, DAY, WEEK, MONTH, OR PIECEWORK BASIS)

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

26472

DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT ..... Commerce

BUREAU OR SERVICE ..... Lighthouse

LOCATION ..... Staten Island, N.Y.

PERIOD FROM ..... January 1, 1936 ..... TO ..... January 8, 1936

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

66412 - Salaries Keepers Lighthouses 1936	$ 32.32
TOTAL	$ 32.32

	AMOUNT	NOTATIONS
For services and/or allowances of officers and employees during the period specified above as stated in "Gross Amount Earned" column or columns (exclusive of allowances not charged to appropriations)	$ 32.32	
Differences		
	$ 32.32	

Account verified; correct for ..... (Signature or initials)

MEMORANDUM

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32.32

Supt. of L.H.-3rd Dist.

Standard Form No. 1074e
FORM APPROVED BY
COMPTROLLER GENERAL U. S.
September 8, 1931

PAY ROLL FOR PERSONAL SERVICES—MISCELLANEOUS

(EMPLOYEES ON PER HOUR, DAY, WEEK, MONTH, OR PIECEWORK BASIS)

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MEMORANDUM

AUTHORITY OR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Comm Doc (Department or Establishment) | Lighthouse (Bureau or Service) | Staten Island, N.Y. (Location)

(Name and designation of disbursing officer)

Period from Jnnry 1, 1936 to Jnnry 6th, 1936

Names and Addresses (when required) and Official Designations or Occupations	Compensation: Rate of compensation	Compensation: Unit of employment	Compensation: Total units employed	Allowance: Class	Allowance: Value	Allowance: Total units	Gross Amount Earned: Not subject to Retirement Deductions	Gross Amount Earned: Subject to Retirement Deductions	Deductions: Retirement	Deductions: Quarters or rent	Deductions: Subsistence or meals	Net Amount Paid	Notations of Payments by Check (number and date) Drawn on Treasurer U. S., Unless Otherwise Stated, or by Loose Cash Receipt (number) Attached to This Roll	Remarks
J. J. White Lt.Kpr.	1200.A	M	6/30	Qtrs.	60.	A	34.66			1.34		33.32		Period 1/1-6/36 Presumed drowned on 1/6/36-No check was drawn to cover this amount
Fo.Fort Ledge Lt.Station														
Less Allowance for Quarters -							1.34			-		-		
Net Amount Chargeable to Appropriation -			-				33.32			-		33.32 - Total approved		

Note: Attached for information, is form C.A. 2, dated Jan. 23, 1936, U.S. Employees Compensation Commission and copies of papers referred to therein.

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OFFICIAL SUPERIOR'S REPORT OF ~~INJURY~~ PRESUMED DROWNING

[To be submitted to UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which causes any disability for work beyond the day or shift on which the injury occurred or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense. This form should be accompanied by C. A. 1.]

Place of employment

1. Department Commerce (War, Navy, etc.) 2. Bureau or office Lighthouses (Engineer, Navigation, etc.)
3. Place of employment Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn. (Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.) (City) (State)
4. Reporting office Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y. (City) (State) (Name of superintendent, division headquarters)
5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when ~~injury~~ presumed drowning occurred Was alone at station as far as known

The injured employee

6. Name of ~~injured~~ presumed drowned employee John Joseph White (Give first name in full) 7. Age 41 8. Sex M 9. Race W
10. Home address 32 Townsend Ave., New Haven, Conn. (Street and number) (City or town) (State)
11. Occupation and division 2nd Assistant Keeper (Boilermaker, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.) 12. Was employee doing his regular work? Yes So far as known If not, what work?
13. Total length of service with the Government as a civilian? Since August 2, 1930
14. How long at present work in this establishment? Since August 2, 1930.
15. Dates of other injuries - - - -
16. Rate of pay on date of ~~injury~~ presumed drowned $ 1500. per annum { and subsistence valued at $ - per - ; and quarters valued at $ 60.00 per annum
17. Employee begins work at Keeper's watch (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m. 18. Regular day's work ends Keeper's watch (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.
19. Hours worked per day as necessary 20. Days paid per week seven

The injury

21. Place where ~~injury~~ presumed drowning occurred Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn. (Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.)
22. Date of ~~injury~~ presumed drowning January 6th, 1936; day of week Wednesday; hour of day between 3 & 7 p.m. (a. m. or p. m.)
23. Date employee stopped work Jan. 6, 1936; day of week Wednesday; hour of day 3 & 7 p.m.
24. Date employee's pay stopped Jan. 6, 1936; day of week Wednesday; hour of day Day of Report - m. (a. m. or p. m.)
25. Has employee returned to work? No (Give date and hour)
26. Will employee receive pay for any portion of above absence on account of:
(a) Annual leave No (Give exact dates)
(b) Sick leave No (Give exact dates)
(c) Any other reason No (Give exact dates)
27. Describe in full how ~~injury~~ presumed drowning occurred 2nd Asst. Keeper White disappeared from Southwest Ledge Light Station on the morning of Jan. 6, 1936 and no trace of him has since been found. It is assumed that in some unknown manner he fell overboard from the rip rap stone around the light station or from the adjoining breakwater and was drowned Attached hereto is copy of report of Jan. 9th from 1st Asst. Kpr. Burkhardt; copy of Report of Master of Tender Kidney dated Jan. 16th and copy of report of Joseph H. Davis, Jr. Lighthouse Engineer, dated Jan. 18th, 1936.
28. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury presumed drowning -
29. Did ~~injury~~ presumed drowned cause loss of any member or part of member? - If so, describe exactly So far as known
30. Was employee ~~injured~~ presumed drowning while in performance of duty? Yes If not, or in doubt, give detailed statement Not so far as known
31. Was ~~injury~~ presumed drowning caused by:
(a) Willful misconduct of the employee? / (b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of himself or another? / (c) Employee's intoxication? Not so far as known
(If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should attach an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion)
32. Was written notice of ~~injury~~ presumed drowning given within 48 hours? Yes If not, did immediate superior have actual knowledge of injury?
(Answer to question 5, Form C. A. 1, must be complete if notice was not given within 48 hours)
33. Names and addresses of witnesses to ~~injury~~ presumed drowning. None so far as known. If ~~injury~~ presumed drowning continue for more than one day, have statements of witnesses made on forms for each day's work. So far as known
34. Was ~~injury~~ presumed drowning caused by a third party other than a Government employee or agency? / If so, has employee been instructed in procedure under commission's regulations? -
(A detailed statement should be forwarded with this report)

Medical attendance

35. Name and address of physician who first attended case None
36. How soon after ~~injury~~ presumed drowning? - -
37. To what hospital sent? None Location
38. Name and address of physician now attending case None

Signed this 23rd day of January, 1936 For and in the absence of the Superintendent
at Staten Island, N.Y. (Signature of reporting officer)
(Sgd) F. A. Schmeltz
Assistant Superintendent-(3rd Dist.)

(OVER)

C. A. 2
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Through the Keeper.

Southwest Ledge Lt.Station
New Haven, Conn.
Jan. 9, 1936.

Superintendent
of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.
Sir:

On Jan. 7th 10:00 a.m., I went ashore for food and mail in the afternoon. It blew up a strong N.W. wind. Having the row boat I waited for the wind to let up, but I had to wait untill next morning. Got to the Lightstation at 7:30 a.m. As I got near the light I call for the second Asst. Keeper John J. White, but no answer. When I got my boat fasten I went up through the light, but no answer. The light was still burning. I put the light out and looked all through the lighthouse, but no White. I went outside and looked around. I found one of our lanterns, but it was not lit, so I said to myself he may of went fishing, so I looked around the bigger part of the breakwater, but no White. When I went back and looked around again in the lighthouse I found in cellar one of the windows broke out. Upstairs I found gone both chains for the fog horn valves. It looks somewhat like a case of losing his mind. We repaired the fog horn connection with wire and chain we had at the light. Up to now we found no hide or hair of John J. White, 2nd Asst. Keeper. The Keepers went home on his leave Jan. 6th. I called him back Jan. 8th. I notified the Police in the mean time about the case.

(Sgd) William Burkhardt
1st Asst. Keeper

John Ostman, Keeper.

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(Sgd) F. W. Ostrander
Assistant Superintendent-(3rd Dist.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Hickory
January 16, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.
Sir:

I arrived at Southwest Ledge Lightstation, New Haven at 12:45 p.m., January 11, 1936. Interviewed the 1st Asst. Keeper Burkhardt who stated that when he returned to Lightstation at 7:30 a.m., on January 8th after being ashore for mail and provisions and delayed by unsuitable weather conditions overnight, he found no one at the station. There were two hand lanterns, one hundred feet (100) east of station on breakwater, which were frequently used by 2nd Asst. Keeper White while fishing. There were also two connecting chains from automatic clocks to lever on valves to fog signal missing which put both fog signals out of commission. There were no evidence of these chains breaking. They were missing from the station. In the cellar a window was broken and reason was not evident for this happening. The fact that the 2nd Asst. Keeper was missing and the lanterns being on the breakwater looked as if the 2nd Asst. Keeper had been fishing and may have fallen overboard and drowned. Also the missing chains and broken window might be an evidence of insanity of the 2nd Asst. Keeper and that he commited suicide by jumping overboard. No boats were missing, so it does not appear the 2nd Asst. Keeper intentionally deserted the station. Therefore it was considered advisable to drag in the vicinity of the lightstation for the body.

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On Tuesday January 14th this procedure was repeated on South side of breakwater. Breakwater was also searched its entire length, afoot and by boat. No evidence of the missing keeper was found.

Respectfully,
(Sgd) H.C.White.
Master.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.

January 18, 1936.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Station.

1. Proceeded to New Haven on January 17, 1936, to investigate disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station.

2. I went to the Police Headquarters of New Haven and found that they had no additional information regarding the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper. The Police Department have made no investigation believing that the Lighthouse Service would do that. They have not searched for the body by dragging because the police boat has been hauled out for the Winter.

3. Proceeded to the U.S. Weather Bureau located in the P.O. Building and obtained the following reports:

Jan. 5th - Partly cloudy; N. & W. wind, 9.6 M.P.H. ave. velocity; light fog 12 o'clock midnight to 6 a.m.; temp. 45°- 33°.

Jan. 6th - Cloudy, rain 2 p.m. to midnight; light fog 12 o'clock noon to midnight; N.W. to S.E. wind, 5.0 M.P.H.; temp. 37° - 31° .

Jan. 7th - Partly cloudy, rain midnight - 2 A.M.; light fog midnight to 6:30 A.M.; N. and N.W. wind, 10 M.P.H.; temp. 40° - 31°.

Jan. 8th - Partly cloudy, light fog 2 A.M. to 8:40 A.M.; wind N.W. to N.E., 7.8 M.P.H.; temp. 31° - 37° .

Jan. 9th - Cloudy, rain 10 A.M.-Midnight; fog 2 P.M. to 12 Midnight; wind N.E. to N. 7-24 M.P.H.; temp. 34° - 41° .

4. I then proceeded to the home of the missing man at 32 Townsend Avenue, New Haven. Mrs. White and her five children were at home. Obtained the following information from Mrs. White: Mr. White was home over the Christmas holidays and returned to the lighthouse on December 31st. He came ashore again on January 3rd for groceries and supplies. He was ashore for only a few hours on this day. White was in good health at this time. Mrs. White stated that during the sixteen years they were married that White has had no sickness except ordinary coughs and colds. Mrs. White stated that he had no worries, his home life was very happy and when he was ashore he spent all his time at home. He had no known enemies and got along well with the other men at the lighthouse. She said that White would drink beer occasionally, but never to excess. The White family has lived in the vicinity for three years.

(Sgd) Joseph R. Davis,
Jr. Lighthouse Engineer.

5. I visited Fire Engine Company #16 which is just around the corner from White's house. I spoke to Captain Henry J. Weber re White. He stated that he knew White very well. He verified Mrs. White's statements as to character, etc. He said that he goes fishing out at the lighthouse and knew all the keepers very well. He said there was no fishing out there at this time of the year, which disapproves the theory that White was fishing on the Breakwater. The Captain was convinced that White's disappearance was caused by an accident. His theory was that White was helping someone or some boat in distress or else that he was taking care of lighthouse equipment and fell overboard. Captain Weber asked what the Government would do for White's family. He was told that the family would probably received whatever compensation that the regulations allowed in case it is found that White died in the performance of duty. The Captain stated that White was well liked and that he personally would see to it that the family was taken care of until the Government provided for them.

6. Proceeded to Southwest Ledge Lighthouse. Keeper Ostman and 1st Asst. Keeper Burkhardt were at the station. The Keepers repeated the details exact of events as they happened on January 6th, 7th, and 8th. The story was the same as reported by 1st Asst. Keeper on January 8th. I asked if White's personal effects had been touched and was told that everything was exactly as it was found when Burkhardt returned to station and found White missing. An inspection of his dresser and closet showed that his clothes were neatly packed and well taken care of. I checked his clothes with the Assistant Keeper and by questioning him, concluded that White was wearing blue dungarees, white shirt and a couple of light sport sweaters when he disappeared. All his heavy clothing is still at the station. The missing chains were removed by taking out the cotter pins at either end. No trace of the chain or pins have been found. The cellar window which was broken can be explained by the fact that the window was open and propped up by a stick while the fog signal engines were in operation. It is possible that the vibration of the engines worked the stick out and the window slammed. The two lanterns found on the breakwater were approximately 100 feet east of the lighthouse. The chimneys of the lanterns were smoked when they were found. The reason for their being there is unknown. The keepers were asked about White's health. They stated that they had never known him to be sick. Burkhardt said he was alright when Burkhardt left the station at 10 a.m. January 7th. The keepers have searched the breakwater every day and have dragged in the vicinity of the lighthouse. Neither keeper has any theory as to what might have happended to the missing man. The boats were in their cradles and lashed down. It was therefore unnecessary for White to leave the lighthouse to take care of the boats. The station record books were examined and found to be in accordance with the statements made by keepers. They were in order except for the following. No mention was made of the 1st Asst. Keeper's trip ashore after finding that the 2nd Asst. was missing from the station. The 1st Asst. was questioned about this matter and he said he was so excited that he forgot it. He was instructed to make the entry. Both Keepers were questioned on subjects that might possibly have some bearing on the disappearance, but nothing of use in solving the mystery could be learned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) Joseph R. Davis,
Jr. Lighthouse Engineer.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Engine Co. # 16,
488 Lighthouse Rd.
New Haven, Conn.
April 8th 1936.

Mr.Yates,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,N.Y.

Dear Sir;-

I have tried in always to relieve the heavy strain that Mrs.White and family has been under since the loss of her Husband on Jan. 8th from the Southwest Ledge Station and as such I have carried on her communications.

Enclosed find communication from the Veterans Administration regarding the payment of the claim for Mrs. White's Veterans adjusted compensation certificate.

If you could comply with article # 3 and forwith to me such affidavits as you may be able to furnish,I will forward them with the ones I have,to the Veterans Administration.

Mr. Yates is Mrs.White entitled to any return on Mr.White's retirement fund,or did he pay into such fund.

Would you kindly return the enclosed communication also.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

I remain,
Yours Respectfully,
Henry J. Weber
Henry J. Weber, Captain.

(COPY:HR)

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1936

In reply refer to: FCB
WHITE, John J.
XC 954 217

Captain Henry J. Weber
Engine Co. #16
488 Lighthouse Road
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges your letter of recent date transmitting the claim of Mrs. Matilda White for the adjusted compensation payable in the above cited case.

Further consideration will be given the claim of Mrs. White upon receipt of an official report from the Department of Commerce covering the death of the veteran, together with the following:

1. The enclosed forms 1775 executed one each by the veteran's father or mother, his widow, and a disinterested person.

2. Information as to whether Employees Compensation has been paid to the widow.

3. Affidavits by the persons who searched for the veteran's body outlining therein the efforts made to recover the body and the assistance rendered in the search by the Coast Guard Service.

All future communications relative to this case should show the veteran's name and refer to the number XC 954 217.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. L. McCoy
H. L. McCOY
Director of Insurance

Enc. Forms 1775 (3)

FWO-JHG

April 12,1936

U. S. Veterans Administration,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: John J. White.
REFERENCE: Your letter Apr.7,1936 addressed to Captain Henry J. Weber, New Haven, Conn., Your File FCB- XC 954 217.

