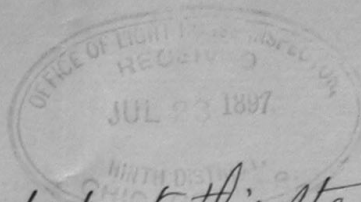


Buy  
G.A.D.



For paint that will be needed at this station  
this season.

As there is no inside white paint here to do the  
cleaning after the House is plastered we will need

inside white	galls	no	5
out side white	"	"	4
Raided linseed oil	"	"	10
Turpentine	"	"	2 1/2

paints or white paints delivered here June the 16<sup>th</sup> are  
not ready for use and we have not oil enough  
to mix them

Respectfully

Lewis Bauriaron  
Keeper South Fox Island  
Light Station  
via northport mich  
July 20<sup>th</sup> 1897



OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR  
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NINTH DISTRICT

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South Fox Island. July 18<sup>th</sup> 97  
to The.

U. S. Light House Inspector  
9<sup>th</sup> District Chicago Ill

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed measurement blank  
for coat & Vest from Wanamaker & Brown  
same as sample no. 3. Catalogue vol. 2 1896  
with gold plated buttons & collar ornaments  
Please purchase the same and charge the  
same to august salary, and deliver  
the same by Light House Tender  
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and. Oblige.

yours Resp!

William J. Wilson

2nd Asst Super

South Fox Island Light Sta

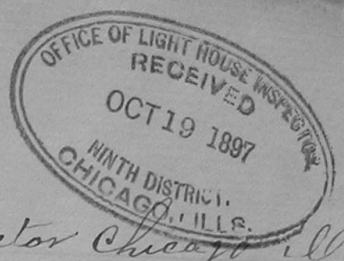
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is loose in it so I can not use it  
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E.H.L.



To the Light House inspector Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

The delay of the receiving of the reports has caused  
By bad weather could not get to the post office before  
last night

Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper South Fay Island  
Light Station  
via northport mich

October 16<sup>th</sup>. 1897

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The U.S. Light House Inspector Chicago Ill

Dear sir

I have seen Mr. Charles Roe of Harbor Springs and he spoke to me about the wood. he proposed to land it on the beach south west of the signal it is a very on handy place to put the wood on that side. he said he would put it there and not ~~not~~ fetch any far the fact that it would be too expenceive any other place.

Respectfully

September 13th 1897

Lewis Baurisau  
 Keeper South Fox Isld  
 Light Station  
 Northport Mich



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To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago ill.

Dear sir

Your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst was received last evening. I have tried to rent or hire a boat here to take us to the station but have failed. I have also tried to employ a fishtrug last evening but they are all as id to make the trip. if our boat was not under going repairs we have taken her and would be at the station by this time.

We found that the stern and stern is not very sound my asst keepers do not like to use the boat any more before it is repaired. I know that the boat is in a very bad condition and it will take a month before it is repaired. you will please advise me what to do

Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1897

W.H.

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To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

after consulting with my ass. keeper  
for another man we find that one would  
be of great help to us if one of the keepers  
should be taken sick during the winter.  
it is now late to write on that subject  
but I have told Mr Gallagher and  
Mr. Wilson that I would write you about  
it. We can not leave our station after  
December 1<sup>st</sup> and return for it is not  
safe and one man would be left alone  
at the station I would not like to  
risk a trip across in winter and one  
man alone at the station. I leave the  
case for your own judgment

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1897

Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan

Keeper South Fay Isld.

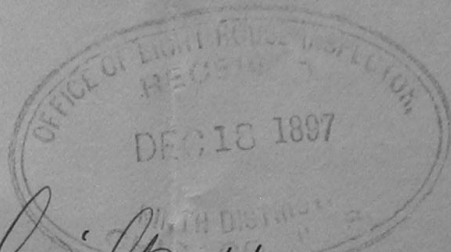
Northport Mich

Light Station



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To the Light House Inspector  
at Chicago Ill.

Dear sir yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> ist. is  
ready at Hand. will be ready  
in two or 2<sup>or 3</sup> days for any orders  
sent from your office in  
regards to keeping light ab winter

Mr J. O. Gallagher will on the  
16<sup>th</sup>. checks will be received in  
the general way if we do not go  
to the station for the winter

Respectfully

Lewis Bourisson  
Keeper

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1897

keeper  
Fay Island Light  
Station



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To the Light House Inspector  
at Chicago Ill

Dear Sir

A message telling me to be ready  
 to return to the station has been received.  
 Gallagher has left for St James but  
 we have wired him to return at once.  
 Would there be time to forward blanks  
 to sign so it can be forwarded to  
 Michael brother at Northport Mich  
 to pay for my winter supplies would  
 like to sign one for \$100. <sup>two</sup> one hundred  
 dollar and forward it when it is done  
 one for \$50. <sup>two</sup> fifty dollars to be sent to  
 my wife also at Northport. for no mail  
 can get to us during the winter.

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper  
Fort Island Light  
Station

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1897

Please make the checks quit to ~~me~~  
pay. if any are sent. or if you  
prefer to have me sign one check for  
a month my family will be left  
with no money this winter if none  
are sent. please do the best you can  
in the matter

Dec., 15<sup>th</sup> 1897

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Lewis Baurissan

Keeper



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Dear sir I am now ready for  
instructions concerning the south  
Island sail boat.

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

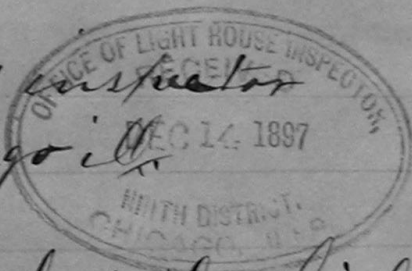




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To the Light House Inspector  
at Chicago Ill.



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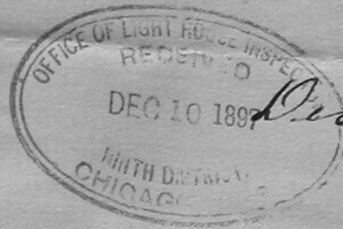
I hereby report that the Light Station at South Fox Island was closed for the winter this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1897. and left in good condition

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissar  
Keeper South Fox  
Island Light Station  
see northport mich

December 10<sup>th</sup> 1897

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Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1897

South Fox Island Light Station

Worth Post-Track.

U.S. Light House Inspector 9th District

Chicago Ill.

Sir

I Received your kind letter offering me a transfer to Wind Point Light Station.

In Reply

Sir I am not in a position to except it this fall. But if you can favor me a little later on with a position as keeper or a transfer a little nearer home I will gladly except. I thank you for your kind offer and remain

yours very respectfully  
James G. Collier

1st Class



To the Light House inspector at Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

Mr. Christ Tollgard who is repairing the South  
Fox Island Light House sailboat tells me the keel of  
the boat is very weak. he was to bolt a piece the  
length of the keel but I did not like to have him  
do so for the fact that the water will get in between  
the two pieces and cause them to rot.

he said he would putt in a new keel for  
twenty five dollars (\$25.00) as the keel need fixing  
I think it is best to putt in a new keel. he has  
a contract for the amount of fifty <sup>850</sup> dollars  
to repair the boat from your office. shall I have  
a new keel putt in or not? the boat will last  
much longer if it is putt in.

Respectfully  
Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper South Fox  
Island Light Station  
Michigan

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Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1898

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OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR  
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To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago ill.

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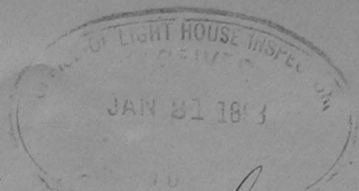
inclosed you will find the notice sent me in  
regards to the expencture of oil during the quarter  
ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 1897. a copy of the same has  
ben taken by me to correct my books by.

I wish also to say that I been asked by Mr  
James O. Gallagher 1<sup>st</sup> asst. keeper of South Fay  
Island Light Station. to send a recommendation to  
your office in is favor. I have since heard that  
transfers will be made north of our station. I there-  
fore recommend Mr Gallagher a suitable man to  
take charge of a station as Prin. Keeper. please remember  
him if Keeper is needed.

Respectfully  
Lewis Barrissan  
Keeper South Fay Island  
Light Station  
Via Northport mich

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1898

P.A.



To the Light House Inspector at Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

The time marker for the South Fox Island Light station has been by me Jan<sup>y</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>

Referring to your notice for the amount of oil expended and remaining on hand can not be answered before spring I have no books here Shall answer as soon as I get to the Station.

Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau

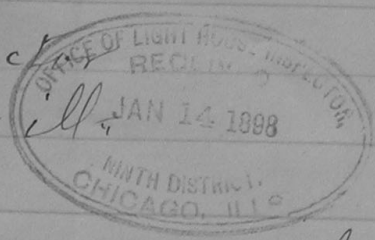
Keeper South Fox Island

Light Station

via Northport Mich

Jan<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1898

To the Light House inspect  
at Chicago Ill.



Dear Sir

Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. is ready at hand,  
and for which I am very thankful

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper South Fox Island  
Light Station  
via Northport Mich

January 11<sup>th</sup> 1898

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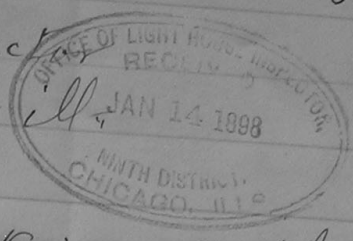
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Respectfully  
Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper



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To The Light House Inspector  
at Chicago Ill.



Dear Sir

Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. is ready at hand,  
and for which I am very thankful

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper South Fox Island  
Light Station  
via Northport Mich

January 11<sup>th</sup> 1898

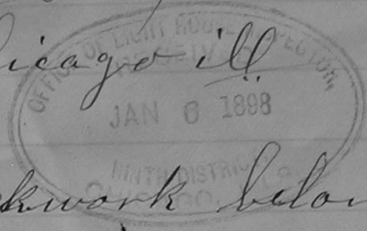
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Respectfully  
Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago Ill.



Dear sir  
a box containing the clockwork belonging to the  
South Fay Island Light Station and also the  
lubricator of the Cosbays automatic clockwork  
lubricator leaks at the top. would you  
please send me the amount of oil on hand  
October 1<sup>st</sup> 1897. I have all the figures excepting  
the oil.

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper South Fay Island  
Light Station

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1898

via Northport Mich

I shipped the clockwork to the Light House engineer  
at Detroit Mich for repairs. I have received a new  
clock in place of the old one

Respectfully  
Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

L.A.

Northport Mich

March 7<sup>th</sup> 1898

To the Light House Inspector  
At Chicago Ill

Dear sir,

I have received notice from  
Mr Christ Tellgard that he  
was through repairing the South  
Foy Island Light House Sail-  
boat. I have seen the work done  
and find it of Satisfactory.  
The Boat has been well repaired  
and two coats of paint putt on  
inside and outside has agreeded.

Very Respectfully

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Cost for Repairing the  
boat is seventy five dollars  
\$75.00

Lewis Bourisau  
Keeper

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Grand Traverse Light Station <sup>472</sup>

Northport Mich <sup>46</sup>

March 24, 1898

Inspector 9th Light House District.  
Chicago, Illinois.



Sir:

I have to report I have relighted the Light  
March 23, 1898 for the season.

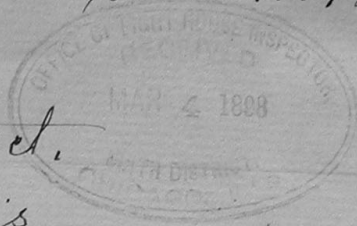
Respectfully  
George Buttars  
Keeper



Northport, Mich. 470.

March 1, 1898

Inspector 9th Light House District,  
Chicago, Illinois.



I visited the Light Station Saturday 22, 1898  
and found every thing all right.

Respectfully.

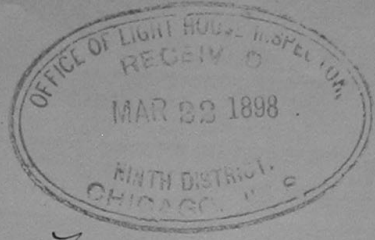
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Northport Mich March 20th 1898.  
Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill

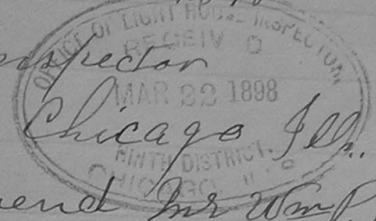
Sir

I hereby make application  
for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant at  
North Maumee Light Station

Very Respectfully  
William P. Wilson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Keeper. S. L. S. L. S.

Fort Point Mich March 20<sup>th</sup> 1898

Light House Inspector



I hereby recommend Mr Wm. P. Wilson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> asst. at The Station under my charge  
 for promotion. he is a through reliable  
 man and well qualified to fill the position  
 of 1<sup>st</sup> asst.

Very Respectfully  
 Lewis Bawissan  
 Keeper South Fox  
 Island Light Station



St. James Mich

March 14 1898

U S Light House Inspector 1st District

Chicago Ill

Sir please forward my Salary for March to  
St. James Mich

I will start for my station on the  
3rd of April on the U S Mail Str. Hockley  
as I have made arrangements to the effect

Yours Very Respectfully

James B Gallagher

St. James Mich

1st Asst South Fox



To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago ill.



Dear Sir

I here by report that the U.S. Light House tender  
Amaranth visited this station today and delivered three  
(3) new fourth order lamps and for which I have been  
instructed to report for supplies

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau

Keeper South Fox Island

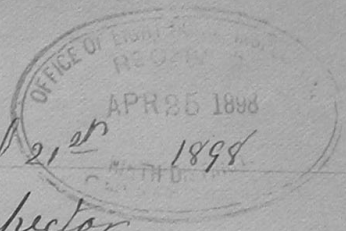
Light Station

via Northport Mich

May 20th. 1898

Please allow for  
extra supplies

S.P.H.



South Fay Island Mich April 21<sup>st</sup>  
To Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

a box containing one hains lamp. one Brass nut  
and two 2. sets of ~~parts~~ for clockwork has been shipped to  
the light House engineer Detroit Mich. for rep-  
airs one set of bolts for the old clock and Brass nut the  
other set to exchange for longer ones.

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Baurisvan  
Keeper

P.O. address Northport  
Mich

shipped today

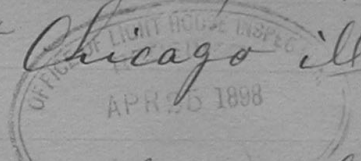


S.A.H.

South Fox Island Light Station

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1898

To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago Ill



Dear Sir

I hereby report that the South Fox Island has  
been in operation since the night of April 7<sup>1898</sup>.  
fogg signal also is ready

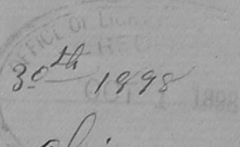
Very Respectfully  
Lewis Barrissan  
Keeper

P.O. address Northport  
Mich



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L.O.A.

Northport Mich September 30<sup>th</sup> 1898

To the Light House inspector Chicago Ill

Dear sir,

I have seen Mr John Nelson of this place the man that Mr Peterson told me to see for the wood and he told me that he could not do the work nor would he tell me what it would be worth to do the work.

I have on hand of fuel at my station 13.2 tons of coal and 26. +  $\frac{3}{4}$  cord of wood has I have never kept opened winters. I ~~do~~ not know how much it would it would take. but if we are supplied with coal for this winter I think 30. tons will be enough.

Very Respectfully

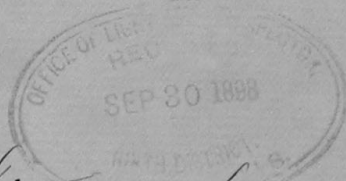
Lewis Bourisson  
Keeper south Fox Island  
Light Station  
Northport  
Mich

P.S.

soft coal is use at this station

L.B. keeper

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South Fay Island Light Station September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill

Dear sir.

I have seen Mr J. O. Peterson and asked him what he would charge to cut and deliver seventy five (75) cords of good green wood for at this signal and he told me that he had sold his land and if he did own land he thought it would be too expensive to hire a team from main land to haul the wood he said the work could not be done without a good team of horses.

Mr John Nelson of Northport owns land here and has a team will see him and report as soon as I can get to Northport

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

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South Fay Island Light Station Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1898

To the Light House inspector

Chicago Ill.

Sir I herby report that I have been to Northport  
and done a part of the work that I was to do on my  
house. I did not leave before September 1<sup>st</sup> on account  
of my face being sore and returned the 5<sup>th</sup> at  
5<sup>45</sup> Pm.

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper



U. S. L. H. ENGINEER OFFICE,  
DETROIT, MICH.  
REC'D SEP 7 1898

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Northport Mich. September 4<sup>th</sup> 1898  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Sir,

I hereby report that the funks Heap Lamp  
proved satisfactory. I have therefor shipped  
the two (2) hand lamps to the Light House  
engineer Detroit Mich.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper South Fay Island

Light station

Northport Mich

Lamps shipped by express Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1898

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To Mr. P. Pickins inspector  
clerk Chicago Ill

Dear sir

There is at this station 2 Books that  
belongs to library case no 152 taken  
from this station June 16<sup>th</sup> 1897.

I have been instructed by the ins-  
pector to write you for instructions  
concerning them

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissa

Keeper

South Fox Island

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Wrap each book in a  
separate package and send  
them here - by mail -

Paste the enclosed envelopes  
on the out side of package - and  
return this letter

July 22/98  
sent to Grand  
Harbor Light

Summer kitchen at the Capt's quarters  
Feb 14, X 18.

I do not remember  
reported that the winter



List of Repairs and new work done at South Star Island U. S.

Walls built & repaired	feet. 1027.
Pipe lay for water supply	" " 246.
new oil cask	" " 167
1. new roof House	" " 16 X 35
hammer kitchen at the end of quarters	
feet 14 X 18.	

water supply for pump House  
 repairs in dwelling of the light,  
 kitchen plastered,  
 walls of 2. rooms repaired.  
 laid one floor 10 X 11 feet  
 priced splitting around outside  
 of kitchen and raised one door in the  
 same. made one cellar door.  
 painted dwelling & tanks and washed  
 with cement  
 changed water supply and steam  
 feed for the clock of signal  
 rail boat repaired with one new steel. 6.  
 new plank. 3. new Hatchcooler steam

The U.S. Signal House inspector  
 at Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir  
 I do not remember of having  
 reported that the kitchen had been  
 repaired. a new brick top was built  
 on in place of a plank cover also  
 three (3) drain pipes for the same.

