Mrs. Maria Young Evans

Mrs Maria Younghans INACTIVE

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Mississippi

STATUS

Transferred from Treasury Dept. July 1, 1903.

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Keeper, Biloxi L. Sta., Miss.	$600 Pa	Light House	Dec. 6, 1867
" Increases "	780	"	Nov 4, 1918
Retired close Dec. 31, 1918	$1,380	"	
Died —	Aug. 20, 1925.		

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PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

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

Geo. B. Cortelyou

CARDED. *Secretary.*

PART I.

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

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

Mrs Maria Youngblans

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Maria Youngblans

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

Biloxi	Miss	Harrison	Sixth
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? New Orleans. La

6. When were you born?

January	26th	1842
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.

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

Have been Lt House Keeper continuously since 1867

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

Before classification
Appointed after death of my husband who was Lt Keeper

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

No

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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

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

Public schools of New Orleans La

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

Experience as Lt House Keeper for thirty seven years

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

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

Yes

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filed. June 6, 1904

Witness:

(Signature) Maria Youngblans

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Biloxi - Miss
City or town.

1036 Beach St
Number and street.

Miss
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded August 10th, 1904

(Signature) W. M. Kinkead Comdr. U. S. N.,

(Official title) Inspector 8th Light-House District.

PART II.

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

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

Light. House (Bureau or Service.) Biloxi Light. Station, Miss. (Place (city, town, or station).) Eighth (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Keeper of Biloxi Light. Station, Miss.

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? Dec. 6th, 1867.

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

Since Dec. 6th, 1867.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $600. per year.

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903? Salaries of Keepers of Light. Houses, 1904.

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

Competitive.

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

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

Appointed before position was classified

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

(Signature) W. M. Rinaker Comdr. U.S.R.C.S.

(Official title) Inspector 8th Lt. Ho. Dist.

Date: August 10th, 1904.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to inclose herewith, a letter of 20 Feb'y, '07, from the Inspector of the Eighth Light-House District, forwarding a letter from Miss Miranda Younghans, daughter of Mrs. Maria Younghans, the present Keeper of the Biloxi, Miss., Light-Station, requesting an appointment as Keeper to succeed her mother in the care of the station.

(or younghans?)

At the time the application was made by Miss Younghans, her name was on the eligible register for selection when a vacancy occurred; but at the time, the Board thought it inadvisable to have this change made, and wrote the Inspector to that effect. So the eligibility of Miss Younghans expired on 24 May, '07.

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Now, however, the Board has decided that it will be for the interests of the service in this case if the daughter can be appointed to the mother's place if it can be done without violating the Civil Service rules.

The Board, therefore, asks that the case be submitted to the Civil Service Commission with the request that the age limit be waived in favor of Miss Younghans and that she be allowed to again qualify for

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appointment by taking another examination. Her long experience would seem to fit her for keeping the station in the same high degree of efficiency that has always prevailed there.

Respectfully,

U. Sebree

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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

February 20, 1907.

The Light-House Board.

Sirs:

I herewith enclose a letter from Miss Miranda Younghans, daughter of Mrs. Maria Younghans, present Keeper at the light-station at Biloxi, Mississippi, in relation to the keepership of that station.

The Keeper, Mrs. Maria Younghans, has held the position since December 6, 1867, and has discharged the duties in an excellent manner. She is now 65 years of age, but in good health and not in the least incapacitated; although she will resign, provided her daughter is appointed to succeed her. The object is to provide a home for the aged retiring Keeper and a position for the daughter.

The daughter has been on the Civil Service eligible list in the grade of Keeper of shore stations almost continuously since June, 1898. Her eligibility will expire May 24, 1907. The maximum age limit will debar her from again becoming an applicant after her present eligibility expires; but her mother is

willing to surrender the position, if the Board will approve a recommendation for the daughter's appointment. The daughter is thoroughly fitted for the position, as she has always lived at the station and has been a valuable aid toward assisting the Keeper in maintaining the station in a high degree of efficiency.

If the Board will approve this proposition, I will recommend the nomination of Miss Miranda Younghans for appointment. The station is of the fifth order and on shore. It has no fog-signal.

