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Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Williams, Walter, A.		LA

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:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (LA)		
From: 1918	To: 1920	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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- Final Return:

Walter Albert Williams

Mr. Walter Albert Williams

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Louisiana

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Temp. - Pend. Elec. Keeper Head of Pairs, etc. La.	$16	L.H.	Sept. 17, 1918
" Increase " last	7 day served	" Nov. 21, 1918	Nov 4 1918
" Prob. "			Nov. 22, 1918
	Resigned	close Aug 31, 1919.	

INACTIVE

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., September 21, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

RECEIVED SEP 21 1918 U.S. LIGHTHOUSE BOARD

SEP 24 1918 2 PM LIGHTHOUSES

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Name, Walter Albert Williams. Legal residence, Louisiana.

CHIEF CLERK

Position, ~~Additional~~ Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $516 per annum.

Location, Head of Passes L.S., Head of Passes E.& W.Jetty Lts., and Depot Point and Franks Crossing Lights, Louisiana. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

1918 SEP 26 AM 11 16

Effective September 17, 1918, { the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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

Location, - - -

APPOINTMENTS

Rank on eligible list, - - Rating, - - Percentage, - - , Other eligibles considered:
No eligibles available.

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Previous incumbent, Nikola Magash. Services terminated, September 14, 1918.

Reason, Resigned. (not recd 9/26/18)

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at this station, Walter A. Williams was assigned to duty on September 17, 1918. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. This nomination is made to fill the lowest rated position at this station, in accordance with Department letter of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service ~~Commission~~, September 21, 1918

9/26/18 OK

TEMPORARY

Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 25 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 27 10

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H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1918.

Mr. Walter Albert Williams,
Through
the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective September 17, 1918.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

By direction of the Secretary:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION SEP 27 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation:
Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice:
Nikola Magash,
Legal Residence:
Louisiana.

11—1393

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Walter A. Williams,

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.

Walter A. Williams
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 19 day of October, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) George W. Delesdernier

(Official title) Justice of Peace

My commission expires april 30 1920

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper in the Light-house Service	$516 p.a.	Head of Passes Light Station, Head of Passes E. & W. Jetty Lts., and Depot Point and Franks Crossing Lights, Louisiana.
Former [5]	Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.		

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

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., October 21, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 17, 1918.
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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

11—944

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

Mr. Walter Albert Williams,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 56 per annum to $ 750 per annum, effective November 1, 1918., and to continue for a period not to exceed sixty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

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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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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NOV 21 1918

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NOMINATION

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

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LIGHT NOV 19 1918 HOUSES

New Orleans, La., (City.) November 15 (Date.) 1918.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Walter A. Williams

Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Salary, $516 per annum.

Location, Head of Passes L.S., Head of Passes E.& W. Jetty Lts., and Depot Point and Franks Crossing Lights, Louisiana.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective November 22, 1918, {[redacted], or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (temporary)

Former salary, $516 p.a.

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, etc., Louisiana.

Rank on eligible list, First Rating, Assistant Keeper Percentage, 84, Other eligibles considered:

Douglas Revet, FR; Rene L. Buras, C; Archie E. Fox, C.

Previous incumbent, Himself.

Services terminated, See remarks.

Reason, - - -

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Walter A. Williams was appointed temporary additional keeper Sep. 17, 1918, at above station, pending establishment of a register of eligibles. (Register established Oct. 23, 1918.) He has never served under any other branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are provided at this station for the families of the keepers. There is no suitable person in the Service who desires transfer to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, November 16, 1918

Wm. F. Beasley
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

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

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

NOV 19 1918

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Acting Commissioner

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN NOV 21 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 21, 1918.

Mr. Walter Albert Williams,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. ATKINSON

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Nearpoaf,ion

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

APPOINTMENTS JAN 3 1919

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT DEC 9 1918 HOUSES

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I, Walter A. Williams,

CHIEF CLERK

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.

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Walter A Williams

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 4 day of December, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) George W. Delesdernier

(Official title) Justice of the Peace

My commission expires April 30, 1920

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper in the Light-house Service (Probationary)	$780 p.a.	Head of Passes Light Station, Head of Passes E. and West Jetty Lts. and Depot Point and Franks Crossing Lights, Louisiana.
Former	Keeper in the L.H. Service (temporary)	$780 p.a.	do.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., December 6, 1918.

(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 22, 1918.

(Date)

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(Signature, followed by title)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHIEF CLERK

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

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LIGHT HOUSES DEC 14 1918

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APPOINTMENTS

Name of employee Walter A. Williams

1918 DEC PM

Designation Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service. *Compensation* $780 p.a.

Place of employment Head of Passes Light Station, etc., Louisiana.

Date of appointment:--Sep.27,1918, effective Sep.17,1918, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Last day served November 21, 1918.

APPOINTMENT ENTERED ON DEC 14 1918 BY MEMORANDUM DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED

Date December 11, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District
(*Official title.*)

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 24 1918

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

OCT 24 1918 9 21 AM

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

CHIEF CLERK

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

Mr Walter Albert Williams

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2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (**This should agree with signature to your oath of office.**) Mr Walter A. Williams

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Head of Passes L.S., etc., La. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

5. Compensation $516 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Without examination (temporary appointment).

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

Burrwood (City or town.) Louisiana (State or Territory.) Plaquemines (County.) ~~and~~ First (Congressional district.)

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9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Pilot Town Louisiana

12. When were you born? September (Month.) 24 (Day.) 1894 (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out American born

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14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs Josephine Williams (Name.) — (Number and street.)

Pilot Town (City or town.) Louisiana (State or Territory.)

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? no

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

no

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
none					

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

no

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
no			

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

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

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

Relationship (widow or orphan) none

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Oyster fishing laborer and hunting

24. 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.)

Forth grade publice school

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

none

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

none

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

yes

Date, September 20th, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Walter Albert Williams

P. O. Address: Pilot Town
City or town.
La.
Number and street.
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded October 21, 1918.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEMOTION~~

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LIGHT HOUSES AUG 21 1919 CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF ~~INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., August 19, 1919.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Walter A. Williams

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

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Legal residence, Louisiana.

Station, Head of Passes L.S., Head of Passes E.& W.Jetty Lts., and Depot Point and Franks Crossing Lights, Louisiana.

Salary, $780 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of August 31, 1919.

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

Remarks:

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED SECTION TWO AUG 27 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

AUG 22 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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E. C. Gillette

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

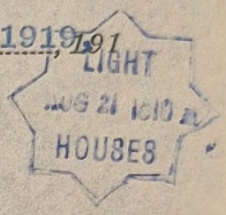
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Head of the Passes Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 15th. 1919.



Superintendent of Lighthouses

New Orleans. La,

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully wish to inform you that I would like to resign my Position as Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. which will take effect on August 31st, 1919, Hoping you will have a man to releave me on same date, wish to say my reason for resigning is to take a position in the U.S.Mail service ware I think I can better my self

Respectfully

Walter A. Williams
Assistant Keeper,

Albert Matulich,
Keeper,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1919.

M. Walter A. Williams,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on August 31, 1919.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service

Station..... Head of Passes L. S., etc., Louisiana.

Position..... Keeper

Salary..... $780 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 27 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

C/AS C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

8th District