LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Woods George M **DOB:** 1880

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In Reply Refer To: PRSD:DV Your Reference:

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Nadine A. Tugel
Curator
Battery Point Lighthouse
Box 396
Crescent City, California 95531

Dear Ms Tugel:

This responds further to your request, received here on October 5th, for information on former Crescent City Lighthouse "Keepers" (Charles Bruehl, Gust Benson and George M. Woods).

A special search was conducted by the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) and the records on the three keepers were located. Therefore, because proof of death was obtained from each individual's records, I have enclosed exact copies of all records retained in their OPF's.

I regret the delay in providing you the information. I trust the enclosed materials are helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Vernon
Personnel Records Specialist
Personnel Records and Systems Division
Personnel Systems and Oversight Group

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(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

1. DATE OF REQUEST: 10-5-87

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2a. NAME UNDER WHICH FORMERLY EMPLOYED FEDERALLY *(If different than Item 2)*:

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1930.

Mr. George M. Woods,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of misconduct and violation of the regulations of the Lighthouse Service having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper at $1620 per annum of St. George Reef Light Station, California, effective at the close of business on July 11, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

AUG 29 1930

J.E.Davidson
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

August 7th, 1930.

G. M. Woods - Charges.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is enclosed copy of District letter of July 8th to G.M. Woods, Second Assistant Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station, containing charges of misconduct on his part and suspending him from duty. A copy of charges was furnished a number of Lighthouse employees in this District, and a copy of Woods' reply to the charges and replies from the following lighthouse employees are enclosed:

July 10th Georges Roux, Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station.
July 10th Joseph R. Marhoffer, 1st Asst. Kpr. St. George Reef L.S.
July 10th, 1930, and Sept. 24th, 1929. Michael Dolan, 3rd Asst. Kpr., St. George Reef L.S.
July 12th T. G. Lewis, 2nd Asst. Kpr., Humboldt Bay F.S. & Lights. (Formerly employed at St. George Reef Light Station.)
July 11th James E. Dudley, 2nd Asst. Kpr., Point Loma Light Station. (Formerly employed at St. George Reef Light Station.)
July 17th Thomas Atkinson, 1st Asst. Kpr., Farallon Island L.S. (Formerly employed at St. George Reef Light Station.)
July 11th George C. Lee, Asst. Keeper, Point Hueneme Light Station. (Formerly employed at St. George Reef Light Station.)
July 12th J. E. Lind, retired keeper of Crescent City Light Station.
July 2nd G. W. Branch, District Machinist. Many years service.
July 11th, 1926. J.E. Lind, then Keeper of Crescent City Light Station.
Nov. 6th, 1928. Bert Wilmerton, Asst. Kpr. St. George Reef Light Station. Resigned, October 31st, 1928.
Apr. 7th Letter from Chief of Police at Crescent City regarding Woods' conduct.

2. For a number of years reports of misconduct on the part of Woods have reached the Superintendent, and a number of attempts have previously been made to obtain corroboratory evidence in support of verbal charges made against him, but usually without sufficient success to warrant removing him from the Service. Recently, however, sufficient additional evidence was received to warrant filing charges against Woods and suspending him from duty.

3. Since Woods entered the Service at St. George Reef Light Station in 1924, five keepers who have resigned from the station have all made verbal charges against Woods, but, with the exception of B.A. Wilmerton, have declined to submit written charges.

4. Of the eleven letters submitted by employees of this Service

relative to the charges against Woods, including the letter from ex-Keeper Wilmerton, dated November 6th, 1928, all but three of them offer proof of some or all of the charges filed against Woods.

5. The report by Georges Roux, Keeper ofthe station, fails to corroborate the charges against Woods, however, it may be stated that Roux is considerably addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors himself, and it is reported that he and Woods are frequently together in Crescent City indulging in the use of intoxicating liquors. It has been further reported that Roux has taken liquor to the station, although several searches made by the Superintendent at the station have failed to discover any liquor in his possession. On one of these occasions, however, the keeper who subsequently resigned, informed the Superintendent that at the time of his search the keeper and Woods had concealed a supply of liquor by sinking it in the cistern underneath the station, lanyards being made fast to the containers and secured to the floor in a position where they were not visible.

6. While Roux is himself a hard worker he is not a good disciplinarian, and his fondness for liquor and his use of it on shore, if not on the station, greatly affects his suitability as keeper of the station. On account of the difficulty, however, of obtaining qualified men who are willing to accept duty at this station it has so far been considered desirable to continue Roux in his present employment.

7. While the letter from Joseph R. Marhoffer, 1st Assistant Keeper, does not corroborate the charges against Woods, it may be stated that on at least two occasions he has verbally complained to the Superintendent of the conduct of Woods, and requested transfer from the station on the grounds that he could no longer serve with him. His report of July 10th relative to the charges is evidently inspired, and also indicates that he may have been intimidated by the fear of personal harm when submitting his report.

8. Marhoffer has also reported to Associate Engineer Jenkins of this District that Woods' conduct was most unsatisfactory.

9. The letter of July 10th from Michael Dolan, 3rd Assistant Keeper, in regard to these charges is in disagreement with frequent verbal reports made by him to the Superintendent in which he has charged Woods with being quarrelsome and abusive, and with even threatening his life. His report is also in conflict with his letter of September 24th, 1929, in which he charges that Woods was quarrelsome and had had trouble with other men arriving at the station subsequent to Dolan's employment. Michael Dolan himself is considered an unsatisfactory employee. He has been arrested on one or more occasions for misconduct in Crescent City, and on one occasion for a very serious criminal offense for which it is reported he was not convicted on account of being drunk and irresponsible at the time. He has

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also reported several sudden sicknesses while on leave at Crescent City which it is believed were due either directly or indirectly to over-indulgence in intoxicating liquors. It has been further reported by one keeper, but not confirmed, that Dolan's injury sustained at the station about a year ago when he fell down the stairway was due to his being intoxicated.

10. Following the receipt of the letter from Bert Wilmerton, former Assistant Keeper at the St. George Reef Station, of November 6th, 1928, an attempt was made to obtain corroboratory evidence, but without success. A letter addressed to the Sheriff of Del Norte County, who resides in Crescent City, was unanswered.

11. The town of Crescent City is notorious for its rather open violation of the Prohibition laws. It is reliably reported that liquor can easily be obtained at a dozen or more well-known resorts. Recently a large number of indictments were obtained by the Prohibition Enforcement forces against persons in Crescent City, but such action does not appear to have checked the sale of liquor at that place.

12. It is unfortunate for the Lighthouse Service that Crescent City is necessarily the base of supplies for the St. George Reef Light Station, and that it serves to debauch practically all of the keepers at the station when they are on shore liberty. This office proposes, if possible, to remove the remaining keepers now at the station who are addicted to the excessive use of liquor, either by dismissal or transfer, and, insofar as possible, to furnish keepers for this station who are not addicted to the use of liquor.

13. It appearing that the charges against Woods have been sufficiently proven, it is recommended that he be dismissed from the Service for misconduct, effective at the close of July 11th, 1930, Woods' suspension from duty without pay having commenced on July 12th, 1930.

14. It is hereby certified that section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations, will not be violated by the action recommended, and that Woods has not exceeded his accrued leave of absence.

In service approx. 6 years.

H. W. Rhodes.

8-16-30

Incl.
RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 14, 1930.
Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce recommending approval of paragraph 13, the Bureau concurring with the Superintendent that Mr. Woods' conduct has been prejudicial to the interest of the Service.

H. B. Bowerman
H. B. BOWERMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Chief Clerk

C O P Y - pmm

Saint George Reef,
July 10, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Answering your letter of July 8th, 1930 about George M. Wood'a, Assistant Keeper.

1. Wood's never did refuse to obey orders given by me, or 1st assistant when I am absent from station. He always execute work given to him readily and satisfactory. During the six years that man has been at the station I did find him an able and willing worker.

2. Wood's may have called down some men at the station. If so they probably deserved to be, because I know that some I had at this station are able to make anybody lose his temper. Anyway that did not amount to anything and have to be expected when five men are living for months or years altogether on an isolated station like St. George Reef.

3. About Wood's conduct and drunkeness at Crescent City. I never hear anybody complaining and when in occasion I was at Crescent City with him I did not see him drunk and he was ready to go back to station any time, also I did not see anything wrong with his private life. Everybody seem to like Wood's very well at C. City.

4. I never see him bring liquor to the station or be drunk when on duty, and during the six years that he was at the station he did not miss one day work or a night watch for intoxication or any other cause. I am perfectly satisfied with Wood's work and wish that every assistant sent to me were as satisfactory, able, and willing to work as I did find him. I don't know source of information, but it is a very poor way for any man to try to get revenge for a small grievance against somebody and try to give Keepers and station a bad reputation. I had three men for several years. The 1st assistant (10 years) 2nd assistant (6 years) 3rd assistant (3 years) myself 20 years - record unequaled by any station. If the place was so bad to get along nobody be willing to stay so long, specially at an isolated station.