Very respectfully,

James N Mears

Commander, U. S. N.,

Inspector 8th L. H. District.

G.W.V.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Feb 20, 190 7

Bond. Jas. T. Lewis U.S.N.
Light-House Inspector

SUBJECT:

Endd FEB 23 1907

Mrs. Maria Monaghan
Keeper Dilmi Light House,
Miss., to resign provided
her daughter will be
nominated for appointment
to fill the vacancy.

28 Feb 07 Lighthouse Board

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I approve of this, and have cause letter I am informed Mrs. Monaghan's daughter is a suitable person to succeed her mother.

Lighthouse Board U. S. Dist.
Commander, U. S. N.
Lighthouse Inspector.

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Biloxi Miss. Feby 17, 1907 3766

Cond[r] J. H. Sears.

Lt. Ho. Inspector

New Orleans. La.

OFFICE OF
LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
8th District, New Orleans, La.
JAMES H. SEARS.
Rec'd FEB 19 1907
Ans'd ..... 190.....
Ack. ..... 190.....

Dear Sir,

Your valued communication of 13th duly recd and I beg to thank you many times for your kind interest in my behalf.

In regard to my mother resigning her position in my favor which you kindly explain is the only way by which I can secure the position she desires me to say that she will do so willingly and gladly if by so doing no risk will be taken by which she would lose the position and I might not be able to obtain it. She has, as you may know held the position for nearly forty years and while in no manner incapacitated for attending to her duties she feels herself no longer young and would desire above all things to have the position secured for me if possible. Therefore we must beg your interest in our behalf and will rely upon your advice and and will do as you in your judgment think best. Very Respectfully. M. Youngham

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Biloxi Miss.
Enclosure

Feby 17. 1907.

Miss Miranda Younghans

Keeper of Biloxi Light Station, Miss., to resign provided her daughter will be nominated for appointment to fill the Vacancy.

28 Feby '07 wrote Supt

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

June 17, 1907.

Gentlemen:

The Commission is requested to waive the age limit for entrance to the Light-House Service in the case of Miss Miranda Younghans, and that she be allowed to again qualify for appointment as keeper of light-station of class V, Eighth Light-House District. Miss Younghans has been on the eligible register of keepers of light-stations of class V almost continuously since June 1898, her eligibility expiring by limitation at the close of May 23, 1907.

The present keeper of the Biloxi Light-Station, Mississippi, the mother of Miss Younghans, contemplated retiring from the service some time ago, at which time application was made by Miss Younghans for appointment when the vacancy occurred; but at the time, the Light-House Board thought it inadvisable to have this change made and wrote to the Inspector to that effect. In the meantime the eligibility of Miss Younghans expired. Subsequently the Board decided that it would be for the interests of the service in this case if the daughter could be appointed to the mother's place, her long experience fitting her for keeping it in the same high degree of efficiency that has always prevailed there.

Yours very respectfully,

Lawrence O. Murray

Assistant Secretary.

The Civil Service Commission.

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United States
Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

June 26, 1907.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

In response to your letter of June 17 you are advised that the Commission has approved your request that the maximum age limit for entrance to the Light-House Service be waived in the case of Miss Miranda Younghans and that she be allowed to again compete in examination for appointment as keeper of light station, class V, in the Eighth Light-House District, such action being apparently in the interests of the service on account of the experience of the applicant in the performance of the duties of a position in that class occupied by her mother.

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By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

John C. Black

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President.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

1301 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

June 26, 1907.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the Board's request of the 13th instant the Department has to state that the Civil Service Commission, under date of June 26, 1907, waived the maximum age limit for entrance to the Light-House Service in the case of Miss Miranda Younghans who may therefore be allowed to again compete in examination for appointment as keeper of light-station, class V, in the Eighth Light-House District.

Yours very respectfully,

Lawrence O. Murray

Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed Biloxi Light-Station, Miss.
3. Name Mrs. Maria Younghans. See Remarks. 4. Where born Louisiana.
5. Age 67 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $600 pa. 8. When appointed (a) December 6, 1867.
9. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from — State Mississippi. Congressional District Sixth. County Harrison.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light; cares for dwelling and government property; renders necessary reports and returns.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) 10/10; Quality of work (e) Excellent.; Interest manifested in work (f) Excellent.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) The station is kept with most excellent care. It appears that the name of this employee is Younghaus.