1. Enclosed is copy of Form CA2, dated Jan.23,1936, submitted to the U.S.Employees' Compensation Commission, also copies of reports of 1st Asst. Keeper Burkhardt dated Jan.9,1936, Master of Lighthouse tender Hickory dated Jan.16,1936, Junior Engineer Davis dated Jan.18,1936, and Master of Lighthouse tender Tulip dated Jan.22,1936.

2. These papers supply quite complete information in the matter, and it is believed will meet the requirements of Item 3 of your letter of April 7th, 1936.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

FWO:HR

April 14, 1936

Capt. Henry J. Weber,
Engine Co. #16,
488 Lighthouse Rd.,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: John J. White.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 8th, 1936.

Sir:-

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 8th, in behalf of Mrs. White, widow of John J. White, formerly assistant keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station. The letter of April 7th from the Veterans Administration is herewith returned and there is enclosed copy of letter addressed to the United States Veterans Administration by this office referring to their letter addressed to you, and from this it will be seen that numerous copies of records have been forwarded to the Veterans Administration with the view of facilitating action on the claim of Mrs. White. When you reply to the letter of April 7th from the Veterans Administration, it is suggested that you forward with your reply a copy of the enclosed letter from this office of April 13th.

2. During Mr. White's employment he was not required to contribute to or pay into a retirement fund.

3. If there is anything further this office can do to assist in clearing up any of the matters that you are handling for Mrs. White, please so advise.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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

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file

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON



April 17, 1936.

Mr. Henry J. Weber, Captain,
Engine Company No. 16,
488 Lighthouse Road,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 14, addressed to the Civil Service Commission, this city, and referred to this office, requesting information as to whether or not any contributions were made by Mr. John J. White to the civil service retirement and disability fund while employed as a lighthouse keeper in this Service.

Lighthouse keepers come under the Lighthouse Service retirement law which law does not require contributions by employees to a retirement or disability fund and there would therefore be no amount due Mrs. White on this account.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Dist.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

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(06)

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
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PHILIP T SMITH CHIEF OF POLICE=

MAY 14 1936 PM

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Jane Matilda White

32 Townsend Ave

New Haven Conn.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

Stamford Hbr. Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 12, 1936

Superintendent Of Lighthouses:-
Staten Island, N. Y.

Sir:-

I wish to report the finding of a Dead man S. H. of Light yesterday May 11- at 4.30 P. M. I called police & had him removed at 5-45 P. M. yesterday.

Respectfully

A. C. Brennecke
Keeper.

STANDARD FORM No. [redacted]
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM J. T. YATES [redacted] Supt. of Lighthouses,

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHG. APPROPRIATION GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9240

Staten Island N Y

May 14 1936

Matilda White
32 Townsend Avenue
New Haven Connecticut

Chief of Police reports finding body man believed John J White now at Lambs Undertaking Parlor Main Street Easthaven

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WJL-JHG

Captain Henry J. Weber,
Engine Company No.16,
488 Lighthouse Road,
New Haven, Conn.

March 14,1936

Sir:-

SUBJECT: J.J.White, keeper.

1. The following telegram was received by this office to-day from Philip T. Smith, Chief of Police, New Haven, Conn.:-

"Body man found believed John J. White Lighthouse Keeper January 8,1936 now Lambs Undertaking Parlor Main Street East Haven Conn."

2. A telegram was accordingly sent to Matilda White, 32 Townsend Avenue, New Haven, Conn., as follows:-

"Chief of Police reports finding body man believed John J White now at Lambs Undertaking Parlor Main Street East Haven."

3. It would be appreciated if you would advise this office as to whether or not the body found has been definitely identified as that of Mr.White.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

May 14, 1926.

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Grandma was right when she said colds were caused by wet feet and exposure, Dr. William J. Kerr, of San Francisco, told the doctors, declaring that the germ theory of colds had not been proved.

Along with grandma, Dr. Kerr believes that colds "are caused primarily by inability of the body to adapt itself to sudden changes in temperature."

The best treatment for colds?

"Constrict the membranes of the nose with shrinking solutions to permit air to pass over them," he said. "Then open the peripheral blood vessels of the body."

To accomplish that, he said, a warm room ,a warm bed, a hot bath, whisky, aspiran and quinine are indicated.

LIGHT KEEPER FOUND SLAIN.

By the United Press.

EAST HAVEN, Conn., May 14.—The body of John J. White, missing keeper of Southwest Ledge Lighthouse, who disappeared January 3, was found today in Caroline Creek under circumstances indicating he had been murdered.

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FWO-JHG

Philip T. Smith,
Chief of Police,
New Haven,
Connecticut.

May 15,1936

Sir:-

SUBJECT: John J. White.
REFERENCE: Your telegram of May 14,1936.

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks, of your telegram of May 14th in regard to finding of body of man believed to be John J.White, former Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station. Although Mrs. White had probably been otherwise notified, this office sent a telegram to her at 32 Townsend Avenue, New Haven advising her concerning the body found. Notification was also sent to Captain Henry J. Weber, Engine Company No.16, 488 Lighthouse Road, New Haven, who it is understood was a particular friend of Mr.White, and who would no doubt be of assistance in the matter of identification of the body.

2. New York papers of May 14th carried a news item concerning the finding of the body referred to as that of John J. White, and indicating that it was found under circumstances indicating that Mr.White had been murdered. If the body is identified astthat of John J. White this office would appreciate information to that effect, together with any other information concerning the matter which might account for Mr. White's disappearance from Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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CLASS OF SERVICE

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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May 15,1936

Captain Henry J. Weber,
Engine Company No.16,
488 Lighthouse Road,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:-

SUBJECT: John J. White.
REFERENCE: Your telegram of this date.

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your telegram of this date in reference to the identification of the body of John J. White. For your information there is attached hereto a copy of letter of this date to Mrs. White in reference to the matter of her claim for compensation.

Respectfully

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

May 15, 1936

Mrs. Matilda White
32 Townsend Avenue
New Haven, Conn

SUBJECT: Disappearance of J.J. White, second assistant keeper Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 8, 1936

REFERENCE: Claim for compensation on account of the bill submitted on February 3, 1936

Dear Madam:

This office has been advised that the body of your husband, John J. White who disappeared from Southwest Ledge Lightstation on January 8, 1936, has been recovered and identified. In order to make more complete your claim for compensation on account of the death of your husband, please obtain and forward to this office in the near future, the certified copy of death certificate, which is ordinarily procurable from the Health Department and also forward in duplicate bill covering funeral expenses so that it may be considered in connection with your claim.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

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THIRD DISTRICT

South West Ledge Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

New Haven Conn 5-15, 1936

Superintendent of Light Houses
3rd Dist.

Sir

I wish to report that they have found 2nd Asst Kp's John J White body near Silver Sand Beach I will try and get further information Concerning his body.

Respectfully
John Ortman
South West Ledge LS
New Haven
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ghtkeeper's Body Found n Beach At Silver Sands

ndant, Missing Since January, Washed Ashore uring Storm—Ankles Bound With Strap— Grocery Slip Aids in Identification— Coroner Orders Autopsy

shed ashore by the high waves that accompanied last night's storm, dly decomposed and partially trussed-up body of a man found on the at West Silver Sands in East Haven was today identified as that of g missing John J. White, 41, of 32 Townsend Avenue, Morris Cove, nt keeper of the Southwest ledge lighthouse who mysteriously dis- ed from his post January 8.

tly after a grocery slip issued Cove Market and bearing his was found in his clothing, r James J. Corrigan an- d that he was conducting an gation into the finding of a webbing strap tightly binding ankles together.

Discovers Body

e walking along the beach aroline Creek with his dog before 7 A. M., P. J. Mooney, 92 Cosey Beach Avenue, East discovered the body lying on nd about 20 feet from the edge. After noting the strap the ankles, Mooney notified aven police of the find.

ng the first to arrive on the were Police Chief Hugh J. and Dr. Robert M. Taylor, Haven medical examiner, who the body taken to Lamb's parlors pending the arrival oner Corrigan.

Face Decomposed

ody was clad only in a pair of ousers and a union suit. The as too decomposed to allow cation and the hands and feet re to the bone.

the tightly bound ankles st noted, police intimated that n unidentified man was prob- e victim of foul play.

theory was discounted, how- nen the grocery slip found in ts was dried out and showed name. His widow and five were immediately notified Farrell. Later this morning, hite was taken to the office ner Corrigan in the County louse by Chief Farrell, pre- for questioning by him.

the first identification, the was confirmed through his a Bridgeport dentist, who alled his bridge work.

Autopsy Ordered

ylor was reluctant about dis- the bound ankles of White m stating that Dr. Corrigan red an autopsy.

hat the coroner and police actually thought about his nkles was not immediately but a statement was ex- be forthcoming from the office this afternoon.

White was found missing post January 8, a window

Lighthouse Keeper Found Drowned



JOHN J. WHITE

was found broken in the tower and the chains securing the fog horn wrenched from their fastenings. Two red lights were found on the breakwater at the base of the lighthouse. White was discovered missing by another assistant keeper, William Burkhart, when he returned to the lighthouse.

White, a World War veteran, had been in the lighthouse service for some 10 years, having previously been stationed at Green's Reef light off Norwalk.

White's Death Due to Illness, Officials Find

Lighthouse Keeper Evidently Jumped Overboard In Delirium, Examiner Says.

Death of John J. White, 41, of 32 Townsend avenue, whose mysterious disappearance from his post as assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge lighthouse has baffled authorities since January 8, after an autopsy on his body which was washed ashore during the storm Wednesday night, was attributed by Dr. Robert M. Taylor, East Haven medical examiner, to accidental drowning during a delerium.

Possibilities of foul play marked the finding of the body as a short web of strapping was tightly bound about his legs and Coroner James J. Corrigan instituted an investigation. The body was found about 7 a. m. yesterday by P. J. Mooney, 60, of 192 Cosey Beach avenue, East Haven, as he walked along the West Silver Sands beach near Caroline Creek.

Dr. Taylor performed an autopsy in New Haven hospital and his examination revealed the presence of pneumonia in the right lung of such severity as to cause a delerium. He said that "at the heighth of this delerium, White apparently bound his ankles and jumped into the water. I am certifying his death as due to accidental drowning during a delerium." No fractures or other indications of foul play were found on the body.

Mrs. Matilda P. White, wife of the deceased, informed Dr. Taylor, that her husband for a few days prior to his disappearance had been suffering a cough and had complained of a pain in his side. These were indications of pneumonia, Dr. Taylor said. These facts are embodied in the report given Coroner Corrigan.

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FWO-JHG

May 20,1936

Captain Henry J. Weber,
Engine Company No.16,
488 Lighthouse Road,
New Haven, Conn.

Captain.

SUBJECT: John J. White.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 18,1936.

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter of May 18,1936 enclosing a copy of the death certificate of John J. White, former assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station.

2. The affidavit referred to was received by this office on or about Feb.10th - the exact date not being known - and it was forwarded to the General Accounting Office, for direct settlement, on February 12,1936.

3. The Death Certificate forwarded with your letter has been forwarded to the U.S.Employees' Compensation Commission with the view of facilitating action on Mrs.White's claim for compensation. The voucher for salary due, for 8 days, is as stated above, in the hands of the General Accounting Office, and with the view of meeting the demands of the General Accounting Office in connection with the payment of salary due the deceased employee, another copy of the death certificate should be forwarded to this office for transmission to the General Accounting Office.

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4. Also, if possible, will you please obtain and forward to this office, a copy of the autopsy report, this having been requested by the U.S.Employees' Compensation Commission in connection with Mrs. White's claim.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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MAY 23 24 1936 RECEIVED

Engine Co. # 16.
488 Lighthouse Rd.
New Haven, Conn.
May 21 st. 1936.

Mr. J.T.Yates,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir;-

Subject: John J. White,
Reference: Your letter of May 20th 1936.

1. Letter and imformation received.

2. Enclosed find death certificate as requested.

3. A copy of the autopsy report will be forwarded to you immediately after the decision of the Coroner.

4. Funeral expenses bill will be mailed to you as soon as I receive same.

If I can be further assistence kindly advise.

Respectfully,
Henry J. Weber
Henry J. Weber, Captain.

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Bureau of Vital Statistics

COPY

Medical Certificate of Death

1. Place of Death
   County.....New Haven .....
   Township....East Haven.....or Village.....or
   City.....No.....St.,.....Ward
   Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 4 yrs 10 mos. 2 ds. How long in U.S.if of foreign birth? 41 yrs.

2. Full Name.....John Joseph White.....
   (a) Residence: No. 32 Townsend Ave.

Undertaker's Certificate

3. Sex: Male
4. Color or Race: White
5. Single, etc.: Married

5a. If married or widowed, husband of (or) wife of (If husband, give wife's maiden name): Gazdik

6. Date of Death - Unknown
6a. Date of Birth - Sept. 1, 1894

7. AGE in Years: 41

Occupation

8. Trade, profession, etc.: Lighthouse Keeper
9. Industry or business in which work was done: Lighthouse Service
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: Jan 1936
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation: 7 yrs

12. Birthplace (State or country): Austria

Father

13. Name: John White
14. Birthplace: Austria

Mother

15. Maiden Name: Anna Pistey
16. Birthplace: Austria

17. Informant: Matilda White
    (Address) 32 Townsend Ave

18. Burial, Cremation, or Removal:
    Cemetery: St. Michael
    Place: Bridgeport

Medical Certificate of Death

19. I hereby certify death is said to have occurred on or about Jan.7-1936

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:

Drowning
probably during

Other contributory causes of importance.

delerium of

acute pleurisy

Name of operation ---
What test confirmed diagnosis? --- Was there an autopsy? Yes

20. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide not determined
Manner of injury ---
Nature of injury ---

21. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? not determined

Physician's Signature:
Robert M. Taylor
(Address) Med.Exam.East Have

Was Deceased a Veteran? Yes If so, give War World War Private Air Service, Fairfield, Ohio

Was Body Embalmed? Yes If so, Name of Embalmer George W. Pistney Jr.

Signature of licensed embalmer or licensed undertaker:
George Pistey

Address: 331 Barnum Ave Bridgeport Conn

Form O-Vs.15A (1-34)

I Certify that this is a true copy of the certificate received for record.

/s/ CHAUNCEY T. WARNER Registrar.

Attest, (Seal affixed)

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May 23, 1936.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

SUBJECT: Medical Certificate of Death - John J. White, Deceased
Keeper Southwest Ledge Light Station.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated February 12, 1936 forwarding claim for compensation due the estate for period January 1-8, 1936.

Transmitted, herewith, is medical certificate of death of John J. White, whose body has been recently recovered, for forwarding to the General Accounting Office in connection with claim of the estate for compensation due the deceased.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Division of Accounts
Washington, D.C.

Paid by G.F.Allen.

November 16, 1936

BUREAU OF- Lighthouses-

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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There has been filed in this office General Accounting Office Certificate of Settlement No.0425846 (11-9-36) settling an account of your bureau.

Amount, $ 29.16

Appropriation debit.
1360703 Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1936

Appropriation credit.

Creditors

Pistey Funeral Home,
George Pistey Sons, Charles T. Pistey, Pres.
Payment of salary due the estate of John J. White, deceased, for services rendered by him as 2nd Asst. Lightkeeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce, at New Haven, Conn., for the period January 1 to January 8, 1936.
Commerce Voucher No. 26472- Claim No. 58178.
Of the total amount claimed, $33.32, the sum of $4.16, representing pay for January 8, 1936 is disallowed for the reason that the evidence of record shows the employee was drowned on January 7, 1936, and consequently rendered no service after that date.

COPY to 3rd District. The cost shown above should be taken up in the district cost-keeping records, if necessary, if this has not already been done. 1/7/37

Chief, Division of Accounts.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJL-PS

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

February 5, 1936

Mrs. John J. White,
32 Townsend Ave.,
New Haven, Conn.

Subject: Payment of Compensation-Estate of John J. White

Reference: Letter, this office Jan. 31, 1936.

Madam:

1. Application for settlement of claim, Form No.1055, herewith for completion, attention being invited to par. 6, also 6(g,h,i) reverse of form.

2. Having complied with above, form should be returned to this office for further consideration.

Respectfully,
J.T.Yates,
Superintendent.