July 11<sup>th</sup>  
 1898

Very Respectfully  
 Lewis Bowler  
 keeper  
 South Star Island  
 Signal Station  
 in north part of Wick





and 7 pairs of new timbers; and work boards and other repairs where it was needed.

1 new center piece in lens to render an

1 new slackmark

1. St. Dagstaff.

I also report that the ward at the station for the fog signal will not last over three months there is some here but not yet received as gears - cannot properly contact for Wood has been let to Mr. Charles Roe & Co at Harbor Springs Mich.

He has 40 cord landed here last

Sept. 1897

would like to have him deliver the remainder of the ward before this apply now on hand runs out

Escario Bonvicino  
Keeper

HOOPER

South Star Island Light Station  
July 15th 1898

To The Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of June 18th 1898 I send a list of repairs and new work done at this station July 1st 1897. The board date some of the work was being built when the annual report was sent in therefore I could not report it.

Very Respectfully

Escario Bonvicino

Keeper

South Star

Island

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1000  
South Fox Island Light Station

Trenton Mich July 6th 98  
U. S. Light House Inspector 9th District

Chicago Ill.

Sir

I get a patriotic desire to enlist in the  
Naval or Marine service, and take part in the war,  
I would very much like thru your kindness  
and influence to get on a man-of-war, I am  
capable of holding a position as quartermaster to  
a fireman I would very much like your help and  
advice. I am ready to go at a moments notice  
and stand ready to die for, for our glorious flag  
I wote you Immediate advice and answer  
and remain

Yours very Respectfully  
James B. Gallagher  
1st Asst.







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Northport Mich October 27<sup>th</sup> 1898

To the Light House inspector

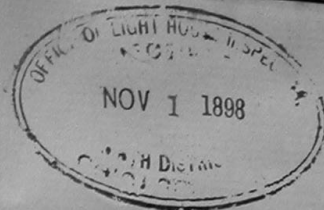
Chicago Ill

Dear sir I hereby report that Mr James. O. Gallagher has left South Fox Island light today to go and take charge of his new light at twin rivers. I will return to-morrow weather permitting. With my son Mr Wm. S. Wilson enters on duty as 1<sup>st</sup> asst keeper

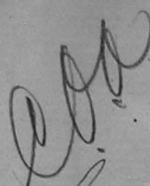
Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan

Keeper South Fox Light Station



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 South Fox Island Light Station October 26<sup>th</sup> 1898  
 To the Light House Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

Would you be so kind to forward checks for the  
 months of December, January and February so that  
 we may sign them to have them sent to our families  
 for their support during the winter.

To be sent for 1<sup>st</sup> asst. and myself.

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissaw

Keeper

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P.O.

South Fay Island Light Station October 26<sup>th</sup> 1898  
 To the Light House inspector

Chicago Ill

Dear sir

I hereby inform you that Mr. W. B. Blacken has taken the job to cut twenty five (25) cord of hard wood for the South Fay Island fog signal at one \$1.00 a cord. Will report as soon as it is cut.

Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
 Keeper



P.O.

South Fay Island Light Station October 26<sup>th</sup> 1898  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

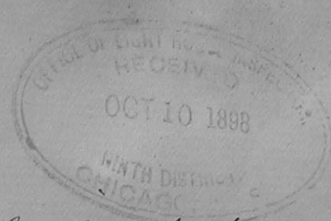
I hereby inform you that Mr. Nels Blacken has taken the job to cutt twenty five (25) cord of hard wood for the South Fay Island fog signal at one \$1.00 a cord. Will report as soon as it is cutt.

Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

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To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear Sir

in reply to your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> September 1898 asking if there is Mineral oil enough at this Station to last alwinter. There is enough for the amount on hand at close of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is <sup>9 2 P gals</sup> 439-3-0-3. That amount will be enough.

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

South Fox Island  
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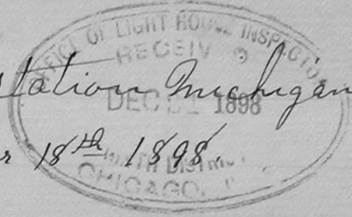
October 4<sup>th</sup> 1898

NAME

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South Fox Island Light station Michigan

December 18<sup>th</sup> 1898



U.S. Light-House inspector

Ninth District Chicago Ill.

Sir

I here by report that Mr. Nels Blacken went on duty November 27<sup>th</sup> 1898 by your orders and has since been to work as laborer of this station and I have had him to sign blank vouchers for his salary for the winter months and pay rolls. Thinking that I would save time and trouble by the same. Mr. Geare W. Chamberlin not having reported

Respectfully

Lewis Bourrison

Keeper



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CSA  
 South Fox Island Light Station Michigan

RECEIVED  
 December 18<sup>th</sup> 1898  
 DEC 21 1898

US Light House inspector

Ninth District Chicago Ill.

Sir

I hereby report that my son Lewis E. Baurissan  
 has been on duty since November 1<sup>st</sup> 1898.  
 has now been on duty forty eight (48) days.  
 Mr Chamberlin not expected to report this fall  
 pay rolls signed by him also as Mr Blacken

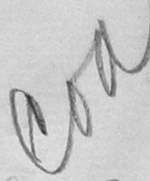
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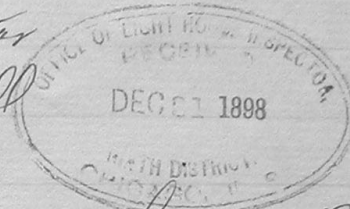
Lewis Baurissan

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 South Fay Island Light Station Mich Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1898  
 U.S. Light House Inspector  
 Chicago Ill



Sir,

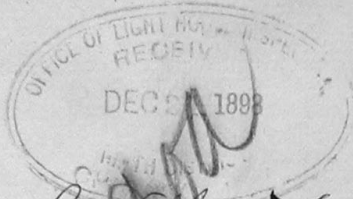
I have had Mr Mel Blacken and Lewis E. Baurissan  
 sign blank vouchers and pay roll to save time and  
 trouble. for there winter pay. Mr Chamberlin did not  
 report yet or sent any explanation of any kind

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 keeper

NAME

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South Fox Island Light Station

December 18<sup>th</sup> 1898

U. S. Light House Inspector 9<sup>th</sup> District Chicago Ill

Sir

I hereby have the honor  
to report the receipt of my Appointment  
as first assistant Keeper of South Fox  
Island Light Station

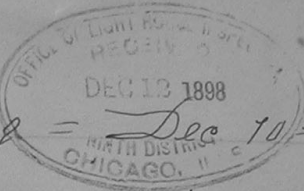
From The honorable  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Washington D. C.

Respectfully yours.

William P. Wilson  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst.



Vicksburg = Dec 10 - 1898



C. O. Allbone  
 Commander, U. S. Navy  
 Inspector, 9<sup>th</sup> Light House District  
 Chicago Ill

Kind Sir

Yours of December 6 received, I  
 now wish I had gone to South Fox Island,  
 but I thought if the place had already been  
 filled as I was informed, it would be  
 useless for me to go

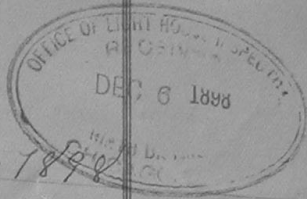
Many Thanks for the appointment  
 as I am ready to go as soon as I can  
 get to the Island

Respectfully yours

George W. Chamberlin  
 Vicksburg  
 Michigan

P.S. Will advise your Office when I leave  
 for my Station

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Vicksburg Dec 5 - 1898  
Honorable Light House Inspector, 9 District  
Chicago Ill

Kind Sir

Yours of Dec 3 - received, will say that I reported by wire from Northport to you at Chicago receiving no reply I returned here I was informed at Northport by Mr. Wm P. Wilson First assistant that <sup>the</sup> Inspector was at Fox Island Monday (Dec 28) and filled vacancy by appointing the Keepers son as Second assistant and a woodman as third assistant, He (Mr. Willson) also informed me that the Oath of Office had been signed by them and forwarded to Chicago, Mr Willson said that the Keeper asked what would be done with Chamberlin if he put in his appearance and your reply was I will attend to him - I was informed at Northport that it would be impossible to get to Fox Island this season as the boats had all stopped running and I think if I was to go to Fox Island that they would try and make it very uncomfortable for me as it would put the Keepers son out of work

I am a married man, have two children to look after have been to some expence going to Northport and need a position badly, if the situation position is already filled as they told me if you had some other place for me it would be a great accomadation to me I should prefer a shore position so I could

ETLY UP-TO-DATE.

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Light Station  
24<sup>th</sup> 1898.



Educate my children but am willing to  
work anywhere

Please write me as soon as possible  
as I await your orders

George W Chamberlin  
Vicksburg  
Michigan

Yours respectfully  
Mrs Daniel Williams  
Little Inaruse Lt. Keeper

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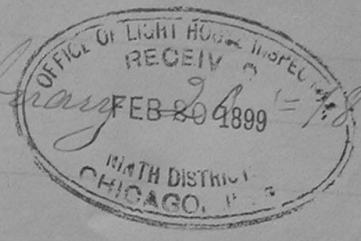
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Vicksburg February 14 1899 =



Inspector of Light-House Dist Chicago

Yours of February 14 received Enclosing Department letter of February 7 extending the time for a probationary period of six months from my reporting for duty for which receive Thanks

George W Chamberlin Vicksburg Michigan

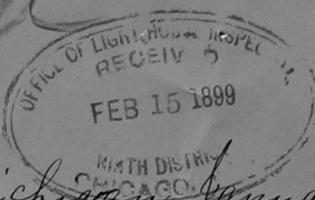
I will report for duty as soon as possible

Thomas J. Armstrong Keeper

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Please refer to Captain Wainman's report

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South Fox Island Michigan January 21<sup>st</sup> 1899  
To The Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

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Dear sir,

The steam pipe that feeds the poney is broke it broke even where it entered the dome. it was put in the dome with a reducer. will require a drill to get it out. The pipe is 1/2 inch in size. will need taps and Reducers one size larger than was in before as it will likely spoil the old thread in drilling the pipe and reducer out.

We havent got any reducers, drills, or Taps on hand.

only one boiler in good working order. would like a set of taps and drills from 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch in size and plugs. we could then do the work ourselves. size of broken pipe. 1/2 inch inside 3/4 inch outside

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

U. S. L. H. ENGINEER OFFICE, MILWAUKEE, WIS. 1899 REC'D FEB 17

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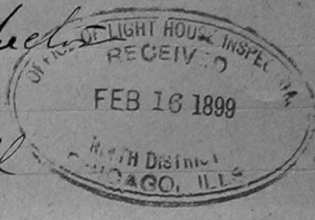
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Northport February 14<sup>th</sup> 99

1899

U S Light House inspector



Chicago Ill

Sir

Mr. Blackie and myself came over from the island yesterday on the ice no water in sight this mornth fourteen inches of ice about half way cross didnt encounter any cracks ice very rough most of the way ice is shoved under most of the way so that it was impossible to cut through will return to morrow weather permitting

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Yours Respectfully

William P. Wilson

*W. P. Wilson*

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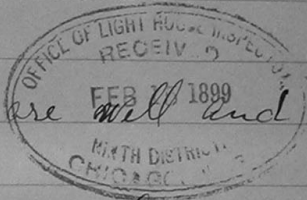
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South Fox Island Mich February 15<sup>th</sup> 1898  
To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago Ill.

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Dear sir.



I hereby report that that we are well and in good health at present. Wood all out of the woods and piled on the beach, and the coal has been hauled to the station. The ice around this Island is (12) inches thick.

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Respectfully

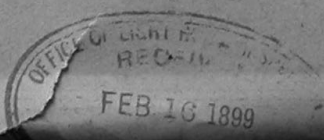
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I report all well at this Station

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper



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*W. B.*



South Fox Island Light Station

January 16<sup>th</sup> 1899

To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

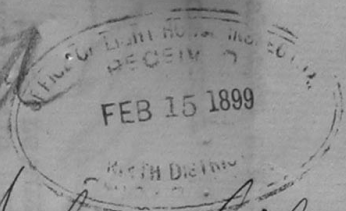
I hereby report that the coal has all been hauled to the signal the last was hauled today. The wood will be added to the supplies any hand as soon as it is out of the woods we have a part of it out on the beach now.

I also report that we are in very good health at the present time.

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Bourissan

Keeper

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South Fox Island Light Station January 10<sup>th</sup> 1899  
 To the Light House inspector  
 at Chicago ill.

Dear sir

In case you will find a drawing of a wood wheelbarrow. The drawing is as near as I could get to what is wanted for wheeling wood or coal at this station we are in need of two (2) wheelbarrows of that kind. The wheelbarrows now on hand are too light for that work. please have them sent by the anchor boats as when the bays are set out in the spring. they would be a great help if we had

now.

I also report that one of the hand hole plate bolts is broke it broke while replacing the plate after cleaning the boiler January 9<sup>th</sup> will send the plate to the nearest shop to have a bolt fitted in. by the anchor boats. Two (2) elbows have been ordered off the engineer for the safety valves on the boilers at this signal and a chain wrench which is need.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissar  
 Keeper

U. S. L. H. ENGINEER OFFICE,  
 MILWAUKEE, WIS  
 REC'D FEB 17 1899



South Fox Island Light June 29 = 1899 3/6

The Second Keeper found that Cap Reed  
and his men from the wrecking tug Salvor  
had opened the grave of the man supposed to  
be the Captain of the James Platt of East  
Bay City and Buried as Henry Turner  
Some of the remains are now above ground  
and present a sorry Spectical

The grave was marked by a post at the  
Head and a can that had flowers in at one  
time = Turner was Drowned on November 25  
1881 and His Body found August 10 = 1882  
and Buried

June 29 = 1899 George W. Chamberlin 2 Assistant  
Attest. — We the undersigned do hereby declare  
that we have seen the above and declare it  
is the whole truth

Witnesses

Lewis Baurissan Keeper in charge  
William P. Wilson 1<sup>st</sup> asst.  
J. M. Jacobson  
John O. Peterson  
Lars Stangvik.  
Hennig Anderson

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South Fox Island Light Station June 16<sup>th</sup> 1899  
To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir I hereby Report that the coal delivered by  
the tender Dahlia May 3<sup>rd</sup> is now consumed fuel  
on hand is <sup>in</sup> (7) cord of hardwood.

P.S. please send  
one (1) daily expenditure  
Book L Bourissan Keeper

Respectfully  
Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

*[Handwritten signature]*

OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR  
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JUN 29 1899  
CHICAGO ILL.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1899

have seen the parties next day and  
had a conversation with them. and they went and  
replaced the bones and partly filled the grave  
We dont like those graves disturbed

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

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OFFICE OF THE  
POSTMASTER  
JUN 25 1899

South Fox Island Light Station June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899  
To the Light House Inspector  
at Chicago Ill

Dear sir

W.A.

I wish to inform you that the gaslock packing  
ordered from this station was received in good  
order. and we think it is the best and cheapest  
packing we can use for our whistle pistons

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

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South Frog Island.  
Mich May 5 1899.

MAY 8 1899

Mr. C. F. Helibone.  
Dear Sir

These applications blank have been sent back to me for not pasting at a certain date.

Respectfully

Lewis G. Bourissas  
Residence  
Northport  
Michigan

Please  
write to  
Bourissas  
giving him full  
at

J. A. Thompson, M. D.

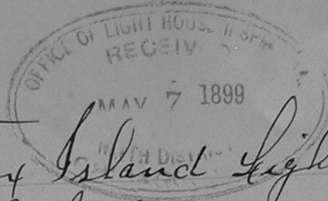
Traverse City, Mich. May 5 1899

This is to certify that Walter E. Grobman is suffering from inflammation of the middle ear & in consequence is incapacitated for performing any labor that exposes him to the weather

Signed  
MAY 7 1899  
CHICAGO

J. A. Thompson M.D.

*W.A.*



South Fox Island Light Station April 27<sup>th</sup> 1899  
 To the Light House inspector Chicago Ill

Dear sir.

I hereby Report that the boilers at this foggy signal have settled so that there is a heavy strain on the pipes leading from the boilers through the roof of the house and there is danger of breaking the pipes. a copy of this report has been sent to the Light House engineer Milwaukee Wis.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bannison

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I hereby report  
 ed for dutie today as 2<sup>nd</sup> asst. Keeper of this station  
 stain my son has labored

Very Respectfully



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Dear sir  
I here by re  
November 27<sup>th</sup>  
come of laborer

Mr Geo. W. Chamberlin reported for  
dutie at this stacion April 27<sup>th</sup> 1899  
Mr. Nels Blacken was discharged  
the same day. a report was written  
that day and sent to your office  
Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

South  
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Dear sir

I hereby report  
reported for dutie today as 2<sup>nd</sup> asst. Keeper of this stacion  
shall I retain my son has laborer  
Respectfully



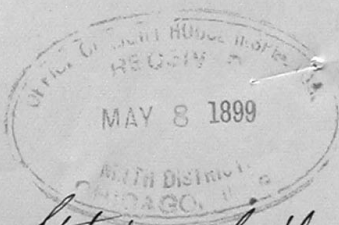
South Fay Island Light Station April 27<sup>th</sup> 1899  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

There by report that the laborer employed  
November 27<sup>th</sup> 1898. has been discharge this 27<sup>th</sup> April 1899  
Name of laborer. Mel Blocken

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurisvan  
Keeper



South Fay Island Light Station April 27<sup>th</sup> 1899  
To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr Geo. W Chamberlin  
reported for dutie today as 2<sup>nd</sup> asst. Keeper of this station  
shall I retain my son has laborer.

Very Respectfully

South Fay Island Light Station April 27<sup>th</sup> 1899

To the Light House inspector

Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

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November 27<sup>th</sup> 1898. has been discharge this 27<sup>th</sup> April 1899  
Name of laborer. Mel Blocken

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper



South Fay Island Light Station April 27<sup>th</sup> 1899

To the Light House inspector

at Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr Geo. W Chamberlin  
reported for dutie today as 2<sup>nd</sup> asst. Keeper of this station  
shall I retain my son has labourer

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper



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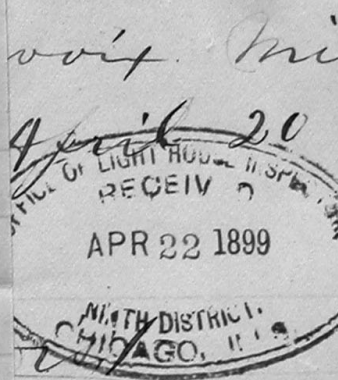
Vicksburg April 20 - 99

Commander, Allibone  
Inspector I L, H District  
Kind Sir

I will start  
for Northport April 26 and try  
and get to Fox Island from there  
I have written the Keeper and  
Assistant to wire me on their  
arrival at Northport and if they  
can give me 40 Hours I can get  
there perhaps they will  
if you have any instructions for  
me please let me know soon

Res, yours

Geo. W. Chamberlin  
Vicksburg  
Michigan



Chicago  
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bestful  
Lt. W. J.  
Light.





