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Date: 09/11/2026

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
Wiest, James, H.		1852 NY

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: 1923 NY

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	1886	1920
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00082028869

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Civilian Archival search 9/22

Remarks: W230

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SCREENING NOTES

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Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

James H. Wiest

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
N. Y.

INACTIVE

James H. Wiest

Trans. from Treas Dept July 1, 1903.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Keeper, Dansekammer Point Light and Fog Signal, New York.	$500 pa.	Light-House	———
Keepr. Dansekammer Point L-S. N. Y.	$46. mo	"	Mar 1. 1909.
" " " " "	$552.	"	Aug. 1, 1912.
" Increase " "	612.	"	Jan. 10, 1919.
Retired Close Nov. 8, 1919	$42148.	"	
	Died —— Nov. 30, 1918.		

INACTIVE

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PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

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

CARDED

George B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? James H. Hoist

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

City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.
Newburgh	New York	Orange	20th

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

5. Where were you born? Esopus Ulster County New York

6. When were you born? April (Month.) 24th (Day.) 1852 (Year.)

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

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

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

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

Appointed Keeper June 24th 1886

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

Appointed before position was classified

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

Loss of thumb on right hand
Wear glasses to read and write otherwise sight good

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

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

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

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

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government indicated in your answers to questions 9, 12, and 13.)

Railroad. Boatman. and Farm work

15. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: "Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.")

Public School

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

Can work at Carpenter Trade. under instructions having served a short apprentice ship at the Trade

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

None

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

Written by me

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. October 6th, 1904

Witness: (Signature) James H Nesbit

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Cedarcliff
City or town.

Oswego Co
Number and street.

New York
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded MAR 4 1905, 190

(Signature) M R Maclaughlin

(Official title) Captain, U. S. Navy,
~~Inspector,~~

PART II.

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

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

Light House Service (Bureau or Service.) Dana Hammock Point L H Station (Place (city, town, or station).) Fluid. (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Keeper Dana Hammock Point L H Sta. Lg. Newyork.

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? June 24, 1886.

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

Seventeen Years

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $ 700. per annum.

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903? Salaries of Keepers of Light-Houses,

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

Competitive.

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

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

Appointed before position was classified.

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

(Signature) W R S Macomb

(Official title) Captain, U. S. Navy.
Inspector.

Date: MAR 4 1905, 190

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

RIM-NO. 806

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED MAR 20 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of the Inspector, 3rd L. H. Dist.,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., 2—

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAR 20 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

March 13, 1909.
(Date)

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

of (2) James H. Wiest To Ford of (3) New York
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)

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

at (5) Danskammer Point Light-Station, Hudson River, N.Y.
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

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

at (8) ~~Danskammer Point Light-Station, Hudson River, N.Y.,~~ at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

(9) ~~$46. per mo.~~, effective beginning (10) ~~March 1, 1909.~~ (the date
(Salary recommended)

of his entrance on duty) ~~(or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)~~
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)

This increase was recommended in accordance with the report of the
~~in the place of x(11)~~
(State name of last person holding position)

Committee on Equalization of Pay, approved June 25, 1908.

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

~~The~~ delay in making this recommendation was caused by the fact that
~~Mr. (14)~~ ~~stands No. (15)~~ ~~in list of eligibles,~~

this employee was not considered efficient enough to warrant the in-
~~Class (16)~~, ~~with an average of (17)~~ ~~per cent, and~~

crease of pay effective July 1, 1908.
was considered with (18)

(19) letters of declination of herewith.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas.

Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN MAR 20 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

March 19, 1909 190

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The correct designation of this station is

Danskammer Point Light, N. Y.

FORWARDED MAR 20 1909 TO APPOINTMENTS

INDEXED

H. T. Mayo

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

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

This letter is returned for correction of items Nos.

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LIGHTHOUSES

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1923 CHIEF CLERK 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 19 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Name, James H. Wiest Position, Retired

Legal residence, New York Station, Formerly Keeper of Danskammer Point Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Retired pay ~~Salary~~ $421.48 per annum

Mr. Wiest died on Nov. 30, 1923.

~~The acceptance herewith is recommended effective at the close of~~

~~This employee has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.~~

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 20 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

12/19/23.

J. T. Yates Asst

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

DEC 19 1923

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, for his information.

U. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED 11 1923

CARDED

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

November 11, 1919.

Sir:

In compliance with your request and in view of the fact that you have reached the age of 67 years, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and under the provisions of section 6 of the act approved June 20, 1918, hereby retires you from active duty as keeper in the Lighthouse Service (3rd District), with retired pay at the rate of $421.48 per annum, effective at the close of November 8, 1919.

Respectfully,

[SIGNED] E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

CARDED

Mr. James H. Wiest,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 12 1919 DEPT. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

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Lighthouse Service

Danskammer Point

October 29,1919

Superintendent

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst. would inform you that I had the Doctor call to-day and that he said I was in a weak nervous state and he advised me to take a good long rest with proper medical care and to do so at my earliest opportunity.

In regards to remaining in the service until the authorities at Washington decide on whether I shall be pensioned or not, I make the following proposal that I stay till the 8th of Nov. provided I am able to get to and from my work until that time and if I break down before then I will notify you at once by telephone.

It seems to me that Washington can make their decision by that time and I am hoping and praying it will be in my favor, if it is adverse to me then the outlook for the future is dark and gloomy.

(Signed) WIEST

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Oct. 30,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Retirement, James H.Wiest, keeper, Danskammer Pt.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter October 24,1919.

1. Transmitted herewith, for the information of the Bureau, is copy of letter dated October 29th,1919, from James H.Wiest, keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, New York, relative to the matter of his retirement from the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. Yates

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. OCT 31 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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October 27, 1919.

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Memorandum for the Secretary:
(Through the Solicitor)

Attached hereto is correspondence from the Commissioner of Lighthouses relative to the application of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, New York, for retirement.

SECRETARY

Mr. Wiest was advised by the Lighthouse Superintendent at Tompkinsville on December 9, 1918, and July 24, 1919, that the Retirement Law does not apply to persons whose duties do not require substantially all of their time. Mr. Wiest claims that in the Summer-time it is necessary for him to devote not less than ten hours a day to his work, and in the Winter-time as high as fourteen to fifteen hours a day. The Superintendent states, however, that Mr. Wiest uses only a slight portion of his time taking care of the light; that during inspections made of this light station twice each year extending over a period of eight years, Mr. Wiest has been found at the light on only one occasion; and that the only work required of this keeper is to take care of the small structure, care for the post light and to start the fog bell in thick weather. The Superintendent states further that this light is not in commission during the Winter and that there is only an average of 141 hours of fog during the year.

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Return to accept at proper time PC 10/29/19

It would appear from the foregoing that Mr. Wiest is not eligible for retirement, and it is recommended that the Commissioner of Lighthouses be authorized to advise him accordingly.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

October 31st, 1919.

SUBJECT: James H. Wiest.

REFERENCE: (a) Secretary of Commerce letter October 28th, 1919.
(b) Bureau endorsement October 29th, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. As all possible information has been furnished heretofore this office is unable to make any further report.

2. It is the desire of this office that the benefits of the Retirement Law be extended to all employees as far as the Retirement Act permits but under the terms of the act, this office did not consider that Mr. Wiest was entitled to retirement under same. If such, however, is the case, this office would recommend his retirement. It would appear however, that if Mr. Wiest is entitled to retirement practically all keepers in-charge of minor lights and post lights would also be entitled to same and for future guidance this office requests to be advised just where the line is to be drawn between those who are entitled to retirement and those who are not.

J. T. Yates

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON November 6, 1919.

CHIEF CLERK

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Subject: 3d Supt's.letter, Oct. 31, 1919, James H. Wiest, Retirement.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement to the Department, dated October 8, 1919, and to the Secretary's letter to the Bureau, dated October 29, 1919, on this subject. After further consideration of this case the Bureau recommends that Wiest, being a keeper, be retired in accordance with the provisions of the retirement law.

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2. Inclosed is letter of October 30, from the 3d Superintendent transmitting letter of October 29, from Mr. Wiest; early action is, therefore, respectfully requested. Also inclosed is memorandum of the Appointment Division, dated October 27, 1919.

L. M. Pulsifer

67 yrs old.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIPT AND
MOTION TAKEN
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

THIS COPY FOR CHIEF OF APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

October 28, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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I do not care without further reflection to approve the recommendation in the matter of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.

I take it that the retirement law is to be interpreted in favor of the employee just as far as possible. It is not a law meant to be restricted to the smallest number practicable but to be extended to the largest number that can be reasonably brought within its scope.

I venture to think that this difference in viewpoint has been the cause of very serious complaint in connection with the War Risk Insurance Service and I do not desire that spirit to prevail here.

The question as to the amount of work the keeper does is settled by the pay he receives. Unless, therefore, the law is so specific that it expressly forbids retiring those circumstanced as is the case now under discussion I should feel that he ought to have the benefits of retirement.