By: W.J.Lawton
Chief Clerk.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

JAN 21 1936

Estate of John J. White
c/o Mrs. John J. White,
#32 Townsend Avenue,
New Haven, Conn.

Subject: Payment of Compensation Due -
Estate of John J. White

Madam:

1. Herewith, affidavit form No. 1055 to cover amount of $33.32 due the late Mr. John J. White, for services rendered as 2nd Asst. Keeper, So.West Ledge Light Station, New Haven, Conn., period January 1st to 8th, 1936, inclusive. Affidavit to be executed and returned.

2. If there has been an administrator or executor appointed by the Court, a certificate of qualification should be furnished, see par. 5 of Form 1055, enclosed.

3. If there has been no administration upon the Estate of the late Mr. John J. White, the affidavit should be executed and sworn to by next of kin before a Notary Public and returned to this office.

Respectfully,
J.T.Yates
Superintendent.

By: W.J.Lawton
Chief Clerk.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Jan.25,1936

William Burkhardt, 1AK,
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from station on Jan.7th.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.9th.

1. Your report of Jan.9th states that you went ashore at 10 A.M. on Jan.7th for food and mail, and that in the afternoon it blew up a strong N.W. wind; that you waited for the wind to let up, and that you had to wait until the next morning. Investigation discloses that weather reports show on Jan.7th North and Northwest wind, ten miles per hour. It is therefore not entirely clear as to why you could not return to the station on Jan.7th, and your further explanation is requested.

2. It appears that the Keeper went ashore on leave on Jan.6th. It is presumed that the Keeper was taken ashore in the station boat by yourself or Assistant Keeper White, and that the assistant keeper returned to the station on the same date. If such was the case, it would be logical for the assistant keeper to procure mail and any food required before returning to the station, instead of waiting until the next day and making another trip ashore at a time when there was but two keepers on the station, and leaving one man alone, with the result that the one keeper was alone on the station over the night of Jan.7-8. Further explanation is requested as to the necessity for going ashore for food and mail on Jan.7th.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

THIRD DISTRICT

Hickory
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 12, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.

Sir:

In accordance with your orders, I arrived at Southwest Ledge Light Station at 12:45 p.m., January 11, 1936. Keeper Ostman and Asst.Keeper Burkhardt were on station. The following is description of Burkhardt's movements and conditions as described by Burkhardt on January 7th and January 8, 1936.

At 10 a.m., Jan. 7th Burkhardt left light station for supplies, leaving Asst.Keeper John J. White in charge of station. At 3 p.m., Jan. 7th Burkhardt made an attempt to return to light station. Due to tide and wind conditions, decided that landing at station would be dangerous, returned to shore. At 6 p.m. made another attempt to return to light station. Deciding that conditions had not improved so that landing could be made with safety, returned to his home and remained there until next morning. At 7:30 a.m., Jan. 8th Burkhardt arrived at light station. Calling to Asst.Keeper White to assist him in landing, and receiving no response to his calls, landed on station and searched station from cellar to tower to locate White. Unsuccessful inside, returned to breakwater, calling and seeking White along breakwater. Unable to locate White, Burkhardt decided something had happened to him. Burkhardt returned to station and extinguished light which was in operation. Returning to shore, Burkhardt requested a Mr. Kenney, Supt. of Lighthouse Point Pork, to notify Keeper Ostman who was at his home in Stonington, Conn., of White's disappearance and requesting his immediate return to light station. Mr. Kenney also notified Police of New Haven of White's disappearance. Keeper Ostman arrived at station 4 p.m., Jan. 8th. Ostman and Burkhardt began another search for White along breakwater. During this search, Burkhardt found two hand lanterns on rocks about one hundred feet from station and stated that White had a habit of using these lanterns while fishing from breakwater at night. They also found one window in cellar of station broken and small connecting chain from clock gear to lever on valve to fog signal missing. The clock at this station is good for (5) five hours operating time on one winding and as the light was in operation at 7:30 a.m., it appears White disappeared between (3) three and 7:30 a.m. This is all the information I was able to obtain from the Keepers Ostman and Burkhardt.

I called at the Chapel St. Police Station to see what action the police had taken and found that a description of White had been

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broadcast to ten States by teletype, and that the police have been unable to secure any evidence of White's whereabouts. Police had not dragged waters in vicinity of light station, as their boat has been out of commission most two month. I have obtained necessary equipment and will drag around light station tomorrow morning, Monday.

Respectfully,

/s/ H. C. White

FHF:PL

January 22, 1936

Mrs. Matilda White
32 Townsend Avenue
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of J.J. White, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 8, 1936

Dear Madam:

Please advise the names and ages of children of above employee who were depdadent upon him for support at the time of his disappearance. Also give your name in full in order that proper reports may be forwarded.

Respectfully,

J.T. YATES
Superintendent

TC

32 Townsend Ave.,
New Haven, Conn.
Jan. 24th 1936.

Mr. J.T.Yates,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,N.Y.

Dear Sir;-
The Following Children were dependent on my Husband at the time of his disappearance.

Matilda White	born	Sept. 24 1920	15yrs.	5 mons.
Helen "	"	Jan. 13 1922	14 "	
John "	"	June 21 1925	10 "	7 mons.
Pearl "	"	Sept. 29 1929	6 "	5 "
Robert "	"	Feb. 27 1935	-	11 "

My name in full.

Mrs. Matilda P. Gazdik White

Thanking you for your kind attention.
I remain,
Yours Respectfully,
Mrs John J White
Mrs.John J. White.

OFFICIAL SUPERIOR'S REPORT OF INJURY—PRESUMED DROWNING.

[To be submitted to UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which causes any disability for work beyond the day or shift on which the injury occurred or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense. This form should be accompanied by C. A. 1.]

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Place of employment

1. Department Commerce (War, Navy, etc.) 2. Bureau or office Lighthouses (Engineer, Navigation, etc.)
3. Place of employment Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn. (Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.) (City) (State)
4. Reporting office Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. (Location of bureau, branch, or division headquarters)
5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when injury occurred Was alone at station as far as known. presumed drowned

The injured employee

6. Name of employee John Joseph White (Give first name in full) 7. Age 41 8. Sex M 9. Race W
10. Home address 32 Townsend Ave., New Haven, Conn. (Street and number) (City or town) (State)
11. Occupation and division 2nd Assistant Keeper (Give both, as laborer, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.) 12. Was employee doing his regular work? Yes -So far as known. If not, what work?
13. Total length of service with the Government as a civilian? Since August 2, 1930
14. How long at present work in this establishment? Since August 2, 1930.
15. Dates of other injuries - - - -
16. Rate of pay on date of presumed drowning $ 1500. per annum { and subsistence valued at $ - - per - - ; and quarters valued at $ 60.00 per annum
17. Employee begins work at Keeper's watch (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m. 18. Regular day's work ends Keeper's watch (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.
19. Hours worked per day as necessary 20. Days paid per week seven

The injury

21. Place where presumed drowning occurred Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn. (Give exact location, as name or number of building and division of same)
22. Date of presumed drowning January 8th, 1936; day of week Wednesday; hour of day Between 3 & 7a m. (a. m. or p. m.)
23. Date employee stopped work Jan.8, 1936; day of week Wednesday; hour of day Between 3 & 7a m. (a. m. or p. m.)
24. Date employee's pay stopped Jan.8, 1936; day of week Wednesday; hour of day Close of day. m. (a. m. or p. m.)
25. Has employee returned to work? No (Give date and hour)
26. Will employee receive pay for any portion of above absence on account of:
(a) Annual leave No (Give exact dates)
(b) Sick leave No (Give exact dates)
(c) Any other reason No (Give exact dates)
27. Describe in full how presumed drowning occurred Asst. Keeper White disappeared from Southwest Ledge Light Station on the morning of Jan. 8,1936 and no trace of him has since been found. It is assumed that in some unknown manner he fell overboard from the rip rap stone around the light station or from the adjoining breakwater and was drowned. Attached hereto is copy of report of Jan.9th from 1st Asst. Keeper Burkhardt; copy of
28. report of Master of Tender Hickory dated Jan. 16th and copy of report of Joseph R. Davis, Jr. Lighthouse Engineer, dated Jan. 18th, 1936.
29. Did presumed drowning cause loss of any member or part of member? - - - If so, describe exactly presumed drowning presumed drowned So far as known.
30. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? Yes- If not, or in doubt, give detailed statement
31. Was presumed drowning caused by: (a) Willful misconduct of the employee? Not so far as known. (b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of himself or another? / (c) Employee's intoxication? Not so far as known.
(If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should attach an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion)
32. Was written notice of presumed drowning given within 48 hours? Yes If not, did immediate superior have actual knowledge of injury?
(Answer to question 5, Form C. A. 1, must be complete if notice was not given within 48 hours)
33. Names and addresses of witnesses to presumed drowning. None so far as known.
(If space is insufficient to continue for more than one day, have statements of witnesses made on reverse side of this form)
34. Was presumed drowning caused by a third party other than a Government employee or agency? Not so far as known. If so, has employee been instructed in procedure under commission's regulations? - - - -
(A detailed statement should be forwarded with this report)

Medical attendance

35. Name and address of physician who first attended case None
36. How soon after injury? - - - - -
37. To what hospital sent? None Location
38. Name and address of physician now attending case None

Signed this 23rd day of January, 19 36

at Staten Island, N.Y.

F. W. Ockenfels
(Signature of reporting officer)
Assistant Superintendent (Third District)
(Title)

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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REPORT OF TERMINATION OF TOTAL OR PARTIAL DISABILITY.

(Cross out one.)

[To be forwarded to the UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., through official channels, as soon as disability from injury terminates. This form to be submitted for each injury resulting in any disability, whether or not empioyee makes claim for compensation.]

1. Department ---------- (War, Navy, etc.) 2. Bureau or office ---------- (Engineer, Navigation, etc.)
3. Place of employment ---------- (Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.) (City or town.) (State.)
4. Full name of injured employee ----------
5. Time of injury ---------- (Date.), 19 ---------- (Day of week.) ---------- (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.
6. Time employee stopped work ---------- (Date.), 19 ---------- (Day of week.) ---------- (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.
7. Time employee's pay stopped ---------- (Date.), 19 ---------- (Day of week.) ---------- (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.
8. First day employee was able to resume work ---------- (Date.), 19 ---------- (Day of week.) ---------- (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.
9. Did employee return to the same work and at same rate of pay after termination of disability? ----------
If so, when? ---------- If not, state character of work performed upon return to duty and rate paid employee for such work ----------
10. Actual time disabled (including Sundays and holidays) ---------- days.
11. Number of days for which employee would have received pay had he not been disabled ---------- days.
12. If employee was receiving subsistence as part of his wages, was such subsistence furnished during entire period of disability? ---------- If not, give dates on which subsistence was not furnished ----------
13. Has employee been paid for any portion of above absence on account of—
(a) Annual leave? ---------- (Give exact dates.)
(b) Sick leave? ---------- (Give exact dates.)
(c) Any other reason ----------
14. Nature of injury ----------
15. Remarks ----------

[The following information is to be furnished *only* in case of death resulting from an injury sustained while in the performance of duty. If death results immediately, or if no Report of Injury has previously been submitted, such report, on Form C. A. 2, should be forwarded herewith.]

PRESUMED

REPORT OF DEATH

16. Full name of deceased employee presumed John Joseph White
17. Time of death presumed January 8 (Date.), 1936 Wednesday between 3 and 7 a. (Day of week.) (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.
18. Time employee's pay stopped Jan. 8 (Date.), 19 36 Wednesday close of day (Day of week.) (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.
19. Place of death presumed Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn. (Name of hospital, establishment, etc.) (City or town, and State.)
20. Immediate cause of death It is presumed that employee fell off rip rap or breakwater and was drowned
21. Widow of deceased employee presumed Mrs. Matilda P. Gazdik White, 32 Townsend Ave. New Haven, Conn. (Give full name.) (Address.)
22. Children of deceased employee under 18 years of age, or those over 18 who are incapable of self-support:

Name.	Age.
Matilda White, born Sept. 24, 1920	15 yrs 5 mos.
Helen White " Jan. 13, 1922	14 yrs
John White " June 21, 1925	10 yrs 7 mos.
Pearl White " Sept. 29, 1929	6 " 5 "
Robert White " Feb. 27, 1935	- 11 mos.

23. Names, relationship, and addresses of all other persons known to be dependent, in any degree, upon decedent at time of death:

Name.	Relationship.	Address.

Signed this 27th day of January, 19 36
at Staten Island, N.Y.

J.T.YATES
(Official superior.)
Superintendent
(Title.)

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(All forwarding indorsements to be made on reverse side of this sheet.)

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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January 31, 1936

Mrs. Matilda White
32 Townsend Avenue
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of J.J. White, 2nd Asst. Keeper Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 8, 1936

Dear Madam:

1. Forwarded herewith is form CA 5, claim for compensation on account of death, which you are requested to execute and return promptly to this office. Questions #13 and #14 on Page 1 and all questions on Page 2 except question #1 should be answered by you after which your signature should be affixed on both pages in the presence of a Notary Public.

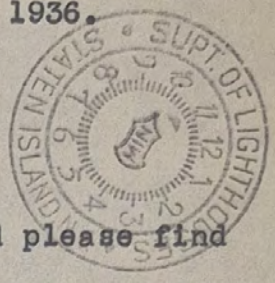
2. Certified copies of the following should be obtained and forwarded with the claim to this office; Civil marriage certificate, Civil birth records of children.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

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32 Townsend Ave.
New Haven, Conn.
Feb. 3rd 1936.



RECEIVED

Mr.J.T.Yates,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir;-

Received your communications of Jan. 31st,and enclosed please find affidavits.

Mr.Yates,I want to thank you and the other members of your service for their kindness to me during my long ordeal.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs John J White
Mrs. John J. White

Form # 1055 article #6

P.S. I havn't declared my Husband's Veterans Adjusted Compensation Certificate of $561.00 less interest on loan made proir to 1931, as the Clerk of the Probate Court thought I didn't have to,because after funeral expenses were paid they wouldn't be sufficent funds to probate.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON ACCOUNT OF DEATH

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., through official channels, WITHIN ONE MONTH after death occurred. If not so submitted, an explanation of the delay must accompany the claim.

The persons to whom compensation may be paid are:

(a) The widow who was living with or dependent for support upon the deceased employee at the time of his death.
(b) The widower who was dependent upon the deceased employee at the time of her death.
(c) The unmarried children under 18, and those over 18 who are incapable of self-support.
(d) Parents partially or wholly dependent upon the deceased employee for support.
(e) Unmarried brothers, sisters, or grandchildren under 18 years of age, and those over 18 who are incapable of self-support, and who were wholly or partially dependent upon the deceased employee.
(f) Grandparents wholly or partially dependent upon the deceased employee.

Under the law, the term "child" includes stepchildren, adopted children, and posthumous children, but does not include married children. The terms "brother" and "sister" include stepbrothers and stepsisters, half brothers and half sisters, and brothers and sisters by adoption, but do not include married brothers or sisters. All of the above terms and the term "grandchild" include only persons who at the time of the death of the deceased employee are under 18 years of age or over that age and incapable of self-support. The term "parent" includes step-parents and parents by adoption. The term "widow" includes only the decedent's wife living with or dependent for support upon him at the time of his death. The term "widower" includes only the decedent's husband dependent for support upon her at the time of her death. The terms "adopted" and "adoption" as used in this law include only legal adoption prior to the time of the injury.

The claim should be signed by the person making the claim or his duly authorized representative. There should be given the names and addresses of all persons who may be entitled to compensation on account of death, together with the address of the person making the claim, which should be sworn to by the person entitled to compensation, or by the person authorized to act on his behalf.

Oaths of claimants residing in foreign countries should be made before a United States consular officer or secretary of legation; or, if before a local official, a certificate of such United States consular official or secretary of legation showing the authority of the local official to administer oaths should be annexed.

A certified copy of the death certificate should accompany this claim. If, for any reason, it can not be secured, give full explanation at the bottom of this sheet.

If the relationship to the decedent of any person entitled to claim compensation is that of adoption, a certified copy of the order of adoption should accompany this claim.

Itemized bills in duplicate covering the medical and burial expenses should be submitted with the claim.