South Fox Island Light Station Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> / 99  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.  
Kind Sir.

allow me to  
recommend Mr George W. Chamberlin now first  
assistant keeper at Petite Point au sable Light Station  
as an efficient engineer and machinist and a first  
class man with a fog signal who understands  
both that runs with engines and clockwork.  
He is a steady and temperate + industrious + faithful  
man and I believe capable of taking entire charge of a  
light or fog signal station and while at this station  
I found him a gentleman and always ready and  
anxious to assist in caring for both light + signal  
I therefore recommend him as an efficient man

Yours Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissar  
Keeper

Please on file with recommendation  
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These vouchers are for Lewis E. Baurissan for  
labor done as my substitute at the rate of \$1. <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per day  
one dollar <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to five Cts. per day for nine (9) day

OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR  
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SEP 7 1899  
NINTH DISTRICT  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

Detroit Harbor Door Co Wis

Sept 6 1899

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Office of the Light House Inspector  
Ninth District

OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR  
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NINTH DISTRICT  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Chicago Ill

Having recived my Appontment as third  
Assistant Keeper of South Fox Island

I Acknowledge Same and will Endeavor  
to enter upon duty at as early date as Possible.

With thanks for your Prompt remittance

I am very respectfully yours

Edward H. Cornell

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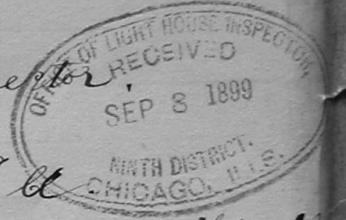
These vouchers are for Lewis E. Baurissan for labor done as my substitute at the rate of \$1.<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per day one dollar and twenty five cts. per day for nine (9) day to five cts. per day for nine (9) day



Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

Detroit Harbor Door Co Wis  
Sept 6 1899

Light House Establishment  
Office of the Light House Inspector  
North District  
Chicago Ill



Having recired my Appontment as third Assistant Keeper of South Fox Island I Acknowledge Same and will Endeavor to enter upon duty at as erly date as Possible. With thanks for your Prompt remittance I am very respectfully yours

Edward H. Cornell

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SEP 7 1899

South Fort Island Light Station September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1899

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir as I have not received orders to discharge the laborer I have placed Lewis E. Baurissan as laborer in place of William L. Baurissan this second (2) day of September 1899

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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South Fox Island August 31 1899  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

I hereby report the delivery of 80 cords  
of wood by capt. John Johnson

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Bauressan  
Keeper

William P. Wilson  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst.

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Northport Michigan August 26<sup>th</sup> 1897  
 To the Light House Inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

I hereby report that I have returned to Northport to take care of my son William L. Baurissan who was taken sick with typhoid fever. The sickness came on so sudden that I did not have time to ask for a permit to leave the station to tend him during the worst stages of the fever. He will be well enough to leave him in a few days. I have left Lewis E. Baurissan to work in my place at the station for he understands the work well & can be trusted with the signal or light. Would it be right for him to sign the vouchers for pay when he has been left to work in my place?

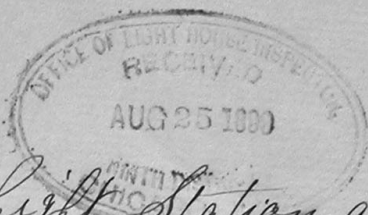
Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper Fox Island  
 Light Station

Vouchers for pay must  
 be signed by the keeper  
 & not a substitute





South Fay Island Light Station Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

I here by report that Mr William L. Baurissan  
 the young man employed as laborer at this station  
 took sick Aug. <sup>th</sup> (14<sup>th</sup>) and he will not be able to work  
 any more this summer. Length of time that he  
 worked is twelve (12) days, from Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> to the (14<sup>th</sup>)  
 I have to return to take care of him for he can not  
 help himself. I have hired Lewis Baurissan to  
 labor in my place during my absence.

Very Respectfully  
 Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

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Northport Michigan August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1899

To Mr S.F. Picking Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

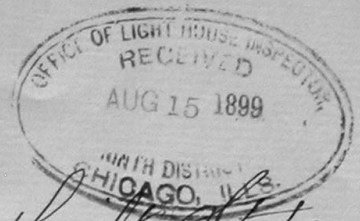
permit me to inform you that my son Lewis S. Baurissan has received no papers from your office. he tells me that he has been looking for them sence he wrote your office, for them. delay in regard to forwarding the same is not is fault.

he is at home at present. I have called him home for the fact that his Brother Wm L. Baurissan is very sick and not able to work any more this summer he labored only twelve (12) days. I have been detained at Northport by his sickness. I am ready to return to the Island since Sunday the twentieth (20) but the wind is blowing fresh from NW and we can not cross. over today please infarm the inspector as to the papers for Lewis S Baurissan he will serve in place of Wm L. Baurissan untill I hear from your office

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Super Boy Island Light station





South Fox Island Light Station

August 10<sup>th</sup> 1899

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

I hereby report that Mr. J. Cornell of Algoma Wis. has reported for duty as 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst of this Station today. Will Mr. Wm. S. Bourissau be discharged or retained to labor. as I will leave Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cornell at the Station and make this trip to Northport with Mr. Bourissau.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau

Keeper

Telegraphed him

"Retain laborer until bird boat out arrives or until further orders" -

I have written the Keeper of Manitowoc to ascertain, if possible, why the 3<sup>rd</sup> boat does not report for duty at South Fox Island - his name is James S. Wright and his home is at Manitowoc.



Algonquin Wis

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Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1899

Lighthouse Inspector  
Chicago Ill

Gentlemen

I will leave to day 7<sup>th</sup>  
for South Fox Island

Respectfully Yours

Wynnes S. Cornell

Island

August. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1899

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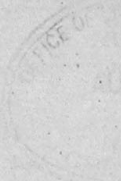
Respectfully

William P. Wilson

1<sup>st</sup> Asst

{ P.S }

Please deliver same by tender Dahlia }



South. Frs Island

August. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1899

U. S. Light House Inspector

Chicago Ill  
Sir

Please find inclosed uniform blank.  
for pants and cap. from Wawamaker & Brown  
please procure same and deduct amount of bill  
from my august salary  
And Oblige

Respectfully

William P. Wilson  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst

( P. S )

( Please deliver same by tender Dahlia )

NAME

Grand Traverse Light Station ~~424~~  
Northport, Mich.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1899

Inspector 9th Light House District.  
Chicago, Ill.



Sir:

I have to report that I cannot <sup>get</sup> any one here to say what they would deliver the 3 or 4 hundred cords of wood at the following Light Station South Fox, Beaver Island and Seal Choix Point.

Respectfully,

George Butters

Keeper

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St James Mich. 11/6/99.  
 Inspector 9th Light-House Dist.  
 Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of  
 the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst notifying  
 me of recommendation  
 for appointment as Third  
 Assistant-Keeper of South  
 Fox Island Light Station  
 duly rec'd. Will be ready  
 to leave for station  
 upon receipt of appointment

Yours Truly  
 Frederick E. Stebbins

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South Fox Island

November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899

U.S. Light House Inspector Ninth District  
Chicago Ill.

Sir

I hereby acknowledge yours of November 10<sup>th</sup>  
and from the honorable the secretary of the  
treasury promoting and appointing I the  
under-sign first assistant Keeper of the South-  
Fox Island Light station

Respectfully

Ulysses S. Cornell 1<sup>st</sup> asst

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South Far Island Light Station

November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1899

To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I hereby Report that Mr Frederick E. Stebbins  
reported for duties at this station this  
(22)<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1899.

Mr Wm. P. Wilson will leave for his  
new station as soon as possible

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan  
Keeper

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South Fox Island  
Northport, Michigan.  
November 23 1899

U.S. Light House Inspector  
Ninth District.  
Chicago, Ill.

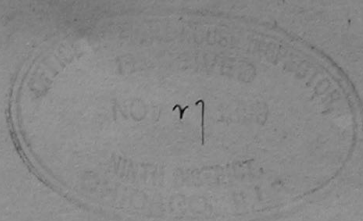
Sir

I hereby acknowledge yours of November  
10<sup>th</sup> and inform the honorable secretary of the  
treasury promoting and appointing I the  
under sign desornted Assistant Keeper  
of the South Fox Island Light Station

Respectfully

Edward. H. Cornell.

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South. Fox Island

November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899

U. S. Light House Inspector South District  
Chicago Ill

Sir

I here by report the receipt of my  
transfer and appointment as assistant keeper of  
Grand Traverse Light Station from the  
Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury  
will proceed to my new station to morrow  
if weather permits

Respectfully

William D. Wilson

Asst.

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Northport - Mich Nov 21<sup>st</sup> / 99  
 Light House Inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Sir - Your letter of instruction  
 of November 15<sup>th</sup> rec'd. I  
 expect to go to my station Fox  
 Island Mich today. I here in  
 enclose my Oath of Office

Very Respectfully

Frederick E. Stebbins  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Asst.



Northport Mich Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1899  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

I hereby inform you that I have 1501 feet of  
hose at the station and I think it is not  
enough in case of fire. for we have to pile  
the wood from (75) to (100) feet from the  
fog house. and I also inform you  
that I am in receipt of the Box of black  
and lines for halyards.

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Baurissaw

Keeper  
South Fox Island Light

OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTION  
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Northport Michigan December 7<sup>th</sup>/99  
To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your order  
for fog-signal stations of December 1<sup>st</sup> 1899.  
and your orders will be executed.

and permit me to inform you that  
the checks for November 1899 have not  
yet been received the checks for November  
1899. have they been sent?

We would like to get articles for the Island  
that we need and would like to have that  
money to pay for them please let me  
know if they have been sent.

Very Respectfully

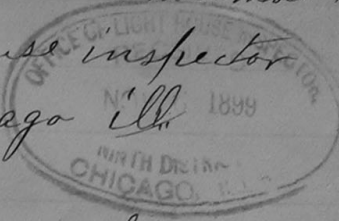
Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper South Far Island  
Light Station

Via Northport Michigan



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South Far Island Light Station November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.



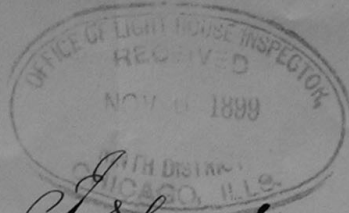
Dear sir

I hereby report that we have very poor block on our sailboat they are iron shells and small we use one set of halgyerds most every season. We would like wooden shellblocks with patent shives the size should be four ~~half~~ ( $\frac{7}{8}$ ) inch shells. it will take 8 single blocks for sails and three (3) duple and three single of four (4) inch shell. patent shive for sheets and centerboard the blocks on centerboard at present we borrowed from the fishermen but they may need them any time they are used for raising and lowering the centerboard. and also two hundred (200) feet of cotton rope for halgyerds size three Quater ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch diameter

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper



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South Fox Island

Nov 1<sup>th</sup> 1899

Light House Inspector Esq  
 I would very Respectfully beg leave  
 to ask that if a vacancy should  
 occur at Ports des Morts Light Station  
 to be transferred to that place  
 as I have my Family and Home  
 on Washington Island and therefore  
 I would like to be transferred  
 if you would permit

Edward. H. Cornell.

P.S.

I hereby recommend Mr Edward. H. Cornell 3<sup>rd</sup> asst.  
 Keeper of this Station for second asst Keeper  
 for he is well qualified for that office  
 Very Respectfully

Place on file with other applications

D.S.

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

REPRODUCTION TAX

Northport Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1899

I will make two  
wheel Barrows Complete  
for sixteen Dollars \$16  
Eusebius F. Darnie

receipt  
10/27/99

I hereby inform you  
more than one (1) bill  
from Mr Darnie of North  
them made as they are

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Very

W. J. Darnie  
and Light

Inform me  
that his bill  
and ~~is~~

Northport which  
allows for  
accepted.



Northport Mich October 25<sup>th</sup> 1899  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby inform you that I could not get more than one (1) bid for wheelbarrows from Mr. Dame of Northport. I therefore ordered them made as they are needed at once

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurista  
Keeper Fox Island Light

Inform Mr E. F. Dame Northport Mich that his bill of sixteen (\$16) dollars for one ~~set~~ wheelbarrows is accepted.

That he will make and deliver them to the Keeper of So Fox I. S. and give him the bill at same time. Also write the

keeper to get the bill, certify it and send it to this office





Northport Mich October 25<sup>th</sup> 1899

To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

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Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper Fox Island Light

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Also write the keeper to get the bill, certify it and send it to this office



Northport Mich October 24<sup>th</sup> 1899

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

permit me to inform you that I could  
get only two (2) bids for the stove that you  
have advised me to get bids for. one from Kehl Bros  
& Co. and one from Mr. H. E. Gills of Northport Mich.  
the stove at Mr. H. E. Gills is a very good stove and  
well worth the price

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan

Keeper

Fox Island Light

Bid of Kehl Bros accepted  
T.M.B.



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Northport Mich October 24<sup>th</sup> 1899

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

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Very Respectfully

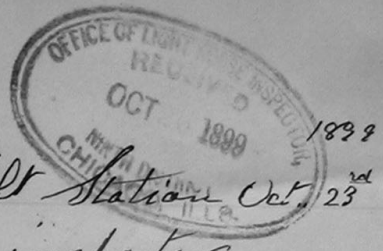
Lewis Barrissan

Keeper

Fox Island Light

Bid of Kehl Bros accepted  
T.M.B.





South Fox Island Light Station Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir..

in closed find a bill of repairs which I have had to get done at Northport by Mr S.W. Wilson a blacksmith. The repairs were needed and I did not like to take chances to cross the lake without them I have paid for the same

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

Thank you for Mr Pickings to  
all the  
Yours



South Fay Island Light Station Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1899  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

permit me to ask you as a favor to forward if possible to my family at Northport. Checks for December 1899. and for January. February. and March. 1900.

I can not forward the money to them from here during the winter months and they will need the money to meet there wants in the winter.

I have a copy of an order written for last winters checks. if an order is needed I can copy from this the copy is from your office. and

Hoping that this will meet with your satisfaction I remain.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissar  
keeper



South. Fr. Island October 20<sup>th</sup> 1899.

U. S. Light House Inspector Ninth District  
Chicago Ill

Sir

Since your visit to this station I have thought  
the matter over and have come to the conclusion  
that if there should be a vacancy for Keeper  
at Alucapes Light Station, I would be pleased to  
get the situation if you would be so kind as  
to favor me for the position

yours Truly

William P. Wilson.

Lt. Asst.

10/27/99  
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Acknowledges receipt and  
place on file

M.S.





South. Top Island October 9<sup>th</sup> 1899

U. S. Light House Inspector

Chicago Ill

Sir

I here by report the receipt of bill received September 27<sup>th</sup> 1899 for pants and caps from Wawamaker & Brown for dit dollars and ninety five cents

Yours Truly

William P. Wilson

1<sup>st</sup> asst.



Northport Michigan December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill.

Dear sir

permit me to inform you that I am in receipt of your letter of December 14<sup>th</sup> 1899. and which informs me that that the South Fox Island Light and fog signal stations is to be closed for the winter.

The postoffice address of Mr. U.S. Cornell i. at asst of south Fox Island Light House will be Sheboygan Wis. from now on and that of Mr. E. H. Cornell will be Detroit Harbor Door Co. Wis. and that of Mr. Fredrick E. Stebbins will be northport for the present month I will let you know where he will go from here after the frist week in January 1900

Very Respectfully

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Lewis Bourisau  
keeper south Fox Island  
Light Station





Northport Michigan December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1899  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I here by Report that the South Fox Island  
 Light and fog signal have been closed for  
 this season to day and I have taken good care  
 that every thing was left in good condition for  
 the winter

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurisson  
 Keeper South Fox Island  
 Light station

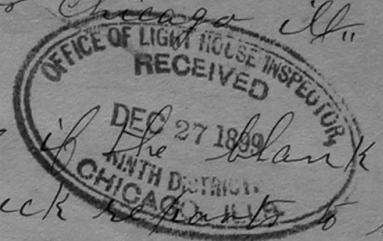
Northport will be my  
 Postoffice adress this winter please send Mr  
 Fredrick E. Stebbins check with mine this  
 month. L. Baurisson Keeper



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To the Light House inspector Chicago Ill.

Dear sir



Will you please inform me if the blank lines on the back of ship wreck reports to be filled by the inspector at his office or by the keepers of stations

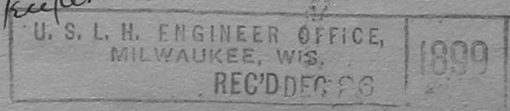
Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

Could not send receipt for checks sooner reached town too late to send the 23<sup>rd</sup> morning mail

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Keeper



Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

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South Fort Island Light Station

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1899

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated December 1<sup>st</sup> 1899. shall clean boilers as often as the weather will permit. in summer they are cleaned monthly. the last date carried on our books is June 13<sup>th</sup> 1899. but they have been cleaned since then.

I also report that the wood bought of Mr Charles Rae & co, has been carried on my book

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Barrissan  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1899  
 To the Light House Inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

yours of November 27<sup>th</sup> 1899 received shall take  
 it up <sup>the word</sup> and my accounts at the station when I  
 return I will return as soon as our checks  
 have been received. please send us a  
 Calander or some thing to give the time of the  
 sun for 1900 that is the time in Michigan.  
 there is no almanac at Northport that gives  
 the right time. fishermen from this place  
 will visit the Island in ten or fifteen days  
 and they will take our mail to the Island

very Respectfully

Lewis Bairrissan  
 Keeper  
 South Fox Island Light station



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JAN 26 1900

Northport Michigan January 26<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir.

I hereby Recommend Mr. U.S. Cornell a full appointment  
as he is a good man and well understood in boating  
and the care of boilers and fittings for the same and  
also any work which is required of him at the  
Station

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bauristaw  
Keeper

C.K. recommend appointment  
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STEVENS POINT  
JAN 25 1900  
Northport Mich January 25<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

permit me to inform you that I have no reasons to enter any charges against Mr. U.S. — Cornell which will prevent him from getting his full appointment.

Mr U.S. Cornell. is a faithful worker he has been since he has been with me. I have a good crew and would like to keep them if I could.

I therefor recommend Mr U.S. Cornell for a full appointment.

I will also inform you that Mr. F. E. Stebbins changed his postoffice address to 556 state street Big Rapids Mich.