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

Inspector, 8th L.-H. District, Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Head of Bureau or Office.

June 7, 1909.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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New Orleans, La.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

May 12, 1911.

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

1. Name Mrs. Maria Younghans. 2. Age 69. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses. 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $600 P.a. 6. Where employed Biloxi Light-Station, Miss.

7. When appointed (a) Dec. 6, 1867. 8. How appointed (b) Prior to classification.

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

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

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light; cares for dwelling and Government property; renders necessary reports and returns.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes. If so, state them A woman of the highest degree of intelligence.

15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		2	
Total		8 xx	800
Average percentage			100

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

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

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

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

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

19. Is this employee superannuated? Growing old, I am sorry to say, yet during the storm of Sep. 23, 09 If so, what percentage of salary is she remained on watch in the tower throughout the night, seemingly unearned? facing its possible destruction by schooner finally driven ashore only 50 feet from its base.

20. Remarks: (*e*) The Keeper of longest service in the district, since December 6, 1867.

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

[signature]

Inspector.

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

[signature]

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
Lighthouse Service

Office of Inspector, 8th L.H. District

New Orleans, La., February 25, 1913.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To Keepers of Lighthouses, 8th District.

In accordance with the instructions on pages 163 and 164 of the Regulations, you are informed that the following named Keepers of Light Stations in the 8th District have been commended for general efficiency and neatness of the station and personnel under their charge, during the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1912:—

John W. St.C. Gibbon, Keeper, Horn Island Light Station, Miss., Niels Nilson, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Miss., Peter Clarisse, Keeper, Ship Island Light Station, Miss., Albert Sommer, Keeper, Biloxi Harbor Lights, Miss., Mrs. Maria Younghans, Keeper, Biloxi Light Station, Miss., Joseph Swain, Keeper, Merrill Shell Bank Light Station, Miss., Sydney Gibbon, Keeper, Chandeleur Light Station, La., Ralph Gordon, Keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, La.

B. B. Dorry

Inspector 8th Lighthouse District

Copy respectfully furnished the
Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

(Signed) CONWAY
Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington. March 3, 1913.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information

(Signed) J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner.

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Younghans, Mrs. Maria

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouses

4. Designation of position:

Keeper

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

Care light and govt. property

6. Annual earnings:

$600

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 560 PA

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

Substitute—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
		48	7

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

Louisiana

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

F

14. Date of birth—

Month: January

Year: 1842

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

E8

16. Marital condition:

W

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 6 Miss.

County: Harrison

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

BEO

21. Place of employment—

City: Biloxi

State: Miss.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

re, Maria Younghans,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Madam:

You are advised that your salary as keeper of the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 800 per annum to $ 780 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $ 60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NOV 21 1918
WASHINGTON

OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 11-15-18
IN FILE OF 1095-8

December 23, 1918.

Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of section 6 of the act approved June 20, 1918, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department hereby retires you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service with retired pay at the rate of $454.50 per annum, effective at the close of December 31, 1918.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mrs. Maria Younghans,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 12/10/18 IN FILE OF Gilbert L. Bell

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 24 1918 BUREAU OF NAVIGATION DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 9 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Mrs. Maria Younghans,
deceased.

September 4, 1925.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. I regret to report the death of Mrs. Maria Younghans born January 20, 1842, died August 20, 1925.

2. Mrs. Younghans entered on duty as Keeper of Biloxi Lighthouse, Biloxi, Miss. December 6, 1867 and was placed upon the retired list at the close of December 31, 1918, having had 51 years and 25 days of active service with a perfectly clean record and nothing but approval of her services.

3. It is recommended that a record of the life history of Mrs. Younghans be published in the bulletin and a copy transmitted to her daughter, Miss. Miranda Younghans, at present Keeper of the Biloxi Lighthouse.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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SEP 11 1925
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 8 - 1925

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Acting Commissioner

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YOUNGHAMS, MARIA

YOUNGHAMS, MARIA

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Office of Inspector, 8th L.H.District,

New Orleans, La., February 25, 1913.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To Keepers of Lighthouses, 8th District.