Very respectfully,

/s/ Georges Roux

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Service

Saint George Reef
July 10, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Relative to copy of letter sent to me of charges against Mr. G. M. Woods, and directing me to submit in writing, a statement of my knowledge relative to any or all of these charges.

As (A) in refusing to obey and execute the orders of superiors, I ave never seen nor heard of him refusing to do as he was told by his superiors.

(B) Would say that we may have had our little quarrels, but that is natural in a place of this kind and I believe that it happens in all stations, from what I have gathered from different sources, as to cursing and trying to intimidate different keepers I am sure he hasn't. In fact I know he hasn't.

(C) As to this charge, will say that any time I have been in Crescent City with him he has always behaved himself as a gentleman, and not drunk, and has visited at my home many times. Also know that he stayed at the hotels there as I have been with him in his room many times and don't think he stayed with woman as you refer to and positive he did not bring any such woman to Crescent City.

(D) I have never seen him or any one else bring intoxicating liquor on the station, nor under the influence of while on duty, and that he has always done his duty and at no time has he refused or been unable to take his watch thru sickness or otherwise since he was appointed as a keeper at this station. I have been on this station for 6 years with Mr. Woods and have always found that he has done the work here as well or better than most of the keepers that have been here and made many improvements to the benefit of the station and the L. H. service and while I have been in charge of the Station in the absence of the keeper, have always found him a zealous worker in keeping the station in the best order, repairing the machinery and other station property, and in handling the boat and other equipment, and don't think a better man could be had for this place.as a good many men have come here with noknowledge of any equipment nor ever would learn it. This is a hard station and needs a man with the experience that such as Mr. Woods has, as he is an all around mechanic. and now is the time of year that such a man is needed here. I do not expect that I will be here myself very long as you know of my circumstances and expect you to transfer me in a short time and a good man is needed here and Mr. Woods certainly is the man for the place.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Joseph R. Marhoffer

1st. Assistant Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Saint George Reef.

July 10, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

With reference to the letter of charges against G. M. Woods, 2nd Assistant Keeper, directing me to submit a written statement relative to same, I write the following.

(A) I have never heard him disobey any orders of his superiors.

(B) When a new assistant is appointed here, I have heard Mr. Woods instruct him what to do, in the absence of Keeper, sometimes his temper would get the best of him, but not abusive to my idea.

(C) I have only been in Crescent City once with Mr. Woods and we stopped at the Swiss Hotel. I cannot say what he done at any other time he was ashore. To the best of my knowledge he did not bring a woman to Crescent City.

(D) I have never seen Mr. Woods bring any alcoholic liquors to the station, or see him under the influence of liquor while on the station.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Michael Dolan

3rd. Assistant.

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St. George Reef,
September 24, 1929.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In replying to your communication of the 9th Inst. inquiring about my personal reasons for requesting a transfer, are:

George Woods, 2nd Asst. is very disagreeable and quarrelsome, always in an argument, and issuing challenges to fight. He had trouble with every man that came here after I did.

I want no quarrel as I understand it is a case for dismissal. I am expecting to see some one hurt here. There is no man can stand being called a liar for no reason, when he knows he is right.

I have other business in San Francisco being so far away, and receiving mail so seldom make it very inconvenient at the same time will not interfere with the Lighthouse Service.

Trusting you will grant me a transfer, I am

Yours respectively,

Michael Dolan,
3rd Assistant.

P. S. Please use confidential.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Humboldt Bay Fog Signal Station

July 12, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
18th District, San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In obedience to orders in your letter of July eighth, I hereby submit the following facts that came to my knowledge bearing on the charges now brought against G.M. Woods, Second Assistant Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station.

(a) As far as I can recall, he obeyed the lawful orders of his superior, but wished to do things in his own way.

(b) He was quarrelsome and abusive to myself and the other keepers. He once told me that he would not need to call on the Keeper to settle things, that he could and would do that himself. He took advantage of the fact that new keepers wished to have no trouble.

(c) I have only the general public knowledge of his conduct in Crescent City and his relations with the woman in question. We were not on leave at the same time except once and then I saw nothing of him.

(d) I have no personal knowledge that he obtained liquor in Crescent City or that he transported same to St. George Reef Light Station.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) T. G. Lewis

T. G. Lewis, Second Assistant Keeper
Humboldt Bay Fog Signal and Lights,
Box 18, Eureka, Calif.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Service.

Point Loma, Calif.

July 11, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, Calif.

(Thru the Keeper)

Sir:

In reply to your request for information on the charges against Geo. M. Woods, 2nd Ass't. St. George Reef.

While I was on duty at that station Mr. Woods was an extremely hard drinker and on more than one occasion brought liquor out to the station.

Although I never heard him refuse duty he would talk himself out of one job to another more to his taste, mainly carpenter work.

He is extremely hard to get along with especially after he has been out of liquor for a week or more.

Of the woman I know nothing.

Respectfully,

(Signed) James E. Dudley

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Farallon Island Light Station

July 17, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 8th covering Mr. G. M. Woods.

On or about Oct. 26 1926, while helping Mr. Joe Marhoffer and Mr. Woods empty distillate at St. George Reef Light Station for a reason I do not know, Mr. Woods got mad and cursed and abused me. And gave Mr. Marhoffer orders to made me leave work.

Mr. Marhoffer did not obey his orders. Then Mr. Woods threatened me with bodily injuries. I continued to assist Mr. Murhoffer empty distillate. Mr. Woods refused to work in company with me and left work to be finished by Mr. Marhoffer and myself. I do not know of any intoxicating liquors being transported to St. George Reef Light Station.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Thomas Atkinson

1st Asst. Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Point Hueneme

July 11, 1930

To Superintendent of Lighthouses
18th District. Calif.

Sir:

In replying to recent communication from you I will answer your questions as follows:

As to (a) I know nothing except what was told to me.

(b) I have heard him being abusive to other keepers -- to me he was disagreeable but not abusive.

(c) Know nothing personally, but there is much unfavorable talk by the general public. As for the woman in question, the Marshall at Crescent City told me himself that he ordered her to leave town and she went, but she was back in Crescent City when I left there July 5, 1930.

(d) Have seen him under the influence of liquor and have seen liquor in his possession on the station. That is I suppose that it was liquor, not drinking myself could not swear to it.

Respectfully,

(Signed) George C. Lee

Asst. Keeper.

COPY--MW

Fort Dick, Cal/

July 12, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 8 1930, relating to charges of misconduct preferred against G. M. Woods, Assistant Keeper at St. George Reef.

I hereby respectfully beg to state that I have no personal knowledge of most of the charges preferred against him, but I know for a fact that he has been living with the woman mentioned in the complaint, as I Had to call on him on official business and found the woman with him. I also frequently seen him riding around the town in her company. I have also on several occasions met him in town and his breath smelled strongly of alcohol, as for the other charges I have no facts to present, only heresy, no doubt many times (weather permitting) they all stayed in town longer than the time alloted to them.

In conclusion I wish to state that sometimes I received a message by radio from the Rock, and I had a hard time to deliver it to Woods. He apparently for some reason kept away from me. So I am unable to state facts or have any personal knowledge of all the charges preferred against him but for the good of the Service I must say that Mr. Woods conduct has not been very good.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) J. E. Lind.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

July 2, 1930.

Capt. H. W. Rhodes
Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, California

In reply to your letter of July 8th, 1930 in which you request me to state in writing any knowledge I have of the various charges made against G. M. Woods. Second Assistant Keeper at St. George Reef Light Station.

My knowledge consists of information obtained from the various Assistant Keepers at St. George Reef Light Station and what I heard Mr. Wood say himself.

Mr. Dolan, Mr. Petersen and Mr. Lee, Assistant Keepers at the station told me that Mr. Wood was very foul mouthed man very quarrelsome and abusive and repeatedly cursed them and threatened them with bodily punishment. I myself heard Mr. Woods curse Mr. Peterson at the breakfast table on the morning of June 3, 1930.

Mr. Dolan told me that Mr. Wood had such a woman in Crescent City and Mr. Wood had borrowed money from him and has never paid the money back. Mr. Peterson told that Mr. Wood owed him considerable money. Mr. Dolan also told me that Mr. Woods borrowed considerable money from men in Crescent City and has failed to pay the money back. Mr. Peterson told he liked the station but said he could not stay there and take the abuse from Mr. Woods.