Please cause the matter to be reconsidered carefully.

William C. Redfield

Secretary of Commerce.

Copy to Chief of Appointment Division.

Encs.
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10/29/19 Lighthouses requested this case & 3rd Supt. for further report —

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Oct. 23,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Retirement of James H.Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.
REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement Oct.16th, forwarding Department letter of Oct. 15th, and our endorsement Oct.20,1919.

1. Transmitted herewith is copy of letter, dated October 22,1919 received from James H. Wiest, keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, New York, in which he states he must be relieved as keeper by October 31,1919.

2. It is requested that this office be advised at the earliest possible date as to the action taken in regard to the matter of his retirement.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst.Supt.

C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Danskammer Point
Oct. 22nd, 1919

Superintendent

I am writing these lines to inform you that my sickness that was the cause of my voluntary retirement from the service is daily growing worse and that it is positively necessary that I be relieved from duty as keeper at Danskammer Point Light Station.

I would respectfully inform you that I will try to serve the month out, and if my successor has not been appointed by then you will have to send some one to whom I can hand over the position.

As it is positively necessary that I have medical treatment which I cannot take while working.

I have a friend that has kindly offered to advance the $125 which it shall cost me as all I have is my months pay that is coming to me.

There is no one around here that I can get to take my place if I break down.

An early reply requested.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wiest

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

October 20th, 1919.

CHIEF CLERK

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SUBJECT: Retirement of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement October 16th, 1919 forwarding Department letter of October 15th, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

As heretofore stated James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station uses only a slight portion of his time taking care of this light. During inspections made of this light station twice each year extending over a period of eight years, Mr. Wiest has been found at the light on only one occasion. The only work required of this keeper is to take care of the small structure, care for the post light and to start the fog bell in thick weather. Attention is invited to the fact that this light is not in commission during the winter and that there is only an average of 141 hours of fog during the year.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st. Asst. Supt.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
October 24, 1919.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Department letter of October 15. Inclosed is letter, dated Oct. 23, from the 3d Superintendent forwarding letter of October 22, from Mr. Wiest with reference to being relieved from duty; early action is, therefore, respectfully requested.

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October 15, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's recommendation of the 8th instant transmitting correspondence from the Third Superintendent's Office relative to the question of eligibility for retirement in the case of James H. Wiest, Keeper of the Danskammer Point Light Station, New York.

The statement is noted that it appears that Mr. Wiest is not entitled to retirement in view of the fact that he is not required to devote his entire time to the care and maintenance of the station. In his letter dated August 28, 1919, Mr. Wiest states that in the summer-time it is necessary for him to devote not less than 10 hours a day to his work and in the winter as high as 14 to 15 hours a day. Before taking further action in the matter, the Department requests to be advised more fully in regard to Mr. Wiest's duties and the amount of time which the same require.

By direction of the Secretary:

Chief Clerk.

C-RM

October 27, 1919.

Memorandum for the Secretary:
(Through the Solicitor)

Attached hereto is correspondence from the Commissioner of Lighthouses relative to the application of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, New York, for retirement.

Mr. Wiest was advised by the Lighthouse Superintendent at Tompkinsville on December 9, 1918, and July 24, 1919, that the Retirement Law does not apply to persons whose duties do not require substantially all of their time. Mr.Wiest claims that in the Summer-time it is necessary for him to devote not less than ten hours a day to his work, and in the Winter-time as high as fourteen to fifteen hours a day. The Superintendent states, however, that Mr. Wiest uses only a slight portion of his time taking care of the light; that during inspections made of this light station twice each year extending over a period of eight years, Mr. Wiest has been found at the light on only one occasion; and that the only work required of this keeper is to take care of the small structure, care for the post light and to start the fog bell in thick weather. The Superintendent states further that this light is not in commission during the Winter and that there is only an average of 141 hours of fog during the year.

It would appear from the foregoing that Mr. Wiest is not eligible for retirement, and it is recommended that the Commissioner of Lighthouses be authorized to advise him accordingly.

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Inclosure 658.

Approved:

Secretary of Commerce.

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LIGHT AUG 29 1918 HOUSES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 30 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 8 RECEIVED MPK'NSVILLE, N.Y.

Newburgh, N. Y., August 28th, 1919.

Rec. & ad ~~Light~~ Hospital
Sept C Rep., 1918,
3d in forwarding to Supt.

Hydrog.
Engr. Consl
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Insp. Comdr.

Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I have been the Keeper of the Danskammer Point Lighthouse Station since July 1st, 1886. My home is one and one-half miles from the Lighthouse and I have no assistance and have to a tend to all the duties of the position myself. In the Summertime it is necessary for me to devote not less than ten hours a day to the work and in the Wintertime as high as fourteen to fifteen hours a day.

LIGHT SEP 15 1919 HOUSES

On December 2nd, 1918 I applied for Retirement, but was informed by the Superintendent of Lighthouses that I was not eligible to retirement and he quoted me Section "6" of the Retirement Law on the subject.

LIGHT OCT 3 1919 HOUSES

On July 21st, 1919 I called at his office at Tompkinsville, N.Y., and the man to whom I was referred stated to me that I would receive a letter on the subject in a few days. When that letter came it was to the effect that I was not eligible for retirement because my duties did not require substantially all of my time. During this month I again wrote and on August 18th received a letter of which the following is a copy:

> "As previously advise you in letters of December 9,1918 and July 24,1919, the Retirement Law of the Lighthouse Service does not apply to persons whose duties do not require substantially all of their time, and it will therefore not be possible to take any action toward your retirement".

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LIGHT AUG 29 1919 HOUSES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 8 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Newburgh, N. Y., August 28th, 1919.

Rec. & ad ~~Light~~ Hospital Supt (Resp., 1918, 1919, 1920) 3d in forwarding to submit rec't. 8/9/19.

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Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I have been the Keeper of the Danskammer Point Lighthouse Station since July 1st, 1886. My home is one and one-half miles from the Lighthouse and I have no assistance and have to a tend to all the duties of the position myself. In the Summertime it is necessary for me to devote not less than ten hours a day to the work and in the Wintertime as high as fourteen to fifteen hours a day.

3d to call attn Supt to Resp alty No 855

LIGHT SEP 15 1919 HOUSES

On December 2nd, 1918 I applied for Retirement, but was informed by the Superintendent of Lighthouses that I was not eligible to retirement and he quoted me Section "6" of the Retirement Law on the subject.

LIGHT OCT 3 1919 HOUSES

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I respectfully submit that under the circumstances I should not be refused retirement upon the grounds stated in Mr. Yates letter of August, 18, 1919 above quoted.

I further respectfully request your Board to give further consideration to my application as I feel that it

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is only just that my application for retirement should be granted.

The condition of my health is such that I must give up the position.

Respectfully yours,

James H Nesbit Keeper
Dam Harbor Point Light Station

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Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 4, 1919.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 8 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT-HOUSES SEP 15 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT-HOUSE 3d Dis SEP 10 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Subject: Letter, Aug. 28, James H. West, keeper Danskammer Point Light Station, retirement.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for report and recommendation. Invite keeper's attention to Instructions to Employees, 1915, Par. 55, relative to forwarding correspondence through official superior. Return the attached letter to the Bureau with your reply.

Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

FWO/EJC.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Sept. 11th, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner:

1. Danskammer Point Light Station consists of a minor light and a fog bell, and it is necessary for the Keeper to spend only a very small part of his time in the care and maintenance of the station.

2. The services of the Keeper at this Station have not been entirely satisfactory, as it has been necessary to caution him on several occasions as to the condition of the station. At the inspections of this station covering a period of about eight years, this Keeper has been found at the station only on one occasion, and in that instance he was asleep, and considerable trouble was experienced in awakening him.

3. As it is not necessary for the Keeper of this Light to devote his entire time to the care and maintenance of the station, it is not considered that he comes within the scope of the retirement act which is applicable to the employees of the Light-house Service, and action towards his retirement is not recommended.

4. Copy of letter to the Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station of this date is attached.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st. Asst. Supt.

JHG

Name	Position	Entered Light house Service	Years Empl. to October 31,1919.	Date of birth	age	Years actual service, Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.
			Y M D			
James H.Wiest	Keeper, Sanskammer Point Lt.Sta.,N.Y.	July 1,1886	33 - 4 - 0	Apl.24,1852	67	None

Present rate of pay	Details of annual pay for last five years		Average annual pay for last five years.	Rate of retired pay recommended per annum in event of retirement.
$612. p.a.	$552 p.a.	Nov.1,1914 to Jan.4,1919.....$2813.80	$ 562.04	$421.53
	612 "	Jan. 10,1919 to Oct.31,1919..... 496.40		
		Close Nov 8/19 $2810.20		

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. SEP 30 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Sept. 29, 1919.

LIGHT OCT 3 1919 HOUSES

Subject: 3rd Supt's. ind. Sept. 11, 1919, re James H. Wiest's appl. for retirement, etc.