1. Full name of deceased employee John Joseph White
2. Age 41 3. Sex Male 4. Occupation 2nd Asst. keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Sta.
5. Was deceased able to speak English? yes 6. If not, what language? --
7. Time of ~~injury~~ death: (a) January (Month) (b) 8th (Date) (c) 1936 (Year) (d) between 5 and 7 a. m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
8. Place where ~~injury~~ death occurred Southwest Ledge Light Sta. New Haven Harbor, Conn. (Place or establishment, as "post office," "navy yard," etc.)
9. Nature and extent of injury Asst. Keeper White disappeared from Southwest Ledge light station on the morning of Jan. 8, 1936 and no trace of him has since been found.
10. Date of death January 8, 1936
11. Place where death occurred Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn.
12. Rate of pay of deceased employee at time of injury which resulted in death, $ 1500 per annum and subsistence valued at $ -- per quarters valued at $60.00 per annum
13. Relationship to the deceased of the person claiming to be entitled to compensation wife
14. Did deceased leave any other relatives entitled to compensation? yes If so, give names, addresses, ages, and relationship below.

(See instructions at top of form for classes of persons entitled to compensation)

Name	*Address*	*Age*	*Relationship*
Matilda White	32 Townsend Ave.	15 yrs	daughter
Helen "	32 " "	14 "	"
John "	32 " "	10 "	son
Pearl "	32 " "	6 "	daughter
Robert "	32 " "	11 mons.	son

I HEREBY CERTIFY that each and every statement set forth above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Mrs. John J. White

Address: 32 Townsend Avenue (Street and number)

Henry J. Weber
Chauncey T. Warner } ss: New Haven, Conn., (City) (State)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of February, 1936

Chauncey T. Warner (Signature of official administering oath)

Notary Public, New Haven County (Title) (In and for)

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Revised to April 12, 1919

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM OF WIDOW OR WIDOWER

(If there is no surviving widow or widower, but there are children living under 18 years of age, the guardian of such children should fill out first and second pages of this form, omitting only information called for by questions 2, 3, 4, and 5 on this page)

NOTICE. Section 39 of the Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, provides that whoever makes, in any claim for compensation, any statement knowing it to be false, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $2,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM under the provisions of the Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, is hereby made by the undersigned:

1. Full name of deceased employee John Joseph White

2. Date of marriage to deceased employee October 7, 1919
(A certified copy of marriage certificate should be attached hereto)

3. Date of birth of claimant: (a) March (Month) (b) 11 (Date) (c) 1901 (Year)

4. Were you living with deceased at the time of his death? yes
(If not, you should fill out "Affidavit in support of claim of dependents other than widow or widower and children under 18," except questions 1, 2, 3, and 9 on page 3 of this blank)

5. Number of children now living who are the issue of said marriage five

6. Number of children now living who were under 18 years of age at time of decedent's death five

7. Full names and dates of birth of children mentioned in reply to Question 6:
(A certified copy of the birth record of each child named herein should accompany this claim)

Name	*Date of birth*
Matilda Percilla White	Sept. 24, 1920
Helen Theresa White	Jan. 13, 1922
John Joseph White	June 21, 1925
Pearl Elizabeth White	Sept. 29, 1929
Robert James White	Feb. 29, 1935

8. Have the above-named children a guardian? no 9. If so, give name and address of such guardian of each child (and furnish certified copy of appointment as guardian)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that each and every statement set forth above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Mrs. John J. White

Address: 32 Townesend Avenue
(Street and number)

New Haven, Conn
(City), (State)

Henry J. Weber
Chauncey T. Warner } ss:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of Feb, 19 36

Chauncey T. Warner
(Signature of official administering oath)

Notary Public, New Haven, County
(Title); (In and for)

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State of connecti[redacted] Department of health[redacted]

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
MATILDA P. WHITE WAS BORN SEPT 24, 1920 in Bpt, Ct.
FATHER'S NAME JOHN WHITE
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME MATILDA GIZDICK

the full record of this birth has been carefully filed and is preserved in the archives of the State of Conn.

Stanley H. Osborn M.D.
Commissioner of Health

R. B. Shea, M.D.
Health Officer

Every mother is entitled to a birth certificate for her child

State of Connecticut Department of Health

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
HELEN THERESA WHITE
WAS BORN JAN. 13, 1922 in Bpt Ct.
FATHER'S NAME JOHN J. WHITE
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME MATILDA P. GAZDICK

the full record of this birth has been carefuly filed and is preserved in the archives of the State of Connecticut

Stanley H. Osborn M.D.
Commissioner of Health

R. B. Shea M.D.
Health Officer

Every mother is entitled to a birth certificate for her child

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BIRTH CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
JOHN JOE WHITE
WAS BORN JUNE 21, 1925 in Bpt, Ct.
FATHER'S NAME JOHN WHITE
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME MATILDA GAZDICK

the full reocrd of this birth has been carefully filed and is preserved in the archives of the State of Connecticut

Stanley H. Osborn M.D. Commissioner of Health
R.B, Shea M.D. Health Officer

Every mother is entitled to a birth certificate for her child

State of Connecticut Department of Health

Birth Certificate

This is to certify that
Pearl Elizabeth White
was born Sept. 29, 1929 in Bpt Ct.
FATHER'S NAME JOHN WHITE
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME MATILDA P. GAZDICK

the full record of this birth has been carefully filed and is preserved in the archives of the state of Connecticut.

Stanley H. Osborn M.D. Commissioner of Health
R.B. Shea M.D. Health Officer

Every mother is entitled to a birth certificate for her child

Connecticut State Department of Health
Bureau of Vital Statistics

Certificate of Birth

1. Place of birth
city New Haven No. 32 Townsend St.

2. full name of child Robert J. White

3. sex Male 7. Legitimate Yes 8. date of birth Feb. 27, 1935

9. Full Name father John J. White

10. Residence 32 Townsend St. New Haven

11. Color or race White 12. Age at last birthday 40

13. Birthplace Bridgeport, Ct.

14. Occupation Lighthouse Tender

18. Full maiden name of mother Matilda P. Gazdik

19. residence 32 Townsend St. New Haven, Conn.

20 color or race white 21. age at last birthday 35 years

22. Birthplace Hungary

23. Trade or occupation H.W. own home

27. Name of children of this mother 5, born alive and now living 5

Certificate of attending physician or midwife
I herby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was born alive at -- on the date above stated.
Signature of physician or midwffe C.F. Batelli M.D.
address New Haven, Ct.

I certify that thissis a true copy of the certificate received for record.
January 21, 1936 ATTEST A. Frederick Mignone Registrar

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:ate of Connecticut
)unty of Fairfield

Bridgeport, Conn. Jan. 24, 1936

I, Richard B. SheaMD of the town of Bridgeport in the County of airfield and the State of Connectict, Registrar duly chosen to keep the ecords of births, marriages and deaths in said town of Bridgeport, ereby certify that the following is a true extract from the record of arriages in said town:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Marriage License
Town of Bridgeport, Connecticut

. Grooms name John White
. Age 24
. color white
. Occupation Chauffeur
town BPT
birthplace
state or country CT

1. brides name Matilda Gozdick
2. age 18
3. color white
4. occupation inspector
5 birthplace
state or country Aus. Hung.

. his residence 333 Howard Avenue
. singel marriage 1st
. name of father John
. maiden mame of mother Anna istey

6. her residence 609 Bostwick Ave.
7. single marriage 1st
8. Name of father Andrew
9. maiden name of mother
Elizabeth Miller

0. Supervision or control of guardian
or conservator ---

I John White one of the persons named in this marriage license, o solemnly swear that the statements therein made are true.

Signed John White

worn to before me this 25 day of Sept. 1919
Walter H.Brown M.D:

Marriage certificate

hereby certify that Mr. John White (known also as Feher and iss Matilda Gozdick the above named parties were legally joined n marriage by me at Bridgeport this 7th day of October 1919

Signed Stephen F. Chernitzky
Official capacity pastor
address 330 Spruce St.

Richard B. Shea Registrat
Bridgeport, Jan. 24, A.D. 1936

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Personally appeared the above named Richard B. Shea Registrar of the town of Bridgeport and made solemn oath to the truth of the foregoing certificate by him subscribed.

Cora G. Trayler
Notary Public

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

MAR 7 1936

March 6, 1936

In reply refer to File No. 469100

Mrs. John Joseph White
32Townsend Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the claim filed by you for the benefits of the Compensation Act in connection with the death of your husband, John Joseph White, on January 8, 1936.

You are advised that the Commission is now looking into the merits of your case and when a decision has been reached you will be notified of the final action taken.

Very truly yours

W. R. Carpenter

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Chief Claim Examiner

Official copy to:

The Superintendent of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Staten Island, N. Y.

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MURDER SEEN IN DEATH OF LIGHT KEEPER

East Haven, Conn., May 14 (*AP*). —The body of John J. White, keeper of Southwest Ledge Lighthouse who disappeared Jan. 3, was found today in Caroline Creek in circumstances indicating he had been murdered. Identification was established by Dr. S. S. Greenberg, Bridgeport dentist, and Mrs. White.

You don't have to be a RAINBOW to be colorful! New, FREE leaflet, "Build Beauty With Color," explains the science of color in clothing. Send stamped, self-addressed envelope to Beauty and Fashion Department, The News. By A. Donnelly and B. Bedwell.



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WISE PROVES

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May 15, 1936

U.S. Employees Compensation Commission
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of J.J. White, second assistant keeper Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 8, 1936

REFERENCE: Form CA 5 forwarded on February 6, 1936

Sirs:

Attached hereto is copy of telegram received stating that the body of J.J. White has been recovered and identified by his wife and brother. Certified copy of death certificate together with bill for funeral expenses will be forwarded shortly.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

COPY

WESTERN UNION

Received at Ferry House, St.George,S.I., N.Y.

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J P YATES - SUPT OF LIGHT HOUSES

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BODY OF JOHN J WHITE IDENTIFIED BY WIFE AND BROTHER

BURIAL BRIDGEPORT MAY EIGHTEENTH

CAPT WEBER ENGINE CO 16 488 LIGHTHOUSE ROAD

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May 15, 1936

Mrs. Matilda White
32 Townsend Avenue
New Haven, Conn

SUBJECT: Disappearance of J.J. White, second assistant keeper Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 8, 1936

REFERENCE: Claim for compensation on account of the bill submitted on February 5, 1936

Dear Madam:

This office has been advised that the body of your husband, John J. White who disappeared from Southwest Ledge Lightstation on January 8, 1936, has been recovered and identified. In order to make more complete your claim for compensation on account of the death of your husband, please obtain and forward to this office in the near future, the certified copy of death certificate, which is ordinarily procurable from the Health Department and also forwardoin duplicate bill covering funeral expenses so that it may be considered in connection with your claim.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

Engine Co. # 16.
488 Lighthouse Rd.
New Haven, Conn.
May 18th 1936.

Mr. J.T.Yates,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir;-

Re- to Death certificate of John J. White.

Kindly find enclosed a copy of John J. White's death certificate filed at the Town Hall, East Haven, Conn.

A duplicate bill covering the funeral expenses ,will be forward to you as soon as possible.

Funeral service held at St. Bernadettes Church,New Haven at 10 A.M.

His remains was buried in Bridgeport this A.M. May 18th.

Your Department was represented by Headkeeper John Ostman at the funeral service held in the church and was highly appreciated.

If I can be of further assistance,kindly advise.

Respectfully,
Henry J. Weber
Henry J. Weber, Captain.

P.S. Would appreciate your date of receipt of Mrs. John J. White's affidavitt for eight (8) days pay,the amount and if same has been filed with the U.S.Employees Compensation Commission.at Washington.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSION

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

COMMISSIONERS
JEWELL W. SWOFFORD
CHAIRMAN
HARRY BASSETT
JOHN M. MORIN

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WM. McCAULEY
SECRETARY

May 19,1936

In reply refer to File No. 469100

The Superintendent of Lighthouses
U. S. Lighthouse Service
Third District
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of John J. White, former second assistant keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn., who disappeared on January 8, 1936.

There is enclosed herewith copy of a clipping from the "Boston Traveler" of May 14,1936 relative to the finding of the body of this late employee.

The Commission, for completion of the record, will appreciate being furnished with a copy of any investigations made in this case together with copy of autopsy report and a certified copy of the death certificate which was issued.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Carpenter

Chief Claim Examiner

VS:W

MISSING MAN FOUND SLAIN

BODY OF LIGHTHOUSE

KEEPER, DISCOVERED
IN EAST HAVEN, CT, CREEK

EAST HAVEN, CT., May 14 (UP)--The body of John J. White, missing keeper of Southwest Ledge lighthouse, who disappeared Jan. 3, was found today in Carohine Creek, and police suspected he had been murdered.

The body was badly decomposed, and identification was established by Dr.S.S. Greenberg, Bridgeport dentist, and Mrs. White, through dental work and articles of clothing.

White's feet were bound with a rope. At the time of his disappearance, the police said a window of the lighthouse had been broken, two chains had been removed from a foghorn, and several lanterns had been removed.

Coroner James J. Corrigan ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

Thomas J. Mooney found the body in the Momaugain Shore section of town. Mrs. White was notified.

She turned over to the police a second pair of trousers to a coat which her husband was wearing when he disappeared, and they were found to match the clothing of the dead man.

Police Chief Hugh Farrell said he would withhold further investigation pending the coroner's inquest and results of the autopsy to be performed by Medical Examiner, Dr. Robert Taylor.

COPY

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May 20,1936

Captain Henry J. Weber,
Engine Company No.16,
488 Lighthouse Road,
New Haven, Conn.

Captain.

SUBJECT: John J. White.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 18,1936.

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter of May 18,1936 enclosing a copy of the death certificate of John J. White, former assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station.

2. The affidavit referred to was received by this office on or about Feb.10th - the exact date not being known - and it was forwarded to the General Accounting Office, for direct settlement, on February 12,1936.

3. The Death Certificate forwarded with your letter has been forwarded to the U.S.Employees' Compensation Commission with the view of facilitating action on Mrs.White's claim for compensation. The voucher for salary due, for 8 days, is as stated above, in the hands of the General Accounting Office, and with the view of meeting the demands of the General Accounting Office in connection with the payment of salary due the deceased employee, another copy of the death certificate should be forwarded to this office for transmission to the General Accounting Office.

4. Also, if possible, will you please obtain and forward to this office, a copy of the autopsy report, this having been requested by the U.S.Employees' Compensation Commission in connection with Mrs.White's claim.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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May 21st, 1936.

United States Employees'
Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of J.J.White, Second Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 8th, 1936.

REFERENCE: Your letter of May 19th, 1936, file 469100.

Sirs:

Attached hereto is certified copy of death certificate. You are informed that steps have been taken to procure a copy of autopsy report which will be forwarded as soon as received.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

F.W.Ockenfels
Assistant Superintendent.

COPY

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH
COUNTY NEW HAVEN
TOWNSHIP EAST HAVEN

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 4 yrs 10 mos 2 ds
How long in U.S. if of foreign birth 41 yrs

2. Full Name John Joseph White
32 Townsend Ave.
3. Sex. Male - White * Married

5a If married husband of Gazdik
6. Date of death Unknown
6a Date of Birth Sept. 1, 1894

7. Age 41
8. Trade, profession of particular kind of work done Lighthouse Keeper
9. Industry of business in which work was done U.S. Lighthouse Service
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation Jan. 1936
11. Total time spent in this occupation 7 yrs.
12. Birthplace - Bridgeport, Conn.
13. Name John White (father)
14. Birthplace father - Austria
15. Maiden name, mother - Anna Pistey
16. Birthplace, mother ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Austria
17. Informant - Matilda White, 32 Townsend Ave.
18. Cemetery St. Michael
Place - Bridgeport
19. Medical certificate of death
I hereby certify death is said to have occurred on or about Jan. 7, 1936, the principal cause of death and related causes of important drowning - probably during delerium of acute pleurisy

Was there an autopsy Yes
20 If death was due to external causes
Accident, suicide or homicide? Not determined

21. Was desease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? Not determined.

Physician's signature Robet M. Taylor
Med. Exam. East Haven
Was deceased a Veteran Yes if so give war World War Private air Service
Fairfield, Ohio
Was body embalmed? Yes if so name of embalmer George W. Pistey Jr.
License No. 812
Signature of licensed embalmer or licensed undertaker George Pistey
331 Barnum Ave. Bridgeport Conn.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE RECEIVED FOR RECORD.
ATTEST CHAUNCEY T. WARNER, Registrar.