Mr. Lewis Second Assistant Keeper at Humboldt Bay Fog Signal Station also told me that Mr. Wood was very quarrelsome.

Respectfully,

(Signed) G. W. Branch

COPY:AP

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighteenth District
Crescent City Light Station.
July 11, 1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 9th, I hereby respectfully beg to report that personally I have no knowledge of anyone of the Keepers from St. George Reef habitually indulge in intoxicating liquors while in Crescent City. They do not visit me at this station but occasionally while on my way to the postoffice, I have met them but I have not seen anything wrong in their conduct, while in my presence, but I have heard rumors and personnally know that Mr. Woods are associating with parties which have a very bad reputation in Crescent City, as they have been up before the Courts for bootlegging and moonshining. He also took the same party (a Mr. Daly and party) to the rock for a visit; they called me up over the Radio when they landed on the rock. That was about the latter part of May or first part of June as near as I can remember, as I made no record of that incident.

That's the only specific information I am able to give.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Lind.

COPY:AP

November 6, 1928.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

1. As Geo. Woods rules the Light Station, a person is welcome there if they have a bottle of Jack-ass with them.

2. George Woods has a talent for making home-brew, also evidence of this can be found in the secret panel in back of his locker at the Light Station. In fact he is responsible for the intoxicated condition that Mike Dolan was in the day I took him (Dolan) ashore for medical attention.

3. His drunken activities ashore, and the bad debts he has there are a nice reflection on the Lighthouse Service.

4. He (with keeper's car and knowledge, as Keeper was along) brought a married woman, Mrs. Lee Collins (not divorced) from Seattle to Crescent City - lives with her as his wife. This is common knowledge to everyone there. Talk about him reached a point where everyone in Crescent City wonders how he holds his position at the Lighthouse.

5. The above are facts - can be substantiated - and they don't begin to cover him then.

(Signed) Bert Wilmerton.

N.B. Copy to Sheriff, Del Norte.
" " Prohibition Office.

C O P Y (SM 8/7/30)

CHIEF OF POLICE
Glenn Robinson, Chief.
Second St. between G & H

Crescent City, Calif.
April 7, 1930.

H. W. RHODES,

SAN FRANCISCO

CALIF.

DEAR SIR:

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF THE SECOND REGARDING G. M. WOODS OF THE ST. GEORGE REEF LIGHT STATION, MRS. COLLINS HAS AN APARTMENT HERE AND WOODS MAKES HIS HOME THERE WHEN ON SHORE WOODS DRINKS CONSIDERABLE BUT HAS NO POLICE RECORD APARTMENT IS IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN INVESTIGATION OF ALL ST. GEORGE REEF LIGHT STATION CREW ADVISABLE PERTAINING TO LIQUOR

YOURS VERY TRULY

Glenn D. Robinson,

Chief of Police.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

July 8, 1930.

G. M. Woods, Second Assistant Keeper,
St. George Reef Light Station.

1. Based upon information received by this office, you are hereby charged with misconduct and with violation of the regulations of the Lighthouse Service, as follows:

(a) That you have refused to obey readily and strictly and to execute with promptitude and zeal the lawful orders of your superiors.

(b) That you have been quarrelsome and abusive in your relations with other keepers at the St. George Reef Light Station, and that you have repeatedly cursed them and attempted to intimidate them by threatening them with bodily harm if they did not conduct themselves in a manner directed by you.

(c) That you have conducted yourself while ashore at Crescent City and elsewhere in such a manner as to bring disrepute upon the Lighthouse Service, in that you have notoriously and publicly been intoxicated while at Crescent City for days at a time, that you brought to Crescent City a notorious married woman and that you have for some time and to general public knowledge cohabited with her at Crescent City and elsewhere, and otherwise conducted yourself in such a manner as to bring the Lighthouse Service into disrepute with all law-abiding citizens.

(d) That you have obtained intoxicating liquors in Crescent City and elsewhere in violation of the law and that you have transported such liquors in violation of the law and of the Lighthouse regulations to the St. George Reef Light Station; that you have used such alcoholic liquors on the station and have been under the influence of intoxicating liquors while on the station.

2. You are hereby suspended from duty, pay and allowances in the Lighthouse Service pending a further investigation of these charges, and you are directed to submit in writing within three days from the date of receipt of these charges such reply as you desire to make. Pending action on these charges you will not be permitted to visit the St. George Reef Light Station except for the purpose of removing such personal effects as you may desire to remove from the station, and you are directed to furnish this office your mail address, either at Crescent City or elsewhere, in order that you may promptly receive all communications directed to you from this office.

3. You are hereby directed and warned not to interfere in any manner with any of the keepers attached to the St. George Reef Light Station pending

a further investigation of these charges, and any failure on your part to observe these instructions will be punished by the maximum penalties provided by law.

H. W. RHODES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Saint George Reef
July 10, 1930

Supt. Lighthouses
18th Dist.
San Francisco

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 8th:

A. I have never at any time refused to execute any orders or instructions of my superiors.

B. In the absence of the Keeper or 1st Asst. Keeper I have always tried to maintain the same standard of efficiency that they would require if either was present, but will say that with some help that has previously been attached to this station has been trying at times, but I do not feel that I have been abusive or try to intimidate them.

C. I do not feel that I have been guilty of misconduct in Crescent City or any other place at any time, and I did not bring a notorious married woman here, so tha general public is laboring under a false impression.

D. There have never to my knowledge been any intoxicating liquor been taken to this station and the 6 years that I have been here have never missed a single watch through sickness or otherwise.

I feel that I should ask you for your source of information for it is embarrassing to me for reports reaching your office regarding my conduct.

Mail will reach me at the below address pending your decision and if favorable will be ready to returnto my duties.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Geo. M. Woods
PO Box 20
Crescent City
Calif.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. George M. Woods,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

From: $1500

To: $1620

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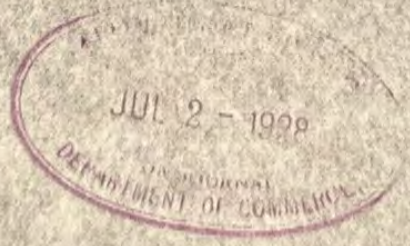

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 JAN 21 PM 12 13

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 23 1926
DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

January 16, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1926 JAN 22 PM 4 42

1. Referring to Department letter of December 30, 1925, notifying Mr. George M. Woods that his salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service had been changed from $1440.00 per annum to $1500.00 per annum, effective January 6, 1926, or as soon thereafter as he entered on duty.

2. The Bureau is advised that George M. Woods entered on duty as Second Assistant Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station with salary at the rate of $1500.00 per annum, effective on January 6, 1926.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Otter

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 22 1926
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1925.

F. M. George M. Woods,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1440 per annum to $1500 per annum, effective

January 6, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JAN - 8 1926
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, California, December 24th, 1925.
(City.) (Date.)

RECEIVED LIGHTHOUSES 1925 DEC 29 PM 12 01

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 30 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

CHIEF CLERK

1925 DEC 30 PM 1 27

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, George M. Woods — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper (2nd Asst.) — Range: $1440-$1680; Salary, $1500.00

Location, St. George Reef Light Station — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

Effective January 6, 1926. — {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty;~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (3rd Asst.) — Former salary, $1440.00 A.

Location, St. George Reef Light Station

Rank on eligible list, ~~6~~ 1560 Rating, Percentage, , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, William H. Hoskins — Services terminated, January 5, 1926, or as soon thereafter

Reason, Resigned not yet Rec'd.

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Oct. 19, 1880

Remarks:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPOINTMENT DIVISION CHIEF CLERK JAN 7 1926 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

H. W. Rhodes.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 29 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

12-30-25

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 29, 1925.

Mr. George M. Woods,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1380 per annum to $ 1440 per annum, effective July 20, 1925.

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,

EDW. J. GARDNER. AUG 14 1925

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 14 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 73

NOMINATION

LIGHTHOUSES EMA 1925 JUL 27 AM 9 14

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif., July 20th, 1925. 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, George M. Woods — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper (3rd Asst.) — Salary, ✓ $1440.00 A.

Location, St. George Reef Light Station — Appropriation, (Salaries of Keepers)

Effective July 20, 1925. — {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~. Requested

Former position, Keeper (4th Asst.) — Former salary, $1380.00 A.

Location, St. George Reef Light Station Cal

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 11 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Gust Benson — Services terminated, July 19, 1925.

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Oct. 19, 1880.

Remarks: Emergency case in accordance with Circular #313. Necessary for the safeguarding of life and property. Necessary to take up regular watches at earliest possible date and relieve other keepers.

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

For & in the absence of the Superintendent

J. J. Otter
First Assistant Superintendent.

1-29-25.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 28 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

M
r. Geo. M. Woods,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,
Chief of Appointment Division.