1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. This man is a keeper of lighthouses (not a laborer in charge) and it is not understood why, under the law, he is not thus entitled to retirement, as in the case of all other keepers when all provisions of the law shall have been complied with.

2. Submit further report and recommendation at an early date. In the meantime no action will be taken on your form 93 of Sept. 26, 1919, transmitting in effect the resignation of Wiest on account of the impression received by him from you that he is not entitled to retirement under the law. Wiest should remain in employment until his case is settled. Include in your report for consideration in the Bureau the usual information required to be furnished when cases are submitted for retirement.

3. Be guided accordingly.

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Acting Commissioner.

FWO-JSW

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Oct. 2, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. The opinion of this office that Mr. Wiest is not entitled to retirement is based on the interpretation of the Retirement Law, which provides that retirement shall not apply to persons in the field service whose duties do not require substantially all their time, and recommendation was therefore made accordingly in connection with Mr. Wiest's application. As stated in endorsement September 11th, it is not necessary for the keeper of the Danskammer Light Station to devote his entire time to the care and maintenance of the station.

2. The usual data concerning Mr. Wiest's service is enclosed.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Enclosure.

1st Asst. Superintendent.

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 3 1919 JHB

Name	Position	Entered Light house Service	Years Empl. to October 31,1919.	Date of birth	age	Years actual service, Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.
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Over 30 yrs. service

Present rate of pay	Details of annual pay for last five years			Average annual pay for last five years.	Rate of retired pay recommended per annum in event of retirement.
$612. p.a.	$552 p.a.	Nov. 1,1914 to Jan. 9,1919 (4 yrs. 2 mos. 1 da.)	2301.53 $2313.80	$562.04	$421.53
	612 "	Jan. 10,1919 to Oct. 31,1919 (9 mos. 21 das.)	508.30 496.40	561.97	#421.48 OK Clk
			#2809.83 $2810.20		

Close of Nov. 8, 1919

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 1 1918

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3d DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedar Cliff, N. Y.

October 30, 1918

1918 NOV 2 PM 3 23

SUBJECT: Reprimand on a.c condition of station.

You are informed that on an inspection of your station on October 27,1918 the station was found to be in poor condition; the outside paint being thick, cracked, and peeled off in places, and the canvas deck was found worn through owing to lack of paint.

You are hereby reprimanded for allowing your station to get in such a condition and for not properly painting same, and informed that unless conditions at your station are improved in the near future, more drastic action will have to be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your record in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 1 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 21, 1919.

M. James H. Wiest,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $552. per annum to $612. per annum, effective January 10, 1919, (including $60. per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Third District.

CARDED

ENTERED
FEB
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 1/13/19
IN FILE OF 646

C. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.
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Inclosures.

CHIEF CLERK

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1919 OCT 10 PM 2 46

October 8, 1919.

Subject: Letter, August 28, 1919, James H. Wiest, Keeper, Danskammer Point Light Station, retirement.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for decision as to whether or not Mr. Wiest is entitled to retirement under the Lighthouse Service retirement law. Attention is invited to the inclosed indorsements of September 11, and October 2, 1919, from the Third Superintendent in regard to this matter. From the inclosed correspondence it would appear that Wiest is not entitled to retirement.

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2. The return of the inclosed papers is requested when their purpose shall have been served.

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[signature]

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
ACTION TAKEN
OCT 15 1919
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.



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OCT 7 1916
MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN
HOUSES

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
8—4789-2

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)
Wiest, James Henry

2. Department:
Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:
3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:
Keeper

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

6. Annual earnings:
552

7. Kind of appropriation:
LS

8. Present rate of pay:
$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:
$ 450

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

Substitute— Years:	Substitute— Months:	Regular— Years:	Regular— Months:
	30		0

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

12. Race:
W

13. Sex:
Male

14. Date of birth—
Month:
April

Year:
1852

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:
E6

16. Marital condition:
M

17. War veteran?
No

18. Appointed from—
Congressional district and State:
20New York

County:
Orange

19. Civil service status:
C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:
AC

21. Place of employment—
City:
Danskammer Point L.Sta.
Cedarcliff

State:
New York

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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Form 111

Carded in the Disbursing Office

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES AUG 10 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF DISBURSING CLERK RECEIVED AUG 15 1912 DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, James H. Wiest,

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.

James H. Wiest
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 9th day of July, A. D. 1912,

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Caleb H. Banner

(Official title) Notary Public Orange County

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Keeper	$552. p.a.	Danskammer Point Lt.,N.Y.

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

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVED AUG 17 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville,N.Y. (Address) AUg.9,1912 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Aug.1,1912 (Date)

Formerly Keeper, Danskammer Point Lt.,N.Y.,at $46. per mo.

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Yates
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 1, 1912.

Mr. James H. Wiest,

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 Five Hundred and Fifty-two dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

Not to be reported to C. S. C.

(By change from $46 per month.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED JUL 2 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 8, 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

RECEIVED JUN 11 1912 LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Action proposed, Change in compensation.

Name, James H. Weist Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $552. per annum

Location, Danskammer Point Light, New York

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED JUN 27 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Effective July 1, 1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $46. per month

Location, Danskammer Point Light, New York

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, James H. Weist Services terminated, June 30, 1912

Reason, Change in compensation.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUN 21 1912

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

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED JUL 1 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

G. T. Putnam

~~Acting~~ Commissioner

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

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Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

JAN 2 1912 BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR JAN 4 1912

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

1. Name James H. Wiest,
2. Age 59 (Last birthday.)
3. Bureau Light Houses
4. Position Keeper Danskammer Point Lt. Sta., N.Y.
5. Compensation $46. P. M.
6. Where employed Danskammer Pt., N. Y.
7. When appointed (a) June 24, 1886 How appointed (b) Prior to classification
9. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified competitive
10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount None
12. Other Government service None
13. Duties (describe fully) Keeping light and fog signal, caring for building, cleaning, painting, etc.

Light is fixed white, Post Lantern, fog bell struck by machinery.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them None

COMMISSION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JAN 19 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	85	2	170
Quality of work	85	3	255
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255
Attendance		X	
Total		8 XX	680
Average percentage			85

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

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

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

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

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

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

20. Remarks: (e) None.

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

Oscar C. Ruthven
Asst. Superintendent

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

C. F. Pleasants
Commander U. S. N. Inspector

L. O. Parsons
Chief of Bureau or Office.

Commissioner

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAY 28 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Third Light-House District 2. Where employed Danskammer Point Light-Sta. New York.
3. Name James H. Wiest 4. Where born N.Y.
5. Age 57 yrs. 6. Position Keeper
7. Compensation $46. per mo. 8. When appointed (*a*) June 24, 1886.
9. How appointed (*b*) Prior.
10. Appointed from — State N.Y.; Congressional District 20.; County Orange
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None (card record)
14. Duties (describe fully) Operating a light and fog-signal and incidental duties connected therewith, including cleaning and painting the station.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 8.; Quality of work (*e*) Good.; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Good.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*)

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CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

C. Thomas.
Head of Bureau or Office.
Captain, U.S.Navy, Inspector.

May 20, 1909., 19

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Enclosures.

Form 111

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
APR 3 1909
NO. 2030

I, James H. Wiest

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

James H. Wiest

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of March, A. D. 1909,

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) Caleb H. Barnes

(Official title:) Notary Public

OFFICIAL TITLE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Keeper in the Light House Service.	Danskammer Point (N.Y.)	New York	New York

$46. per mo.

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 3rd. LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address.), April 2nd. 1909 (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 1st. 1909. (Date.)

(Signed:) C. Thomas.

Captain, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

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

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

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

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

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

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

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APR 6 - 1909
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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APR 6 1909
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

March 20, 1909.

Mr. James H. Wiest, of New York, is hereby appointed Keeper of Danskammer Point Light-Station, New York,, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Forty-six dollars per month, this appointment to be effective beginning March 1, 1909., he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice himself.)

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

(By promotion from $500 per annum.)

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dating Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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WIEST JAMES H. WIEST

Ret'd

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Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAY 28 1909
NO.

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

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10. Appointed from — State N.Y. / Congressional District 20, / County Orange
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12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service
14. Duties (describe fully) Operating a light and fog-signal and incidental duties connected therewith, including cleaning and painting the station.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 8, / Quality of work (*e*) Good, / Interest manifested in work (*f*) Good.
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17. Remarks (*g*)

C. Thomas.
Head of Bureau or Office.
Captain, U.S.Navy, Inspector.

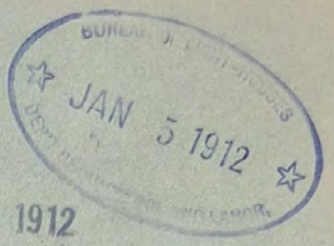
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Department of Commerce and Labor



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JAN 2 1912

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3. Bureau Light Houses 4. Position Keeper Danskammer Pt. Lt. Sta., N. Y.