This certificate received for record on the 15 day of May 1936
Chauncey T. Warner Registrar.

3-4424
BARNUM AVE.

4-7468
HALLETT ST.

ESTABLISHED 1899

Pistey Funeral Home
EFFICIENT COURTEOUS PROMPT
331 BARNUM AVE., COR KOSSUTH ST.
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Engine Co. # 16.
488 Lighthouse Rd.
New Haven, Conn.
May 22nd 1936.

MAY 25 2 26 1936

Subject; Bill for Funeral expenses, John J. White,

Kindly find enclosed funeral expense bill as requested.

Mr. White was buried by his Uncle who, as you may note furnished everything for about cost, and other necessary things free of charge.

Under cemetery charges, it encluded purchase of small lot, opening and closing grave and such other necessary functions required in burial.

Service required body to be transported from Bridgeport to New Haven and return to Bridgeport, conduction of funeral was very efficient.

You can be assured as soon after Coroner's finding I will have a copy of the autopsy finding for your Department as requested.

Respectfully,
Henry J. Weber
Henry J. Weber, Captain.

FHF:PL

May 25, 1936

U.S. Employees Compensation Commission
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of J. J. White, 2nd Asst. Keeper Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 8, 1936

Sir:

Attached hereto is bill for funeral expenses submitted by Pistey Funeral Home, 331 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, in the amount of $447 for your consideration.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

C O P Y

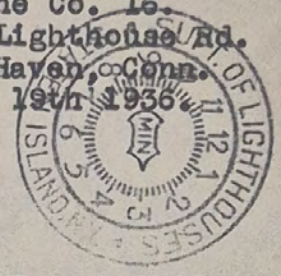
PISTEY FUNERAL HOME
331 Barnum Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

FOR THE FUNERAL EXPENSE OF JOHN J. WHITE

Casket	185.00
Casket Box Seeler $65.00 Box 15.00	80.00
Hearse and 2 cars.	56.00
Pallbearers Gloves	2.00
Removal from Hospital	10.00
Cemetery charges.	97.00
Clergyman	15.00
Newspaper notices	2.00
	$ 447.00

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Engine Co. 16.
488 Lighthouse Rd.
New Haven, Conn.
June 19th 1936.



Mr. J.T.Yates,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir;-

Re- to request for autopsy report on John Joseph White.

Kindly find enclosed autopsy report as requested.

I believe I have fullfiled all the request you asked me to do.

Copies 2 death certificates

" 1 burial expenses

" 1 autopsy report

Mrs. White has received no report from the General Accountings Dept. regarding (8) days pay.

If there is anything I can further assist you in this case I am willing to do.

Kindly advise me if all the necessary papers have been filed in this case.

Thanking you and the members of your Dept. for the co-operation you have giving to Mrs. White who appreciates it very much.

Respectfully.
Henry J. Weber
Henry J. Weber, Captain.

FHF:PL

June 22, 1936

U.S. Employees Compensation Commission
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of J.J. White, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 8, 1936

REFERENCE: Your letter of May 19, 1936 file 469100

Sirs:

Attached hereto is certified copy of autopsy report requested.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

C O P Y

YALE UNIVERSITY
BRADY MEMORIAL LABORATORY
310 Cedar Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Laboratory of Pathology May 15, 1936

James J. Corrigan, Coroner,
County Court House,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the medical examiner, Dr. Scarbrough, I performed an autopsy on the body of John J. White, on May 14, 1936. The provisional findings are as follows:

Primary; Undetermined

Subsidiary: Adhesions right lower lobe.

Body found on beach in advanced state of decomposition.

Signed: AVERILL A. LIEBOW, M.D.

Sworn to before me this

16th day of May, 1936.
Alma M. Heavren,
Notary Public.

The within and foregoing is a true copy of the original report on file in this office.

JAMES J. CORRIGAN

Coroner for New Haven County.

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

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September 17, 1936

In reply refer to File No. 469100

Mrs. John J. White
32 Townsend Ave.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the case of John Joseph White, former assistant keeper, Southwest Ledge Station, U. S. Lighthouse Service, New Haven Harbon, Conn., who was drowned on January 8, 1936.

The Commission has given careful consideration to the report of an investigation made by a representative of the Commission in connection with this case and regrets that no benefits of the Compensation Act can be extended to you as the evidence shows that the death of your husband was not caused by an injury in the performance of duty or a disease proximately caused by the employment, as contemplated by Section 1 of the Employees' Compensation Act of September 7, 1916.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Carpenter

Chief Claim Examiner

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Official Copy to:

The Superintendent of Lighthouses
U. S. Lighthouse Service
Staten Island, New York

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

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June 14, 1939

In reply refer to File No. 469100

Mrs. Matilda White
32 Townsend Avenue
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your claim for compensation on account of the death of your husband, John Joseph White, former assistant keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn., whose death occurred on January 8, 1936, your claim has been approved and an award of $45.50 per month made to you so long as you remain unmarried, and an award of $41.17 per month made to you on account of your children, Matilda, Helen, John, Pearl, and Robert White, until they die, marry or reach the age of eighteen, or if over eighteen and incapable of self-support on account of some physical or mental disability, until they are able to support themselves. These awards represent the maximum amounts that can be allowed under the law.

Inasmuch as Matilda became eighteen on September 24, 1938, compensation on her account ceased September 23, 1938. This fact, however, will make no difference in the amount of compensation paid you as there are still four children under the age of eighteen, but Matilda is not entitled to share in the award subsequent to September 23, 1938.

On or about June 24, 1939, a check will go forward to you in amount of $3,573.69 representing compensation on account of yourself from January 9, 1936, to June 15, 1939, inclusive, plus compensation on account of five children from January 9, 1936, to September 23, 1938, inclusive, and compensation on account of four children from September 24, 1938, to June 15, 1939, inclusive.

There is enclosed herewith a supply of forms to be used in claiming further compensation. Claims should be prepared on Forms CA-12 and CA-13 on the first of the following months: January, April, July and October, and each claim should be acknowledged before the superintendent of your nearest postal station or your local postmaster and forwarded to the Commission in the franked envelopes herewith.

Checks will be mailed to you on the first and sixteenth of each month to cover the half month just past. If the status of either you

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or your children should change and a check reaches you in payment of compensation, you should return the same immediately to this office accompanied by an explanation. If claims are not prepared and forwarded by you on the foregoing dates, it will be assumed that your status has changed and that you are not, therefore, entitled to further compensation. All inquiries in regard to claims or checks should be addressed to the Commission.

The Commission has authority to pay not exceeding $100.00 on account of the decedent's burial expenses. In order that this amount may be disbursed, the enclosed affidavit Form CA-42 should be submitted duly executed in duplicate in accordance with the instructions on the reverse side: 1 (a) (b) (c) (d) and 8, together with the enclosed bill of Pistey Funeral Home showing payments made thereon. If the bill has been paid in full it should be properly receipted.

This letter should be retained by you as evidence of the award which has been made and the instructions herein carefully complied with in order to insure the making of prompt payments.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Carpenter

Chief Claim Examiner

VS:W

Official Copy to:

The Superintendent of Lighthouses
U. S. Lighthouse Service
Third District
Staten Island, New York

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UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

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August 1, 1939

In reply refer to File No. 469100

Pistey Funeral Home
331 Barnum Ave.
Bridgeport, Conn.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed herewith a voucher in the sum of $100.00 covering the burial expenses payable in the case of John Joseph White, former Second Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, New Haven Harbor, Conn., whose death occurred on January 8, 1936.

Kindly sign this voucher in the space indicated and also execute the enclosed affidavit. In signing this voucher and affidavit, please show the name of your company and the name and official title of the person signing the company's name. These forms may then be returned to the Commission in the franked envelope herewith. On receipt of same, check in the above sum will be forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Carpenter

Chief Claim Examiner

VS:W
Official Copy to:

The Superintendent of Lighthouses
U. S. Lighthouse Service
Third District
Staten Island, New York

WJL:BS

August 3, 1933.

John J. White, 2nd Asst. Kpr.,
(Through the Keeper)
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Pay check for first part of July.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated July 31, 1933.

You are advised that compensation of lightkeepers is payable monthly, and you will receive pay check for the month of July when all keepers checks are mailed. An exception to this practice was made in June when semi-monthly pay checks were mailed.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

South West Ledge Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 31, 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
3rd. Dist.
Staten Island N.Y.

New Haven conn.

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Sir —

I have not recived my pay check for the first part of July

Through the Keeper

John Ostman

John J. White 2nd asst.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1933 JUL 20 AM 8:50

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island,N.Y.,July 19,1933 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee has been transferred as indicated, and entered upon duty at his new station on July 19,1933

Name, John J. White

Position, Keeper

From Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,Ct.

To Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,Ct.,New Haven, New Haven Middle Bkw.W.End, New Haven W.Bkw.W.End & New Haven Middle Bkw.E.End Lts.Conn.

Salary and range, $1500 ($1500-1860) ~

Salary and range,$1500 ($1500-1860) ~

Previous incumbent and pay, Authorization of new position, if necessary. See Form 80 dated June 7th,approved by Bureau June 8th,1933.

Services terminated,

Reason,

J. T. Yates
J. T. YATES
Superintendent

, 19

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

.....

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y.,July 19,1933 19

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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South West Ledge St. St.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 21, 1932

Through the Keeper

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Staten Island N.Y.

Sir —

In ans to your letter of Dec 13 1932 as to position as 2nd. asst Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt Sta I would accept transfer to Position if my Children Can go to school there as I have three children going to school there ages are Matilda White 12 years old Helen White 11 years old and John White 7 years old if I cant get that Station I would like to get one where I could send my children to school

John J. White 2nd asst
Keeper

Through the Keeper
John Aalman

Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

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REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

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This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
(Department)

Third Lighthouse District (Bureau or office) Staten Island, N.Y., Jan. 5, 1931 (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on Feb. 1, 1931, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) ~~(she)~~ is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name John J. White

Position Keeper

Salary $1500.00 p.a.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Southwest Ledge Light Station, Ct.

Date of entrance on duty Aug. 2, 1930

Remarks:

J. T. YATES
(Signature of immediate superior)

Submitted: Supt. 3rd Lighthouse Dist.

(Head of bureau or office)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

John Ostman, Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Connecticut

Dec. 2,1930

SUBJECT: Probation of John J. White, 2d Asst.Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, will expire on February 1,1930. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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John Ostman, Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

Dec. 24,1930

SUBJECT: Probation of J.J.White,2d Asst.Keeper.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Dec.2,1930.

1. Under date of Dec.2,1930 this office wrote you as follows:-

"The probationary period of employment of John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,will expire on Feb.1,1930. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent."

2. A reply to above-mentioned letter has not yet been received. You are directed to forward reply by return mail, and also submit explanation as to why you did not make prompt reply as directed.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

THIRD DISTRICT

South West Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 2nd, 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses
3rd District.

Sir

Subject Probation J. J. White
I did not received the letter of Dec 2nd and that I count on liberty Dec 26 and no mail was in my letter box at that time one of my asst Keeper went in there Dec 28 and the letter of Dec 24th was received and I received on the 31 when I came back on my liberty that is the reason I did not answer it before
J. J. White up to date prove good and satisfactory in every way

John Eckman
Keeper

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Aug. 29,1930

John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Record of Physical Examination.
REFERENCE: Form 206 dated Aug.19,1930.

1. Form 206, record of your physical examination, is returned herewith for your use, a copy of same having been made for the files of this office.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

WJL-JHG

Aug. 29,1930

Manager, 2nd Civil Service Dist.,
Custom House,
New York, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Physical examination of Keepers under Executive Order of June 18,1923.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office June 16,1925.

1. Enclosed is Form 206 - "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper" - pertaining to the employee named below, which is forwarded for your files in lieu of Form 2413:-

John J. White 2nd Asst.Keeper S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

WJL-JHG

John J. White, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Aug. 23,1930
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Physical Examination.
REFERENCE: Form 206, dated Aug.19,1930.

1. Form 206, record of your physical examination, is returned herewith, as you have omitted to sign same on Page 1. Sign the form and return it to this office.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 206
(Ed. 11-22-28)

File No. S

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 2nd District,

Place, Staten Island, N. Y.

Date, Aug. 19, 1930, 19

To the Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,

New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Please examine John J. White, 2nd Asst. Keeper, S.W. Ledge Lt. Sta.

nativity, Connecticut; age, 36; height, 5 feet, 8½ inches;

weight, 135 pounds; color of hair, brown; color of eyes, brown

distinguishing marks, Tattooing on right arm "Jjw"

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

A

(Signature of applicant:) (Sgd.) John J. White

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

B

Witnessed by John Ostman Keeper, S.W. Ledge Lt. Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Place, New Haven, Conn.

Date, Aug. 22, 1930, 19

To Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of John J. White, and find him physically {~~disqualified~~ / qualified*} in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

(Sgd.) William West

A.A. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, New Haven, Conn.

DATE, Aug. 22, 1930 19

Name of applicant, John J. White

Eyes: Color, Brown; exophthalmus, none.

chronic inflammation, none; other abnormality, normal

Eyelids: Ptosis, none; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, normal

other conditions, None

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, ---

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 20-30; with glasses, ---

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind?

If color-blind, state which color he confuses

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Woolen Skeins

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, None

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 30 plus feet; left ear, 30 plus feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 10 Plu. feet; left ear, 10 Plu. feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

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Reasons for certification of disqualification: _____

U.S.P.H.S.
Seal

PLACE FOR SEAL OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

(Signature of applicant:) (Sgd.) John J. White

(To be signed in the presence of the medical examiner.)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

John J. White, 2d Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,
New Haven, Conn.

Aug.19,1930

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28, 1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No. 187, dated May 21, 1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found physically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28, 1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantage it is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form No. 206, said Form No. 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form No. 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your posession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

P.S. - Assistant Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "A" - Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "B".

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Aug. 13,1930

John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Oath of Office, etc.
REFERENCE: Endorsement of Aug.7,1930.

1. You are directed to execute and return to this office promptly the Oath of Office and other forms sent you with Department letter of July 23rd appointing you to the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

HL

Aug. 6,1930

.....John Ostman.....Keeper,
.....Southwest Ledge.....Lt. Sta.,
.....New Haven, Conn....

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper.....John J. White.....and return this sheet to this office.

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State). Bridgeport Conn
Age.....36.....
Height...5.....feet....7 3/4 inches
Weight.....135.....pounds
Color of hair....Brown.....
Color of eyes.....Brown.....
Distinguishing marks...J.W. on right arm.....
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J. T. YATES
Superintendent.

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1. Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

...John Ostman.....
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

J J White

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 5 1930
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1)

THIRD DISTRICT

Per

South West Ledge Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Haven Conn Aug 2, 1930

Superintendent of Light Houses:
3rd Dist.

Sir:

I report that John. J. White arrived as 2nd Asst Keeper at 12.20 P.M. today August 2nd 1930

Ostman
Keeper

EOD Aug 2 - 1930

Noted 8/19/30

Bridgeport Conn.
July 30. 1930

Per.

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Supt. of Lighthouse

Recived your letter of July 29. 1930
to report for dutey at S. W. Ledge
Lt. Sta on Aug. 1. 1930 I will report
on Aug. 1. 1930 at said Station

from
John J. White
150 Osborne St
Bridgeport
Conn

Acting Lighthouse Commissioner

Lighthouses

Gen. Expenses, L. H. Service

EJD

Per

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 30 1930
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Washington, D. C., JUL 28 1930

Lighthouse Superintendent, Saint George, New York.

Appointments keepers john j white and lemuel g tower approved

KING

CONFIRMATION:

FWO-JHG

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John J. White,
170 Osborn Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

July 29,1930

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Our letter July 18, your letter July 19.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta., and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty in that position on August 1,1930. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper of the station, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Kee per is John Ostman, New Haven, Conn. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr.White reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1201S

CLASS OF SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT=

SAINTGEORGE NY=

per SWLg

APPOINTMENTS KEEPERS JOHN J WHITE AND LEMUEL G TOWER

APPROVED=

KING=

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 28 1930 RECEIVED N.Y.