Very Respectfully yours

Lewis Bourrison  
Keeper

P.S.

please send envelopes with checks

L.B. Keeper





Northport Mich January 2nd 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I hereby inform you that postoffice  
address of Mr Frederick E. Stebbins is

( 102 Linden Street  
Big Rapid  
Mich )

he is there now at school he left Northport on  
the 1st January 1900 and he wishes to have his  
checks to be sent to him there. he shall write you  
when he leaves school.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Peterson  
Doc. Co. Wis.



Mar. 20 1900

Sight-House Inspector.

Sir.

I very respectfully acknowledge and thank you for my full appointment and also for compensation

And will with pleasure tend to my duties in the service

Respectfully yours

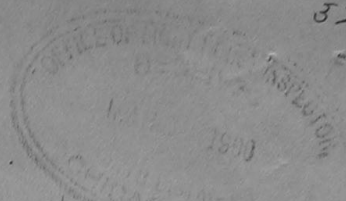
Edward H. Corneley

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Learn B. ...  
Keeper

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Northport Mich. March 10<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

permit me to inform you that i have obeyed  
your orders in regards to a bbl. of lime.  
as there was only (2) two bbl. in town i bought  
one at once you will find the bill for  
the same inclosed

i wish also to inform you that the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
asst. keeper Mr Frederick E. Stebbins wish to have  
his check for March 1900 to be forwarded with  
mine at northport as he shall leave big rapids  
March twenty fifth (25) for northport to help  
me fit out

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

W. K.  
M. S.



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Sheboygan Wis. Feb 27. 1900  
 U. S. Light House, Inspector, North District,  
 - Chicago, Ill.

Sir

I hereby acknowledge yours of  
 the Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

And from the Honorable the Secretary  
 of the Treasury. Dated Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1900, absolutely  
 appointing me the under sign First Assistant  
 Keeper of South Fox Island Light station

Respectfully

Ulysses S. Cornell -

First Assistant, Keeper.

*[Handwritten flourish]*

*[Handwritten flourish]*  
 Keeper



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South Fox Island Light Station  
April 24<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

I hereby report that this Light and fog signal  
Station opened for this season April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1900  
Stations found in good condition

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan April 14<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill

Dear sir

I hereby recommend Mr Frederick E. Stebbins for a full appointment. he is a very good man and understand the work around a steam boiler. I have no charges to enter against him which will debar him from being fully appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> asst keeper. I have known Mr Stebbins for a number of years and know him to be a good man please favor him with a full appointment. can not cross to Fox Island yet for the fact that there is too much ice

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan April 9<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr William F. Green  
of Northport has reported and goes on duty  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1900.

I needed his help to fit out the sail<sup>or</sup> we will be  
ready to sail as soon as the ice moves out  
from this shore

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper





Northport, Mich, Apr. 5, 1900.  
The Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Sir, — Your letter and  
appointment of peromotion  
for 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant of South  
Fox Island Light Station  
was received, Please  
except my many thanks  
for the peromotion

Your obidience servant  
Frederick E. Stebbins

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South Fox Island,  
Light-Station Mich  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1900

The U. S. Light House Inspector,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear sir, — I hear by acknowledge  
my absolute appointment as 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst.  
Keeper of South Fox Island Light-  
Station Michigan.

Dated May 15<sup>th</sup> 1900

Please except my many thanks  
for the same.

Respectfully Yours,  
Frederick E. Stebbins.

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South Fox Island Light Station

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1900

To the Light House inspector

Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

I hereby report that the sailboat at this station is not safe. We found by scraping the boat for painting that some of the planks and timbers were rotten. We had to strip along the timbers to put in a piece of planking so that the nails could hold.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Banissan  
Keeper

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South-Fox Island, Mich., May 10, 1900.  
U. S. Light House Inspector Personal  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir

I wish to ask, could you take my family on board of your boat and land them at our station that providing you stop in at Shelbygan on your way coming to our station.

I would like to have my family with me during the school vacation

Commander I may be asking too much of you. altho I do not mean that you should go to any trouble by doing so. but I would be very glad if you could favor me

I trust there is no harm in by asking thro' favor

5/14/00

Very Respectfully

Ulysses S. Conell

First Assistant

Regret that Dublin's work prevents granting request

Yours

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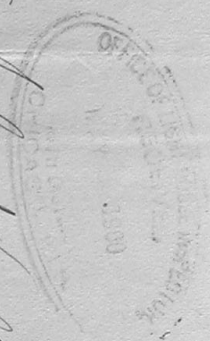
South Bay Island Light Station

To The Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

I hereby report that I have  
visited the can buoy south of  
this station and found them  
in place. a fuel of ice passed  
this station but it did not  
reach the buoys.  
I was asked to visit them by  
the captain of the tender Dalhia.

Very Respectfully  
Dennis Bourne  
Keeper



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Northport Michigan May 3rd

To The Light House  
Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

Please inform me if you  
advised H. Cornell is entitled  
to 1/4 of the supplies delivered  
for the South Bay Island Light  
Keeper October 11<sup>th</sup> 1899 or if  
it is charged to this station.

Very Respectfully  
Dennis Bourne  
Keeper







South Foy Island Light Station Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill.

Dear sir

I hereby recommend Mr. William F. Green, third assistant keeper of this station for a full appointment. Mr. Green has been very faithful and efficient in the discharge of his duties since he has been at this station. ~~There~~ <sup>There</sup> are no reasons whatever to enter charges against him

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan September 5<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

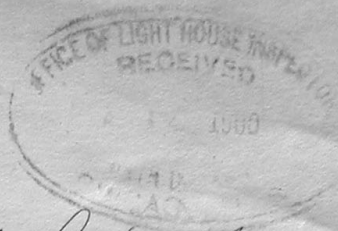
The shipwreck report was held at this station because it was expected that the vessel could be saved. I have visited the vessel the 22<sup>nd</sup> August and found she was a total and can not be saved

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bouristan  
Keeper

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South Fox Island Light Station August 1<sup>st</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby Report that one of the penberthy inspectors at this station does not work good it overflows half of the water when feeding the boiler. I have to use one inspector for the two (2) boilers when we make a change

a copy of this letter has been sent to the Light House engineer Milwaukee Wis.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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one (1) box polishing past short two (2) received three (3) on the list

Box [H] contains Baurissan keeper

- 3 Polishing Paste Red. <sup>two (2)</sup>
- 1 Hand Saw
- 5 <sup>26s</sup> Black Paint in Oil
- 50 <sup>26s</sup> Brown Mottled Paint Dry
- 4 <sup>26s</sup> Chrome Yellow in Oil
- 3 <sup>26s</sup> Lamp Black
- 15 <sup>26s</sup> Venetian Red. Dry
- 10 <sup>26s</sup> Soap
- 12 Boxes Soap

This was packed with saw dust. He must have thrown out 1 bot of polish with saw dust. Every article was checked 3 times. If we don't find it a bot can go by mail



South Fay Island Light Station July 15<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear Sir

I have examined the supplies carefully three times and could not find the box of polish. The sawdust was not thrown away and I looked in the box carefully and could not find it. I omitted the sawdust today

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

The supplier on 1 over  
in Brass Polish - 1 has  
been sent to Fox by mail  
L. C.



one (1) box polishing past short two (2) received  
three (3) on the list

Box [H] contains Baurissan  
keeper

3 Polishing Paste Recd. two (2)

1 Hand Saw

5 865 Black Paint in Oil

50 865 Brown Mottled Paint Dry

4 865 Chrom Yellow in Oil

3 865 Lamp Black

15 865 Vintem Red, Dry

10 865 Soap

12 865 Soap

This was packed with  
saw dust. He must  
have thrown out 1 bot of  
polish with saw dust.

Every article was checked 3  
times. If we don't find it  
a bot can go by mail  
As soon as 29 is out he  
can check up polish.

S. C.

the first. inspector of boilers found  
in good condition.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

Send attached reply

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OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTION  
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CHICAGO, ILL.

South Fox Island July 16<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

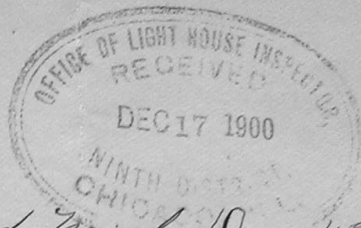
your circular letter of June 30<sup>th</sup> received.  
I wish to say that I understood how the  
cleaning of the boilers should be done  
from the first. inspector of boilers found  
them in good condition.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau  
Keeper

Send attached reply





South-Fox Island, Mich., Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1900.  
 U. S. Light House Inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Sir

Yours of November 22<sup>nd</sup> at hand in regard to unpaid bill of \$9.00 is courent. I indorse an order for a grocery bill for an on other man, but misfortune over took me sinking of my steamer December 24<sup>th</sup> 1897. caused by a south east gale. I told the party he would haftt wait I had other bills to pay first he would get his money soon or I could pay up. I will pay this bill \$9.00 on or about January 1<sup>st</sup> 1901

But this 2<sup>nd</sup> party who was employed by me on board the Welcome has no such money due.

He or his Attorney doubts my word I can draw up an a statement stating the time he worked and the money which he recieved I refer back to my books for the same  
 The bill above mention I will pay  
 \$9.00 }

Respectfully

Ulysses S. Howell  
 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant





Northport Michigan December 15<sup>th</sup> 1900  
 To The Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that the South Fox Island  
 light station and fogg signal closed for  
 this season December the 11<sup>th</sup> 1900.  
 and the keepers reached main land Dec.  
 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 Pm.

Mr U.S. Cornell would like his checks sent  
 to Sheboygan Wis. from now on through  
 the winter ~~Mr~~ Stebbins and Green will  
 receive there checks through the keeper this  
 month.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

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Wm. S. Cornell  
 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant



Northport Michigan Jan 10 1901  
To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr Krist Tellgard is now  
Building the South Fox Island Light House Boat  
and the work is first class and the very best of  
material. he has began the planking of the boat  
today and he is doing good work.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bowrissan  
Keeper

P.S.

please send me an almanac giving time  
of michigan for 1901.

L. B. keeper

Send almanac  
S.

Sent JRP



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Northport Michigan January 17<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr Tellgard has  
 completed the planking of the South Far Island  
 light house boat and deck beams all the  
 work done since my last is first class.

and I also wish to say that

Mr F. E. Stebbins wishes to have his checks  
 for January and February sent to Big Rapids  
 as he is there to school.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau  
 Keeper

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Northport Mich. January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1901  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I have visited Mr. Krist Tellgard in his shop yesterday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and he tells me that there is no rudder, centerboard, or timberhead entered on his contract or bid for the south Fox Island Light House boat.

The boat will not be completed without them pieces and also standing rigging which he said the boat will need. I told him that it was supposed that he should put them articles in but he wished to hear from your office in regards to them

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan

P.S.  
The boat will be ready to leave the shop in a few days  
L.B. Keeper



OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,  
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Northport, Mich. Nov. 5. 1900.  
Light Inspector.  
Sir:

I received my Absolute for  
Appointment Nov 3. 1900.

I hereby acknowledge my  
Appointment as third Assistant  
Keeper of South Fox Island, Michigan

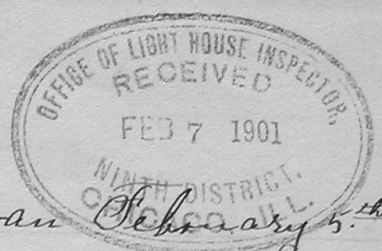
Thanking you for your kindness  
Respectfully yours,

William T. Green  
Third Assistant  
South Fox Island  
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Northport Michigan February 5<sup>th</sup> 1901  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir,

I hear by report that the new sailboat for South Fox Island has been taken out of the shop and the Beaver Island Light House boat has been commenced. And the work well advanced. The keel timbers and garbidge planks are all of good material. as the south Fox Island Light House boat

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourisau  
Keeper

P.S.

I have had Mr Tellgar read your letter of January 25<sup>th</sup> 1901. in regard to the rudder, centerboard and standing rigging of the south Fox Island Light House boat

Keeper

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Northport Michigan February 15<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 To the light House inspector  
 at Chicago ill.

Dear sir.

I hereby report that mr Krist Tellgard has  
 the Beaver Island light House boat built  
 and ready for painting. that is the hull.  
 he has not yet made the ruddes or center board  
 he told me some time ago that he would write  
 you in regards to them. I told to do as he  
 liked at that he had seen my letter from  
 your office and he knew what it meant.

Very Respectfully

Mr Lewis Bourissan  
 Keeper

P.S. please forward <sup>me</sup> blanks for  
 uniform. blanks sent me

L.B. Keeper

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Northport Michigan march 6<sup>th</sup> 1901

To the Light House inspector  
at Chicago ill

Dear sir

Your letter of march 4<sup>th</sup> 1901 has just come to hand. and I must say that there is no steam tugs in this harbor. I therefore sent the bid to the keeper of the Charlevoix light station at Charlevoix. and requested to give them to the tug owners there. The tugs from that place are always out early in the spring that is the best I could do.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau  
Keeper

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Lewis C. Bourissau

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Northport Michy April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1901  
To the Light House  
inspector  
Chicago ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr. Tellyard is about done working on the sail boats. The ice in the harbor is the only draw back in setting the masts. That will be done as soon as the ice moves out of the harbor. I am now ready to move.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

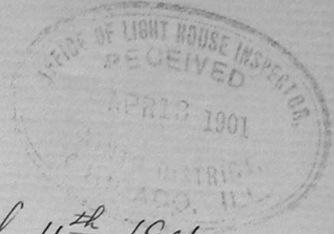
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Northport Mich April 11<sup>th</sup> 1901.

To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

I hereby report that the sailboats for South Fox Island and Beaver Island Light Stations are completed and have been excepted by me.

I have signed receipts for both boats and for extra material to finish the boats.

I also forward a receipt for the amount payed for the message to Captain J.C. Seiken at Charlevoix Michigan.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan April 11<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

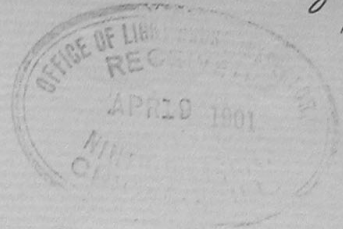
permit me to inform you that the tug  
 Gerken is fast in the ice since April 9<sup>th</sup> out  
 of Charlevoix and can not get free from  
 the ice the tug will be here as soon as it  
 gets free from the ice.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
 Keeper

P.S.

My asst keepers are with me at northport.  
 Keeper



South Fox Island Light Station  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1901  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that this light and fog signal has been opened for this season from the night of April 13<sup>th</sup>. and found both station in good condition

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

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To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

April 15<sup>th</sup>

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr Lewis once did not haul any wood during the winter months for the fact that he did not get his mail last fall. he states that he could not haul any wood if he had received his mail for there was no snow from the main bluff north of the station to the station and no ice to haul wood. he has no on hand only what he has contracted with other parties

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

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Northport, Michigan April 9<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir  
The sail boat for beaver Island  
can be delivered any time after  
the tenth (10) April. The ice has just  
left this harbor. My sail boats are  
in the water and being fitted out.  
it is hard for tugs to get out  
of Charlevoix on account of  
ice.

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Boursisan  
Keeper

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Chicago Ill.  
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May 19<sup>th</sup> 1901

South Fox Island Light Station  
 To the Light House Inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I have seen Mr. Ance about the wood and he told me he could not deliver any this summer. But he has one hundred and twenty (120) cords of first class wood which he would sell at three dollars and fifty cents (3<sup>50</sup>) a cord on the banking ground. he said he could not deliver any with wagons on account of sand and gravel and he has no boat large enough or strong enough to haul wood with. and he has not the time to deliver any wood. he would like to know if you would buy his wood. It is three 3, miles from the station to the wood

Very Respectfully


Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

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W. S. Supply Dept. Enclosures  
 W. S. Supply Dept.



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Northport Michigan July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1901  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

have you any objections to the painting of  
the South Fore Island Light House boat in white?  
it is at present painted black and I would like  
to change it to white

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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South Fox Island, Mich.,

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1901.

The Light House Inspector,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir, — I have been informed that there is to be a Steam Fog Signal to be built at Michigan City, Ind., in the near future.

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I hereby make Application for First Assistant at said Michigan City, Ind.

My desire to make this application is that my folks lives in Indiana and would be nearer home.

Hoping you will grant my request,

Very Respectfully,

Frederick E. Stebbins

2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Keeper So. Fox Island  
Light Station

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South Fox Island Light Station  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 1901

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

I find one (1) envelope official size short only  
thirty five received. and one tarch lamp  
received and not on the list.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Envelope inclosed - The above lamp  
is charged on Receipt on Page 3

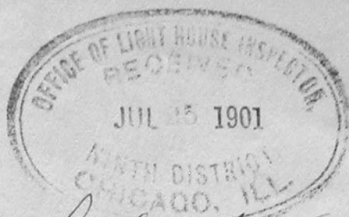
Hand Lamps, petticoat - 1

Envelope received. handlamp petticoat charge as  
stated on this letter.

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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South Fox Island Light Station July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1901  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

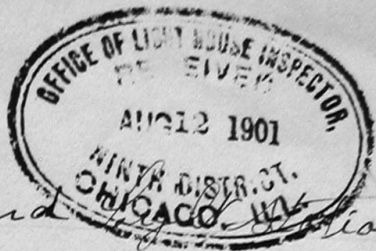
Yours of July 13<sup>th</sup> 1901 has come to hand, and for which I thank you very much. I left the station in good order for inspection but found it in bad condition when I returned, your letter was a good lesson to us. The flagstaff has been fixed the water on the floor in the fog signal house was putt on in the morning to wash the floor. Can not find the leaky valves. Will have the station ready for inspection by the twenty third (23).

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Light Station



South Fox Island Station

August 8<sup>th</sup> 1901

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Hear sir.

I think I have failed to state on my flag signal report for July 1901. The cleaning of the boiler.

Boiler no. 1. was cleaned July twenty fifth (25). have also examined the annual Return and the International code of signals and the life preservers entered in the same and returned.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissaw  
Keeper





Northport Michigan August 8<sup>th</sup> 1901  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

in answer to your letter of July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1901 in regards  
to wood I wish to that I have enough of wood  
and coal to last untill August 31<sup>st</sup> 1902.  
The wood consumed from July 1<sup>st</sup> 1900. to  
August 1<sup>st</sup> 1901. was. 21 cords and 47 feet. and  
twenty four 24. tons and five hundred and fifty four  
(554) pound. and I have on hand. (43. cords and  
(13.) feet of wood als fourteen tons (14) and 149 lbs  
of coal. I will need no wood this year.