Acting

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 10 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper

Salary: $1380

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1925 JAN 17 AM 11 46

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

18th Lighthouse District,
(Bureau)

CHIEF CLERK 5

San Francisco, Cal., January 12, 1925.
(Date)

1925 JAN 20 AM 11 32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 20 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on January 31st, 1925.

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

Name George M. Woods

Position Keeper (4th Asst.)

Salary $1020.00 A.

Appropriation Salaries of Keepers

Station St. George Reef Light Station

Date of entrance on duty August 1, 1924

Remarks:

H. W. Rhodes.
(Signature of immediate superior.)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUBMITTED: JAN 19 1925

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of Bureau or Office.)

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

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

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

CHIEF CLERK
LIGHTHOUSES
1924 AUG 11 AM
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Bureau, division, or office Eighteenth Lighthouse District (California)

1. Name in full George Marion Woods

2. Legal (voting) residence Calif. — 18th (State and Congressional District) Los Angeles (County) Redondo Beach (City or town)

3. Where born? South Carolina (State or foreign country) Tillman (City or town) When born? Oct 19th 1880 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
None.								

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

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

Enlisted June 6th 1918 Discharged Aug 30 - 1919
Organization

Enlisted Discharged
Organization

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

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

9. State special qualifications

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

Mrs. J. H. Woods (Name) Mother (Relationship)
Grays Hill, So. Dak. (Post office address)

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

George M. Woods
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

July 25th 1924 (Date)

Present address Gen. Del. Redondo Beach.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

1924 AUG 11 AM 11 26

I, George M. Woods

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.

George M. Woods
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 4th day of August, A. D. 19 24.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) W. Nilson

(*Official title*) Chief Clerk, 18th L.H. Dist.

~~My commission expires~~ _____

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper (4th Asst.)	$1020.00 A.	St. George Reef Light Station.
Former [5]		

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

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Corps
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Press
Adm. Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, California (Address), August 5, 1924. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 1, 1924. (Date)

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

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CARDED

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

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON July 28, 1924.

Mr. George M. Woods,

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 Ten Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter ed upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

C 18th

DEPARTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED AUG - 1 1924 ACCOUNTING JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Gust Benson.

Legal Residence: California.

CARDED

Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—8980

Form 78

CHIEF CLERK

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES EMA JUL. 26 1924 AM 8 45

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, California, July 14th 1924.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment

Name, George M. Woods

Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper (4th Asst.)

Salary, $1020.00 A.

Location, St. George Reef Light Station Cal

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

Effective July 25, 1924 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, --

Former salary,

Location, --

Assistant Lighthouse

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 89.2, Other eligibles considered:
William H. Graves - C
John W. McEwan - C

Previous incumbent, Gust Benson Services terminated, July 20, 1924.

Reason, Promoted

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG - 1 1924 ACTION TAKEN

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, October 19, 1880

Remarks: Emergency case in accordance with Circular #313. Necessary for the safeguarding of life and property. Necessary to take up regular watches at earliest possible date and relieve other keepers.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, JUL 21 1924, 19

E. A. Sayer
Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District.

H. W. Rhodes
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 28 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

George M. Woods (Name) Calif (Legal Residence)

STATUS

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DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob.	1020	LH. St George Reef SS. Cal	Aug 1, 1924
"	Read of Pay	1380	" "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	Prob	1440	" "	July 20, 1925
"	"	1500	" "	Jan. 6, 1926
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1620	" "	JUL 1 1928
	Dismissed - Close July 11, 1930.			

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR:SM

LIGHTHOUSES
1930 SEP 3 AM 11 51

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

August 29th, 1930.

G. M. Woods - Recommendation
for dismissal of.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. No reply has been received to letter from this office dated August 7th recommending the dismissal of G. M. Woods, Second Assistant Keeper at the St. George Reef Light Station, for misconduct.

2. In order that a number of pending transfers connected with the proposed dismissal of Woods can be arranged, it is requested that the Bureau advise this office at an early date of the action taken in this matter.

H. W. Rhodes.

9/5/30

Mr. Gross:

Dept. says letter was written on Aug 29 to 18th Supt approving dismissal. Letters evidently crossed in mails.

SRT.

Commissioner of Lighthouses

RG:LRF

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DESPATCH PLEASE SEND

Washington D C September 6 1930

Lighthouse Superintendent San Francisco California

Dismissal Keeper G. M. Woods approved

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CONFIRMATION
Copy for Chief Clerk.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR:BA
Encl.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

September 4th, 1930

Mr. George M. Woods,
P.O. Box 20,
Crescent City, California.

Dear Sir:

1. There is enclosed a letter from the Chief of the Appointment Division of the Department of Commerce, notifying you that by direction of the Secretary, you have been dismissed from the Lighthouse Service effective at the close of business on July 11th, 1930.

2. In view of your dismissal from the Service, you are advised that you will not be permitted to visit the St. George Reef Light Station.

Very truly yours,

H. W. RHODES,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY furnished for information of files of
Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station:

1. You are directed to report if Woods has made a satisfactory return of all Government property in his possession and also if he has moved all of his possessions from the St. George Reef Station.

2. Your attention is invited to the fact that in view of Woods' dismissal from the Service, he is not to be permitted to visit the St. George Reef Light Station.

H. W. RHODES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1930.

1930 AUG 30 AM 10 19

Mr. George M. Woods,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of misconduct and violation of the regulations of the Lighthouse Service having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper at $1620 per annum of St. George Reef Light Station, California, effective at the close of business on July 11, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

J.E.Davidson
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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HWR:SM

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H. W. RHODES

Woods Charges
Through the keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
AUG 19 1930
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT SAN FRANCISCO

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, Calif.

St. George Reef Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 17, 1930.

Sir,

I was away on my vacation, so just received letter, requesting my knowledge of charges preferred against George M. Woods, second assist. keeper St. George Reef Light Station.

(A.) I never heard any arguements, in regards to his obeying the lawfull orders of his superior

(B.) He has been quarelsome & abusive in his relations with the keepers at St. George Reef Light Station.

(C.) Have been ashore with G. M. Woods second asst. keeper, one or two times, & each time, we both went our separate ways, when reaching the mainland So do not know how he conducted himself while ashore. And have no knowledge of his relations, with any women at Crescent City.

(D.) Have not seen him under the influence of liquor, while on the station. Have not seen any liquor brought to the station by him.

Respectfully,
George Wm. Petersen
Fourth Asst. Keeper
St. George Reef Light Station

San Francisco, Calif.,
August 7, 1930.

GEORGE M. WOODS entered Lighthouse Service August 1, 1924.

KEEPERS WHO HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE STATION SINCE MR. WOODS ENTERED SERVICE.

WILLIAM H. HOSKINS - Entered Service Feb. 16,1922, 4th Asst. St.Geo.Reef
Resigned, Jan.5,1926, as 2nd " do

JAMES E. DUDLEY - Entered Service Jan.6,1926, 4th Asst. do
Transferred Oct.1,1928, Los Angeles Harbor

BERT A. WILMERTON - Entered Service Feb.23,1928, 4th Asst. do
Resigned Oct.31,1928, do do

THOMAS G. LEWIS - Entered Service Apr.3,1929, do do
- Transferred Sept.9,1929, Humboldt Bay

GEORGE C. LEE - Entered Service Apr. 7,1930, Keeper-at-Lge, do
Transferred July 11,1930, Pt.Hueneme

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 18 1930
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Farallon Island Light Station.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

July 17, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
San Francisco, Calif.,

Sir:-

Refering to your letter of July 8th conserving Mr. G.M. Woods.

On or about Oct. 26, 1926 while helping Mr. Joe Markoffer and Mr. Woods empty distillate at St. George Reef Light Station for a reason I do not know. Mr. Woods got mad and cursed and abused me. and give Mr. Markoffer orders to made me leave work.

Mr. Markoffer did not obey his orders. Then Mr. Woods threation me with bodily injuries. I continued to assist Mr. Markoffer empty distillate. Mr. Woods refused to work in company with me and left work to be finished by Mr. Markoffer and myself. I do not know of any intoxicating liquors beings transported to St. George Reef Light Station.

Very Respectfully, Thomas Atkinson. 1th asst kpr

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 15 1930
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Crescent City Cal.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 14, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco
Calif.

Sir: In reply to your letter requesting me to make inquiries about Mr. Woods conduct when in Crescent City, will say I have never met Mr. Woods and I do not know any one in Crescent City to make inquiries of. I go over for the mail and supplys and right back.

Mr. Lee of St. George Reef Lighthouse came over to this Station and all information I have received in regard to Woods conduct has come to me from him and it is just about the same as the charges preferred against him in the copy of the letter addressed to him

Respectfully
J. C Becker
Keeper

COPY--

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

not mailed

Crescent City, Cal.