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Per

Bridgeport conn.
July 28.1930



Supt. of Lighthouse

In reply to your letter of July. 28.1930 to hold my self in readiness to report for duty no July. 25.1930 at S.W. Ledge St. Sta. as I thouth that the notification may have been lost in the Mail as I didnot received no Orders

from
John J. White
170 Broome St.
Bridgeport conn.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES



It is important that this letter be answered promptly 3rd DIST.

John J White

Staten Is.,N.Y., June 26,1930

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Additional Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
for assignment to Stratford Shoal Lt Sta.located off shore in Long Is.Sound or to such other stations as you may be detailed to.

Total Compensation: $ 1320.00 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 4 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers.Family quarters can probably be rented in Bridgeport, Conn.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture is supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 72 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 6-30-30 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? [illegible]

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." yes. If yes, state how many one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
John Chelley	New Haven Harbor Sta	Position Department or office	Brother in law	
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

I am willing

(Signature) John J. White

Date

(Post-office address) 259 Spruce St Bridgeport Conn

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Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

July 25, 1930.

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Mr. John J. White,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Fifteen Hundred dollars per annum

effective July 25, 1930, or entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

F. A. DELONG

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

CB

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: William Burkhardt

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

11-3657

Bridgeport Conn
July 19, 1930

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Supt of Lighthouse

Ricevd your letter of July 18, 1930 inregards to appaintment to position as 2nd. asst keepir at S. W. Ledge Lt. Sta. and am ready to report as soon as I am notifyed

Yours truly
John J. White
170 Osborn St.
Bridgeport Conn.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

PHO-JHC

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., July 18, 1930, 19....
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Thr. Sec'y. 2nd C.S. Dist.) Probationary appointment.

Name, John J. White

Position, Keeper

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & New Haven Middle Bkw. East End Lt., Conn.

Effective, July 25, 1930 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Location,

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range, $1500-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former salary,

Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.0, Other eligibles considered:

Theodore H. Ball---C. George T. Gardiner---C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, William Burkhardt Services terminated, July 24, 1930

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1560 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Sept. 1, 1904

Remarks:

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.
There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.
Mr. White was previously employed as 2nd Asst. Keeper at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. from Dec. 28, 1924 to April 10, 1925.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent

7/25 Copy to Mess

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

7/29/30

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Mess

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

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FWO-JHG

July 18,1930

John J. White,
170 Osborn Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Position of 2d Asst.Keeper,S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter July 16,1930.

1. Referring to your letter dated July 16,1930 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to the position referred to and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be selected for this position your services will probably be required about July 25,1930. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG J J White

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, DIST. 10

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

Staten Island, N. Y., July 15, 1920

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
2d Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,located off shore in New Haven Hbr.,Conn.

Total Compensation: $ $1500 per annum

Quarters and Fuel:
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)
Quarters are provided for the keepers at this station, but not for families of Keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at New Haven,Conn.

Furniture:
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)
Necessary furniture is supplied by the Government.

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Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 72 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?.....

If selected, I can report for duty in.....days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?.....

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?.....

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

.....

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No."..... If yes, state how many .....; and fill in the following blanks.

Letter to E.T. Gage
E.T. Gardner
T.J. Burns
J.J. White
M. Resendes
R.G. Tower
On E Graves

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
A	A	Position Department or office		
A	A	Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

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(Signature).....

Date..... (Post-office address).....

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

J. J. White

Staten Island, N. Y., July 15, 1930

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

of Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta., located off shore in New Haven Hbr., Conn.

Total Compensation: $ 1500.00 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at New Haven, Conn.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station; if quarters can be obtained by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture is supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 16 1930 3RD DIST. STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 72 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? yes.

If selected, I can report for duty in 4 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." yes If yes, state how many one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
John Chelley	New Haven Light New Haven Conn	Position Lighthouse Department or office Keeper	Brother in law	Married
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

I am willing to accept this position as it will mean a saveing in transportation

(Signature) John J. White

Date 7/16/30

(Post-office address) 170 Osborn St. Bridgeport Conn.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 16 17 1930 RECEIVED

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

J. J. White

Staten Island, N. Y., July 14, 1930

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., located off shore in New York Lower Bay.

Total Compensation: $ $1440 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but if quarters can be rented by appointees in the vicinity.) (State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointees in the vicinity.)
ion, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island.

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government. (State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 72 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 6 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." yes If yes, state how many one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
John Chilley.	New Haven Harbor New Haven conn	Position Lt House Department or office	Brother in law	Married
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

I am willing to accept this position in six days or sooner if needed or at once

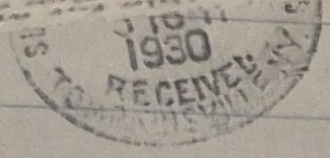
(Signature) John J. White

Date 7/15/30

(Post-office address) 170 Osborn St. Bridgeport Conn

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Island N.Y.



My last address Was
John J. White
259 Spruce St.
Bridgeport Conn.

My new address is now
John J. White
170 Osborn St.
Bridgeport Conn.

Form 73

NOMINATION

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FRO-JBC

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., (City) July 10, 1930 (Date), 19----

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (The Secty. 2nd C.G.Dist.) Probationary appointment.

Legal residence, Connecticut

Name, John J. White

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Position, Keeper

Proposed range, $1500-$1600 p.a.

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & New Haven Middle Bkw.East End Lt., Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, July 25, 1930

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.0 , Other eligibles considered:

Theodore H. Ball---C. George T. Gardiner---C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, William Burkhardt

Services terminated, July 24, 1930

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1500 p.a.)

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Sept. 1, 1894

Remarks:

Mr. White was previously employed as 2nd Asst. Keeper at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. from Dec. 28, 1924 to April 16, 1925.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

7/28/30

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) July (Date), 1930

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Re-Resign 2nd C.S.Dist.) Probationary appointment.

Name, John J. White

Position, Keeper

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & New Haven Middle Brw.East End Lt., Conn.

Effective, July 25,1930 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Location,

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range, $1320-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former salary,

Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.0 , Other eligibles considered:

Theodore H. Ball---C. George T. Gardiner---C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, William Burkhardt Services terminated, July 24,1930

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1560 p.a.)

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Sept.1,1894

Remarks:

Mr.White was previously employed as 2nd Asst.Keeper at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. from Dec.20,1924 to April 10,1925.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES APR 18 1925 THIRD DISTRICT

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 11th, 1925

Supt of Light Houses 3rd District

I wish to report that John J White 2nd Asst. Keeper resigned on above date he left the station at 5 PM on April 11th 1925 he stated he had to advance his time for resigning from April 16th on account of business reasons.

Pay only to close April 11-1925

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1925 APR 8 AM 11 04 LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1925.

Mr. John J. White,

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 16, 1925.

Bureau ..... Lighthouses.

Station ..... Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.

Position ..... Keeper.

Salary ..... $1260 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

FWO-JHG

John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper; April 1,1925
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 29,1925.

1. Your letter dated March 29,1925 resigning your position as 2nd Asst.Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of April 16,1925.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Staten Island, N. Y. April 1, 1925 , 19

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

Name, John J. White Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Salary, $1260.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 16, 1925

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

Remarks:

Pay only to close Apl 11-1925
See Keepers letter 4-11-25
attached hereto

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 4/15/25

Paid 4/15/25
Vou. No. 15531 - $3850
Check No. 72664

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Form 93

PWO-JHG

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. April 1, 1925, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John J. White Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Salary, $1260.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 16, 1925

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

Remarks:

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

JHG

Office of Superintendent,
Third Lighthouse District
Staten Island, New York.

John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.

Jan. 7,1925

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," addressed to the U.S. Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28,1916. A copy of the provision contained in Said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No. 187, dated May 21,1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found phtsically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28,1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantageit is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your posession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A" and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

Form 206 | File No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, January 7,1925, 19

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
New London, Conn.

SIR:

Please examine John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper,Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 30; height, 5 feet, 7¾ inches;

weight, 135 pounds; color of hair, chestnut; color of eyes, brown

distinguishing marks, Tattoo marks "J.W." on right arm.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully, For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockentels

lsy Asst. *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

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(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service) Witnessed by Keeper,Greens Ledge L.S.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 19

To SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

11—5009

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 30 1924
RECEIVED
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

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Gruens Ledge Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 28, 1924

Supt of Light Houses 3rd District

Sir

I wish to report that John J Hule reported for duty 2nd Asst Keeper at this Station on above date at 1 PM

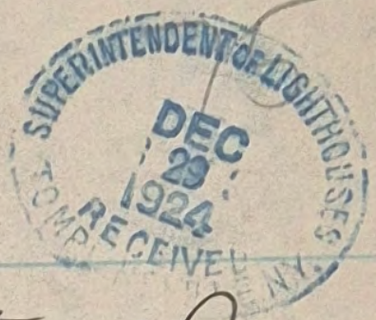
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Date Jan 1/8/25

Supt. of Lt. house.
3rd Dist.

Bridgeport conn.
Dec. 27. 1924



Dear Sir—

Recved your letter of Dec 26 1924 and that I am going to Report on the 27 day Dec 1924

from yours truly
John J White
637 Hancock ave
Bridgeport conn

FWO-JHG

John J. White,
403 Hancock Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dec. 26,1924

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Dec.20,1924.

1. You are advised you have been appointed to the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, and in accordance therewith are directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the keeper is Thomas J. Murray, Rowayton, Conn. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and state on what date you will report for duty.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded for his information, to the keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which White reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 1204

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

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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

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RECEIVED AT ST. GEORGE, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y. Rec 11:45 A.M.

SUPERINTENDENT of LIGHTHOUSES DEC 26 1924 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1924 DEC 30 AM 9 53

December 24, 1924

Mr. John J. White,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Assistant Secretary Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WP
3rd.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Maynard C. Robinson.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

Form A-14

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Bridgeport Conn.
Dec 24 1924



Dear Sir—

Referring to your letter Dec 20 1924 that I am in Readiness to Report at Greens Ledge Lt Station the 26 day of Dec 1924

from Yours truly
John J White
#037 Hancock Ave
Bridgeport
Conn

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FWO-JHG

John J. White,
403 Hancock Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dec. 20,1924

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.18,1924

1. Referring to your letter dated Dec.18,1924 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your services will probably be required about Dec.26,1924. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

Form 73

NOMINATION

FWO-JHS

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS REQUIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y. Dec. 26,1924, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr.Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John J. White

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $960.00 p.a.

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Dec. 26,1924 { 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, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 87.4, Other eligibles considered:

John Ostman----C. Joseph B.Gallant----C.

Previous incumbent, Maynard C.Robinson Services terminated, Dec.2,1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Sept.1,1894

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of Keepers at this station. Nos.1 and 3 on eligible list will accept appointment only at Point au Roche Lt.Sta.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19 for and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockentels

Secretary, Civil Service District. 1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 12/26/24

Mess JM

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

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 20 1924 RECEIVED COMPTROLLER

J. J. White

Staten Island, N.Y. DEC 17 1924, 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Greens Ledge Light Station, located off shore in Long Island Sound

Total Compensation: $ 1122.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 960.00 per annum; ~~bonus, $ xxxxxxxxxxxx per annum~~ and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters will probably be rented at Rowayton, Conn.
(State whether or not quarters are provided for the keepers and their families at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 9 days from to-day. Dec. 18. 1924

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

I am Willing to go Dec. 26 1924

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes If yes, state how many one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Fred B White	Whale Rock Lt Stat Mamm. Pair Pt.	Position Lighthouse Keeper Department or office Light house	Brother	Married
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) John J. White

Date Dec. 18. 1924

(Post-office address) 4037 Hancock ave. Bridgeport Conn.

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Dec. 14, 1924



Supt of Lt. Houses.
3rd. Dist.

Sir.

In reply to the following offeres. I have received I would rather be appointed to Greens Ledges Lt. station as this station is the nearest to my home and it would be more convenient to me and my family and it would mean mean a saving on transportation.

Yours truly
John J White
403 Hancock.
Bost Town

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHC J. J. White

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Staten Island, N. Y. Dec. 6, 1924 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of 2 Greens Ledge Lt. Sta., located off shore in Long Island Sound.

Total Compensation: $ 1122.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 960.00 per annum; ~~bonus, $ xxxxxxxxxx per annum~~; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Rowayton, Conn.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

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Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

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Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?----------

If selected, I can report for duty in----------days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?----------

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?----------

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." ---------- If yes, state how many ----------; and fill in the following blanks.

Similar letter to

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
A—R. G. Shaffer				
D—W. N. Prevot		Position----------		
E 7 Whitney		Department or office----------		
A—W. L. Kennedy		Position----------		
D. M. Baker		Department or office----------		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature)----------

Date---------- (Post-office address)----------

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 16 1925 RECEIVED

Supt. of Light Houses
3rd Dist

Resigned
4-16-25

Greens Ledge Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 4, 1925

I respectfully request to be Considered for transfer to the following Named Stations

X Bridgeport Harbor Conn. Keeper
X Chapel Hill N.J. "
X Dutch Island R.I. "
X Line Rock R.I. "
X ~~Newport Harbor R.I.~~
X Pomham Rocks R.I. "
X Rondout N.Y. "
XX Rose Island R.I. Keeper or Asst
XX Stratford Point ~~Harbor~~ Conn. Keeper or Asst.
X Stony point N.Y. Keeper
X Stonington Bkw. Conn. "
X Throgs Neck N.Y. "
X Wickford Harbor R.I. "
X Woodbridge N.J. "

Yours truly John J. White
2nd asst Keeper

Murray
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledges Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 4, 1925

Supt of Lighthouse
3rd Dist

I respectfully request to be considered for transfer to the following named Stations

Bridgeport Harbor Conn. Keeper
Chapel Hill N.J. "
Dutch Island R.I. "
Fine Rock R.I. "
~~Newport Harbor~~ R.I. "
Pomhan Rocks R.I. "
Rondout N.Y. "
~~Rose~~ Island R.I. — Keeper or Asst.
Stratford ~~Harbor~~ Point Conn. — Keeper or Asst.
Stony Point N.Y. Keeper
Stonington Bkw. Conn. "
Throgs Neck N.Y. "
Wickford Harbor R.I. "
Waackaack N.J. "

Yours truly John J. White
2nd asst Keeper

Murray
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT OCT 22 1917 HOUSES

October 19, 1917.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. NOV 2 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 18th instant, the Department has canceled its order of September 24, 1917, whereby John J. White would have been probationally appointed to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service.

By direction of the Secretary:

W. S. Gilchrist
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
October 30, 1917.

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To Lighthouse Inspector, ...Tompkinsville, New York.....
for his information, guidance, and files of office.
Advise local civil service district secretary.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

C/
N

JHG

Approved

October 9,1917

Commissioner:-

Transmitted herewith for cancellation, is Department letter, in duplicate, dated September 24,1917, appointing John J. White to the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York. Mr.White has declined to enter on duty in said position.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F. W. Ockenfels
Chief Clerk

JHG

Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District, Oct.9,1917

Customhouse,

New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Referring to nomination dated September 18,1917 recommending the probationary appointment of John J. White to the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station. Department letter dated September 24,1917 appointing Mr.White to said position has to-day been returned to the Bureau of Lighthouses for cancellation, as Mr.White declined to enter on duty. No others were considered with White on said nomination.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Respectfully,

F. W. Ockenfels

Chief Clerk

JHG

Mr. John J. White, October 9,1917

190 York Street,

Jersey City, N. J.

Sir:-

The Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station has advised this office that you reported at Rockland Lake but declined to enter on duty at Rockland Lake Light Station as assistant keeper, to which position you had been appointed. You are therefore informed that your appointment to said position will be cancelled. Letter from this office dated September 29th,1917 directing you to report for duty, is also to be considered as cancelled.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Respectfully,

F. W. Ockenfels

Chief Clerk.

Copy forwarded to Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, for his information. Mr. White is not to be permitted to enter on duty at Rockland Lake Lt.Sta.,if he should later report at that station.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F. W. Ockenfels

Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3rd DIST. OCT 9 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 6th, 1917

Inspector

in reply to your letter of the 5th October
Mr John J White never work on duty Nor
Ever work out to the Light House he said
he would not take the position it was
to Lonesome work right back to New York

E. S. Allis
Keeper

FWO-WJL

October 5,1917.