5. Compensation $46. P. M. 6. Where employed Danskammer Pt., N. Y.

7. When appointed (*a*) June 24, 1886 How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification

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

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

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount None

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Keeping light and fog signal, caring for building, cleaning, painting, etc.
Light is fixed white, Post Lantern, fog bell struck by machinery.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them None

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	85	2	170
Quality of work	85	3	255
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255
Attendance		X	
Total		8 XX	680
Average percentage			85

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

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

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

Takes good interest

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

Salary right

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

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

20. Remarks: (e)

None.

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

Otis C. Luther
asst Superintendent

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

C S Sloan
Commander U. S. N., Inspector

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Chief of Bureau or Office.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 1, 1912.

Mr. James H. Wiest,

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 Five Hundred and Fifty-two dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By change from $46 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

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JEH-MAB.

Incl.

September 4, 1919.

Subject: Letter, Aug. 28, James H. West, keeper Danskammer Point Light Station, retirement.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for report and recommendation. Invite keeper's attention to Instructions to Employees, 1915, Par. 55, relative to forwarding correspondence through official superior. Return the attached letter to the Bureau with your reply.

Acting Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 15 1919

September 4, 1919.

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SCD. BOWERMAN, Acting Commissioner.

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Tompkinsville, N.Y., Sept. 11th, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. Danskammer Point Light Station consists of a minor light and a fog bell, and it is necessary for the Keeper to spend only a very small part of his time in the care and maintenance of the station.

2. The services of the Keeper at this Station have not been entirely satisfactory, as it has been necessary to caution him on several occasions as to the condition of the station. At the inspections of this station covering a period of about eight years, this Keeper has been found at the station only on one occasion, and in that instance he was asleep, and considerable trouble was experienced in awakening him.

3. As it is not necessary for the Keeper of this Light to devote his entire time to the care and maintenance of the station, it is not considered that he comes within the scope of the retirement act which is applicable to the employees of the Lighthouse Service, and action towards his retirement is not recommended.

4. Copy of letter to the Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station of this date is attached.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

September 11th, 1919.

James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedarcliff, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Retirement.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 28th, 1919 addressed to Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service, Washington, D.C.

1. In connection with your letter of August 28th, 1919 addressed to the Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service, Washington, D.C. relative to retirement your attention is invited to paragraph 55 of Instructions to Employees, of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915 which states that all correspondence on business of the Lighthouse Service whether addressed to persons within the service or outside the service shall be forwarded through the immediate official superior of the writer.

2. You are directed to see that these instructions are followed in the future.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKERELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

JEH-MAB.
Inclosures.

October 8, 1919.

Subject: Letter, August 28, 1919, James H. Wiest, Keeper, Danskammer Point Light Station, retirement.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for decision as to whether or not Mr. Wiest is entitled to retirement under the Lighthouse Service retirement law. Attention is invited to the inclosed indorsements of September 11, and October 2, 1919, from the Third Superintendent in regard to this matter. From the inclosed correspondence it would appear that Wiest is not entitled to retirement.

2. The return of the inclosed papers is requested when their purpose shall have been served.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's recommendation of the 8th instant transmitting correspondence from the Third Superintendent's Office relative to the question of eligibility for retirement in the case of James H. Wiest, Keeper of the Danskammer Point Light Station, New York.

The statement is noted that it appears that Mr. Wiest is not entitled to retirement in view of the fact that he is not required to devote his entire time to the care and maintenance of the station. In his letter dated August 28, 1919, Mr. Wiest states that in the summer-time it is necessary for him to devote not less than 10 hours a day to his work and in the winter as high as 14 to 15 hours a day. Before taking further action in the matter, the Department requests to be advised more fully in regard to Mr. Wiest's duties and the amount of time which the same require.

By direction of the Secretary:

E W Gilbey
Chief Clerk.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 16 1919

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, NY

~~For~~ reports ~~remarks~~ and return, for full recommendation with

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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

October 20th, 1919.

SUBJECT: Retirement of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement October 16th, 1919 forwarding Department letter of October 15th, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

As heretofore stated James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station uses only a slight portion of his time taking care of this light. During inspections made of this light station twice each year extending over a period of eight years, Mr. Wiest has been found at the light on only one occasion. The only work required of this keeper is to take care of the small structure, care for the post light and to start the fog bell in thick weather. Attention is invited to the fact that this light is not in commission during the winter and that there is only an average of 141 hours of fog during the year.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

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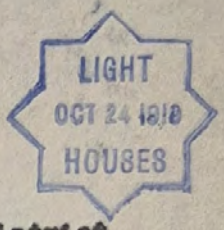
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
October 24, 1919.

SPECIAL

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Department letter of October 15. Inclosed is letter, dated Oct. 23, from the 3d Superintendent forwarding letter of October 22, from Mr. Wiest with reference to being relieved from duty; early action is, therefore, respectfully requested.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service



Third District
Danskammer Point
Oct. 22nd, 1919

Superintendent

I am writing these lines to inform you that my sickness that was the cause of my voluntary retirement from the service is daily growing worse and that it is positively necessary that I be relieved from duty as keeper at Danskammer Point Light Station.

I would respectfully inform you that I will try to serve the month out, and if my successor has not been appointed by then you will have to send some one to whom I can hand over the position.

As it is positively necessary that I have medical treatment which I cannot take while working.

I have a friend that has kindly offered to advance the $125 which it shall cost me as all I have is my months pay that is coming to me.

There is no one around here that I can get to take my place if I break down.

An early reply requested.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wiest

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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10/24/19 wrote 3 Instr.

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Oct. 22,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Retirement of James H.Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.
REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement Oct.16th, forwarding Department letter of Oct. 15th, and our endorsement Oct.20,1919.

1. Transmitted herewith is copy of letter, dated October 22,1919 received from James H. Wiest, keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, New York, in which he states he must be relieved as keeper by October 31,1919.

2. It is requested that this office be advised at the earliest possible date as to the action taken in regard to the matter of his retirement.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

JEH-MAB. October 24, 1919.

James H. Wiest.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

1. Referring to your letter of October 23, 1919, with reference to the retirement of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.

2. You are advised that your letter of October 20 has this date been submitted to the Department for consideration, together with your aforementioned letter of October 23, 1919. It is likely that this matter will be referred to the Solicitor by the Department for opinion as to whether Wiest is entitled to retirement under the law, and it is considered that Wiest should not be relieved of his duties as keeper until the Department shall have rendered a decision. You are, therefore, requested to inform Wiest that it is important that he remain in the Service until after this decision shall have been made.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON October 28, 1919.

11/6/19. ltr. to 2dgt. eg to 3d Supt.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 31 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

I do not care without further reflection to approve the recommendation in the matter of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.

I take it that the retirement law is to be interpreted in favor of the employee just as far as possible. It is not a law meant to be restricted to the smallest number practicable but to be extended to the largest number that can be reasonably brought within its scope.

I venture to think that this difference in viewpoint has been the cause of very serious complaint in connection with the War Risk Insurance Service and I do not desire that spirit to prevail here.

The question as to the amount of work the keeper does is settled by the pay he receives. Unless, therefore, the law is so specific that it expressly forbids retiring those circumstances as is the case now under discussion I should feel that he ought to have the benefits of retirement.

Please cause the matter to be reconsidered carefully.

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Secretary of Commerce.

Rec to 3d for further report Oct 28

Copy to Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
Oct. 29, 1919.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for further report and recommendation. Return this paper and attached memorandum to the Bureau with your reply.

Acting Commissioner.

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Sept. 29, 1919.

Subject: 3rd Supt's. ind. Sept. 11, 1919, re James H. Wiest's appl. for retirement, etc.

1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. This man is a keeper of lighthouses (not a laborer in charge) and it is not understood why, under the law, he is not thus entitled to retirement, as in the case of all other keepers when all provisions of the law shall have been complied with.

2. Submit further report and recommendation at an early date. In the meantime no action will be taken on your form 93 of Sept. 26, 1919, transmitting in effect the resignation of Wiest on account of the impression received by him from you that he is not entitled to retirement under the law. Wiest should remain in employment until his case is settled. Include in your report for consideration in the Bureau the usual information required to be furnished when cases are submitted for retirement.

3. Be guided accordingly.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Oct. 30,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Retirement, James H.Wiest, keeper, Danskammer Pt.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter October 24,1919.

1. Transmitted herewith, for the information of the Bureau, is copy of letter dated October 29th,1919, from James H.Wiest, keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, New York, relative to the matter of his retirement from the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

11/6/19, rec'd to Department, Cy to 3d Supt.

October 31st, 1919.

Rec to Dept see retire law all light house keepers entitled

SUBJECT: James H. Wiest.

REFERENCE: (a) Secretary of Commerce letter October 28th, 1919.
(b) Bureau endorsement October 29th, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. As all possible information has been furnished heretofore this office is unable to make any further report.

2. It is the desire of this office that the benefits of the Retirement Law be extended to all employees as far as the Retirement Act permits but under the terms of the act, this office did not consider that Mr. Wiest was entitled to retirement under same. If such, however, is the case, this office would recommend his retirement. It would appear however, that if Mr. Wiest is entitled to retirement practically all keepers in charge of minor lights and post lights would also be entitled to same and for future guidance this office requests to be advised just where the line is to be drawn between those who are entitled to retirement and those who are not.