July 14, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco
Calif.

Sir:

In reply to your letter requesting me to make inquiries about Mr. Woods conduct when in Crescent City, will say I have never met Mr. Woods and I do not know any one in Crescent City to make inquiries of. I go over for the mail and supplies and right back.

Mr. Lee of St. George Reef Lighthouse came over to this Station and all information I have received in regard to Woods conduct has come to me from him and it is just about the same as the charges preferred against him in the copy of the letter addressed to him.

Respectfully

(Signed) J. O. Backer

Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

July, 12,1930.

Capt. H. W. Rhodes,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, California.

In reply to your letter of July 8th,1930 in which you request me to state in writing any knowledge I have of the various charges made against G. M. Woods. Second Assistant Keeper at St. George Ref Light Station.

My knowledge consist of imformation o btained from the various Assistant Keepers at St. George Reef Light Station and what I heard Mr. Wood say himself.

Mr Dolan, Mr.Petersen and Mr. Lee. Asistant Keepers at the station told me that Mr. Wood was very foul mouthed man very quarrelsome and abusive and repeatedly cursed them and threatened them with bodily punishment. I mysâf heard Mr. Woods curse Mr. Peterson at the breakfast table on the morning of June 3,1930.

Mr. Dolan told me that Mr Wood had such a woman in Crescent City and Mr Wood had borrowed money from him and has never paid the money back. Mr Peterson told that Mr. Wood owe him considerable money. Mr. Dolan also told me that Mr. Woods borrowed considerable money from men in Crescent City and has failed to pay the money back. Mr. Peterson told he likd the station but said he could not stay there and take the abuse from Mr. Woods.

Mr. Lewis Second Assistant Keeper at Humboldt Bay Fog Signal Station also told me that Mr. Wood was very quarrelsome.

Respectfully,

G. W. Branch

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JUL 14 1930
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Humboldt Bay Fog Signal Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 12, 19 30

Superintendent of Lighthouses
18th District, San Francisco, Calif.

Sir.

In obedience to orders in your letter of July Eighth, I hereby submit the following facts that came to my knowledge bearing on the charges now brought against G. M. Woods, Second Assistant Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station.

(a) As far as I can recall, he obeyed the lawful orders of his superior. but wished to do things in his own way.

(b) He was quarrelsome and abusive to myself and the other keepers. He once told me that he would not need to call on the Keeper to settle things, that he could and would do that himself. He took advantage of the fact that new keepers wished to have no trouble.

(c) I have only the general public knowledge of his conduct in Crescent City and his relations with the woman in question. We were not on leave at the same time except once and then I saw nothing of him.

(d) I have no personal knowledge that he obtained liquor in Crescent City or that he transported same to St. George Reef Light Station.

Respectfully submitted

T. G. Lewis

T. G. Lewis, Second Assistant Keeper
Humboldt Bay Fog Signal and Lights,
Box 18, Eureka, Calif.

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Fort Dick, Cal.
July 12. 1930.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 15 1930
SAN FRANCISCO

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir,

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 8. 1930. relating to charges of Misconduct preferred against G. M. Woods assistant Keeper at St. George Reef.

I hereby respectfully beg to state that I have no personal knoledge of Most of the charges preferred against him, but I know for a fact that he have been living with the woman Mentioned in the comptaint, as I had to call on him on official business and found the Woman with him. I also frequently seen him riding around the town in her company, I have also on several occations met him in town and his breath smelled strongly of Alcohol, as for the Other Charges I have no facts to present, only heresy, no doubt Many times (Weather permitting) they all stayed in town longer than the time alloted to them.

In conclusion I wish to state that sometimes I received a Message by radio from the Rock, and I had a hard time to deliver it to woods. he. apparently

For some reason kept away from me. So I am unable to state facts or have any personal knowledge of all the charges preferred against him but for the good of the Service I must say that Mr. Woods conduct has not been very Good.

Respectfully Submitted
J. E. Lind.

OFFICE OF

FRED W. CARROLL

CITY ATTORNEY

CRESCENT CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 11, 1930.



not solicited by Supt

Superintendant of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I am informed that Mr. G. M. Woods, Second Assistant Keeper at Point St. George Lighthouse, has been charged by some person with disorderly conduct in Crescent City.

I am sorry to learn that any one has preferred any such charge against Mr. Woods as I personally believe the same are absolutely false. I have known Mr. Woods for the past five years and have had occasion to become well acquainted with him by virtue of his residing while ashore at the Swiss Hotel in Crescent City, where I myself board. Mr. Woods' reputation here is that of a gentleman and a man who is a credit to the Lighthouse Service. He is a brother member in the Weterans of Foreign Wars, in which organization he takes an active interest and is well regarded by the members. I have never seen Mr. Woods in an intoxicated condition or in the company of any person not of good character. I therefore deem it a pleasure to write this letter to you to let you know Mr. Woods's standing at this place.

Trusting that you will give the above statement your unbiased consideration, I am

Yours very truly

Fred W. Carroll

Politician looking for votes ?

Office of

CITY CLERK

CRESCENT CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 11, 1930.

not selected by mistake

Superintendant of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Customhouse,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. G. M. Woods, one of the keepers at Point St. George Lighthouse, has been suspended because of charges including the charge of intoxication and disorderly conduct in Crescent City.

I have known Mr. Woods since he has been at the Point St. George Light as I have kept in touch with the men out there always. I have taken an interest in their matters chiefly because I have been Mayor of this city for a good many years and up to last month and have felt it my duty to assist them in all ways possible.

In reference to the conduct of Mr. Woods while here in Crescent City, I can only say that I can see no reason for any one to complain. Mr. Woods has always conducted himself as a gentleman and his associates have always been of good character. He is well liked in this community and I am sure the citizens of this place will be grieved to learn that any one has attacked his character. I have never seen him under the influence of intoxicating liquor or in the company of any notorious person or persons. I trust that you will fully investigate these charges before you take any action against Mr. Woods.

If I can furnish you with any further information in this matter, you have but to command

Yours very truly

O.B. Lanff

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Point Hueneme
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

July 11, 1930

To Superintendent of Light Houses
18th District Calif

Sir: In replying to recent communication from you I will answer your questions as follows

As to (A) I know nothing except what was told to me.

(B) I have heard him being abusive to others keepers: To me he was disagreeable but not abusive

(C) Know nothing personally, but there is much unfavorable talk by the general ~~public~~ public As for the woman in question the Marshall at Crescent City told me himself that he order. her to leave town and she went. But she was back in Crescent City When I left there July 5- 1930.

(D.) Have seen him under the influence of liquor and have seen liquor in his possesion on the station. That is I suppose that it was liquor not drinking my Self could not swear to it.

Respt. George C. Lee. Asst. Keeper.

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SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Point Loma, Calif.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 11, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

(Thru the Keeper)

Sir.

In reply to your request for information on the charges against Geo. M. Woods, 2nd Asst St. George Ref.

While I was on duty at that station Mr Woods was an extremely hard drinker and on more than one occasion brought liquor out to the station.

Although I never heard him refuse duty, he would talk himself out of one job to another more to his taste, mainly carpenter work.

He is extremely hard to get along with especially after he has been out of liquor for a week or more.

Of the woman I know nothing.

Respectfully
James E. Hudley

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Crescent City Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 11, 1926

Confidential

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir;

In reply to Your letter of July 9th (Copy enclosed) I hereby respectfully beg to report that personally I have No knowledge of anyone of the Keepers from St. George Reef habitually indulge in intoxicating liquors While in Crescent City, they do not visit me at this station but occasionally, While on My way to the postoffice I have met them but I have not seen anything Wrong in their Conduct, while in My presence, but I have heard rumors and personally know that Mr. Woods are associating with parties Which have a very bad reputation in Crescent City. as they have been up before the Courts for bootlegging and Moonshining, he also took the same party (a Mr. Daly and party) to the rock for a Visit, they called me up over the Radio When they landed on the rock, that was about the latter part of May or first part of June. as near as I can remember as I made no record of that incident. that the only specific information I am able to give.

Very Respectfully.
J. E. Linds

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Saint George Reef.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 10, 19 30.

Superintendent Of Lighthouses,

San Francisco, Calif.

Sir,

With reference to the letter of charges against G.M.Woods, 2nd Assistant Keeper, directing me to submit a writen statement relative to same, I write the following.

(A) I have never heard him disobey any orders of his superiors.

(B) When a new assistant is appointed here, I have heard Mr Woods instruct him what to do, in the absence of Keeper, sometimes his temper would get the best of him, but not abusive to my idea.