Brewster S.Oldis,Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake,N.Y.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 3rd stating that John J.White reported for duty as assistant keeper at 2:30 P.M.October 3rd. You also state that Mr. White made up his mind before he left the dock that he would not stay.

Advise this office by return mail whether or not Mr. White is still at the station and if not state plainly his last date of service.

J T Yates

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 15 1917 RECEIVED ALBANY, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

10/3, 1917

Inspector

Mr John J. White

Reported 230 PM this Day Wednesday Oct 3/17 and made up his mind before he light. He dock he wouldent stay he said in looked to Lonesome he said he wouldent Like it.

B. S. Allis
Keeper

HMD

Mr. John J. White,
190 York St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

September 29, 1917

Sir:-

Referring to letter to you dated September 19, 1917, stating that you had been nominated for the position of Assistant Keeper at Rockland Lake Light Station, N.Y. You are advised that under date of September 24, 1917, you were appointed to this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest practicable date after receipt of this letter. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The Keeper's name and address are Brewster S. Oldis, Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector.

Copy forwarded the Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, Rockland Lake, N.Y., for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which White reports for duty as Assistant Keeper.

J T Yates

Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Mr. John J. White,
190 York St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

September 29, 1917

Sir:-

Referring to letter to you dated September 19, 1917, stating that you had been nominated for the position of Assistant Keeper at Rockland Lake Light Station, N.Y. You are advised that under date of September 24, 1917, you were appointed to this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest practicable date after receipt of this letter. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The Keeper's name and address are Brewster S. Oldis, Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector.

Copy forwarded the Keeper of Rockland Lake Light St[illegible] Rock[illegible]ake, N.Y., for his information. Report to this office [illegible] b[illegible] date on which White reports for duty as A[illegible]tan[illegible]

C O P Y

Certificate of Probationary Appointment.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Appointment Division
Washington

Mr. John J. White, September 24,1917

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 paragrapd (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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HMD

John J. White,
190 York St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

September 19, 1917

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 17, 1917, stating that you were willing to accept the position of Assistant Keeper at Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y. You are advised that under date of September 18, 1917, you were nominated for appointment to this position, and you are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to proceed to that station as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your services will probably be required about October 1, 1917.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector;

Respectfully,

F.W.Ockenfels

Chief Clerk.

Form 73

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END

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, ... 3rd ..... DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) September 18 (Date.), 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through Secretary, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John J. White — Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Assistant Keeper. — Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Rockland Lake Light Sta., N. Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective October 1, 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, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.2, Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, Robert C. Bidgway — Services terminated, September 30, 1917

Reason, Dismissed.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employes of district desired transfer to this ... for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,2,3 ... not accept appointment to stations where there ...

Selection regular, subject ... U. S. Civil Service Com...

ASPINWALL
BUTLER
GAVIGAN

Secretary

JOHN J.WHITE.,ASST.KPR.,
ROCKLAND LAKE LT.STA.,
ROCKLAND LAKE,N.Y.

Submitted to the Secretar...

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

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END

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) September 18 (Date.), 191 7

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through Secretary, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John J. White — Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Assistant Keeper. — Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Rockland Lake Light Sta., N. Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective October 1, 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, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.8 , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, Robert C. Bidgway — Services terminated, September 30, 1917

Reason, Dismissed.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employes of district desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,2,3,4 and 5 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided.

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

ASPINWALL
BUTLER
GAVIGAN

J T Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

JOHN J.WHITE,ASST.KPR.,
ROCKLAND LAKE LT.STA.,
ROCKLAND LAKE,N.Y.

JOHN J. WHITE 480.A.
A.K. ROCKLAND LAKE,
LIGHT STATION.

Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

John J. White,
190 York Street,
Jersey City, N. J.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Sept. 15, 1917 .191

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Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

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Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes.

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes If yes, state how y 1; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Jos Tyler.	Raritan Connecticut	Position Seaman Department or office Navy	Cousin	Single
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows: I have no reasons to decline.

(Signature) Mr John J White

Date, Sept 17th 1917 (Post-office address) 152 York St Jersey City

11—749

Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

John J. White,
190 York Street,
Jersey City, N. J.

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NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES

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NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? - - - - - - Right away as soon as notified.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 20, 1925

Through the Keeper
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
3rd Dist.
Staten Island N.Y.

Sir—

Subject as position of Keeper Lloyd Hbor Lt Sta I can't accept as I have five Children four going to School and as quarter would be infinite for my family If I could get a family Station Were the Children can go to School everyday I would accept

John Ostman
Keeper.

✓ John J. White
2nd Dist. Keeper

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 20, 1924 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C.S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John J. White — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $960.00 p.a.

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Dec. 26, 1924 — {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, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 87.4, Other eligibles considered:

John Ostmark---C. Joseph D.Gallant---C.

Previous incumbent, Maynard C.Robinson Services terminated, Dec.2,1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Sept.1,1894

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 and 3 on eligible list will accept appointment only at Point Au Roche Lt.Sta.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the

U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19 For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockentels

Secretary, Civil Service District. 1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1/8/25

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

11—2314

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

John J. White (Name) ..... Conn. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SERVICE AND GRADE	SALARY	ACTION	BUREAU	STATION–DISTRICT	DATE OF EFFECT
~~Keeper~~	~~—~~	~~480~~	~~L. N.~~	Cancelled		
Keeper	–	960	Prob.	L. H.	Fresnel Ledge	Dec. 28, 1924
"	–	1260	Restj.	"	" "	Feb. 1, 1925
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF		April 16, 1925.			
Keeper	–	1500	Prob.	L. H.	SW. Ledge L.S.	Aug 2, 1930
~~"~~	~~—~~	~~1500~~	~~Trans (730)~~	"	~~Southwest Ledge,~~	
"	—	1500	Corr. settlement (732) Chge name of station *	"	"	Oct. 16, 1930
			Died Jan. 8, 1936			

11—8940

* No Journal Action

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 25 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1936 MAY 23 AM 10

May 15, 1936.

CHIEF CLERK

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: John J. White former 2AK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.

REFERENCE: Letter and Form 93 from this office Jan. 22, 1936, and letter from this office of Feb. 12, 1936.

1. Referring to letter and Form 93 from this office dated January 22, 1936, relative to the disappearance and presumed death of John J. White, 2d Asst. Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, and to letter from this office dated February 12, 1936 relative to compensation due the Estate of Mr. White; transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau is copy of telegram of this date from Captain Weber of the New Haven Fire Department stating the body of Mr. White had been identified by his widow and brother. Mr. White's body was recovered from Coroline Creek, near Southwest Ledge Light Station, on May 14, 1936.

(sdg) J. T. Yates
Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., May 20, 1936.

Respectfully forwarded to the General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C., through Division of Accounts, Commerce, attention being invited to Commerce Claim No. 58178 in favor of Mrs. John J. White, in the amount of $33.32, which was forwarded to your office by Department letter of February 21, 1936.

For the Commissioner:

(sdg)W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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E-K

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C.,
May 22, 1936.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

(COPY)

WESTERN UNION

RECEIVED AT FERRY HOUSE, ST. GEORGE, S. I., N. Y.

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J P Yates - SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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BODY OF JOHN J WHITE IDENTIFIED BY WIFE AND BROTHER BURIAL BRIDGEPORT MAY EIGHTEENTH

CAPT WEBER ENGINE CO 16 488 LIGHTHOUSE ROAD

Form 78

REPORT OF DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR INJURY TO PERSONS

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1936 JAN 24 PM 8 46

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 27 1936
DIVISION

Staten Island, N.Y., Jan. 23, 1936.

Name of vessel, station, or other aid to navigation involved: Southwest Ledge Light Station,

Date of accident: January 8th, 1936.

Nature and cause of accident: It is presumed that employee was drowned although his body has not been recovered to date.

1936 JAN 24 PM 3:5

Estimated cost of damage { to property of the Department: $ ----
to private property: $ ----

What steps have been taken to recover cost of damage to Department property? ---

Where accidents result in injury to, or death of, any employees, or others, furnish following information for each person injured:

NAME	OFFICIAL TITLE, IF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE	NATURE OF INJURY	HAS WORK TIME BEEN LOST BY EMPLOYEE
J. J. White,	2nd Asst. Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station.	Presumably drowned.	- - -

Remarks or recommendations: Reports will be forwarded to the United States Employees Compensation Commission shortly.

J. F. Meeks
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Date January 25, 1936.

Submitted, in duplicate, to the Secretary of Commerce, for his information. Separate report on this is being submitted to the Department.

Noted:

Chief Clerk.

11—11418

For the Commissioner.

R.J.Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.
Deputy Commissioner.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Jan. 22,1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: J.J.White, 2AK, S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.,Ct.
REFERENCE: Letter to Bureau of Jan.13,1936.

1. Enclosed is copy of report of Jan.16,1936 from the Master of the tender Hickory, and copy of report of Jan.18th from Junior Engineer Joseph R. Davis. These reports and previous correspondence supply all available information in reference to the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. It may be statedthat a tender is at the station to-day to make further search of the breakwater.

2. The cause of and circumstances of the disappearance of Assistant Keeper White are unknown. While so far as known he had no duty or work to perform outside, it is assumed that in the early morning of Jan.8th he went outside of the station or on the adjoining breakwater for some reason, and in view of the two lanterns found on the breakwater it may have been that he heard, or thought he heard some call for help and went outside with the idea of rendering assistance. In any case it is believed that in some manner Mr.White fell overboard and was drowned.

3. All facts pertaining to the case will be reported to the United States Employment Compensation Commission.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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LIGHTHOUSES

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 28 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSES

1936 JAN 23 PM 8 50

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 3, 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Staten Island, N.Y., Jan. 22, 1936 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The Bureau is advised of the presumed death ~~[illegible]~~ of the following-named employee:

Name, John J. White Position, Keeper (2A)

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Salary, $1500.00 per annum

It is presumed Mr.White was drowned on Jan.8,1936.

~~[illegible]~~

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

Remarks: See letter to Bureau of this date.

Less than 25 years service

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1936 JAN-27- PM 1:40

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
FEB 15 1936
SHEET NO. 4971
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Noted:

by HRS
Adm. Asst. to the Secretary.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Chief Clerk.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, for information, attention being invited to the attached correspondence regarding the disappearance and search for second assistant keeper White. 11—4623

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant

H-M

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO:HR

1936 JAN 11 AM 8 37

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

January 10, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut.

1. Enclosed for the Bureau's information is copy of memorandum of this date covering telephone conversation with the newspaper, New Haven Register, of New Haven, Connecticut, also copy of letter of January 9th received today from the 1st Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station, in reference to the disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper John J. White. The master of the tender Hickory, now at New London, Connecticut, and about to proceed west toward this depot, has been instructed to stop at Southwest Ledge Light Station and obtain all possible information concerning the matter of the disappearance of Assistant Keeper White.

2. The Bureau will be further advised concerning same as additional information in the matter is obtained.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO:HR

9:15 a.m.
January 10, 1936.

MEMORANDUM

1. The newspaper, New Haven Register, of New Haven, Connecticut, called up and asked if we could furnish full information in reference to the case of White, Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, who, he stated, had been missing since Wednesday. I advised him that this was the first information we have received as to the man being missing, and could therefore furnish no information in reference to the matter. I asked what information his statement was based on, and he replied that another keeper named Burkhardt, who had been on shore liberty, returned to the station on Wednesday, and upon arriving at the station he found that White, who should have been on the station, was not there. I then stated that even if White were not on the station, the third keeper who was employed should have been present. To this he replied that he understood that there was no one on the station when Burkhardt arrived there on Wednesday. I told him that while that condition was possible, it was not probable, because if there was no keeper on the station, there would have been no light exhibited at night, and in such case the absence of the light would, under ordinary conditions, be promptly reported by passing boats.

2. The New Haven Register had no information other than as indicated above.

3. He asked if the matter would be investigated, and he was advised that the matter would be looked into without delay.

/s/ William Burkhardt
F. W. OCKENFELS

COMMUNICATIONS TO
TENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

THIRD DISTRICT
JAN 8 AM 8 38

Southwest Ledge Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
New Haven, Conn.
Jan. 9th, 19 36

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District.

Sir:

On Jan. 7th 10:00 a.m. I went ashore for food and mail/ in the afternoon it blew up a strong N.W. having the row boat I waited for the wind to let up but I had to wait until next morning got to the Light Station at 7:30 a.m./ as I got near the light I call for the second Asst.Keeper John J. White but no answer. When I got my boat fasten I went up through the light but no answer/the light was still burning/I put the light out and looked all through the lighthouse but no White/ I went outside and looked around I found one of our lanterns but it was not lit so I said to myself he may have went fishing so I look around the bigger part of the breakwater but no White. When I went back and looked around again in the lighthouse/I found in cellar one of the windows broke out/upstairs I found gone both chains for the fog horn valves/it looks some what like a case of losing his mind. We repaired the fog horn connection with wire and chain we had at the light. Up to now we found no hide or hair of John J. White, 2nd Asst.Keeper. The Keeper went home on his leave Jan. 6th, I called him back Jan. 8th. I notified the Police in the meantime about the case.

/s/ William Burkhardt
1st Asst.Keeper.

/s/ John Ostman, Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT
GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

January 12, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:- Jan.13,1936

Sir:

SUBJECT: John J.White,2AK,S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan.10,1936.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated Jan.10,1936 relative to the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut; the Bureau is advised the Master of the tender Hickory visited Southwest Ledge Light Station on January 11th, and a copy of his report, dated January 12th, is attached hereto.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

1936 JAN 14 AM 8:30

...NICATIONS TO
...OF LIGHTHOUSES
...ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

THIRD DISTRICT

Hickory
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 12, 1936

1936 JAN 13 AM 8:30 LIGHTHOUSES

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.

Sir:

In accordance with your orders, I arrived at Southwest Ledge Light Station at 12:45 p.m., January 11, 1936. Keeper Ostman and Asst.Keeper Burkhardt were on station. The following is description of Burkhardt's movements and conditions as described by Burkhardt on January 7th and January 8, 1936.

At 10 a.m., Jan. 7th Burkhardt left light station for supplies, leaving Asst.Keeper John J. White in charge of station. At 3 p.m., Jan. 7th Burkhardt made an attempt to return to light station. Due to tide and wind conditions, decided that landing at station would be dangerous, returned to shore. At 6 p.m. made another attempt to return to light station. Deciding that conditions had not improved so that landing could be made with safety, returned to his home and remained there until next morning. At 7:30 a.m., Jan. 8th Burkhardt arrived at light station. Calling to Asst.Keeper White to assist him in landing, and receiving no response to his calls, landed on station and searched station from cellar to tower to locate White. Unsuccessful inside, returned to breakwater, calling and seeking White along breakwater. Unable to locate White, Burkhardt decided something had happened to him. Burkhardt returned to station and extinguished light which was in operation. Returning to shore, Burkhardt requested a Mr. Kenney, Supt. of Lighthouse Point Pork, to notify Keeper Ostman who was at his home in Stonington, Conn., of White's disappearance and requesting his immediate return to light station. Mr. Kenney also notified Police of New Haven of White's disappearance. Keeper Ostman arrived at station 4 p.m., Jan. 8th. Ostman and Burkhardt began another search for White along breakwater. During this search, Burkhardt found two hand lanterns on rocks about one hundred feet from station and stated that White had a habit of using these lanterns while fishing from breakwater at night. They also found one window in cellar of station broken and small connecting chain from clock gear to lever on valve to fog signal missing. The clock at this station is good for (5) five hours operating time on one winding and as the light was in operation at 7:30 a.m., it appears White disappeared between (3) three and 7:30 a.m. This is all the information I was able to obtain from the Keepers Ostman and Burkhardt.

I called at the Chapel St. Police Station to see what action the police had taken and found that a description of White had been

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...EN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

THIRD DISTRICT

Hickory
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan.18,1936, 19

broadcast to ten States by teletype, and that the police have been unable to secure any evidence of White's whereabouts. Police had not dragged waters in vicinity of light station, as their boat has been out of commission most two month. I have obtained necessary equipment and will drag around light station tomorrow morning, Monday.