In accordance with the instructions on pages 163 and 164 of the Regulations, you are informed that the following named Keepers of Light Stations in the 8th District have been commended for general efficiency and neatness of the station and personnel under their charge, during the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1913.

John W. St. G. Gibbon, keeper, Horn Island Light Station, Miss., Niels Nilson, keeper, Round Island Light Station, Miss., Peter Clarisse, Keeper, Ship Island L.S., Miss., Albert Sommer, keeper, Biloxi Harbor Lights, Miss., Mrs. Maria Younghams, keeper, Biloxi L.S., Miss., Joseph Swain, keeper, Merrill Shell Bank L.S., Miss., Sydney Gibbon, keeper, Chandeleur L.S., La., Ralph Gordon, keeper, Head of Passes L.S., La.

B. B. Dorry,

Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

Copy respectfully furnished the
Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:
(Signed) Conway
Chief Clerk.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 9 1909
NO.

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau **Light-House Establishment.** 2. Where employed **Biloxi Light-Station, Miss.**
3. Name **Mrs. Maria Younghans.** See remarks 4. Where born **Louisiana.**
5. Age **67** 6. Position **Keeper.**
7. Compensation **$600 pa.** 8. When appointed (*a*) **December 6, 1867.**
9. How appointed (*b*) **Prior to Classification.**
10. Appointed from — State **Mississippi.** Congressional District **Sixth.** County **Harrison.**
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) **Classified Competitive.**
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? **No.**
13. Other Government service **None.**
14. Duties (describe fully) **Exhibits 5th-order light; cares for dwelling and government property; renders necessary reports and returns.**
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) **10/10** Quality of work (*e*) **Excellent.** Interest manifested in work (*f*) **Excellent.**
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? **Yes.**
17. Remarks (*g*) **The station is kept with most excellent care. It appears that the name of this employee is Younghaus.**

Inspector, 8th L.-H. District, **Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,**
Head of Bureau or Office.

June 7, 19**09.**

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

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Department of Commerce and Labor

New Orleans, La.
May 12, 1911.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Name Mrs. Maria Younghans. 2. Age 69. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses. 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $600 P.a. 6. Where employed Biloxi Light-Station, Miss.

7. When appointed (*a*) Dec. 6, 1867. 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification.

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

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

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light; cares for dwelling and Government property; renders necessary reports and returns.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes. If so, state them A woman of the highest degree of intelligence.

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		2	
Total		8 ~~10~~	800
Average percentage			100

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

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

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

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

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

19. Is this employee superannuated? Growing old, I am sorry to say, yet during the storm of Sep. 23, 09 If so, what percentage of salary is unearned? she remained on watch in the tower throughout the night, seemingly facing its possible destruction by schooner finally driven ashore only 50 feet from its base.

20. Remarks: (*e*) The Keeper of longest service in the district, since December 6, 1867.

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

Inspector.

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

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Chief of Bureau or Office.

attention is absolutely unsolicited and even unknown to the party herein named.

In fact, I have no personal acquaintance with her and it is only because I believe you would be glad to show, in some manner, recognition of the continued Service for fifty Years of a faithful employee. And as a tribute to her that I write. Mrs. Maria Youngham (Keeper Biloxi Lt Sta.) Light-House Keeper at Biloxi, Mississippi, is the widow of Cary Youngham who died November 23 - 1864 - he being at the time

of his death the Keeper of same. Thirty-days after, Stone was appointed to succeed him and has been in continuous service ever since. this December completing Fifty years.—

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Posey—

Miss. Joe Posey
Gulfport, Mississippi

Gulfport Miss. Dec. 1st 1917.

Hon. Secretary of the Treasury—

Sir:—

I have the honor to make application for the position of Keeper of the Light House at Ship Island Miss. which is now vacant by the death of Keeper Stone.

I have had charge of the Light House at this place for the past 9 years and 10 months and am well acquainted with the duties appertaining to the office.

Respectfully yours

Joe Posey

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The Secretary will be pleased to have Mr. Posey call at the office of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Room 1, 7th floor, Department Building, at 10 a.m. Dec 7, 1917, in connection with the above application.