(C) I have only been in Crescent City once with Mr. Woods and we stopped at the Swiss Hotel. I can not say what he done at any other time he was ashore.

To the best of my knowlege he did not bring a woman to Crescent City.

(D) I have never seen Mr Woods bring bring any alcoholic liquers to the station, or see him under the influence of liquer while on the station.

Respectfully,

Michael Dolan 3rd. Assistant.

Woods' case

HWR:SM

July 10th, 1930.

Keeper,
St. George Reef Light Station.

1. Referring to letter of July 8th addressed to G. M. Woods, Second Assistant Keeper at your station, copy of which was furnished you, notifying him that he was suspended from duty, you are advised that the effective date of his suspension was the date on which the charges and notice of suspension were received by him.

2. You are directed to see that Woods proceeds on shore immediately if he has not already done so, and that he remains away from the station until the charges against him have been acted upon by the Department.

3. You are advised that Roy L. Murphy, former keeper in this Service, will be reinstated and assigned to your station as Keeper at Large. It is expected that Mr. Murphy will be able to report at Crescent City about July 14th, and you will be duly advised by telegram of the probable date of his arrival.

H. W. RHODES

COPY for Mrs. Allen.

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RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Leo M. Woods
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery July 9th, 1930

Form 3811 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929 c 5—6116

G M Woods - Personnel.

BWR:LH

July 8, 1930.

G. M. Woods, Second Assistant Keeper,
St. George Reef Light Station.

1. Based upon information received by this office, you are hereby charged with misconduct and with violation of the regulations of the Lighthouse Service, as follows:

(a) That you have refused to obey readily and strictly and to execute with promptitude and zeal the lawful orders of your superiors.

(b) That you have been quarrelsome and abusive in your relations with other keepers at the St. George Reef Light Station, and that you have repeatedly cursed them and attempted to intimidate them by threatening them with bodily harm if they did not conduct themselves in a manner directed by you.

(c) That you have conducted yourself while ashore at Crescent City and elsewhere in such a manner as to bring disrepute upon the Lighthouse Service, in that you have notoriously and publicly been intoxicated while at Crescent City for days at a time, that you brought to Crescent City a notorious married woman and that you have for some time and to general public knowledge cohabited with her at Crescent City and elsewhere, and otherwise conducted yourself in such a manner as to bring the Lighthouse Service into disrepute with all law-abiding citizens.

(d) That you have obtained intoxicating liquors in Crescent City and elsewhere in violation of the law and that you have transported such liquors in violation of the law and of the Lighthouse regulations to the St. George Reef Light Station; that you have used such alcoholic liquors on the station and have been under the influence of intoxicating liquors while on the station.

2. You are hereby suspended from duty, pay and allowances in the Lighthouse Service pending a further investigation of these charges, and you are directed to submit in writing within three days from the date of receipt of these charges such reply as you desire to make. Pending action on these charges you will not be permitted to visit the St. George Reef Light Station except for the purpose of removing such personal effects as you may desire to remove from the station, and you are directed to furnish this office your mail address, either at Crescent City or elsewhere, in order that you may promptly receive all communications directed to you from this office.

3. You are hereby directed and warned not to interfere in any manner with any of the keepers attached to the St. George Reef Light Station pending

a further investigation of these charges, and any failure on your part to observe these instructions will be punished by the maximum penalties provided by law.

H. W. RHODES

Copy furnished for information of St George Reef
G. Roux, Keeper, ~~Crescent City~~ Light Station.

1. You are directed to report immediately in writing regarding the truth of the above charges.

2. This office is aware that you are fully informed in regard to these charges, and you are advised that any attempt on your part to avoid submitting full and complete testimony regarding these charges will result in extreme disciplinary action being taken in your own case.

H. W. RHODES

Copy for information of

J O Becker, Keeper, Crescent City Light Station.

1. This office is advised that there are many reputable people in Crescent City who are aware of the misconduct of Woods when on liberty from the St. George Reef Light Station.

2. You are requested to make inquiries in Crescent City and if possible furnish this office the names of any reputable citizens who will be willing to testify in support of any of the above charges.

3. You should avoid obtaining names of any merchants or other residents of Crescent City connected with or favoring the sale of intoxicating liquors, as it is believed that persons of that class would attempt to defend Woods in connection with these charges of misconduct.

H. W. RHODES

Copy for information of

Mr. Glenn D. Robinson,
Chief of Police,
Crescent City, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Federal Government can no longer tolerate the state of affairs existing among certain of the keepers at the St. George Reef Light Station, and as it is known that you have considerable information concerning the conduct of Woods while at Crescent City it will be appreciated if you will advise this office in writing concerning your knowledge of his misconduct while ashore at Crescent City.

Very truly yours,

H. W. RHODES

H. W. RHODES,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished for information of (See list below)

1. You are directed to submit in writing a full statement concerning your knowledge relative to any or all of the above charges. This office is aware of the fact that you have considerable information concerning these charges, and you are advised that it is your duty to report fully as herein requested.

H. W. RHODES

J R Marhoffer, First Asst. Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station.
M Dolan, Third Asst. Keeper, do
G W Peterson, Fourth Asst. Keeper, do
G C Lee, Asst. Keeper, Point Hueneme Light Station.
G W Branch, Mechanician, Goat Island Lighthouse Depot.
J E Lind, Keeper (Retired), (?)
J E Dudley, First Asst. Keeper, Pt. Loma Light Station
T A Atkinson, First Asst. Keeper, Farallon Light Station.
T G Lewis, Second Asst. Keeper, Humboldt Bay FS&L.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Saint George Reef.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July, 10., 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Relative to copy of letter sent to me of charges against Mr G.M.Woods, and directing me to submit in writing, a statement of my knowledge relative to any or all of these charges.

As (A) in refusing to obey and execute the orders of superiors, I have never seen nor heard of him refusing to do as he was told by his superiors.

(B) Would say that we may have had our little quarrels, but that is natural in a place of this kind and I believe that it happens in all stations, from what I have gathered from different sources, as to cursing and trying to intimidate different keepers I am sure he hasnt. in fact I know he has'nt.

(C) As to this charge, will say that any time I have been in Crescent City with him he has always behaved himself as a gentleman, and not drunk, and has visited at my home many times. Also know that he stayed at the hotels there as I have been with him in his room many times and dont think he stayed with woman as you refer to, and positive he did not bring any such woman to Crescent (City)

(D) I have never seen Him or any one elsebring intoxicating liquor on the station, nor under the influence of while on duty, and that he has always done his duty and at no time has he refused or been unable to take his watch thru sickness or otherwise since he was appointed as keeper at this station.

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I have been on this station for 6 years with Mr Woods and always have found that he has done the work here as well or better than most of the keepers that have been here and made many improvments to the benifit of the station and the L.H. service and while I have been in charge of the Station in the absence of the keeper have always found him a zelous worker in keeping the station in the best order, repairing the machinery and other station property, and in handling the boat and other equipment, and dont think a better man could be had for this place. as a good many men have come here with no knowlecge of any equipment nor ever would learn it. This is a hard station and needs a man with the experience that such as Mr Woods has, as he is an all around mechanic. and now is the time of year that such a man is needed here. I do not expect that I will be here myself very long as you know my circumstancrs and expect you to transfer me in a short time and a good man is needed here. and Mr Woods certainly is the man for the place.

Respectfully,
Joseph R. Marhoffer 1st. Assistant Keeper

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Saint George Reef -
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 10th, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouse's
San Francisco, Calif.,

Sir,

Answering your letter of July 8th/1930 about George Mc. Wood's, assistant Keeper.

I.- Wood's, never did refuse to obey orders given be me, or 1st assistant when I am absent from Station.- He always execute work given to him readily. and satisfactory.- During the six yeard that man has been at the Station I did find him a able and willing worker.-

II- Wood's may have called down some men at the station. If so they probably deserved to be, because I Know, that some I had at this Station, are able to make anybody lost his temper.- Anyway that did not amount to anything and have to be expected when five men (are) living for months or yeard altogether on a isolated ~~station~~ like St. George Reef

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III. About Wood's conduct and drunkness at Crescent City. I never hear anybody complaining and when in occasion I was at Crescent City with him I did not see him drunk, and he was ready to go back to station any time, also I did not see anything wrong with his private life. — Everybody seem to like Wood's, very well at C. City.

IV. I never see him bring liquor to the Station or be drunk when on duty, and during the six years that he was at the station he did not miss one day work or a night watch for intoxication or any other cause. — I am perfectly satisfied with Wood's work and with that every assistant sent to me were as satisfactory, able, & willing to work as I did find them. — I don't Know source of information, but it is a very poor way for any man to try to get revenge for a small grievance against somebody and try to give Keeper and Station a bad reputation. I had three men for several years. The 1st assistant (10 years) 2nd assistant (6 years

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3d assistant. (3 years.) - myself - 20 years.
Record unequaled by any station.
If the place was so bad to get along
nobody be willing to stay so long.
Specially at a isolated station.