J. T. YATES

Also advise 3rd that Bureau considers that employees designated as light keepers are in general entitled to retirement under the law, as they are entitled to subsistence allowance; (often refer to charge to laborer in charge, as heretofore proposed, who would not be entitled to subsistence or retirement presumably).

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

Nov. 6,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Retirement, James H.Wiest, Keeper, Danskammer Pt.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated Oct.30,1919.

1. Referring to correspondence relative to the matter of retirement of James H. Wiest, keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station; the attention of the Bureau is invited to the fact that Mr.Wiest stated in his letter of October 29,1919 that he would remain on duty until November 8,1919. It is therefore requested that, if possible, this office be advised by telegraph on or before November 8,1919, as to the action taken in reference to the matter of Mr.Wiest's retirement.

J. T. YATES.

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November 6, 1919.

Subject: 3d Supt's.letter, Oct. 31, 1919, James H. Wiest, retirement.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement to the Department, dated October 8, 1919, and to the Secretary's letter to the Bureau, dated October 28, 1919, on this subject. After further consideration of this case the Bureau recommends that Wiest, being a keeper, be retired in accordance with the provisions of the retirement law.

2. Inclosed is letter of October 30, from the 3d Superintendent transmitting letter of October 29, from Mr. Wiest; early action is, therefore, respectfully requested. Also inclosed is memorandum of the Appointment Division, dated October 27, 1919.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
November 6, 1919.

1.COPY to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for his information, guidance, and files. You will be further advised of Department action.

2. The Bureau considers that employees designated as light keepers are in general entitled to retirement under the law, as they are entitled to subsistence allowance. In this connection attention is invited to Bureau indorsement of January 8, 1919, with reference to changing the designation of keeper at Danskammer Point Light Station, and others, to that of laborer-in-charge under which the incumbents would not be entitled to subsistence or retirement presumably.

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Lane P.V. West.

Washington D C November 12 1919

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George N Y

Wiest Danskammer Point retired close November eight

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CONFIRMATION to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. Inclosed, for cancelation, is your Form 93, dated Sept. 26, 1919, transmitting Wiest's resignation; also inclosed is Department letter of November 11, 1919, notifying Wiest of his retirement. In case Wiest rendered service after Nov. 8, you are requested to submit appropriate recommendation as to amendment of effective date of retirement and of retired rate of pay.

Acting Comissioner

To Steuart 3:10 pm 11/12/19 DC

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 21, 1919.

Mr. James H. Wiest,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $552. per annum to $612. per annum, effective January 10, 1919, (including $60. per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Austin

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Third District.

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Dec.18,1923 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The Bureau is advised of the death ~~xHxxx

WJL:CFG

December 10, 1923.

Caleb H. Baumes,
54 Second Street,
Newburgh, N. Y.

SUBJECT : Salary check of James H. Wiest, deceased.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated December 7, 1923.

Sir:-

The salary check may be cashed upon filing therewith an attested copy of the letters of administration or a certificate of qualification as executor.

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

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CALEB H. BAUMES
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
54 SECOND STREET
NEWBURGH, NEW YORK

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December 7,
1923.

Superintendent of Light House Service Station,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. James H. Wiest, of Cedarcliff, N.Y., who was drawing a retired pension from your Department died here in the City of Newburgh, on the 30th day of November, 1923. A check to his order for $35.12, dated December 3rd, 1923, has just been received by his widow. She will be appointed Administratrix of his estate next Tuesday, the 11th.

I am wondering whether your check may be properly endorsed by the widow, as administratrix of the estate of her husband, James H. Wiest.

Will you be good enough to let me know by return mail just what course we shall pursue in this matter?

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Very truly yours,

Caleb H. Baumes,

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 19 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Dam Swamp Point, (Station.) October 18th, 1916

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted Two days of shore liberty or leave from October 23d to October 24th, inclusive, 1916. I have had No days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

J. H. Leonard (Name.), Cedars Cliff Orange Co N.Y. Box 25 (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

Cedars Cliff (Street or R. D. Route.) Orange Co. N.Y. (City.) (State.)

James H. Vreist (Applicant's signature.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

James H. Vreist
Keeper in charge.

Keeper (Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Oct. 19, 1916, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for two days, from Oct. 23 to Oct. 24, inclusive, 191 6.

Substitute must be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. T. YATES.

Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 8 A. M. Oct 23d, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 2 P. M. Oct 23d, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ~~One~~ 1/4 days.

Period charged: ~~Two~~ 1/4 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

James H. Vreist
Keeper in charge.

James H. Vreist (Applicant's signature.)

Keeper (Title.)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST.
OCT 19 1917
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Hans Kammer Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 18th, 1916

Inspector

I have been drawn as a Petit Jurror to serve at a term of Court at Goshen Ny beginning October 23d 10. a.m

I will have to appear at that time or in case of failure to appear will have to pay a fine of $25.00

Will ask the Judge to excuse me on account of my being in the L. H service and having no assistant also on account of my having which is defective

I have no doubt but he will excuse me and if excused I expect to be back home by 6 P.m of the 23d

Yours

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Gunpowder Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 21st, 1916

Supt

Turn over all the losses during my service of 33 yrs and over

Hoping the Enclosed report of Lost Property will be satisfactory.

I am very nervous today going to the City Hospital for treatment

My address after the 24th will be
214 Lincoln Pl. Brooklyn Ny
c/o A E Hoadley

Very Respectfully
James H Brett



Center Cliff NY
11-15-19

Capt

Henry Holmes presented his letter notifying me of his appointment as keeper in charge at the Watsteinum Point Light Station and he is now in charge of same

Fred

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JHG

James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedar Cliff, N. Y.

November 13,1919

Subject: Retirement.
REFERENCE: Previous correspondence re retirement.

1. You are advised that you have been placed on the retired list, effective at the close of November 8,1919. You will be given full particulars later as to the amount of your retirement pay, etc. Keep this office advised as to your address after you leave Danskammer Light Station.

2. Mr.Harry H. Lewis of Highland Falls, N. Y. has been selected to succeed you as keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, and has to-day been directed to report for duty at Danskammer Point at the earliest possible date. Upon his arrival you will turn over to him the station and all Government property for which you have been responsible, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 were sent you Oct.30,1919. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which you turn the station over to Mr.Lewis.

J. T. YATES.

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Washington D C November 12 1919

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George N Y

Wiest Danskammer Point retired close November eight

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Commissioner

Incls.

CONFIRMATION to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. Inclosed, for cancelation, is your Form 93, dated Sept. 26, 1919, transmitting Wiest's resignation; also inclosed is Department letter of November 11, 1919, notifying Wiest of his retirement. In case Wiest rendered service after Nov. 8, you are requested to submit appropriate recommendation as to amendment of effective date of retirement and of retired rate of pay.

Acting Commissioner

FILE COPY

JHG

Nov.13,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

SUBJECT: Position of Laborer in Charge of Danskammer Pt.Lt.
REFERENCE: Our letter Oct.27th, Bureau telegram Nov.12,1919.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated October 27, 1919 recommending the discontinuance of the position of keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, and the establishment of the position of Laborer in Charge of Danskammer Point Light Station, due to the proposed retirement of Keeper James Wiest.

2. As Bureau telegram of November 12,1919 stated Mr.Wiest had been retired, authority is requested for the employment of Harry H.Lewis as Laborer in Charge of Danskammer Point Light Station, effective November 14,1919, with pay at the rate of $660.00 per annum.

3. As the status of the case of Mr.Wiest necessitated delay in the matter of selecting a successor for the position, paragraph 463 of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service relative to obtaining prior authority from the Bureau in cases similar to this could not be complied with until after receipt of Bureau's telegram of Nov.12,1919 stating Mr.Wiest had been retired. The salary of this position is payable from the appropriation General Expenses Lighthouse Service, funds heretofore allotted.

J. T. YATES.

Form 1204

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST NOV 12 1919 RECEIVED COMPANY'S OFFICE NEW YORK, N.Y.

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November 11,1919

Sir:

In compliance with your request and in view of the fact that you have reached the age of 67 years, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and under the provision of Section 6 of the act approved June 20,1918, hereby retires you from active duty as keeper in the Lighthouse Service (3rd District), with retired pay at the rate of $421.48 per annum, effective at the close of November 8,1919.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. F. SWEET,

Acting Secretary of Commerce

Mr.James H. Wiest,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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November 11th, 1919.

James H.Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedar Cliff, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Resignation, etc.

REFERENCE: Your letter of October 29th and previous correspondence.

1. You are advised that decision in the matter of your application for retirement has not yet been received, but same is expected daily, and as soon as received, you will be relieved from duty and another person assigned to duty to care for the Danskammer Point Light.