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December 4, 1917.

Service
Record.

Miss Zoe Posey,
Gulfport, Mississippi.

Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged, with thanks, of your letter of November 28, 1917, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the service record of Mrs. Maria Youmghans, keeper Biloxi Light Station, which letter was referred to this office.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Death Removes Last Woman Light Keeper

BILOXI, Miss., Aug. 21.—The death of Mrs. Miranda Younghans, eighty-five, keeper of the historic Biloxi Lighthouse since 1867, was believed today to have removed the last remaining woman from this branch of the Government service.

Clipping from the Washington Hearld of this date.

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Believe there are 6 or 7
woman keepers on roll

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Think this is mistake.
There were two Younghans
Maria & Miranda. The
former is one who died
in 1925.

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THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER.

For fifty-seven years, as The Register learns from its correspondent, Mrs. Maria Youngans was a lighthouse keeper at Biloxi, Mississippi. Now she is dead at the age of 83. During all those years of service she showed the loyalty and zeal that seem to be inseparable from the character of lighthouse keepers. To be sure, the keepers are chosen for those very qualities, and the ability to lead lives that are, in many instances, cut off from the world, but there is something in the work of tending a beacon that fosters the spirit of self-sacrifice.

In those lonely vigils with the sea, in stormy and peaceful weather, the knowledge that human life depends on the faithfulness with which the light is kept burning is a strong incentive to the performance of duty. The typical lighthouse keeper would no more fail the seafaring folk whose lives and safety depend upon the friendly warning that streams from the lighthouse tower than a soldier would desert the colors.

Mrs. Youngans must have been a picturesque and interesting character, and probably had experiences during her years as a lighthouse keeper that would well bear re-telling. But the lighthouse keepers are already giving way to automatic lights that may be left alone for months and require only casual attention. In a report to Secretary Hoover of the department of commerce, Commissioner Putnam of the lighthouse service says that an automatic light off the Hawaiian islands has flashed a signal to mariners every three seconds, day and night, for 14 years.

During the fiscal year 740 lighthouses on the American coast were replaced by automatic lights, and 114 others are scheduled for replacement, all of which means a saving to Uncle Sam in operating expenses. However, it is thought that some "aids to navigation" will always require the constant attendance of human beings, and the lighthouse keeper will not become extinct in the near future, if ever.

IN OUR SALAD DAYS.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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September 4, 1925.

Mrs. Maria Younghans,
deceased.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. I regret to report the death of Mrs. Maria Younghans born January 20, 1842, died August 20, 1925.

2. Mrs. Younghans entered on duty as Keeper of Biloxi Lighthouse, Biloxi, Miss. December 6, 1867 and was placed upon the retired list at the close of December 31, 1918, having had 51 years and 25 days of active service with a perfectly clean record and nothing but approval of her services.

3. It is recommended that a record of the life history of Mrs. Younghans be published in the bulletin and a copy transmitted to her daughter, Miss. Miranda Younghans, at present Keeper of the Biloxi Lighthouse.

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

Mrs. Maria Younghans

In the death of this most excellent Christian woman and faithful public servant, as in her life, this community finds a great lesson to console it for its distress at her departure. She was the keeper of the light house at Biloxi for fifty-two years; and, on being retired after this remarkable period of efficient service, marked with the star of efficiency by the department, she was praised by a visitor because of her exemplary and commendable career; she protested with the spirit of the truly modest and faithful: "No, I have just tried to perform my duty." How well she did that is written in the history of the Biloxi light, which did not flicker once in her 52 years of care of it, and told in many heroic actions. In the winter of 1870, she called Anson Pluka her brother-in-law, and effected, through him, the rescue of a man being swept to sea about daylight clinging to an upturned boat; and during the 1916 storm, when the heavy glass in the lighthouse tower was broken by a large pelican being blown against it, she and her daughter, mindful of the especial need of the light on such a night, replaced the glass temporarily and made the "light so shine" as before, unimpaired.

In her last hours, waking from a sleep she told her daughter that she had been dreaming that she was in church, and had been singing: "My faith looks up to Thee". And so her faith endured to the end; as ever, it was the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen." And that faith lighted her into the eternal harbor.