Very respectfully,
Georges Roux.
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Saint George Reef
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

July 10th, 1930

Supt Lighthouses
18th Dist
San Francisco
Sir.

Replying to your letter of july 8th:

A. I have never at any time refused to execute any orders or instructions of my Superiors.

B. In the absence of the keeper or 1st asst keeper I have always tried to maintain the same standard of Efficiency that they would require if either was present, but will say that with some help that has previously been attached to this station has been trying at times, but I do not feel that I have been abusive or try to intimidate them.

C. I do not feel that I have been guilty of misconduct in Crescent City or any other place at any time, and I did not bring a notorious married woman here, so the general public is laboring under a false

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I- There have never to my knowledge been any intoxicating liquor ever taken to this station and the 6 years that I have been here have never missed a single watch through sickness or otherwise.

I feel that I should ask you for your source of information for it is embarrassing to me for reports reaching your office regarding my conduct.

Mail will reach me at the below address pending your decision and if favorable will be ready to return to my duties.

Respectfully

Geo. M. Woods
P.O. Box 20
Crescent City
Calif.

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Saint George Reef.
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Superintendent of Lighthouse's
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir,

George N. Peterson, leaves Station July 9th/30, on 30 days leaved..

George M. Wood's leaves Station according to your orders. taking personal property and making return of public property on his charge - July 11th/30.

Very respectfully,

George Rowe,
Keeper./.

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HWR:LH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

CONFIDENTIAL

July 9, 1926.

Reply detached for answer.

J. E. Lind, Keeper,
Crescent City Light Station.

1. Reports have reached this office from time to time that the conduct of some of the keepers of the St. George Reef Light Station during the time they are in Crescent City is not up to the standard required by the Government, the information at hand indicating that some of the keepers habitually indulge in intoxicating liquors.

2. Owing to the distance of Crescent City from this office it is very difficult for the Superintendent to obtain corroborating evidence in investigating such charges, and as you are no doubt aware in a general way of the reputation of the various keepers from the rock as to sobriety and conduct in general during their stay in Crescent City, it has been thought that you may be able to furnish this office some information on the subject, with the understanding that any information furnished by you will be considered confidential and that your name will not be mentioned in any way in connection with the matter.

3. At this time information is particularly desired concerning the conduct of G. M. Woods, second assistant keeper at the station, who has been charged with indulging in intoxicating liquors during his various visits at Crescent City, and if you can furnish any general or specific information regarding such charges it will be to the interest of the Government and will result in just treatment toward all of the personnel of the St. George Reef Light Station.

4. Your reply should be sent in an envelope addressed to the Superintendent personally and marked "personal", this letter to be enclosed in another official envelope addressed in the usual manner to this office.

H. W. RHODES

HWR:SM

April 18th, 1930.

Mr. Glenn D. Robinson,
Chief of Police,
Crescent City, Calif.

Dear Sir:

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter of April 7th giving certain information regarding the personnel of the St. George Reef Light Station.

2. This office is aware that the conduct of some of the keepers assigned to this station while on shore leave at Crescent City is not satisfactory, but, owing to the distance of the station from this office, it is impracticable to undertake any extended investigations at Crescent City with a view to establishing misconduct on the part of any of the keepers of St. George Reef Light Station.

3. Investigations have frequently been made at the station to ascertain if any liquor was being carried to the station from shore, but no evidence of such violation of the regulations of this Service has been obtained.

4. It will be appreciated if you will advise me at any time of any misconduct or excessive drinking on the part of the keepers of this station when ashore at Crescent City, as this office desires to transfer from that station any keepers addicted to the use of liquor.

5. As you are, no doubt, aware, Crescent City bears the reputation of being a rather wide-open town, so far as the sale of liquor is concerned, and it will manifestly be impossible for the Federal government to control the situation without the assistance of the local authorities, and your cooperation in this matter, so far as the Lighthouse Service is concerned, will be greatly appreciated by this office.

Very truly yours,

H. W. RHODES

H. W. RHODES,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

✓ APR -9 1930

Chief of Police

GLENN ROBINSON, Chief

Second Street, between G and H

Crescent City, California,

APRIL 7, 1930

H.W.RHODES,

SAN FRANCISCO

CALIF.

DEAR SIR :

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF THE SECOND REGARDING G.M.WOODS, OF THEST.GEORGE REEF LIGHT STATION, MRS.COLLINS HAS AN APARTMENT HERE AND WOODS MAKES HIS HOME THERE WHEN ON SHORE.

WOODS DRINKS CONSIDERABLE BUT HAS NO POLICE RECORD

APARTMENT IS IN THE OUT SKIRTS OF TOWN.

INVESTIGATION OF ALL ST.GEORGE REEF LIGHT STATION CREW ADVISABLE PRETAINING TO LIQUOR

YOURS VERY TRULY,

Glenn D. Robinson

CHIEF OF POLICE

HWR:LH

April 2, 1930.

Chief of Police,
Crescent City,
California.

Dear Sir:

1. It has been reported to this office that for a considerable time G. M. Woods, an assistant keeper at the St. George Reef Light Station, has been maintaining an apartment in Crescent City and cohabiting with a notorious woman reported to be known as a Mrs. Collins.

2. Since the reported action of Woods in this matter is a violation of the regulations of this Service pertaining to the conduct of its employees, it will be appreciated if you will ascertain and advise me definitely regarding the truth of this report. Any other information which you may have regarding the general conduct of Woods while on shore liberty at Crescent City will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

H. W. RHODES

H. W. RHODES,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Write confidential file

St. George Rep
September 24 - 1929

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT OCT 9 1929 SAN FRANCISCO

Superintendent of. Lighthouses

Sir. In. replying to your communication, of the 9. inst. inquiring about my Personal Reasons, for requesting a transfer. etc.

George Woods 2nd Asst, is very disagreeable, and quarrelsome, always in an argument, and issuing challenges to fight. he had trouble. with every man that came here after I did.

I want no quarrel as I understand it is a case for dismissal. I am expecting to see some one hurt here. there is no man can stand being called a liar for no reason. when he knows he is right.

I have other business, in San. Francisco being so far away. and receiving mail so seldom make it very inconvient. at the same time will not interfere with the lighthouse service.

Trusting you will grant me a transfer

I. am
Yours respectfully
Michael Dolan
3rd Assistant

P.S. Please use confidential ✓

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
APR 19 1929
SAN FRANCISCO

THE GOODRICH STORE

MORRIS M. GOODRICH AND SISTER - MRS. MARY E. PEERY

BOOKS
STATIONERY
MAGAZINES

ICE CREAM
TOBACCOS
NEWSPAPERS

CRESCENT CITY, CALIFORNIA.

April, 17, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir.

We are pleased to imform you that George Woods, 2nd Assistant Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station, came in today and paid his bill of $16.80.

We thank you for this kindness.

Yours Truly

THE GOODRICH STORE

BY M. M. G.

WW:PB

March 16, 1929.

George Woods, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
St. George Reef Light Station.

Through the Keeper.

1. The Goodrich Store, Crescent City, advises this office that you contracted a bill of $16.80 for books, magazines and periodicals during the past year and that you have failed to settle the account though repeatedly requested to do so.

2. You are requested to advise this office immediately if the Goodrich account is correct, and if so, why you have failed to make settlement. The rules of the Lighthouse Service require that all of its employees pay their just debts, so as not to bring discredit upon the personnel of this Service.

H. W. RHODES, Superintendent

By: WM. WILSON

Chief Clerk.

WW:PB

March 16, 1929.

The Goodrich Store,
Crescent City,
California.

Gentlemen:

1. Referring to your letter of March 14th relative to unpaid personal bill of G. Woods, 2nd Assistant Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station, you are advised that this office has requested Mr. Woods to report why he has not settled the account if it is correct and just. If the account is not settled within the next thirty days, it is requested that you advise this office.