For and in the absence of Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS

FILE COPY

JHG

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Nov. 6,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Retirement, James H.Wiest, Keeper, Danskammer Pt.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated Oct.30,1919.

1. Referring to correspondence relative to the matter of retirement of James H. Wiest, keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station; the attention of the Bureau is invited to the fact that Mr.Wiest stated in his letter of October 29,1919 that he would remain on duty until November 8,1919. It is therefore requested that, if possible, this office be advised by telegraph on or before November 8,1919, as to the action taken in reference to the matter of Mr.Wiest's retirement.

J. T. YATES.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON November 6, 1919.

U.S. LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT NOV 7 19 R. TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Subject: 3d Supt's.letter, Oct. 31, 1919, James H. Wiest, retirement.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement to the Department, dated October 8, 1919, and to the Secretary's letter to the Bureau, dated October 28, 1919, on this subject. After further consideration of this case the Bureau recommends that Wiest, being a keeper, be retired in accordance with the provisions of the retirement law.

2. Inclosed is letter of October 30, from the 3d Superintendent transmitting letter of October 29, from Mr. Wiest; early action is, therefore, respectfully requested. Also inclosed is memorandum of the Appointment Division, dated October 27, 1919.

(Sgd.).

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JMH. Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
November 6, 1919.

1.COPY to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for his information, guidance, and riles. You will be further advised of Department action.

2. The Bureau considers that employees designated as light keepers are in general entitled to retirement under the law, as they are entitled to subsistence allowance. In this connection attention is invited to Bureau indorsement of January 8, 1919, with reference to changing the designation of keeper at Danskammer Point Light Station, and others, to that of laborer-in-charge under which the incumbents would not be entitled to subsistence or retirement presumably.

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FILE COPY

JTY:SS

October 31st, 1919.

SUBJECT: James H. Wiest.

REFERENCE: (a) Secretary of Commerce letter October 28th, 1919.
(b) Bureau endorsement October 29th, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. As all possible information has been furnished heretofore this office is unable to make any further report.

2. It is the desire of this office that the benefits of the Retirement Law be extended to all employees as far as the Retirement Act permits but under the terms of the act, this office did not consider that Mr. Wiest was entitled to retirement under same. If such, however, is the case, this office would recommend his retirement. It would appear however, that if Mr. Wiest is entitled to retirement practically all keepers in charge of minor lights and post lights would also be entitled to same and for future guidance this office requests to be advised just where the line is to be drawn between those who are entitled to retirement and those who are not.

J. T. YATES

FILE COPY

JHG

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Oct. 30,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Retirement, James H.Wiest, keeper, Danskammer Pt.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter October 24,1919.

1. Transmitted herewith, for the information of the Bureau, is copy of letter dated October 29th,1919, from James H.Wiest, keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, New York, relative to the matter of his retirement from the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES.

FILE COPY

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Danskammer Point

October 29,1919

Superintendent;

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst.would inform you that I had the Dr. call to-day and that he said I was in a weak nervous state and he advised me to take a good long rest with proper medical care and to do so at my earliest opportunity.

In regards to remaining in the service until the authorities at Washington decide on whether I shall be pensioned or not, I make the following proposal that I stay till the 8th of Nov. provided I am able to get to and from my work until that time and if I break down before then I will notify you at once by telephone.

It seems to me that Washington can make their decision by that time and I am hoping and praying it will be in my favor if it is ~~unfa~~ adverse to me ~~for~~ ~~when~~ then the outlook for the future ~~is~~ is dark and gloomy.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Bronstommer Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 29, 1919

Superintendent

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst would inform you that I had the Dr. call today and that he said I was in a run down nervous state and he advised me to take a good long rest with proper medical care and to do so at my earliest opportunity.

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It seems to me that Washington can make their decision by that time and I am hoping and praying it will be in my favor if it is adverse to me then the outlook for the future is dark and gloomy.

Yours

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Secretary
Washington

October 28th, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

I do not care without further reflection to approve the recommendation in the matter of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.

I take it that the retirement law is to be interpreted in favor of the employee just as far as possible. It is not a law meant to be restricted to the smallest number practicable but to be extended to the largest number that can be reasonably brought within its scope.

I venture to think that this difference in viewpoint has been the cause of very serious complaint in connection with the War Risk Insurance Service and I do not desire that spirit to prevail here.

The question as to the amount of work the keeper does is settled by the pay he receives. Unless, therefore, the law is so specific that it expressly forbids retiring those circumstanced as is the case now under discussion I should feel that he ought to have the benefits of retirement.

Please cause the matter to be reconsidered.

(SGD) William C. Redfield.

Secretary of Commerce.

Copy to Chief of Appointment Division.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, DC
October 29th, 1919.

Encs.
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Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville N.Y. for further report and recommendation. Return this paper and attached memorandum to the Bureau with your reply.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

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COPY:SS

October 27th, 1919.

Memorandum for the Secretary:
(Through the Solicitor)

Attached hereto is correspondence from the Commissioner of Lighthouses relative to the application of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, New York, for retirement.

Mr. Wiest was advised by the Lighthouse Superintendent at Tompkinsville on December 9th, 1918, and July 24th, 1919 that the Retirement Law does not apply to persons whose duties do not require substantially all of their time. Mr. Wiest claims that in the summer time it is necessary for him to devote not less than ten hours a day to his work, and in the winter-time as high as fourteen to fifteen hours a day. The Superintendent states, however, that Mr. Wiest uses only a slight portion of his time taking care of the light; that during inspections made of this light station twice each year extending over a period of eight years, Mr. Wiest has been found at the light on only one occasion and that the only work required of this keeper is to take care of the small structure, care for the post light and to start the fog bell in thick weather. The Superintendent states further that this light is not in commission during the winter and that there is only an average of 141 hours of fog during the year.

It would appear from the foregoing that Mr. Wiest is not eligible for retirement, and it is recommended that the Commissioner of Lighthouses be authorized to advise him accordingly.

(SGD) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division

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Inclosure 658

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October 27,1919

James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedar Cliff, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct. 22,1919.

1. This office has been advised that the matter of your application for retirement is before the proper authorities at Washington for decision as to whether or not you are entitled to retirement under the law, and we have been requested to advise you that it is important that you remain in the position as keeper of Danskammer Point Light until a decision has been rendered in the matter. Advise this office by return mail whether you will be able to continue with your duties until the question of your retirement has been settled.

J. T. YATES.

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses
and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1919.

U.S. LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 25 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

James H. Wiest.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

1. Referring to your letter of October 23, 1919, with reference to the retirement of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.

2. You are advised that your letter of October 20 has this date been submitted to the Department for consideration, together with your aforementioned letter of October 23, 1919. It is likely that this matter will be referred to the Solicitor by the Department for opinion as to whether Wiest is entitled to retirement under the law, and it is considered that Wiest should not be relieved of his duties as keeper until the Department shall have rendered a decision. You are, therefore, requested to inform Wiest that it is important that he remain in the Service until after this decision shall have been made.

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Oct. 23,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Retirement of James H.Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement Oct.16th, forwarding Department letter of Oct. 15th, and our endorsement Oct.20,1919.

1. Transmitted herewith is copy of letter, dated October 22,1919 received from James H. Wiest, keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, New York, in which he states he must be relieved as keeper by October 31,1919.

2. It is requested that this office be advised at the earliest possible date as to the action taken in regard to the matter of his retirement.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
OCT
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Wms Kammer Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 22d, 1919

Superintendent

I am writing these lines to inform you that my sickness that was the cause of my voluntary retirement from the service is daily growing worse and that it is positively necessary that I be relieved from duty as Keeper at Wms Kammer Point Light Station

I would Respectfully inform you that I will try to serve the month out and if my successor has not been appointed by then you will have to send some one to whom I can turn over the position.

As it is positively necessary that I have medical treatment which I can not take while working

I have a friend that has kindly offered to advance the $125.00 which it will cost me. As all I have is my months pay that is coming to me

There is no one around here that I can get to take my place if I take down

An early reply requested

Very Respectfully

Niel X

FILE COPY

JTY:SS

October 20th, 1919.

SUBJECT: Retirement of James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement October 16th, 1919 forwarding Department letter of October 15th, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

As heretofore stated James H. Wiest, Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station uses only a slight portion of his time taking care of this light. During inspections made of this light station twice each year extending over a period of eight years, Mr. Wiest has been found at the light on only one occasion. The only work required of this keeper is to take care of the small structure, care for the post light and to start the fog bell in thick weather. Attention is invited to the fact that this light is not in commission during the winter and that there is only an average of 141 hours of fog during the year.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Hans Kammen Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 17th, 1919

Supt

In reply to your letter of Oct 16th I have to advise you that I have not found any body yet who is satisfactory for the position of Keeper of Hans Kammen Point Light Station

Mr Gerard of Whale Point called here on Oct 10th and made inquiries about this position I told him where the light was and he asked me if I had to stay there nights and I answered yes. His reply was that as he could not take it for $200.00 a month

There has been no other application for the. I gave the application forms to the P.M at Baker City PO.