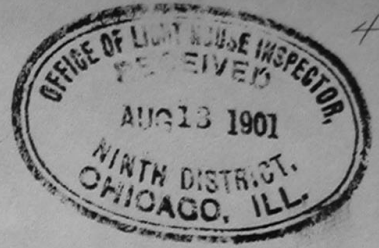
Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurista  
Keeper  
South Fay Island Light

U. S. L. H. ENGINEER OFFICE,  
E.E. WIS. 1901  
REC'D AUG 13

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Northport Mich August 9<sup>th</sup> 1901  
To the Light inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your  
circular letter of July 15<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau  
Keeper S. Fort Island Light

U. S. I. H. ENGINEER OFFICE,  
LEE, WIS. 1901  
REC'D AUG 13

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South Fox Island Light Station August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1901  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I hereby report that Mr Lewis Ance has taken the  
job of <sup>managing</sup> Kehl Brothers of northport to deliver the wood  
bought of that firm. and he is now hauling the  
wood with sailboats. he began to haul. August 17<sup>th</sup>  
1901).

And I do not remember of entering  
on the annual report the speaking trumpet which  
we have at this station befor sending it back. I  
may have done so yet I do not remember that I did  
~~did not~~

Yours very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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South Fox Island Mich Jun 5<sup>th</sup>

Mr Pickens  
Chicago Ill

Sir  
Yours of May 19<sup>th</sup> at hand  
and as to your information reg  
arding the opening at Sheboygan  
Light station will say very  
gladly received and thank  
for the same.

Respectfully  
Y. J. Canell

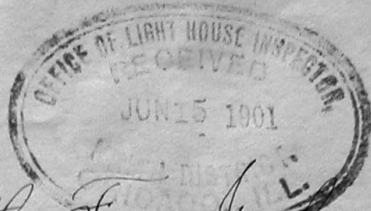
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June 10<sup>th</sup> 1901

South Fox Island Light Station  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir,

I have seen Mr. Ance in regards to the cord  
wood he has for sale. I read him the letter  
you wrote me and he said the wood can be delivered  
only by water and he has no boat fit for that  
work. He told me to write and say that he could  
not send in a bid to deliver the wood, for he did  
not see how he could do the work. but there  
is a small craft of very light draft in travers Bay  
that might bid to deliver the wood I left word  
with the firm of Sehl Brother northport mich  
to see the captain of the schooner and ask  
him if he would send a bid to haul the wood  
Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

P.S.

do not know name of schooner

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I wish to call your attention to a fact which I think ought to be cleared in this station and has been a rule in this station before I came here and now I have been here and that is the fact Assistant ought to have a right to open the Station, Grant, however there are times when we are compelled to stay in Washport five days to fifteen days, and when such things as this happens we will be sorry to avoid it there are times when the fact is that we do not want to

stay, but not very often this before coming to the wind and weather, the Shepherd of this station has forbid me to open any of the station.

Grant, I desire to know what is going on a fact the station as it is to my mind and the matter to the station I desire to know if I can open the mail or not

Richard Kelly

Marysa S. Powell

1st Assistant





June 15<sup>th</sup> / 1901

South Island Alaska

To the

U.S. Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Sir,

Yours of June 8<sup>th</sup> at hand  
sorry your letter so long delayed  
I could sacrific'd fifty dollars  
on my annual income yet seven-  
ty five dollars, as it cost me so  
much during the season for  
Hotel bills on account of those  
trips to Northport for mail and  
supplies. The trips must be  
made and Hotel bills must be  
Paid

I wish to call your attention to  
a fact which I think ought  
to be shown in this station

days, but not every after the  
before coming to the point  
and weather, the Shepherd of

The City  
J. S. Lane

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the station.





South Fox Island Light Station,

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1901,  
The Light House Inspector,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir, — We have been informed at this station that the first Asst. expects to have a transfer in the near future, as it is my desire to apply for the first Asst. rank as my Keeper Mr Lewis Bourissau has qualified me for the same on or about a year ago.

I am encline to believe that the said Keeper is working against me owing to a debt of \$10.00 due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asst of which he has that



South Fox Island Light Station June 21<sup>st</sup> 1901.  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

permit me to inform you that one of the pargetize oil butts  
 at this station leaks very bad. and would like a 5 gallon  
 brass oil can. could one be delivered by your next  
 visit to this station?

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

Will Mr Black deliver to master  
 of "Dahlia" if in stock otherwise inform  
 this office

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1 - Brass Can sent by Dohler July 1  
 L. E.





P.S.

Dear sir

The Asst. Keepers would like to have the kitchen which you have ordered to be painted sealed in side. it is built of single boards and the sand blows through the cracks when it blows hard and makes it very bad when cooking and impossible to live in in cold weather

L. Baurisson  
Keeper

Too late to be added to  
- Daily Inspection Report - S





South Fox Island Light Station June 24<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

Will you please furnish this station with 30 yds. of  
 ten (10) ounce duck for the covering of the cabin  
 and deck of the new sail boat at this station  
 and two (2) boxes of flat headed copper ~~stake~~ length  
 8 inches

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

Will Mr Clark please deliver to  
 Master of "Dahlia" if in stock otherwise  
 inform the office.


No 10 oz at hand

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30 yards of No 10 Duck

1 st copper ~~stake~~ by Dahlia July 1

L. C.


 South Fay Island Light Station June 28<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I understand by your letter of June 15<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
 to the firm of Oehl Bros. Northport Mich.  
 that they are requested to put the wood on  
 the beach near the fog signal, and I  
 hear that they intend to land the wood  
 at boat house, and leave it there

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan

Keeper

piled on the beach above high water  
 mark and if so placed about or near  
 the boat house the requirements of  
 the contract will be filled





South Fore Island Light Station Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

I hereby report that the wood for the  
for the fog signal at this Station has been  
delivered. the wood is ~~Body~~ maple Wood and  
good and has been accepted by me.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurisson  
Keeper

P.S.

there is of wood in feet 156 16.  
in cords. 122

Baurisson  
Keeper

Pay here  
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**HOTEL PORTER.**

CLARENCE E. SCOTT, PROP.  
RATES \$1.00 AND \$1.50.  
LIVERY IN CONNECTION.  
FREE BUS TO ALL BOATS.



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NORTHPORT, MICH., \_\_\_\_\_ 190

U. S. Light Inspector,  
Chicago Ill.,

Station  
Inspector  
Ill.

Sir

Yours of September 16<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
at hand directing Keppers to half-mast  
The flag. I am sorry to say we came  
a shore too late to receive your letter  
owing to the weather. but the flag  
floated half-mast on board of our  
boat.

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In addition to this will say I am  
very sorry to hear of the sad news  
of our President's death, and of the  
sorrow that is cast upon the President's  
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Yes the honor of the entire country  
very Respectfully  
Wlysses S. Cornell

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Northport Michigan

October 3rd 1901

P.M.

To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

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Please inform me when you wish  
the (122) cord of wood I carried on  
my books which you have bought  
of Sehl Bros Northport Mich.  
I will carry the wood on my book  
any time as the wood is the best  
I ever had at this station

Yours Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
keeper

South Fork Island  
Light Station  
Northport  
Mich.

Take up  
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October 7, 1901.

Please add the subject this letter refers to. We might write you several letters on October 2nd, or any other date. Return this note with letter. Also you have not addressed it to any one.

Lewis Barrister  
Keeper





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South Fox Island Light Station Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
To the Light house inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir permit me to inform you that  
the letter refered to the light keepers, or some light  
keepers had <sup>made</sup> alterations in the illuminating apparatus  
at there station

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper





Northport Michigan November 8<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago ill

Dear sir.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your letters of november sixth (6) informing me to keep my light exhibited during the winter months. Will be at northport michigan December 1<sup>st</sup> to purchase the supplies needed for winter I would buy supplies now but we may not keep open if they do not need it. it may be that my family will have to give my checks in trust for there support this winter I will arrange December first and will write your office in that respect.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

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South Fox Island Light Station no. <sup>42</sup> 141901.  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

if we should get short of fuel at the fog signal would you advise me to hire a team to haul wood or shall we haul what will be needed to keep the signal running by hand? Mr. U.S. Cornell 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Keeper said that if we had to haul wood by hand he would not stay here this winter. The men must have some thing to do here this winter to keep them busie. I just have haul a few cord of wood this winter as not. it will be lonesome and we must do something to pass the time away. if he dont stay. I recommed Mr. Mel. Blacken of northport Mich for laborer for this winter.

Very Respectfully,

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

151 ans in  
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 Cornell  
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Northport Michigan December 15<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I hereby report that the South Fox Island was closed for the winter December 12<sup>th</sup> 1901. and my self and assistant keeper were taken ashore the 13. by capt. Geiken. and the light tower and fog signal were layed up in good shape for winter. I have also left the sail boat at the Island layed up in good shape for winter. please send check for december to northport michigan my assts. keepers will be here untill January 1<sup>st</sup> 1902.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

S.



Northport Michigan December 18<sup>th</sup> 1901  
To the light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

permit me to inform you that it is a hard matter for me to get bids for a cook stove for the south fox Island light house for the fact that they do not what grade of you would like or wish them to bid on they have first class stoves. such as the steel range. garland. peninsular cookstoves  
The peninsular cookstove and steel range are very good. please send me the name of one of these cook stove to get bids by.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barissov  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1901

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill.

Dear sir inclosed find two  
(2) bids for a cook stove for the  
South Fox Island Light House.

Two (2) bids is all I could get  
up to date. I thought of getting  
three (3) bids but one failed  
to fill his bid. but said he  
would fill the bid and send it  
to the factory and then to your  
office. and I also wish to in-  
form you that Mr U.S. Cornell  
1<sup>st</sup> asst. has left for Sheboygan Wis.  
please send his check to that place

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan March 4<sup>th</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

please forward an almanac for the use of  
the South Fox Island Light Station giving the  
time of the sun for Michigan. There is not  
any giving the sun time of Michigan in this  
place.

Very Respectfully yours

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

If we can get one, send it.  
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Northport Michigan March 25<sup>th</sup> 1902  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of <sup>letter</sup> March twenty first (21) 1902. Stating that the dict of Captain S. W. Campbell of the Steamer beaver had been accepted to take myself and assistants keepers to South Fox Island. I have advised Mr. U.S. Cornell 1<sup>st</sup> asst. by letter, when to be at Northport Mich to cross over to the light station

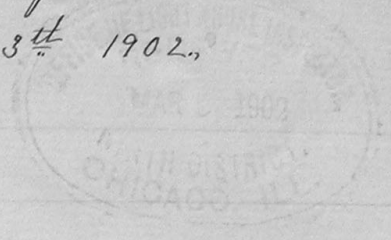
Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

Northport, Michigan.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1902.

Inspector 9<sup>th</sup> Light House District.  
Chicago, Illinois.



Sir:

I have to report that I visited the Grand  
Traverse Light Station to day and found  
every thing all right

George Butlers.  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan May 27 1902  
 To the Light House Inspector  
 Chicago Ill

Dear Sir

I hereby report that I have met with an  
 accident May the 15<sup>th</sup> for which I have had  
 to come to Northport for medical treatment.  
 I have sprained my left ankle and fractured  
 one of the bones. Will be layed same  
 time. would you advise to hire a man to  
 send in my place to work? it may be  
 sometime in June befor I will be able to  
 return to the station as the doctor tells me  
 station left in charge of U.S. Cornell 1<sup>st</sup> asst  
 annual report will be sent as requested  
 by you

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan  
 Keeper South Jay Island  
 Light station  
 Northport  
 Michigan



Northport Michigan  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill

Dear sir

Please wire the answer to northport as the  
Light House boat is here and will wait

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Keeper

Lewis Barrissan  
Keeper South Fox Island  
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South Fox Island Light Station, Mich., May 22  
U S Light House Inspector



Sir

During the absence of the Keeper the past few days it has been a continual fog, and as the supply of wood at the fog signal grounds was about consumed. I was compelled to employ a man and his team to haul wood to the fog signal.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant and my self being alone at the station I could not see any other way but to do so. I trust it is satisfactory.

Very Respectfully

Ulysses S. Cornell  
1<sup>st</sup> assistant



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South Fox Island, Mich., May 22.

U.S. Light House Inspector,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir,

The misfortune the Keeper had the other day of breaking his leg to my idea a personal investigation is necessary. I was not at the station when the time I arrived the same day I feel as thou it is my duty to call your attention to the matter

Very Respectfully

Ulysses S. Cornell

1st Assistant

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To. Fox Island, Mich 2  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1902

The Light House Inspector,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear sir - The Transfer and  
appointment transferring me at  
St. Joseph, Mich., Light Station,  
was received today.

Will proceed to my new  
station as soon as possible.

Thanking you for the  
transfer and appointment  
I remain

Very Respectfully  
Frederick E. Stebbins  
2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Keeper

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Northport Michigan May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1902  
To the Light house inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

I hereby report that the letters posted  
by you May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 1902 have been  
received and forwarded to Fox Island by Mr  
W. F. Green now 2<sup>nd</sup> asst. and Mr Oscar  
E. Dame to act as third (3<sup>rd</sup>) asst. Station  
boat left today. Will not be detained  
here long.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan  
Keeper Fox Island  
Light Station

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Northport Michigan May 24<sup>th</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr F. E. Stebbins 2<sup>nd</sup>  
asst for St. Joseph from South Fox Island  
left South Fox Island Light Station May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1902  
for his new station. Mr O. E. Dame went  
on dutie as acting 3<sup>rd</sup> asst. May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1902  
Mr Gallagher has not yet reported for dutie

Very Respectfully

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Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper South Fox Island  
Light Station



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Naugohoneer Light Station

May 24<sup>th</sup>  
1902

To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill

Sir

I hereby acknowledge  
the receipt of my appointment  
as 3<sup>rd</sup> assistant Keeper of South  
Pot Island

Please accept my thanks  
very Respectfully  
Dwain Gallagher



Northport Michigan May 28<sup>th</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr One Gallagher  
reported for dutie as 3<sup>d</sup> asst keeper of  
South Fay Island Light Station this  
twenty eighth 28 of may 1902  
as the station boat is here wind bound  
they will the chance they get.

Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper



Northport Michigan May 31<sup>st</sup> 1902  
To the Light House  
Chicago Ill



Dear Sir.

in reply to your letter of may 29<sup>th</sup> 1902  
in regards to the hiring of a team for hauling  
wood to the fog signal house at South Fox  
Island. the wood belonged to the station for  
the use of the fog signal. and necessity for  
the work of the team I can not answer for  
as there was the same supply of wood at the  
signal when I let there as when you visited  
the station. I understood Mr Stebbins to say  
that the team work only 2. hours. the 1<sup>st</sup>  
asst. keeper did not inform me that he  
had hired a team to haul wood or that he  
had wrote your office of the same

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

Northport Michigan May 31<sup>st</sup> 1902  
To the Light House  
Chicago Ill



Dear sir,

I here state that mr O. E. Dame served as acting third 3<sup>rd</sup> asst from may twenty third (23) to the twenty ninth 29<sup>th</sup> making in all seven (7) days. Mr Gallagher reported at the station the twenty ninth 29<sup>th</sup> of may 1902 I pay mr Dame the remaining day in may.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper  
South Fox Island Light  
Station

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OFFICE OF

F. J. Fralick, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon.

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Northport, Mich. May 31, 1902

Light House Inspector  
Chicago, Ill.



Dear Sir:

This is to certify that Mr Lewis Bourissau on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1902, while in the line of duty sustained a fracture of the inner malleolus of the left tibia, also a severe straining of the ligaments of the left ankle, caused by accidentally catching the foot on the floor while turning about. I placed the ankle under proper surgical treatment at once & I think that in the course of a few days he will be again on duty and that the ankle joint will soon be restored to its normal condition.

Yours very truly

F. J. Fralick, M. D.



Northport Michigan June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1902  
To the Light House for  
Chicago Ill.



Dear sir

in reply to your letter of may  
where and how I met with the accident. I wish  
say that it did not happend at the station, it  
happend at the fisherry. the fishermen  
came to the station and wanted me to cut there  
hair as I did not have the right kind of tools to cut  
and trim there with they asked me to go with  
them and do the work at there fisherry. I did not  
like to go as it was then 4. oclock. and as they  
had taken a few drunk of beer. they were  
not careful with there pipes and spit I went  
with them more to save me work than to cut  
there hair. When we arrived at the fisherry  
it was five oclock and found it was to late  
to cut hair. they got dancing and wanted me  
to dance but I refused and as I turned to  
leave my foot caught in a board of the  
and I fell over. and sprained my ankle

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no one is to blame but myself for the accident I should not have gone that far with them. When I had them well away from the station I should of left them and returned to the station.

My foot is now well enough to return to the Station I will try and return this week as for an eye witness I shall have to return to the Island for and I will forward his statement at once. no dutie was neglected by me by going as I had been to work from midnight scrubbing and painting. I thought would do me no harm. but I should not of went there. hoping that this letter will be satisfactory

I am

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

South Fox Island Light  
Station

P.s.

inclosed find the  
statement of  
Dr. H. J. Fralick





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Port Michigan June 5<sup>th</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector

Dear sir

I have seen Mr U.S. Cornell 1<sup>st</sup> asst. Keeper of South Fort & light station and I spoke to him in regards to the hauling of wood with a team he said the supply of wood run out at the signal as I had told not to use the coal he had to hire a team to supply the signal with wood. Mr Lewis once worked 1/2 a day with <sup>team</sup> at the rate of three dollars and fifty cent (3<sup>50</sup>) a day. Mr Cornell said if he had not done right to hire a team that he would pay for the work himself. I shall retain Mr Hame to work for a few days longer. I can not find out if they wheeled <sup>wood</sup> wheelbarrows or not will return to the station and see if it can be done or not

Very Respectfully

Lewis Danzissan  
Keeper

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Mr. [unclear]  
by [unclear]

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South Fort Island Michigan June 22 1902

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To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear Sir .

We have been asked by the  
Light Keeper of South Fort Island <sup>how</sup> he  
to write a statement of he got  
hurt We came up to the station  
to get a hair cut but when he  
did not have the tools to do  
it with we asked him to come  
down to our fishery. The keeper  
found it was to late to cut hair  
so he was going back to the station  
but one of us started to play a  
accordian and we walsed a  
little and the keeper he walsed a  
little and as he turned to go his  
foot on the heel of his shoe caught  
a board. and he fel and sprained his foot

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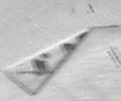
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Fox Island Light Station June 28<sup>th</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

inclosed <sup>you</sup> find a letter from Mr Olie Martinson one  
of the boys that was present when I sprained my  
ankle.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan

Keeper

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South Fox Island Light Station July 4<sup>th</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill

Dear sir

I hereby report that while running the signal July 3<sup>d</sup> 1902 I had to examine the water supply pipes from the signal house to the pump house and found that the canviss covering on the pipes is in very bad condition it is so rotten that it drops of the pipes. also the felt is bad condition.