Respectfully,

/s/ H. C. White

...ICATIONS TO
...F LIGHTHOUSES
...SLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

THIRD DISTRICT

Hickory
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan.16,1936, 19

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District

Sir:-

I arrived at Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,New Haven at 12:45 P.M. Jan.11th,1936. I interviewed the 1st Asst.Keeper Burkhardt who stated that when he returned to light station at 7.30 A.M. on Jan.8th after being ashore for mail and provisions and delayed by unsuitable weather conditions over night. He found no one at the station. There were two hand lanterns one hundred feet (100) east of station, on breakwater, which were frequently used by 2d Ast.Keeper White while fishing. There were also two connecting chain from automatic clocks to lever on valves to fog signal missing, which put both fog signals out of commission. There was no evidence of these chains breaking. They were missing from the station.

In the cellar a window was broken and reason was not evident for this happening. The fact that the 2d Asst.Keeper was missing and the lanterns being on the breakwater looked as if the 2d Asst.Keeper had been fishing and may have fallen overboard and drowned.

Also the missing chains and broken window might be an evidence of insanity of the 2nd Asst.Keeper, and that he commited suicide by jumping overboard.

No boats were missing so it does not appear the 2nd Asst.Keeper intentionally deserted the station. Therefore it was considered advisable to drag in the vicinity of the light station for the body.

On Monday, Jan.13th crew of Hickory, 2nd Officer P. Deakyne in charge of crew, dragged along North side of breakwater 1/3 its length and from breakwater to (200) two hundred feet North with grapnel made of 56 inch piece of 3/4" pipe having eight (8) 4" steel fish hooks (6") six inches apart.

On Tuesday, Jan.14th this procedure was repeated on South side of breakwater. Breakwater was also seaarched its entire length, afoot and by boat. No evidence of the missing keeper was found.

Respectfully,
/s/ H.C.White,
Master

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...NDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

January 18, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.

SUBJECT: Disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper of South-west Ledge Light Station.

1. Proceeded to New Haven on January 17, 1935, to investigate disappearance of 2nd Assistant Keeper of South-west Ledge Light Station.

2. I went to the Police Headquarters of New Haven and found that they had no additional information regarding the disappearance of John J. White, 2nd Assistant Keeper. The Police Department have made no investigation believing that the Lighthouse Service would do that. They have not searched for the body by dragging because the police boat has been hauled out for the Winter.

3. Proceeded to the U. S. Weather Bureau located in the P. O. Building and obtained the following reports:

Jan. 5th - Partly cloudy; N. & W. wind, 9.6 M.P.H. ave. velocity; light fog 12 o'clock midnight to 6 a.m.; temp. 45°- 33°.

Jan. 6th - Cloudy, rain 2 p.m. to midnight; light fog 12 o'clock noon to midnight; N. W. to S. E. wind, 5.0 M.P.H.; temp. 37°- 31°.

Jan. 7th - Partly cloudy, rain midnight - 2 A.M.; light fog midnight to 6:30 A.M.; N. and N. W. wind, 10 M.P.H.; temp. 40°- 31°.

Jan. 8th - Partly cloudy, light fog 2 A.M. to 8:40 A.M.; wind N.W. to N.E., 7.8 M.P.H.; temp. 31°- 37°.

Jan. 9th - Cloudy, rain 10 A.M. - Midnight; fog 2 P.M. to 12 Midnight; wind N.E. to N. 7-24 M.P.H.; temp. 34°- 41°.

4. I then proceeded to the home of the missing man at 32 Townsend Avenue, New Haven. Mrs. White and her five children were at home. Obtained the following information from Mrs. White: White was home over the Christmas holidays and returned to the lighthouse on December 31st. He came ashore again on January 3rd for groceries and supplies. He was ashore for only a few hours on this day. White was in good health at this time. Mrs. White stated that during the sixteen years they were married that White has had no sickness except ordinary coughs and colds. Mrs. White stated that he had no worries, his home life was very happy and when he was ashore he spent all his time at home. He had no known enemies and got along well with the other men at the lighthouse. She said that White would drink beer occasionally but never to excess. The White family has lived in the vicinity for three years.

5. I visited Fire Engine Company #16 which is just around the corner from White's house. I spoke to Captain Henry J. Weber re white. He stated that he knew White very well. He verified Mrs. White's statements as to character etc. He said that he goes fishing out at the lighthouse and knew all the keepers very well. He said there was no fishing out there at this time of the year, which disapproves the theory that White was fishing on the Breakwater. The captain was convinced that White's disappearance was caused by an accident. His theory was that White was helping someone or some boat in distress or else that he was taking care of lighthouse equipment and fell overboard. Captain Weber asked what the Government would do for White's family. He was told that the family would probably receive whatever compensation that the regulations allowed in case it is found that White died in the performance of duty. The Captain stated that White was well liked and that he personally would see to it that the family was taken care of until the Government provided for them.

6. Proceeded to Southwest Ledge Lighthouse. Keeper Ostman and 1st Assistant Keeper Burkhardt were at the station. The keepers repeated the details of events as they happened on January 6th, 7th and 8th. The story was the same as reported by 1st Assistant Keeper on January 8th. I asked if White's personal effects had been touched and was told that everything was exactly as it was found when Burkhardt returned to station and found White missing. An inspection of his dresser and closet showed that his clothes were neatly packed and well taken care of. I checked his clothes with the Assistant Keeper and by questioning him, concluded that White was wearing blue dungarees, white shirt and a couple of light sport sweaters when he disappeared. All his heavy clothing is still at the station. The missing chains were removed by taking out the cotter pins at either end. No trace of the chain or pins have been found. The cellar window which was broken can be explained by the fact that the window was open and propped up by a stick while the fog signal engines were in operation. It is possible that the vibration of the

engines worked the stick out and the window slammed. The two lanterns found on the breakwater were approximately 100 feet east of the lighthouse. The chimneys of the lanterns were smoked when they were found. The reason for their being there is unknown. The keepers were asked about White's health. They stated that they had never known him to be sick. Burkhardt said he was alright when Burkhardt left the station at 10 a.m. January 7th. The keepers have searched the breakwater every day and have dragged in the vicinity of the lighthouse. Neither keeper has any theory as to what might have happened to the missing man. The boats were in their cradles and lashed down. It was therefore unnecessary for White to leave the lighthouse to take care of the boats. The station record books were examined and found to be in accordance with the statements made by keepers. They were in order except for the following. No mention was made of the 1st Assistant Keeper's trip ashore after finding that the 2nd Assistant was missing from the station. The 1st Assistant was questioned about this matter and he said he was so excited that he forgot it. He was instructed to make the entry. Both keepers were questioned on subjects that might possibly have some bearing on the disappearance but nothing of use in solving the mystery could be learned.

Respectfully submitted.

Joseph R. Davis,
Jr. Lighthouse Engineer.

LIGHTHOUSES

Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

CHIEF CLERK
1931 JAN 10 AM 10 54

FWO-JHG

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 8 - 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
(Department)

Third Lighthouse District — Staten Island, N.Y., Jan. 5, 1931
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on Feb. 1, 1931, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) ~~(she)~~ is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name John J. White

Position Keeper

Salary $1500.00 p.a.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Southwest Ledge Light Station, Ct.

Date of entrance on duty Aug. 2, 1930

Remarks:

CARDED

Jan. 7, 1931
Submitted:

J. F. Voss
(Signature of immediate superior)
Supt. 3rd Lighthouse Dist.

By direction of the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross
(Head of bureau or office)
Chief of Personnel Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

CHIEF CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 1930
1930 OCT 18
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
PM 2 56
AM 9 13

Staten Island, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1930, 19

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on Oct. 1, 1930

Name, John J. White — Position, Keeper

From Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta. & New Haven Middle Bkw. East End Lt., Ct. — To Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn.

Salary and range, $1500 ($1500-1860) — Salary and range, $1500 ($1500-1860)

Previous incumbent, ~~New position~~ (See letter to Bureau of this date)

Services terminated, self-(Bu) — Reason,

J. T. YATES

CARDED

Oct. 17, 1930, 19

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with Oct. 16, 1930

J T Yates
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 18 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

C W Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

11—4508 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Form 78a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
1930 SEP 24 AM 10 56

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1930, 19

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on Oct. 1, 1930

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 24 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Name, John J. White Position, Keeper

From Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & New Haven Middle Bkw. East End Lt., Ct To Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Salary and range, $1500 ($1500-1860) Salary and range, $1500 ($1500-1860)

Previous incumbent, ~~New position~~ (See letter to Bureau of this date)

Services terminated, Self (LT #1664) Reason,

CARDED

J. J. Jones

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 23 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

F. P. Dillon
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

11—4598 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
JUL 30 1930
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouse Service 3rd Dist

1. Name in full John Joseph White

2. Legal (voting) residence Connecticut 4th Fairfield Bridgeport
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Connecticut Bridgeport When born? Sept. 1. 1894
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse Service	2nd Asst	960 PA	12	28	1924	1	31	1925
	Keeper	1760	2	1	1925	4	16	1925

CARDED

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
	√						

Enlisted Nov 15 1917 Discharged April 3 1919
Organization Air Service

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Organization ____

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school								High school				College				Degrees, if any
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	

9. State special qualifications None

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs. Matilda White (Name) Wife (Relationship)
170 Osborne St. Bridgeport Conn (Post office address)

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

John J. White
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Aug. 16 1930 (Date)

Present address 170 Osborne St. Bridgeport Conn.

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 21 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

CHIEF CLERK
1930 AUG 20 PM 4 09

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Department of Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Third Lighthouse District
(Bureau or Office)

I, John J. White
(Name in full, printed or typed), do solemnly swear (or affirm) 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.

CARDED

John J. White
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of August, A. D. 1930

at Bridgeport, (City or place) Connecticut (State)

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

[SEAL]

Amelia C. Lundquist
Notary Public

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

My commission expires Feb. 1931

Position to which appointed 2d Asst. Keeper, Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn.

Date of entrance on duty August 2, 1930

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1930.

Mr. John J. White,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Fifteen Hundred dollars per annum

effective July 25, 1930, or entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

AUG 4 1930

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

F. A. DELONG

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 9 1930 2789 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: William Burkhardt

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

CARDED

11-8657

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. July 18, 1930
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment. Legal residence, Connecticut

Name, John J. White Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Position, Keeper Proposed range, $1500-$1800 p.a.

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & Middle Bkw.East End Lt., Conn. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, July 25,1930 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location, Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.0, Other eligibles considered:

Theodore M. Ball---C. George T. Gardiner---C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, William Burkhardt (LT.#1666) Services terminated, July 24,1930

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1560 p.a.)

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Sept.1,1894

Remarks: Mr.White was previously employed as 2nd Asst.Keeper at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. from Dec.28,1924 to April 16,1925.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, JUL 19 1930, 19

Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 22 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 29 1930 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

11—2314

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1925.

Mr. John J. White,

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 16, 1925.

Bureau ..... Lighthouses.

Station ..... Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.

Position ..... Keeper.

Salary ..... $1260 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APR 7 1925

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 7 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

CARDED

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 31 1925
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Green Ledge Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 29, 1925

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 APR 2 AM 8 56

Supt. of Lighthouse
3rd. Dest.
Staten Island N.Y.

Sir —

I John J. White 2nd asst Keeper of Green Ledge Light Station inform this office that on the 16th day of april 1925 Will resign as 2nd. asst. Keeper on a count of sickness at home

John J. White
2nd, asst. Keeper.

Thomas J Murray
Keeper

CHIEF CLERK

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. April 1, 1925 , 19

MATERIAL DIVISION ACTUARY APR 3 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 3 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John J. White Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Salary, $1260.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 16,1925

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

Remarks:

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. [illegible]
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

J. F. Yates
Cdr.

Enclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 2 - 1925

4/3/25

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce approved.

11—4023

APPROVED:

E. H. Libby
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

J. Quinan
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. John J. White,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

LOUIS J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1260. √

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

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CHIEF CLERK

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

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LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 10 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Light House Service

1. Name in full John J White 4th

2. Legal (voting) residence ~~403 Hancock ave 3rd Dist~~ Fairfield (State and Congressional District) (County) Bridgeport (City or town) Conn

3. Where born? U.S.A. (State or foreign country) Bridgeport Conn (City or town) When born? Sept 4 1894 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army ✓	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted Dec 15 1917 Discharged April 4 1919

Organization 368th aero Squadron

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school ✓								High school				College				Degrees, if any
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	

9. State special qualifications

CARDED

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs Matilda J White (Name) Wife (Relationship)

403 Hancock ave Bridgeport Conn (Post office address)

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

John J White
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Jan. 4. 1925 (Date)

Present address P.O. Box 28 Rowayton Conn.

10—1659

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK 1925 JAN 9 PM 2 22
1925 JAN 9 AM 8 49
LIGHTHOUSES

I, John J. White

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

John J White
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 5th day of January, A. D. 1925

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Joseph Kuletar

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb 1 1929.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper	$960 p.a.	Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.
Former [5]		

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT

Staten Island, N.Y. (Address), Jan 8-1925 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Dec. 28, 1924 (Date)

CARDED
C. S. REPORT ENTERED

J. F. Yates
(Signature, followed by title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 24, 1924.

Mr. John J. White.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Assistant Secretary Second Civil Service District.

CARDED DEC 29 1924

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPOINTMENT DIVISION DEC 30 1924 ENTERED ON JOURNAL

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3rd.

Acting
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Maynard C. Robinson.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—6980

Form 73

NOMINATION

FWO-JHG

LIGHTHOUSES

DEC 23 AM 8 45

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
SECOND U. S. LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE DISTRICT
1924 DEC 23 PM 2

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 20, 1924 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

DEC 24 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Name, John J. White — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $960.00 p.a.

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Dec. 26, 1924 — ~~The date of his entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 87.4, Other eligibles considered:
John Ostman----C. Joseph D.Gallant----C.

Previous incumbent, Maynard C.Robinson Services terminated, Dec.2,1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Sept.1,1894

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 and 3 on eligible list will accept appointment only at Point Au Roche Lt.Sta.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, December 22, 1924

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst.Supt.

12/24/24.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 23 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEC 27 1924

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

11—2314

October 19, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 18th instant, the Department has canceled its order of September 24, 1917, whereby John J. White would have been probationally appointed to the position of assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, at $480 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) W. S. GIFFORD

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT ENTERED OCT 20 1917 BUREAU DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 15 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

September 24, 1917.

Mr. John J. White,

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 Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

CANCELED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

C/

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert C. Ridgway.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

CANCELED

(See reverse side.)

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT
SEP 26 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1917.

Mr. John J. White,

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 Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

CANCELED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

C

CANCELED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert C. Ridgway.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

(See reverse side.)

11—3996

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT SEP 26 1917 HOUSES

LIGHT OCT 10 1917 HOUSES

September 24, 1917.

Mr. John J. White,

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 Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

CANCELED

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

CANCELED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

CANCELED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert C. Ridgway.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

(See reverse side.)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
OCT 10 1917
HOUSES

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

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

October 9, 1917

CHIEF CLERK
OCT 19 1917
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Commissioner:-

Transmitted herewith for cancellation, is Department letter, in duplicate, dated September 24,1917, appointing John J. White to the position of Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York. Mr.White has declined to enter on duty in said position.

APPOINTMENTS
OCT 19 1917

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Chief Clerk

3RD DISTRICT DIVISION
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OCT 19 1917
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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3 inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 18, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending that the Department cancel its order whereby James J. White would have been given a probationary appointment as assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $480 per annum, for assignment to duty at Rockland Lake Light Station, New York. Department letter of September 24, 1917, in triplicate, is inclosed for cancelation on its face.

10-19-17

Acting Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1917.

Mr. John J. White,

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 Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Third 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: Robert C. Ridgway.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

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CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 24 1917 JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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SECOND U. S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT. REC'D SEP 19 1917

LIGHT SEP 21 1917 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK SEP 22 1917

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) September 18 (Date.), 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through Secretary, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **John J. White** Legal residence, **New Jersey**

Position, **Assistant Keeper.** Salary, **$480 per annum**

Location, **Rockland Lake Light Sta., N. Y.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

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

APPOINTMENT & TRANSFER SECTION ACTION TAKEN SEP 21 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, **Keeper** Percentage, **82.2** , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, Robert C. Ridgway Services terminated, **September 30, 1917**

Reason, **Dismissed.** date & ltr requested

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of district desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,2,3,4 and 5 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. SEP 19 1917 , 191

W. W. Parker

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

J. T. Upton

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

9-22-17

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. SEP 21 1917

F. Conway

Acting Commissioner

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

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