If I may presume to I would advise sending some of the application forms to the P.M at Hardboro PO by to give out as this is quite a number of young men in this place and some one of them may apply for the position.

Sent April

I hope some one will soon take it as my nerves are in a terrible state most of the time

Yours
Frank

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James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedar Cliff, N. Y.

Oct. 16,1919

SUBJECT: New keeper for Danskammer Point Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated October 2,1919.

1. Advise this office by return mail as to whether or not you have as yet found anybody who is interested in the position of Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station. If so, give the name and address of the party referred to. Also let us know to whom you delivered the application blanks to, which were sent to you with previous letter.

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COPY: SS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

October 15th, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's recommendation of the 8th instant transmitting correspondence from the Third Superintendent's Office relative to the question of eligibility for retirement in the case of James H. Wiest, Keeper of the Danskammer Point Light Station, New York.

The statement is noted that it appears that Mr. Wiest is not entitled to retirement in view of the fact that he is not required to devote his entire time to the care and maintenance of the station. In his letter dated August 28th, 1919, Mr. Wiest states that in the summer-time it is necessary for him to devote not less than 10 hours a day to his work and in the winter as high as 14 to 15 hours a day. Before taking further action in the matter, the Department requests to be advised more fully in regard to Mr. Wiest's duties and the amount of time which the same require.

By direction of the Secretary:

E. W. Sibbey
Chief Clerk.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
October 16th, 1919.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
for full report and return with recommendation.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

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Harry H Lewis

James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedar Cliff, N. Y.

Oct. 2,1919

SUBJECT: Resignation,

1. Up to the present time a successor to take your place as keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, has not been appointed, and it will therefore be necessary to ask that you continue to care for the station until further notice. Action on your resignation will be held in abeyance by the authorities at Washington until arrangements are made to relieve you.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

Nov 14-19

Last day Wiest 11-8-19

note new title of position & new rate of pay

Paid from Salaries L+H Kprs

(7d)

FWO-JSW Tompkinsville, N.Y., Oct. 2, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. The opinion of this office that Mr. Wiest is not entitled to retirement is based on the interpretation of the Retirement Law, which provides that retirement shall not apply to persons in the field service whose duties do not require substantially all their time, and recommendation was therefore made accordingly in connection with Mr. Wiest's application. As stated in endorsement September 11th, it is not necessary for the keeper of the Danskammer Light Station to devote his entire time to the care and maintenance of the station.

2. The usual data concerning Mr. Wiest's service is enclosed.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

F W OCKENFELS
1st Asst. Superintendent.

Enclosure.

James H. Wiest

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Sept. 29, 1919.

Subject: 3rd Supt's. ind. Sept. 11, 1919, re James H. Wiest's appl. for retirement, etc.

1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. This man is a keeper of lighthouses (not a laborer in charge) and it is not understood why, under the law, he is not thus entitled to retirement, as in the case of all other keepers when all provisions of the law shall have been complied with.

2. Submit further report and recommendation at an early date. In the meantime no action will be taken on your form 93 of Sept. 26, 1919, transmitting in effect the resignation of Wiest on account of the impression received by him from you that he is not entitled to retirement under the law. Wiest should remain in employment until his case is settled. Include in your report for consideration in the Bureau the usual information required to be furnished when cases are submitted for retirement.

3. Be guided accordingly.

J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner.

FWO-JSW

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Oct. 2, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. The opinion of this office that Mr. Wiest is not entitled to retirement is based on the interpretation of the Retirement Law, which provides that retirement shall not apply to persons in the field service whose duties do not require substantially all their time, and recommendation was therefore made accordingly in connection with Mr. Wiest's application. As stated in endorsement September 11th, it is not necessary for the keeper of the Danskammer Light Station to devote his entire time to the care and maintenance of the station.

2. The usual data concerning Mr. Wiest's service is enclosed.

F W OCKENFELS
1st Asst. Superintendent.

Enclosure.

Last day Nov 8-1919

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

JHG

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1919, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, James H. Wiest — Position, Keeper

Legal residence, New York — Station, Dunskammer Point Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $612.00 *per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Oct.10,1919

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

Remarks:

*Includes longevity pay of $60 per annum.

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Mess

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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LIGHT SEP 29 1919 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1919, 191

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J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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FILE COPY

JHG

September 25,1919

James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedar Cliff, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter dated September 24,1919.

1. Your letter dated September 24,1919 resigning your position as keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of October 10,1919.

2. If you know of anyone who resides in the vicinity of Danskammer Point light who is reliable and capable and you can recommend for the position of keeper of this light, have them fill out one of the enclosed application blanks and forward same to this office at the earliest possible date. Forward to this office the name and address of those to whom you give the applications.

J. T. YATES.

Danskammer Point Lighthouse Station

September 24th 1919.

Mr. J. T. Yates,

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I hereby present my voluntary retirement as Keeper of the Danskammer Point Lighthouse Station.

I respectfully request that my successor be named, if possible, by the 10th day of October, 1919.

This voluntary retirement is compelled and made

Danskammer Point Lighthouse Station

September 24th 1919.

Mr. J. T. Yates,

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I hereby present my voluntary retirement as Keeper of the Danskammer Point Lighthouse Station.

I respectfully request that my successor be named, if possible, by the 10th day of October, 1919.

This voluntary retirement is compelled and made necessary by reason of my present condition of health. I must have immediate medical attendance and am not able to longer discharge the duties of my position.

Respectfully yours,

James H Heath Keeper

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Danskammer Point Lighthouse Station

September 24th, 1919

Mr. J. T. Yates

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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I respectfully request that my successor be named, if possible, by the 10th day of October, 1919.

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Respectfully yours,

James H. Wiest,

Keeper.

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WJL:SS

September 11th, 1919.

James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedarcliff, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Retirement.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 28th, 1919 addressed to Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service, Washington, D.C.

1. In connection with your letter of August 28th, 1919 addressed to the Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service, Washington, D.C. relative to retirement your attention is invited to paragraph 55 of Instructions to Employees, of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915 which states that all correspondence on business of the Lighthouse Service whether addressed to persons within the service or outside the service shall be forwarded through the immediate official superior of the writer.

2. You are directed to see that these instructions are followed in the future.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

(COPY)

JEH-MAB.

Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 4, 1919.

Subject: Letter, Aug. 28, James H. West, keeper Danskammer Point Light Station, retirement.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for report and recommendation. Invite keeper's attention to Instructions to Employees, 1915, Par. 55, relative to forwarding correspondence through official superior. Return the attached letter to the Bureau with your reply.

(Signed) *H. B. Bowerman.*

Acting Commissioner

FWO/EJC.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Sept. 11th, 1919.

Returned to Commissioner:

1. Danskammer Point Light Station consists of a minor light and a fog bell, and it is necessary for the Keeper to spend only a very small part of his time in the care and maintenance of the station.

2. The services of the Keeper at this Station have not been entirely satisfactory, as it has been necessary to caution him on several occasions as to the condition of the station. At the inspections of this station covering a period of about eight years, this Keeper has been found at the station only on one occasion, and in that instance he was asleep, and considerable trouble was experienced in awakening him.

3. As it is not necessary for the Keeper of this Light to devote his entire time to the care and maintenance of the station, it is not considered that he comes within the scope of the retirement act which is applicable to the employees of the Lighthouse Service, and action towards his retirement is not recommended.

4. Copy of letter to the Keeper of Danskammer Point Light Station of this date is attached.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

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Newburgh, N.Y., August 28, 1919.

Dept. of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

I have been the Keeper of the Danskammer Point Lighthouse Station since July 1st, 1886. My home is one and one-half miles from the Lighthouse and I have no assistance and have to attend to all the duties of the position myself. In the Summertime it is necessary for me to devote not less than ten hours a day to the work and in the Wintertime as high as fourteen to fifteen hours a day.

On Dec. 2, 1918, I applied for retirement but was informed by the Supt. of Lighthouses that I was not eligible to retirement and he quoted me Section "6" of the Retirement Law on the subject.

On July 21st, 1919 I called at his office at Tompkinsville, N.Y. and the man to whom I was referred stated to me that I would receive a letter on the subject in a few days. When that letter came it was to the effect that I was not eligible for retirement because my duties did not require substantially all of my time. During this month I again wrote and on August 18th received a letter of which the following is a copy:

> "As previously advised you in letters of Dec. 9, 1918 and July 24, 1919, the Retirement Law of the Lighthouse Service does not apply to persons whose duties do not require substantially all of their time, and it will therefore not be possible to take any action toward your retirement."

Since the month of March, 1918, I have been off duty only three times and it certainly seems to me that I have not only devoted substantially all of my time to the duties of my position, but that it has been necessary to do so. It was necessary first because I had no helper and no assistant whatever, and secondly because of my residing one and one-half miles from the lighthouse station.

I respectfully submit that under the circumstances I should not be refused retirement upon the grounds stated in Mr. Yates letter of Aug. 18, 1919 above quoted.