The cause of the rotting of the canviss is by the rain running in the box at every joint of the cover there is no protection on the cover to prevent the rain from running in.

length of box in feet 247

length of pipes to cover in feet 494.

no canviss or felt on hand at this station

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

P.S.  
have reported to the  
engineers  
Milwaukee Wis.



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South Fort Island Light Station July 6<sup>th</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill.

Dear sir

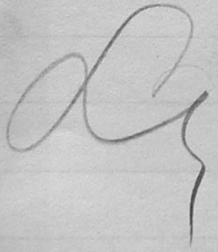
your letter of June 16<sup>th</sup> 1902 in regard to my letter of explanation as to the accident to my foot came to hand July third (3) 1902.

and I wish to say in reply of the same that I went with those boys to get them away from the station as quietly as I possibly could I did not want to create any hard feeling with them for the fact that they have on several different times rendered me services such as wheeling fuel to the signal station and also bought my supplies at northport late in the fall to save us a trip to main land. I did not like to order them off the premises. I think it would have been soon thanks for favors received and I was not under the influence of beer when the accident happen or after. and as to Dr. Fralick's statement. Dr. Fralick ask how it happened. I told him I went with them to see them off the premises without incurring hard feeling. so I went with them with the



intention of making an excuse to return at once, and further more that I had no right to go so far with them he insisted that I acted as in duty or in line of duty and he would have it so, after stating to him the rules of the Light House board at this station. he said that in taking them away I had acted as required and he could not see two ways in the case. I told him I should returned to the station at once as I did not I was to blame for the accident.

and, as for the number of <sup>days</sup> that I was absent from the station with no substitute in my place are 13<sup>3/4</sup> days. I had Mr Oscar E. Dame hired for my substitute a ready to leave when you advised me by wire to retain the station boat for mail and as I could not hire another man to act as third asst keeper I told Mr Dame to act as third assistant keeper for a few days and then work for me. and I was absent from May 16<sup>th</sup> 1902 to June 17<sup>th</sup> 1902. total 33 day or 32 + <sup>3/4</sup> days. and Mr Dame work for me till June 29<sup>th</sup> 1902 making 29 days or I should say June 28<sup>th</sup> he left the 29<sup>th</sup>.



Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1902

South Fox Island Light Station  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

if by the accident or the length of time <sup>absent</sup> I should  
 cause my discharge from this station. you  
 will please allow me to recommend Mr William  
 P. Wilson first assistant keeper of Grand Traverse  
 point light for keeper of this station. Mr  
 Wilson served at this station and I know him  
 to be well qualified for that office

Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

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Fort Island Light Station July 11<sup>th</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr Oscar E. Dame has left this Station June 29<sup>th</sup> 1902 for northport michigan and left that place shortly after for Petoskey to work in a hotel there. as I could do my share of work and could not afford to pay him any longer I therefor discharged him and he promised to return if he was needed. I will now send his mail to Petoskey. The mail of July 5<sup>th</sup> appointing Mr Dame acting third (<sup>d</sup>/<sub>3</sub>) asst. Keeper was received July 10<sup>th</sup> 1902.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper



Northport Mich  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 1902

Inspector Ninth Light House District  
Chicago Ill

Sir

I herein acknowledge the receipt  
of appointment as acting third ass-  
istant keeper of the South Fox Island  
Light Station Michigan with comp-  
ensation at the rate of \$400.00 per annum  
for a period not to exceed two mo-  
nths from the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1902

Respectfully Yours

Oscar E. Dame





For Island Light Station July 31<sup>st</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

in reply to your letter of July 21<sup>st</sup> 1902  
I wish to say that Mr. Lane was employed by  
me after Mr. Gallagher arrived at this station as  
3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Keeper. having been informed by  
letter from your office to employ a substitute from  
Monday Mr. Stebbins left for St. Joseph Michigan until Mr  
Gallagher arrived. and if he was employed any longer  
it would be at my expense. I have had to hire a  
man to work in my place therefor I have had to  
pay him. that is to do heavy work.  
your letter of instruction was written May 20<sup>th</sup> 1902

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau  
Keeper



South Fay Island Light Station July 31<sup>st</sup> 1902  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

I hereby report that the two (2) smoke stacks at  
this fog signal are in very bad condition.  
have reported to the light house engineers Milwaukee wis.  
Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper





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South Fort Island Light station August 25<sup>th</sup> 1902  
To The Light Inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir.

Your letter of August 20<sup>th</sup> 1902 in regards to wood for this station has been received and I wish to say that I have a good supply of wood on hand and will not need any this year.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper



25<sup>th</sup> 1902

South Fox Island Light Station August  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I hereby report that Mr. Adolph <sup>Mc</sup> Gagnon  
the new third (3<sup>d</sup>) assistant for this station  
reported for dutie this 25<sup>th</sup> August 1902.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau  
Keeper



South Fay Island Light Station

August 26<sup>th</sup> 1902

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

if Mr. U.S. Cornell is favored with a transfer  
to the West shore. please dont send me another  
Cornell.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper





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Northport Michigan October 7<sup>th</sup> 1902.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I hereby report that Mr. Hector Stebbins second  
Asst. Keeper reported for duty at South Fore Island  
Light Station October (2<sup>nd</sup>) 1902  
and Mr. U.S. Cornell left Northport for his new  
station September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1902. but had left  
the station September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper





Northport Michigan October 6<sup>th</sup> 1902.

To The Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

I hereby inform you that I have today seen  
the member of the firm of Kehl Brothers and have  
agreed to pay five dollar a month with which they  
are satisfied.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper Fort Island Light



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Northport Michigan December 14.<sup>th</sup> 1902.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill.

Dear Sir.

I hereby report that the Light Station at  
South Fox Island was closed December 11.<sup>th</sup> 1902.  
for the winter. all was left in good condition  
for winter. and we left the station at 11.<sup>30</sup> for  
Northport the same day.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper





Northport Michigan December 18<sup>th</sup> 1902.

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

yours of the fifteenth has just been received stating that no report or letter had been received from me as to when I closed and left the station. a report has been sent by me. the station boat being at this place I did not report untill it was layed up for winter and all belonging to the boat.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper  
Fort Island Light Sta.

OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR  
RECEIVED  
DEC 22 1902  
NORTHPORT MICHIGAN  
CHICAGO ILL.

Northport Michigan December 18<sup>th</sup> 1902.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

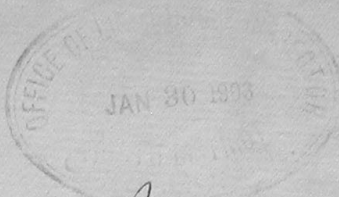
Your letter of December 13<sup>th</sup> has been received asking if there is any reason why Mr Hector Stebbins and Mr Adolph A. Gagnon, second and third asst. keepers at South Fort Island should not get there full appointment. I have no charges to make against them. They are both well qualified for the office they now hold. I therefore recommend them for full appointment.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper.



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Northport Michigan January 26<sup>th</sup> 1903.  
 To the Light House Inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> January, and that of the 21<sup>st</sup> have been received, and calling my attention to Mr O. E. Dame of Northport. I wish to say that Mr. Dame complained without cause, I wished to pay him last fall but he did not except it for he said that he wished to get cash. and I payed him what little cash I could each month. I seen Mr Dame Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1902. and then again January 24<sup>th</sup> 1903. and I wished to pay him again at the place where I trade and he said he would see. I have not seen him since. Will pay him as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully

Sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Dame

Lewis Baurissan  
 Super Fort Island Light



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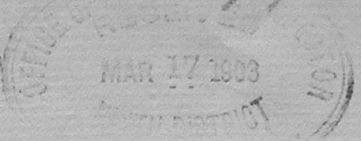
Northport Mich March 3<sup>d</sup> 1903 03  
 to the Light House Inspector  
 Chicago  
 Ill.

Please forward my next check  
 to Northport with my keeper.

Hector Stebbins  
 second asst.



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Northport Michigan March 14<sup>th</sup> 1903.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill.

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Dear sir  
I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your letter of  
March 11<sup>th</sup> telling me that Mr. P. D. Campbell will  
take myself and assistants to South Fox Island when  
navigation opens.

Very Respectfully

Northport. Michigan.  
March 2<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Inspector 9<sup>th</sup> Light House District.  
Chicago. Illinois.



Sir:-

I visited the Grand Traverse Light Station  
to day the 2<sup>th</sup> of march found every thing  
all right

Respectfully  
George Butters  
Keeper

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR  
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MAR 17 1903  
SOUTH DISTRICT

Northport Michigan March 14<sup>th</sup> 1903.

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill.

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of  
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take himself and assistants to South Fox Island when  
the ice opens.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissaw  
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South Fox Island Light Station April 9<sup>th</sup> 1903.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I hereby report that this station was opened for this season April 4<sup>th</sup> 1903. Station found in good condition.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Frankfort Light Station Mich.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1903



The Inspector  
9<sup>th</sup> U. S. S. P. N. District  
Chicago  
Illinois

Sir:

I am running short of Wood Alcohol  
for the Primus of Siren Engine Please advise me  
if I am to purchase it here when I run out  
as I have always done before

Respectfully  
Joseph A. Wilnot Skipper  
Frankfort Light Station  
Frankfort Mich.



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South Fox Island Light Station Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1903.

AUG 4 1903

To the Light house inspector  
Chicago ill.

Dear sir in reply to your letter of July 21<sup>st</sup> 1903, in regards to wood for fuel for this fog signal I wish to say that I have at the date of this letter seventy three (73) cords of wood, and one hundred and nine (109) feet. and if we have to keep open light the coming winter that supply may not last the fore part of next season. therefor I think that fifty cords (50) of wood delivered this year would not be too much.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Northport

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South Fox Island Light Station August 21<sup>st</sup> 1903  
To the Light house inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I have delivered only one bid for wood, to Mr. Lewis Ance who lives on this Island others do not care to bid for the fact that it's a bad landing place. do you wish me to return envelopes and letters for bid's.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan

Keeper

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South Fox Island Light Station August 27<sup>th</sup> 1903  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill

Dear Sir,

I hereby inform you that Mr. Adolphe Jagnon  
 third (3) asst. keeper at this station informed me  
 that he is to resign his position as asst keeper  
 for it is too lonesome to stay here this winter.  
 I have seen Mr Jagnon's letter. if he should  
 resign would you please allow me to recommend  
 Mr. Nels Blacken as a suitable man for this place.  
 Mr. Blacken served as laborer during the winter  
 of 1898 and 99. and I was well satisfied with his  
 work further more Mr Blacken is a first class boat-  
 man hoping it is not asking too much  
 of you.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan  
 Keeper

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South Fort Island Light Station sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1903.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

The pay rolls and voucher returned. did not for the fact that the new men did not report.

and I wish to say that Mr. Stibibitz would like to act as 2<sup>d</sup> asst. at this station if a man can not be found, to except the same. that is act for the winter will forward requisition for supplies as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

P.S.

The car ferry will start on her trips across the lake this week to run all winter.

L. B. Keeper



OFFICE OF LIGHT RECEIVED  
OCT 1 1903  
NINTH DISTRICT  
CHICAGO

South Fay Island Light Station Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1903  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear, sir. I have to report that Mr. Louis ance declines to send in a bid for Wood. one of your letters was given him more than a month ago and it was returned Wednesday sepeteruber 23<sup>rd</sup> 1903 he said he had no time to deliver wood this year. he will have a supply of wood on hand in the spring he tells me.

Very Respectfully

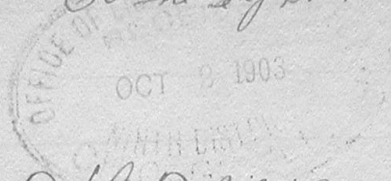
Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan October 1<sup>st</sup> 1903.

To the Light House inspector

Chicago ill



Dear sir.

I hereby report that Mr. Courad A Strain 3<sup>rd</sup> asst. Keeper of South Fox Island Light Station reported for duty this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1903.

Mr John H. Stibbitz discharged September 30<sup>th</sup> as per your orders. having worked from September 5<sup>th</sup> to September 30 1903. for which time he should be payed Mr Stibbitz is well please with the place. should any laborers be needed at the station he is willing to return

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

John Stibbitz



North Port, Mich.

Oct 2, 1903.

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Light House Inspector.  
Chicago, Ill.



Dear Sir:—

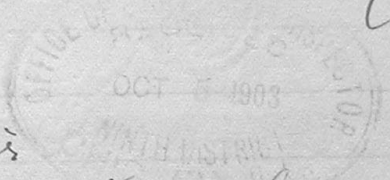
The keeper arrived here last night and I signed the vouchers this forenoon and hope I will get with as good a crew as I have left, for never was there any hard feeling between one another on the Light Vessel. The master Charles E. Corlett is a man that I have through my acquaintance with him been a man to his word and a true and faithful master for a Light Vessel, always being careful in keeping good lights and the boat or vessel in good condition and was sorry to leave but I have a desire to work up so I took the examination and was very thankful to receive a good standing.

Yours Truly

Conrad A. Stram.

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Northport Michigan October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1908  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago  
Ill



Dear sir

One of the automatic clockworks of the  
South Fox Island fog signal station  
was shipped today to the Light House engineer  
Milwaukee Wis. by orders of Mr. R. C. Weege  
District Light House Engineer. for repairs.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissem  
Keeper



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Northport Michigan October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1908  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago

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Northport Mich.  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Commander:

I William F. Green first  
Assistant of South Fox Island  
meet Mr. D. P. Wilson of  
Grand Traverse Point  
Asking him to trade stations  
which he said that he  
would do if the Officer  
had no objection.

Respectfully

Wm F Green  
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Northport Mich Nov 2<sup>th</sup> 1903  
 Inspector with Light House District  
 Chicago

J. H.  
 Gentlemen - Will you please  
 tell me if the old Light House boat of  
 South Fox Isle is Condemn if so would  
 like to have Permission from Inspector and  
 also the Light House Engineer I would like  
 to take her and rebuild put machinery  
 for our own use as sail boat. ~~has~~ to coal  
 in Spring and fall. I will write to the  
 Light House Engineer for Permission also.

Truly Yours  
 Hector Stebbins  
 2<sup>nd</sup> asst South Fox Isle

P. S. I will with draw any Application  
 for Transfer

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South Fox Island Light Station.  
Northport, Mich. Nov 2, 1903

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Office of Light House Inspector  
Chicago, Ill.



Sir: -

I have received the Department letter of October 1, 1903 which appoints me as Third Assistant Keeper of South Fox Island Light-Station, Michigan. also oath of office and form 276 which I have filled out and sworn to as directed but could not send them sooner on account of not coming ashore until we came after the mail and sending the monthly reports.

I remain

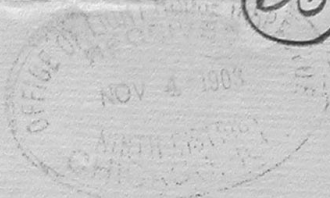
Your Truly  
Leonard A. Strawn.

South Fox Island Light Station.

Northport, Mich. Nov 2, 1903.

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Office of Light House Inspector  
Chicago, Ill.



Sir:—

In answer to the eleventh question, of form 276, I have answered the way I thought was right for although I was hired by the Captain of Light Vessel, No 55; I was paid by the Treasury Department.

I was seaman from Mar 16, 1903 to April 1, 1903, with a salary of \$30<sup>00</sup> per month then I was hired or appointed by the Captain as cook April 1, 1903, and served until Oct; 1, 1903 with a salary of \$350<sup>00</sup> three hundred and fifty per annum or until appointed Third Assistant Keeper at South Fox Island.

With hopes that I have a satisfactory answer.

I remain

Your Truly

Conrad A. Stram.

Question 8.

I was not certain as to the number of Congressional District Door County is in and could get no information here in Northport and would cause a delay of this mail for I would have to write outside to find out.



South Fox Island Light Station (36)

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1903

To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,

inclose find blank for uniform to  
~~Messrs~~ Waymaker Brown & Co.,  
please have uniform made according  
to measurement. cap to be made with  
patented leather peak cover instead of  
blue cloth, if allowed.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissar

Keeper

P.S.

please have the uniform delivered when  
the Light house tender Wahliá sets the  
Buoys in the spring

L. Baurissar

Keeper

november 27<sup>th</sup> 1903 (34)

South Fox Island Light station  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

OFFICE OF THE  
NOV 28 1903  
CHICAGO ILL.

Dear sir  
I hereby report that Mr. William F. Green  
left this station for Grand Traverse point this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of november 1903.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

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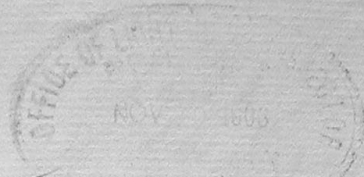
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North port Mich Nov. 16 1903  
 To Light House Inspector  
 Chicago

Gentlemen: I would like  
 to know if letter of Nov. 2<sup>th</sup> 1903  
 was answered asking for permission  
 of taking old light House boat  
 to repair and <sup>put</sup> machinery in so we  
 may operate from South Fox and  
 Washport.

Truly Yours.

Hector Stebbins  
 2<sup>nd</sup> asst  
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Northport Michigan

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November 20<sup>th</sup> 1903

U S Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill

Sir

I arrived here this afternoon  
and will start for South Fox Island  
as soon as possible we are having high  
winds and snow and quite cold at this  
writing

Respectfully

William P Wilson

1<sup>st</sup> Asst

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South Fox Island

December 5<sup>th</sup> 1903.

U. S. Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill



Sir

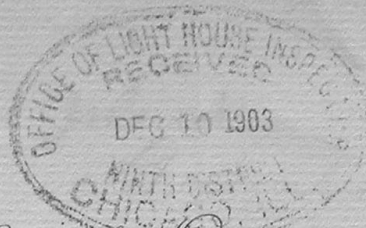
I have the pleasure to report  
the receipt of my appointment to South  
Fox Island.

P.S. also please find enclosed Oaths of  
Office

Respectfully

William P. Wilson

1<sup>st</sup> asst.