DEATH TAKES MRS. YOUNGHANS

Mrs. Maria Younghans, Aged Lighthouse Keeper of Biloxi, Died Last Night —Funeral This Afternoon

Mrs. Maria Younghans, aged 83, widow of the late Perry Younghans, died at her home 1036 West Beach Biloxi, at 7 o'clock yesterday evening. Mrs. Younghans was a native of New Orleans. After the death of her husband she succeeded him as light keeper of the Biloxi station, receiving her appointment in 1867, which position she retained for 52 years, when she was retired by the department and her daughter, who was her assistant, was appointed to the position. She is survived by her daughter, Miss M. Younghans of Biloxi, a son, E. J. Younghans of Gulfport, a sister, Mrs. A. Holley and a niece, Miss Edna Holley of Biloxi. Interment will take ulace in the Biloxi Cemetery at 5 o'clock this afternoon with services in the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which she was a life long member.

Per -

Marked copy
of Bucl. sent
Miss M. Youngham,
1036 Beach Road -
West,
Biloxi, Miss.

PILE REVETMENT TO ARREST EROSION SATISFACTORY

In July, 1924, a pile revetment, 700 feet in length, was constructed along the beach at New Dungeness Lighthouse, Wash., to arrest the drift and to accumulate sand, at a cost of about $900. An inspection of this lighthouse was made by the superintendent of the lighthouse district on July 21, 1925, when it was found that the revetment had entirely stopped the erosion of the beach and that a new high-water mark had formed a considerable distance seaward from the line of the revetment. And danger of further erosion of the beach seems stopped for the present.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN PORTO RICO

The keeper of Point Borinquen Lighthouse, P. R., reports that at 12.30, on the night of August 18, an earthquake shock was felt at that station which caused the light to extinguish and part of the mercury to come out of the tank. The light was restored in 12 minutes.

The keeper of Port San Juan Lighthouse, P. R., reports also that at about 12.03 on the same evening, a severe earthquake shock was felt at that station, which lasted approximately from one to two seconds. No damage was caused to the station.

USE OF LEAD FILINGS TO TIGHTEN PIPE JOINTS

The engineer of Pollock Rip Lightship (Mass.) writes as follows:

> Saw in the Lighthouse Bulletin [April, 1925, p. 73] about making screw pipe joints tight by using lead filings. We used it on an elbow on the steam line to the air compressor and it was a success; we could not make it tight by any other means.

DEATH OF MARIA YOUNGHANS, FORMER KEEPER OF BILOXI LIGHT

The Lighthouse Service regrets to report the death of Mrs. Maria Younghans, retired keeper of Biloxi Lighthouse, Miss., on August 20, 1925, at the age of 83. Mrs. Younghans entered on duty as keeper of Biloxi Lighthouse December 6, 1867, and was placed on the retired list at the close of December 31, 1918, having had over 51 years of active service, with a perfectly clear record and the highest approval of her services.

INSPECTIONS

During September the commissioner visited the third lighthouse district and the Dominion Lighthouse Depot at Prescott, Ontario; the superintendent of naval construction the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth lighthouse districts; and the radio engineer the eleventh lighthouse district. The superintendent on general duty inspected the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth lighthouse districts.

SAVING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

The following persons in the Lighthouse Service have been officially commended for meritorious services rendered in saving of life and property or rendering assistance:

Fred T. Robinson, keeper of the Cuckolds Lighthouse, Me., on September 12, rendered assistance to the occupants of a disabled power boat in the vicinity of the station.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell, keeper of New Canal Lighthouse, La., on August 22, assisted in the rescue of the passengers from the ferryboat *Southland*, which caught fire and sank in Lake Pontchartrain, by offering the facilities of the station to those who were rescued and in need of attention.

George M. Willis, sr., keeper of Point Lookout Lighthouse, Md., on August 26 rendered assistance to the occupants of a disabled airplane which landed in the vicinity of the station and cared for the party overnight.

Andrew Zuius, jr., keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lighthouse, N. Y., on September 7 rescued three men whose boat capsized near the station.

Leo R. Roode, keeper of Bristol Ferry Lighthouse, R. I., rendered as-