I further respectfully request your Board to give further consideration to my application as I feel that it only just that my application for retirement should be granted.

The condition of my health is such that I must give up the position.

Respectfully yours,
Signed-James H. West, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station.

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LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE
3d DIST.
AUG 18 1919
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Danskammer Point Light Station,
August 16 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of July 24th with regard to my retirement.

My condition of health is such at this moment that I must go under an operation and have treatment for several weeks. I am subject to attacks three or four times a week and it is absolutely impossible for me to continue to perform my duties.

Will you therefore, please let me know at once by return mail whether or not I may be retired under the Retirement Law pertaining to employees of the Lighthouse Service?

Thanking you in advance for an immediate reply, I remain,

Very truly yours,

James H. Keefer

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James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedar Cliff, N. Y.

August 18,1919

SUBJECT: Retirement.
REFERENCE: Your letter August 16,1919.

1. As previously advised you in letters of December 9,1918 and July 24,1919, the Retirement Law of the Lighthouse Service does not apply to persons whose duties do not require substantially all of their time, and it will therefore not be possible to take any action toward your retirement.

J. T. YATES

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James H. Wiest, Keeper,
Danskammer Point Light Station,
Cedar Cliff, N. Y.

July 24,1919

SUBJECT: Retirement.

1. Referring to your call at this office on July 21,1919 in reference to the matter of your retirement. As the Retirement Law pertaining to employees of the Lighthouse Service is applicable only to employees whose duties require that they devote all of their time to lighthouse work, and as your duties at Danskammer Point light does not require that you devote your full time to the position, it will not be possible to give consideration to the matter of placing you on the retired list under the Retirement Law applicable to the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JUL 17 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

REQUEST

Gibbs Hammock, Point, July 16th, 1919
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JUL 22 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

I respectfully request that I be granted 3 days of shore liberty or leave, from July 21st to July 23d, inclusive, 1919. I have had 10 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Harvey W. Wrest, Gibbs Light Tompkins Co. N.Y.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

214 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

James H. Wrest
Keeper in charge.

James H. Wrest
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, July 18, 1919, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for three days, from July 21st to July 23rd, inclusive, 1919.

Substitute must be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. T. YATES.

~~xxxxxx~~, Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 8 a.m. July 21st, 1919.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 4 p.m. July 23d, 1919.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 2 1/3 days.

Period charged: 2 1/3 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

James H. Wrest
Keeper in charge.

James H. Wrest
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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James H. Wiest, Keeper, October 30,1918

Dunskammer Point Light Station,

Cedar Cliff, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Reprimand on a.c condition of station.

You are informed that on an inspection of your station on October 27,1918 the station was found to be in poor condition; the outside paint being thick, cracked, and peeled off in places, and the canvas deck was found worn through owing to lack of paint.

You are hereby reprimanded for allowing your station to get in such a condition and for not properly painting same, and informed that unless conditions at your station are improved in the near future, more drastic action will have to be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your record in the Lighthouse Service.

[illegible] T. YATES.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

J. T. YATES.

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY. FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS. 8—4789-2

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.) Wiest, James Henry

2. Department: Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service: 3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position: Keeper

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

6. Annual earnings: $ 48

7. Kind of appropriation: LS

8. Present rate of pay: 552

9. Initial rate of pay: 450

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

Substitute— Years:	Months:	Regular— Years:	Months:
		30	0

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

12. Sex: Male

13. Date of birth— Month: April Year: 1852

14. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken: None

15. Marital condition: M

16. War veteran? No

17. Appointed from— Congressional district and State: 20New York County: Orange

18. Civil service status: C

19. Method by which classified status was obtained: C

20. Place of employment— City: Danskammer Point L.Sta. Cedarcliff State: New York

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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Department of Commerce

August 24, 1916.

ent of Commerce:

ain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in connection with the preparation of estimates of the probable cost of retirement of civil s of the probable cost of retirement of civil rtment requests that you give to the best of nd return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist. st practicable date. Please give this matter

E. F. Sweet

Acting Secretary.

cial hours:

ved from the Government during the year ended f in service less than one year, state number and total amount of compensation received,

civil establishment of the United States. If

	From (date)	To (date)

ntry into the Government service: $ 450.00

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None

None

None

usiness, political science, technical, etc.)

Degrees taken None

7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) Married.

8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement None. If none so state .

9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged. Congressional District, 26; State, New York; County, Orange.

10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, . Non-competitive examination, . Individual Executive order specifying you by name, Yes. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, . Classified by Act of Congress, . Reinstated under individual Executive order, . Reinstated under blanket Executive order, . Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, . Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, .

Form A.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

Department of Commerce



August 24, 1916.

To Officers and Employees of the Department of Commerce:

In order to be able to furnish certain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in connection with the preparation of estimates of the probable cost of retirement of civil employees of the United States, the Department requests that you give to the best of your ability the following information and return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist. at the earliest practicable date. Please give this matter immediate attention.

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

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1. Name: James H Wiesh
2. Character of your work during official hours: _____
3. Total amount of compensation received from the Government during the year ended June 30, 1916; $ 661.66. If in service less than one year, state number of months served, _____, and total amount of compensation received, $ _____.
4. Service in any other department or civil establishment of the United States. If none, so state.

Department or establishment	Bureau	From (date)	To (date)
None			

5. Rate of compensation at original entry into the Government service: $ 450.00.
6. Educational training:
   Elementary school, years 6
   High school, years None
   College or University, years None
   Special courses of study, [redacted] None
   (e.g. law, architecture, business, political science, technical, etc.)
   Degrees taken None
7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) Married.
8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement None. If none so state _____.
9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged.
   Congressional District, 26; State, New York; County, Oswego.
10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, _____. Non-competitive examination, _____. Individual Executive order specifying you by name, Yes. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, _____. Classified by Act of Congress, _____. Reinstated under individual Executive order, _____. Reinstated under blanket Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, _____.

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Here July 21-19 – wants to return if Doc permits, on account of health. Says now been well since struck by lightning in July 1914 –

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Looking & let me know, so can advise him

JHW 7/21

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 8, 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Change in compensation.

Name, James H. Weist Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $552. per annum

Location, Danskammer Point Light, New York

Effective July 1, 1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $46. per month

Location, Danskammer Point Light, New York

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, James H. Weist Services terminated, June 30, 1912

Reason, Change in compensation.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"

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Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

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Form 95 3065 LETTER TRANSMITTING OATH OR PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

J.A.S.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Copy.

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 3rd L. H. DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

April 2nd, 1909.
(DATE)

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I have the honor to inclose herewith, properly filled out, the oath ~~and personal question sheet~~ of James H. Wiest
(STATE CORRECT NAME OF APPOINTEE)
who was appointed Keeper in the Light House Service
(STATE OFFICIAL TITLE HERE)
at Danskammer Point Light Station (N.Y.)
(STATE OFFICIAL NAME OF AID HERE)
by Department letter of March 20, 1909. Mr. Wiest
(DATE)
actually entered on duty under this appointment on March 1st, 1909.
(DATE)

Oath of office dated,
Mar, 27, 1909.

Respectfully,

C. O'Shiman.

Captain, U.S.Navy,

Inspector.

Strike out "Personal question sheet" if one has already been furnished.

Oaths and personal question sheets should be sent to this Office for transmission to the Department at the earliest practicable date.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

March 20, 1909.

Mr. James H. Wiest, of New York, is hereby appointed Keeper of Danskammer Point Light-Station, New York, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Forty-six dollars per month, this appointment to be effective beginning March 1, 1909, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice himself.)

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

(By promotion from $500 per annum.)

(Signed) Wm. R. Wheeler

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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The Light-House Board.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

RLM-NO. 806
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Office of the Inspector, 3rd L. H. Dist.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
March 13, 1909.
(Date)

The Light-House Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) James H. Wiest of (3) New York
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Danskammer Point Light-Station, Hudson River, N.Y.
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $ 500. per yr. to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Danskammer Point Light-Station, Hudson River, N.Y., at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $ 46. per mo., effective beginning (10) March 1, 1909. (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) (~~xxxx

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Name	Position	Entered Light house Service	Years Empl. to October 31,1919.	Date of birth	age	Years actual service, Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.
			Y M D			
James H.Wiest	Keeper, Danskammer Point Lt.Sta., N.Y.	July 1,1886	33 - 4 - 0	Apl.24,1852	67	None

Present rate of pay	Details of annual pay for last five years			Average annual pay for last five years.	Rate of retired pay recommended per annum in event of retirement.
$612. p.a.	$552 p.a.	Nov.1,1914 to Jan.*,1919.....	$2313.80	$ 562.04	$421.53
	612 "	Jan. 10,1919 to Oct.31,1919.....	496.40		
			$2810.20		

1909		#806 Wiest, James H.
3-13	1	Rec.promotion of - keeper Danskammer Pt.
3-20	2	Appt.of- keeper of Danskammer Pt.-original sent to-
4-2	3	Fwds.to Bd.- Oath Office, - keeper Danskammer Pt.Lt.