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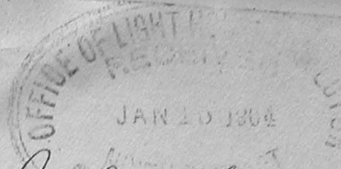
Northport Mich Dec 7 1903  
Light House Inspector  
Chicago

Illinois

Dear sir - your letter of  
Nov. 21 is at hand will say in regarding  
to repair the old light house boat it  
will cost one hundred & twenty five  
dollars and machinery will cost three  
hundred dollars total cost four  
hundred and twenty five dollars <sup>\$425.00</sup>  
if I furnish machinery and rebuild the  
boat I will claim her Providing the  
Government would want to pay for the  
machinery and rebuilding ~~for~~ I will  
put the power in the boat myself.  
but the carpenter work I will have  
to hire that done.

Truly Yours  
Sector Stebbins  
2 asst keeper  
South Fox Island Mich





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South Fox Island Light Station Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1904  
 To the Light house inspector  
 Chicago ill

Dear sir

The reports were made by Mr Wm. P. Wilson 1<sup>st</sup> asst.  
 and I have examined them and found them correct  
 therefor I have certified to them by a cross.  
 All are well at this station.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

I also requested of Messrs Os Washburn & Co  
 that the work should be completed on or before  
 March 15<sup>th</sup> 1904

Respectfully yours

William H Shields

Keeper US Supply Depot  
 Charlevoix Mich

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1904 (59)

South Fox Island Light Station  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

please forward an almanac for 1904. giving Time  
for Michigan or sun Time for Michigan.

yours very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

P.S.

dear sir. permit me to inform you that if this  
severe hold very long we will run short of fuel  
for the fog signal early in the spring. will try to  
make it last until navigation opens.

L. Bourissan  
Keeper



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South Fox Island Light Station  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

one of the Crosby automatic clockworks has  
been shipped for repairs. by express. to the  
light house engineer Milwaukee Wis.  
this first day of February 1904

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

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South Fork Island Light Station Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1904.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

your letter of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1904. has been received  
in regards to Mr Conrad A. Stram. I have no  
charges to make against Mr Stram. he is a very good  
man. and strictly attends to his duties and therefore I  
recommend Mr Stram for appointment.

I am. very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper



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Feb., 22<sup>nd</sup> 1904

South Fox Island Light Station 147  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

This is to inform you that the carferry plying between Northport and Manistique lays near Fox Island in the ice and very near out of fuel and Captain Robertson has called on this station and asked to discontinue the signal and let him have the fuel as the ferry is in great need of the fuel & will have to lend it to them. Captain Robertson agrees to return the fuel as soon as a landing can be made or before navigation opens and takes all responsibilities to run without the signal.

I am yours very respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

W. P. Robertson

Master M. M. R. 1

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1904.



South Fox Island Light Station.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

(51)

Dear sir.

I hereby report that it is now impossible to deliver wood at this station this winter on the ice. Wood can not be delivered before the ice is cleared from the beach.

have closed signal to 23<sup>rd</sup> february. the carferry is in the ice 4 miles east of this station and may call for the fuel at this station any time she has been in the ice since March 11<sup>th</sup> having been to Manistique. all well at this station.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourisgan

All keeper & report when wood is needed to ferry



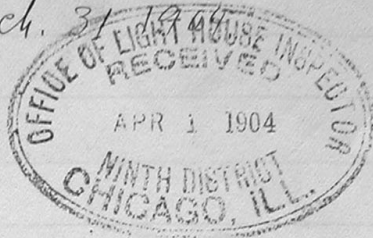
Report to owners or agents of car when the situation and amount of wood they will be notified and range for delivery of wood at station on board vessel

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Petoskey. March. 31 1904



Light House Inspector,  
Chicago.  
J.H.

Sir:— Would you kindly send me  
some Inspectors' Envelopes: Official size  
as my supply has run out.

Respectfully yours,

William Hurkett  
U. S. Light Keeper.

Mr. Clark,

Please send by mail - exp.

W. H.  
Hurkett

By mail Apr 2

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South Fox Island Light Station  
Northport, Mich.

Mar 19, 1904.

Light House Inspector 9th District  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:—

I have received the Department letter of March 9, 1904 which absolutely appoints me Third Assistant Keeper of South Fox Island Mich., Light Station on April 1, 1904.

Respectfully yours

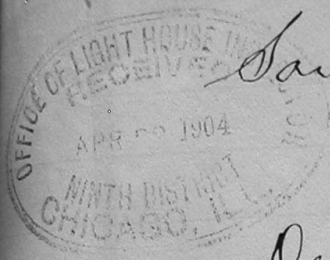
Conrad A. Stram.

Light Keeper



April 19<sup>th</sup> 1904

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South Fox Island Light Station  
To the Light house inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

permit me to inform you that this station will be in need of fuel as soon as navigation opens. there is 70 cords of wood on this Island for sale but can not be delivered at present price asked for the wood is six dollars per cord on the beach near the boat landing at this station the wood is very good.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

Buy the wood  
And send bid  
State that my bid is  
obtainable if time + otherwise  
get bids + choose lowest  
ply

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South Fox Island Michigan May 4<sup>th</sup> 1904  
To the light house inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir

I agree to furnish 70 cords of  
four (4) foot lang. of maple body wood. and will  
deliver the same as soon as possible at \$6.00 per cord.

Very respectfully yours

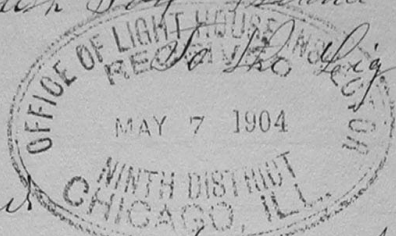
Mr Benjamen Ance

northport mich.



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South Fox Island Light Station May 5<sup>th</sup> 1904.  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.



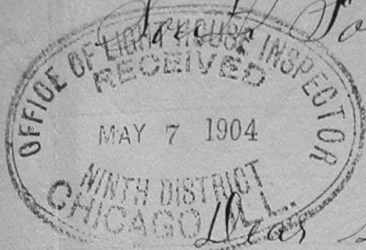
Dear Sir

inclosed find for 70 cords of 4 foot  
 wood. 128 feet to the cord sent me by Mr. Benjamin  
 Ance the wood to be delivered as soon as possible.

Mr Ance had no writing paper or ink so he  
 wrote it with leadpencil on brown paper and asked  
 me to copy the same and send it to your office.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper



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Four Island Light Station May 4<sup>th</sup> 1904.  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

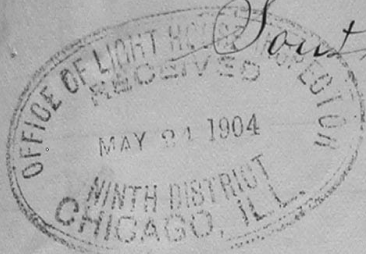
permit me to inform you that the carferry did not take any fuel from this station. The signal was closed in case they should need it. The signal was reopened May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1904. I also inform you that Mr George Butters keeper of Grand Traverse point light has called on this station for the loan of a few gallons of mineral oil as he is very short of oil I will send him some by the station sailboat

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper



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South Fox Island Light Station

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1904.

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

referring to your letter of May 10<sup>th</sup> 1904. asking for an explanation as to why the bill for wood bought from Mr Benjamin Ance was not sent with the bid. permit me to say that I did not find it advisable to give a bill for the wood before it was delivered at the station. for the fact that a boom may be use to deliver the wood and several cords may be lost. Mr. Ance went to main land to hire a boat suitable to deliver the wood but he returned without one he may have to use a boom to deliver the wood. I did not like to give a bill for the wood when it is four (4) miles from the station. Will send bill if you so desire.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper



(591) 581

South Fox Island Lt Station  
 Northport, Mich. May 21, 1904  
 Light House Inspector 9th District  
 Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I would like a leave of absence for  
 about two weeks to make a visit to my  
 home at Sturgeon Bay, Wis. along the latter  
 part of June.

If you will grant me the above I would  
 be very thank ful for same

Trusting this will be satisfactory  
 Yours Truly

Conrad A. Strann

3rd Asst Lt Keeper at

South Fox Island Lt Station  
 Mich.





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The weather is so I presume  
favorable to the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

permit me to inform you that the  
south Fort Island fog signal is very short  
of fuel. have seen Mr Ance today and told  
him to deliver the wood at once.

he could not get the right kind of boat to  
deliver the wood sooner. fuel for twenty four  
(24) hours only

B - should very respectfully  
report as soon as he gets the  
wood -  
Consequence of  
all winter  
Lewie Bourissan  
Keeper



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Northport Michigan June 9th 1904  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

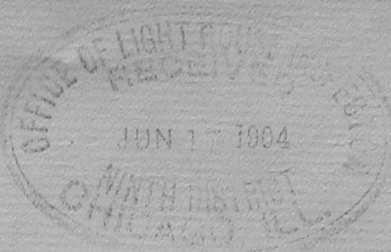
Dear sir,

Your letter of June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1904. has been received.  
stating that Mr. Conrad A. Stram 3<sup>rd</sup> asst. at this  
station, or south Fox Island Light station as been  
recommended for transfer and promotion. have  
instructed Mr Stram according to your letter

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper





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South Fox Island Light Station June 14<sup>th</sup> 1904  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

permit me to inform you that this station is greatly in need of planks for walks. The walks are in very poor condition to wheel wood on it will take six thousand feet (6000) of planks to rebuild the to wheel wood on. but if a team is allowed us to do the work with. it would require only three thousand (3000) feet of planks to repair. We can not wheel wood on some of the walk before it is repaired. we are also in need of two (2) wheelbarrows the old one are in very poor condition. team can be hired at a very reasonable price.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 11. Pm

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I have taken my wife for acting 3<sup>rd</sup> asst keeper for the fact that we are in need of more money than I will receive for pay for the month of June. as we have no hard work to do she can help me out some if this is allowed. I have also called on board of the Light House tender Wakkia June 9<sup>th</sup> when she called at Northport and was told that the inspector was not on board. I stayed in town untill 9.<sup>30</sup> Pm. but did not see you. hoping that you will favor my action in taking my wife for acting 3<sup>rd</sup> asst keeper.

I, Am.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper



Lewis Baurissan

Keeper





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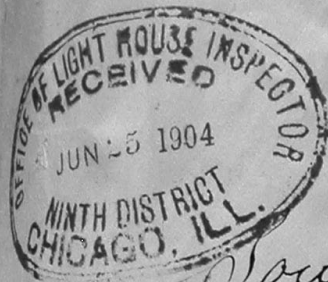
South Fox Island Light Station June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1904  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill

Dear Sir

I hereby report that by the advise of your letter dated June 13<sup>th</sup> 1904 I have hired my wife Mrs Josephine Baurissan to serve as 3<sup>d</sup> asst keeper untill Mr Tyrer reports for dutie. The Station boat is now going over with Mr Strad to go to his new station letter for his transfer received today will leave tomorrow weather permitting.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper



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South Fox Island Light Station June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1904  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

I hereby report that by the advise of your letter dated June 13<sup>th</sup> 1904 I have hired my wife Mrs Josephine Baurissan to serve as 3<sup>d</sup> asst keeper untill Mr Tyres reports for dutie. The station boat is now going over with Mr Strand to go to his new station letter for his transfer received today will leave tomorrow weather permitting.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper





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Southport Island Light Station June 23<sup>d</sup> 1904.  
To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

herby report that Mr Alphonso H. Tyler new  
asst. for this station reported for dutie this  
23<sup>d</sup> day of June 1904. did not have any ~~acting~~  
3<sup>d</sup> asst keeper. auth letter to that effect are  
packed and in sailboat. please destroy them

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper



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South Fox Island Light Station June 23<sup>d</sup> 1904. 1904  
 To the Light House inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

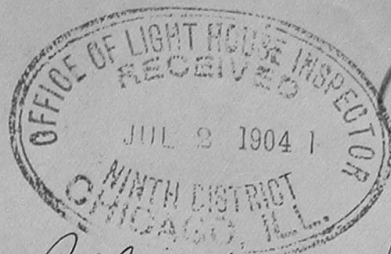
Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr Conrad A. Stram left  
 for his new Station this 23<sup>d</sup> day of June 1904

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan  
 Keeper





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South Fox Island Light Station June 27<sup>th</sup> 1904.  
 To the Light house inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr. Benjamin Once delivered  
 and 1/8 cords of wood for this signal. he tells  
 me that he will deliver the remainder of the wood  
 at once weather permitting.

Very Respectfully yours.

Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

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OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR  
RECEIVED  
JUL 8 1904  
NINTH DISTRICT

South Fox Island Light Station July 4, 1904  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

As here by report that while fitting hand  
hole plated to change boilers July second (2) We  
broke one hand hole plate bolt of boiler (no. 1.)  
Will keep (no 2) in use until the bolt has been  
replaced. Will take it to town for repairs

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

All mine  
to write Eng  
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South Fox Island Light Station July 6. # 1904  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

in regards to your letter of June 17 1904. for palank to  
repair walk. I wish to say that no letter had been  
sent to the Light house engineer. one of this date  
will be sent

Yours Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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to route  
by

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

Little Fox Island Lt Keeper

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South Fox Island Light Station July 19. 1904  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I have placed in annual report for 1904. ~~the articles~~ ~~missing~~ as they are on hand at this station.

I would like to be informed if this station owns more than 9. acres of land on this island. ~~partys~~ have bought land here and claim the south half of section 16. the blue print giving light house land shows the south half of section 16. as light house property

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau  
Keeper





South Fox Island Light Station

July 25<sup>th</sup> 1904

Mr. P. Garst

Chicago Ill

Dear Sir:-

yours of the 8 is just received as I understand it was miss sent.

Please find Mr Adolph E. Polier letter and my Personal question sheet

the path of office I shall take to a Justice at northport

Yours Truly

Alphonso. H. Tyner

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Light Station  
inspector  
Chicago Ill.

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South Fox Island Light station August 31<sup>st</sup> 1904.  
 To the Light house inspector  
 Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

if this station is to be kept in operation this coming winter. something should be done to the assistant keepers dwelling house to make it habitable for the winter. it is a very cold house and needs rebuilding. and a well or pump for house use is needed very bad. the water around this station is hardly fit to use about half of the season. And I wish also to say that every time it blows hard the gravells washes through the dock and covers the boat ways so that it is hard to get the sailboat in or out with the car. We have tried to stop the gravells from washing through by nailing plank to the pier but we did not have planks enough to finish the work. if something could be done at once it would save work and expense. We tore up some of the walk planks to fix the dock.

and in addition to my former order for planks and spikes I find that we will be in need of 50. lbs. of 6 inch rot iron spikes.

Very Respectfully yours  
 Lewis Baurissan  
 Keeper

copy of this  
 was sent to the Light House engineers.  
 Milwaukee Wis.



Have written the  
R.R. people & Capt  
Kerry Cuppin, to  
know what they want  
in the way of lights, and  
from what port they intend  
to run their boats

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Michigan Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1904.  
Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

at northport Mich., I have  
by Manistique No. 1. Will  
run to this place and start on her old  
route between northport and Manistique and  
will run alwinter. if such be the case there will  
not be fuel at south Fox Island to run the  
signal alwinter. 35. tons of coal will be needed  
so that fuel may last through the spring fogs.  
We are also in need of 100. feet of whistle cord.  
the cord now in use is very poor.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper So. Fox Island  
Light station.

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Northport Michigan Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1904.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

since I have been at northport Mich., I have learnt that the car ferry Manistique no. 1. will soon return to this place and start on her old route between northport and Manistique and will run alwinter. if such be the case there will not be fuel at south Fox Island to run the signal alwinter. 35. tons of coal will be needed so that fuel may last through the spring fogs. We are also in need of 100. feet of whistle cord. the cord now in use is very poor.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau

Keeper So. Fox Island

Light Station.



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South Fort Island Light Station

September 17<sup>th</sup> 1904.To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

on my return to the station the assts keepers reported to me your instructions in regards to wood for the fog signal station. Will you please favor me with four (4) bid for four (4) foot body maple wood. one hundred and fifty (150) cords will be needed if this station is kept in operation during the winter months. a surf boat is also needed of a size that three men can manage safely with oars. to go to the car ferry for supplies and mail. We have no small boats at this station.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Barrissan  
Keeper

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South Fox Island Light Station Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1904



The Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

inclosed please find a draft for a new suit of sails for the sailboat at this station. The sails now in use are getting poor and we will need a new suit of sail the coming season.

I also inclose an advertisement which I cut out of the Leelanau Enterprise published September 15<sup>th</sup> 1904 at Leeland Michigan. The sale of that land which is part of the Light house reservation will deprive the Light keepers of the only gardening ground on the reservation

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan

Keeper

P.S.

The blacksmith outfit is needed bad at this station. Engin

Have asked for bits for sails



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South Fox Island Light Station October 5<sup>th</sup> 1904  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir.