Yours very truly,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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is tired + want about pay

LIGHTHOUSE
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SAN FRANCISCO

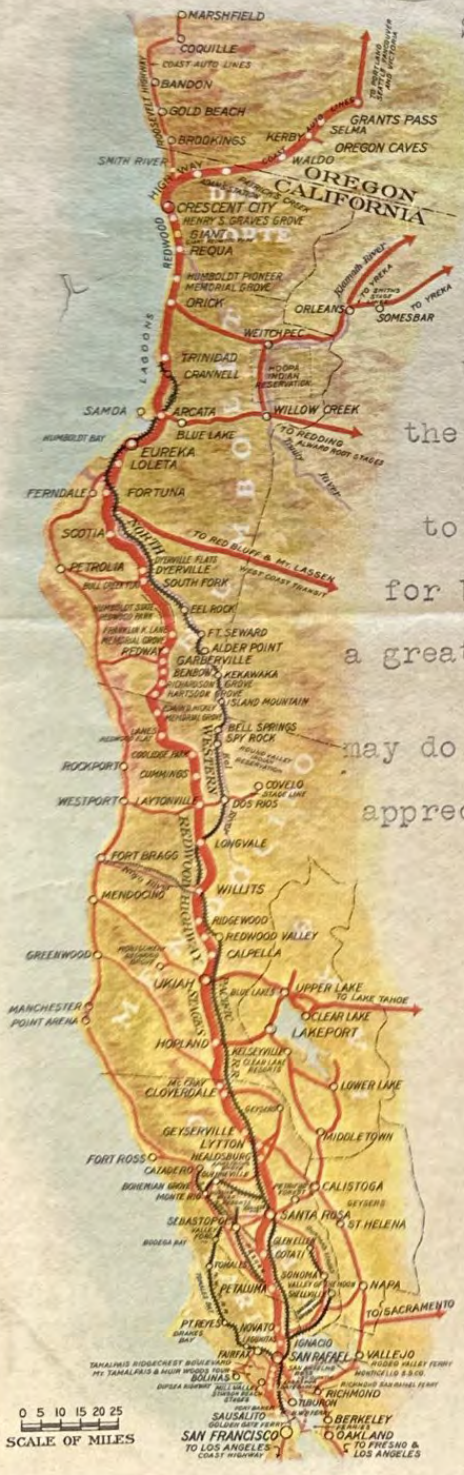
IT'S THE REDWOODS
ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY
REDWOOD HIGHWAY
BEACH AND SPEEDWAY
HUB OF THE HIGHWAYS

The GOODRICH STORE

MAGAZINES
CONFECTIONS TOBACCOS
SOFT DRINKS

Crescent City, California,
March 14, 1929

REDWOOD HIGHWAY EMPIRE



Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Customs House , San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir;

George Woods, an employe at Seal Rocks Ligh Crescent City, last year contracted a bill of $16.80 with us for Books , Magazines and Periodicals.

We have wrote to him several times about a payment on the bill but all we get is nice promises.

We do not wish to attempt oto use your Office as a collection Agency for bad bills but a suggestion from you to him might be a great stimilus to George.

We assure you that anything you may do towards helping us to get our pay will be very much appreciated by us.

Yours Truly

THE GOODRICH STORE

BY Morris M. Goodrich

HWR:LH

No answer.

November 12, 1928.

Sheriff, Del Norte County,
Crescent City, Calif.

Dear Sir:

1. It has been reported to this office that George M. Woods, an assistant keeper at the St. George Reef Light Station, has been conducting himself on shore in the vicinity of Crescent City in such a manner that he has brought discredit upon the Lighthouse Service.

2. It has been reported explicitly that Woods if frequently intoxicated while ashore at Crescent City and that recently he brought a married woman known as Mrs. Lee Collins (not divorced) from Seattle to Crescent City, and that he is living with her at that place as his wife.

3. This office has twice had occasion during the past several years to investigate Woods' conduct while ashore at Crescent City, but while it appeared that his conduct was not entirely above reproach, it was impossible to establish by competent witnesses such conduct on his part as would warrant his dismissal from the service.

4. If the reports recently received at this office, however, are correct and can be substantiated, there will be ample grounds for Woods' dismissal from the service, and it will be appreciated if you will advise this office as fully and explicitly as possible concerning Woods' conduct in and around Crescent City during the past year.

Very truly yours,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

W.W. confidential files. Nov. 6. 1928 NOV 12 1928

1. As Geo Woods rules the Light Station, a person is welcome there if they have a bottle of Jack-ass with them.
2. George Woods has a talent for making home-brew, also. evidence of this can be found in the secret panel in back of his locker at the light station- in fact- he is responsible for the intoxicated condition that Miss Dolan was in the day I took (Dolan) him ashore for medical attention.
3. His drunken activities ashore, and the bad debts he has there are a nice reflection on the Light house service.
4. He (with keepers car and knowledge, as keeper was along) brought a married woman Mrs Lee Collins, (not divorced) from Seattle to Crescent City - lives with her as his wife- This is common knowledge to every one that talk about him has reached a point where every one in Crescent City wonders how he holds his position at the Lighthouse.
5- The above are facts- can be substantiated- and they dont begin to cover him here.

P.S. Copy to Sheriff Del Norte.
" " Probation office.

Bert Wilmerton.







Mr H. N. Rhodes

Supt. of Lighthouses

Customs Bldg

City.

Personal

HWR:LH

November 5, 1926.

George M. Woods, Second Assistant Keeper,
St. George Reef Light Station.

(Through the Keeper).

1. Referring to your letter of September 22d, reporting delay in returning to your station on account of bad weather, you are informed that the first assistant keeper, in charge of the station, stated that you had been expected to return to the station within three days, and that you were due back at the station on Sunday, October 18th, on which date the station was inspected. It also appeared from observations of the weather made by the Tender SEQUOIA at that time that there was favorable weather for your return to the station at the expiration of your authorized leave.

2. Reports received at this office concerning your conduct in Crescent City are not satisfactory, and you are notified that unless your conduct while on shore in the future is entirely satisfactory it will be necessary to limit the amount of leave accorded you.

H. W. RHODES



Finest Rooms in the City, Hot and Cold Water, Baths
Situated on the Sea Coast Where the
Redwood and Roosevelt
Highways Meet
European Plan

O. B. LAUFF, MANAGER

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
SEP 23 1926
SAN FRANCISCO

CRESCENT CITY, CAL., Sept 22 1926

Supt Lighthouses
San Francisco

Owing to the sea being too rough to land at St. George reef at the expiration of the 5 days shore leave, I am detained here. Will return first day the weather is sufficiently calm to land.

Geo M. Woods
2nd asst.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
SEP 18 1930
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Saint George Reef.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September 15, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
San. Francisco, Calif..

Sir,

George. M. Wood's, personnal property. has been removed from Station..

Government property in his charge accounted for., return Satisfactory.

Very respectfully,
Georges Roux,
Keeper.

KMA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

18th Lighthouse District,
(Bureau)

San Francisco, Cal., January 12, 1925.
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on January 31st, 1925.

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

Name George M. Woods

Position Keeper (4th Asst.)

Salary $1020.00 A.

Appropriation Salaries of Keepers

Station St. George Reef Light Station

Date of entrance on duty August 1,1924

Remarks:

H. W. RHODES

(Signature of immediate superior.)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUBMITTED:

(Head of Bureau or Office.)

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JAN 12 1925
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

WW.

Saint George Reef.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel.~~)

January 9th, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco. Calif.

Sir,

Services of Georges. M. Woods, proba-
-tionary. 4th assistant entered into
duties at Station July 31st 1924.
are satisfactory.

Very respectfully,
Georges Roux
Keeper.

WW:EMA

E.O.D Aug 1-1924

Probationary Appointee. ~~1-~~ Jan 1, 1925

July 28, 1924.

Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station.

1. Referring to the probationary appointment of George M. Woods, you are directed to report by letter, after this appointee has served under your direction for a period of five months, whether his services are satisfactory, and, if not satisfactory, to give the reasons on which you base your opinion, as called for by the questions contained in District Circular No. 98 dated May 20, 1924.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EMA

August 4, 1924.

Mr. George M. Woods,
4th Assistant Keeper,
St. George Reef Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. There is enclosed copy of your medical examination. This should be retained by you.

H. W. RHODES

Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station.

Copy of the above medical examination is enclosed for the files of your station.

Form 206

FILE NO. S

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

PLACE, San Francisco, California,

DATE, July 11th, 24.

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,

San Pedro, Calif.

SIR:

Please examine George M. Woods

nativity, American; age, 43; height, 5 feet, 8 inches;

weight, 160 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Blue

distinguishing marks, Transverse scar 3 inches long midway palmar surface left arm

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Examining Physician;
Please insert above color of hair and eyes and distinguishing marks, if any.

Respectfully,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(Signature of applicant:) George M. Woods

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

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, San Pedro, California

DATE, July 15, 1924, 19

TO SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

R.H. Heteneu (?)

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, San Pedro, California

DATE, July 15th, 1924

Name of applicant, George M. Woods

Eyes: Color, Blue; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other abnormality, None

Eyelids: Ptosis, No; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions, None

Eyesight:

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

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

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses None

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

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

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

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 25 feet; left ear, 25 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 12 feet; left ear, 12 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

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

NONE