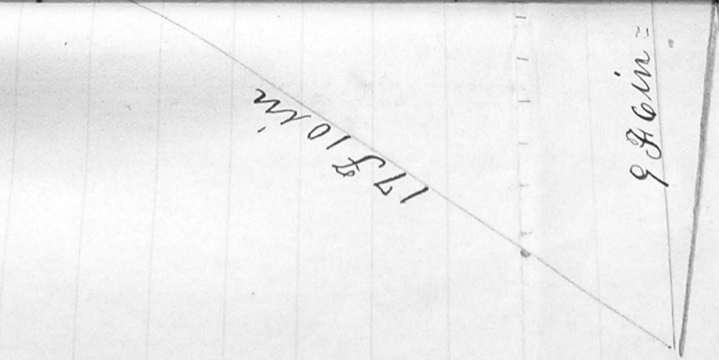
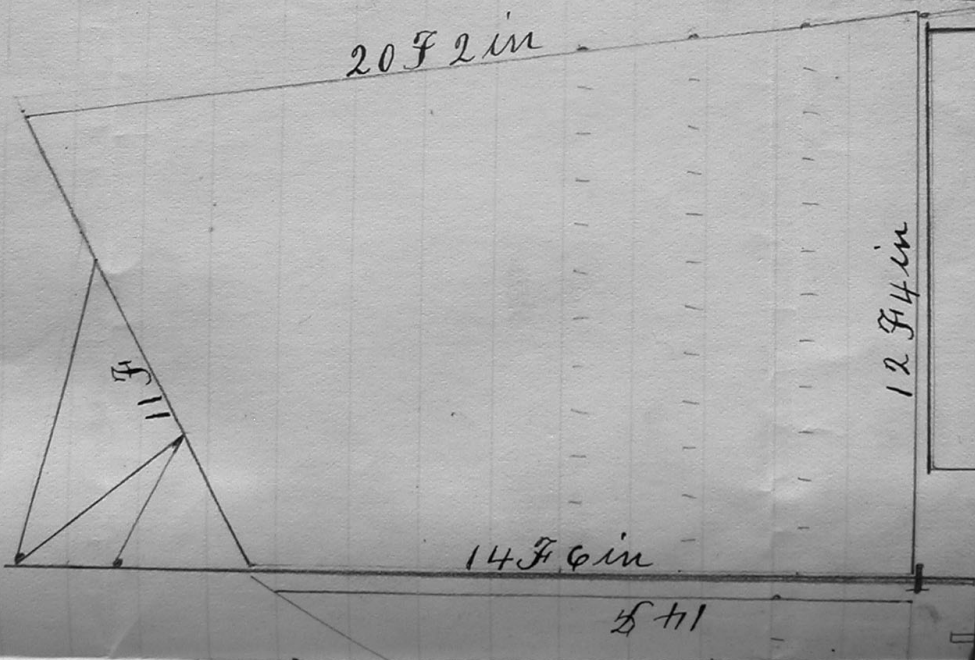
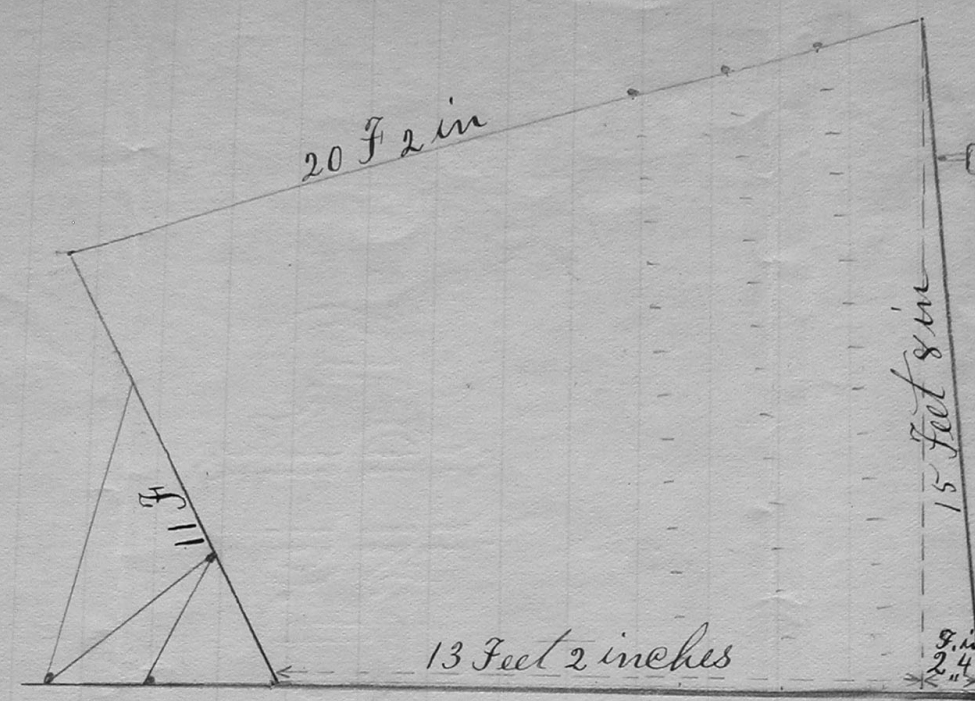
Please add to the list of supplies wanted at this station. 12. Boxes of concentrated lye. for the purpose of scrubbing and cleaning the fog signal.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

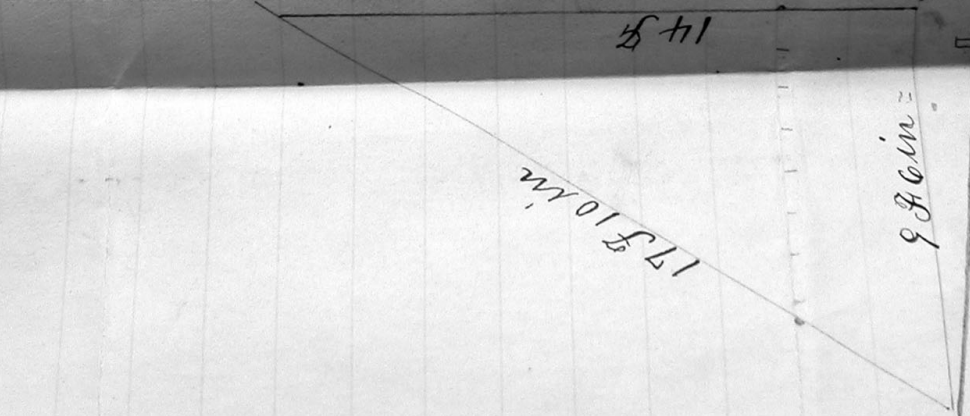
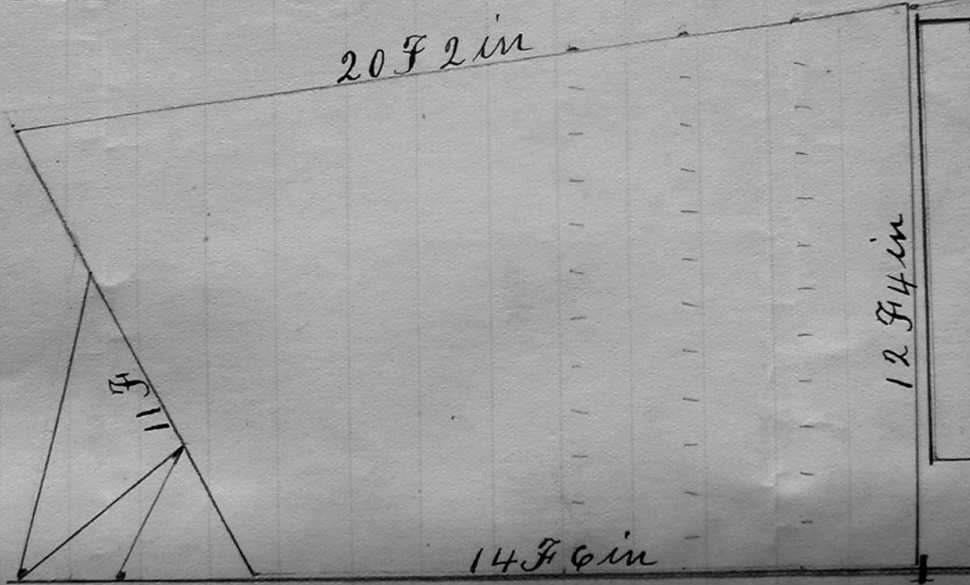
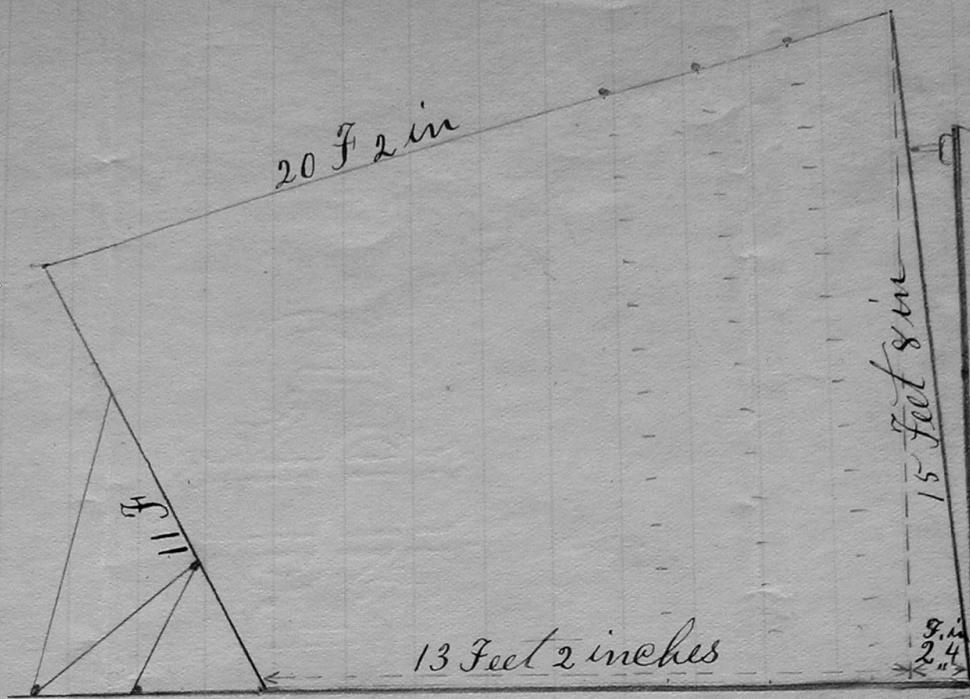
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main sail tops two feet and 4 inches  
 from the square angle as above  
 by this cut 13.F. 2 = 4 2.F. 4 =  
 total 15.F. 6 inches  
 Drop. total 15.F. 6 inches





main sail drops two feet and 4 inches  
 from the square angle as above  
 by this cut 13.F. 2 = 4 2.F. 4 =  
 total 15 Feet. 6 inches

Drop. total 15.F. 6.inch

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Northport Michigan November 5<sup>th</sup> 1904.To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

in reply to your letter of October 20<sup>th</sup> 1904. in regards to bids for wood. I have delivered the four bids received by me to party on South Fox Island. one to Mr Augustus Auce. one to Mr Benjamin Auce. one to Mr William Pabo and one to Mr Henry Christianson.

Mr Benjamin Auce has returned the one given him. the other party told me they would forward there bid as soon as they could when the bids were handed to them I have not seen any of the party since the bids were given to them.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper South Fox Island L. I.



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Northport Michigan November 5<sup>th</sup> 1904To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

I was informed today by a young man named Mr John Hagon. wheelsmen on the Car ferry m-m+n. no. one. that the ferry would not run on this route this winter. that she was layed up for a few weeks and when she starts to run she will run where she is now. would like to be informed if you know any thing to the contrary.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper South Fox Island  
Light Station

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Northport Michigan, November 14<sup>th</sup> 1904.

To the Light House  
Chicago



Dear Sir,

Your letter of November 12<sup>th</sup> 1904 in which you ask for a recommendation for an absolute appointment for Mr. Alphonso H. Tyrer has been received.

I have no charges to make against Mr. Tyrer. I therefore recommend him for appointment. He is a very good man and I am very well satisfied with all his works.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissau  
Keeper South Fox Island  
Light Station.



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Northport Michigan November 9<sup>th</sup> 1904.

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

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Dear Sir.

inclosed please find a bill for the repair of two  
handhole plate bolts and rudder iron for the South  
Fox Island fog signal and rudder for station boat  
for which I have paid one dollar & twenty five cts (125)<sup>00</sup>  
to Mr. Joseph Retford.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau  
Keeper South Fox Island  
Light Station

write letter  
to proper official  
& request immediate  
reps. what  
will send out for  
point, if or, the  
time other will stop. Call  
attention to the fact that  
we have permits required  
for same information. P/B



Northport Michigan  
Nov 28-1904

U. S. Light House Inspector  
Chicago  
Ill

Sir

The present outlook for the carrying  
to come back. to run here is very poor and  
it would be a great accommodation to us if  
you could give us definite information as to  
whether the station will close or not this  
winter as there is various kinds of provisions  
we wish to purchase if station keeps open

Respectfully

William P. Wilcox  
1 Asst. Keeper  
South Fox Island Light Station  
Michigan

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Northport Michigan December 16<sup>th</sup> 1904. P.M.  
To the Light House Inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

I hereby report that we have just arrived at north-  
port with the station boat. no tug came to get us  
as it was getting late I ventured out with sailboat  
closed the Light December 13<sup>th</sup> for the winter. left  
station in good order. will write more later  
Mr A. H. Syers, postoffice address will be  
Old mission Mich route no. (1)  
first and second will stay at northport

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bausissan  
Keeper

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Northport Mich., Dec., 19<sup>th</sup> 1904  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill.

Dear sir.

permit me to say that I closed the south Fox Island Light station the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. I received a notice with the pay rolls for 1905 telling me to sign and return and if we seprated for the winter to send the postoffice adress of each one. I thought that orders had been sent us to close and had not been received. I closed because I did not like to make another trip to mainland and back for it was geting to late in the season to take the risk but I received your orders and tellogram on the 16<sup>th</sup> when we arrived in town. for which we are very thankful. I also inclose the bill for the repair of the rudder iron for the amount of twenty five 25.<sup>cts</sup>

I am very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissar  
Keeper

Ps,  
have forwarded Mr Tyrers. appointment to old mission  
mich



Robert  
H. C. B.



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Northport Michigan March 29 1905.

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

Your letter of March 27<sup>th</sup> 1905 stating that Mr Stanley C. Wilson's bid had been accepted to take the keepers to South Fox Island. has been received. I will call on Mr Wilson when ready.

yours very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper.

note  
F.S.B.

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Northport Michigan April 3<sup>d</sup> 1905  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

permit me to inform you that a letter of this date has been sent to the Light house engineer Milwaukee Wis. in regard to the light House property at South Fox Island. I have heard lately that Mr. F.M. Burdick had bought the land. Will you please inform if there is any truth in the reports.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper







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Marineac Island, Mich.

14<sup>th</sup> April, 1905.

Commander F. E. Peatty U. S. N.

Inspector 9<sup>th</sup> Light House District  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir: I will accept appointment  
to South Fort Island as 3<sup>d</sup> assistant  
Keeper at Light-Station.

Very Respectfully.

Wallace Hall

P. S. Will leave for station Monday  
morning 17<sup>th</sup> inst - M.H.

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South Jay Island Light Station April 17, 1905  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.



Dear sir

I hereby report that this Light station was opened for the season. April 15<sup>th</sup> 1905, also the fog signal.

have not received any news for a third asst. will do the best we can untill one is sent.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissaw  
Keeper



South Fox Island Mich April 27<sup>th</sup> 1905

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Light House Inspector  
Chicago

this is to certify that I have  
received your department letter of  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1905

yours truly

Alfonso H. Tyer  
2nd Asst Keeper of  
South Fox Island, L.I.



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South Fox Island Light Station  
The Light House Inspector  
Chicago

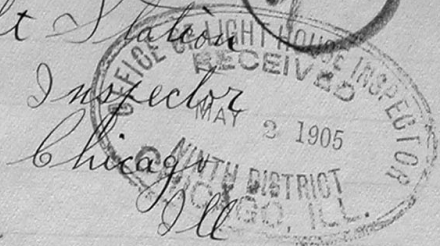
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Dear sir: I here by acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of April 12<sup>th</sup> 1905  
appointing me 1<sup>st</sup> assistant keeper.

Very Respectfully  
Hector Stubbins  
1<sup>st</sup> asst



South Fox Island Light Station  
To The Light House Inspector



Dear sir I have by acknowledge your letter  
of April 15<sup>th</sup> 1905 appointing Me 3<sup>d</sup> of  
South Fox Island Station

Very Respectfully

3<sup>d</sup> asst Keeper of south Fox Island  
light Station

Very Respectfully

Wallace Hall

met  
7/2/10

South ~~Island~~ Light station  
The Light house inspector  
Chicago Ill

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Dear sir,

I hereby report that Mr. Wallace Hall has reported  
for duty this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1905.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan Regier  
April 27<sup>th</sup> 1905.

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M.C.  
H.C.B.

Northport Michigan May 5<sup>th</sup> 1905



To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

inclosed please find two (2) bills one for the amount of two dollars and twenty five cents (\$ 2.25) for lime one lb. and salt one Bbl. and also one bill for blacksmith work which I have had to have done on the stationboat without which we could not get along. after leaving the station for northport. the collar holding the spar in place broke and we had to use a rope strap to hold it in place. as it was not safe to sail with a rope strap to hold the spar. I have had a new collar made which cost me seventy five (75) cents.

will return to the station on the sixth weather permitting

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bawissan  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1905  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago ill.

Dear sir.

in reply to your letter of September 14<sup>th</sup> 1905 in regard to the services of a tug boat to take the keepers from South Fox Island Light House. I wish to say that none will be required. I can take a good day to cross over to mainland. I will use good judgement in picking out a day to cross. a Tug may be needed in the spring to take us back to the station. I have also examined the list of Light buoys and fog signal and find them correct.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

P.S.

18 Wick was consumed in 1904 instead of 16  
L. Baurissan Keeper.

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South Fox Island Light Station

October 17<sup>th</sup> 1905

To the Light House inspector

Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

in close please find a bill from Mr Patrick Conroy  
for 12 days work with his team hauling wood  
and coal to the fog signal. team allowed by  
the light house inspector in 1904. at \$3.50 per day  
total \$42.00 due Mr. Conroy

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

Some info cost of wood & coal

How much hauled

are there any outstanding contracts for wood for this station  
Jms.

ms.

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South Fox Island Light Station October 18<sup>th</sup> 1905  
To the Light house inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

This is to certify that Mr Wallace Hall has well  
preform his duties as 3<sup>d</sup> asst. Keeper at this station.  
I darefor recommend him for appointment

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

Mr hall read this letter.  
Keeper



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South Fox Island Light Station October 18<sup>th</sup> 1905  
To the Light house inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

This is to certify that Mr Wallace Hall has well  
preform his duties as 3<sup>d</sup> asst. keeper at this station.  
I darefor recommend him for appointment

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

Mr Hall read this letter.  
Keeper

4. 10. 1905  
L. M. Brown  
copy in name form  
J. M. C.



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Northport Michigan November 11<sup>th</sup> 1905.

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir.

in reply to your letter of Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1905. asking  
how much coal and wood Mr Conroy hauled.

he hauled 75. tons of coal and 98. cords of wood.

And you will please permit me to ask a  
favor of you. if a transfer is made for 3<sup>d</sup> asst.  
I wish to recommend Mr E. L. Brown of Northport  
as suitable man for that position he understands  
how to run gasoline engines. and is a good man  
to work at most any thing that comes in his way. and he is  
temperate. therefor I would like get him.

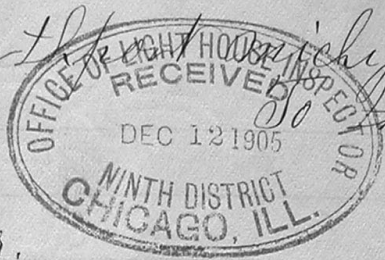
Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

So Fox Light.



Northport Michigan December 8<sup>th</sup> 1905  
To the Light house inspector  
Chicago Ill.



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Dear sir.

I hereby report that the Light and fog signal stations at South Fox Island Michigan were closed for the winter December 8<sup>th</sup> 1905. and left station in good condition. The keepers arrived at northport at 10 Pm. the property taken to north port as been put away for winter.

Mr. Wallace Hall third asst keeper goes to Mackinac Island <sup>Mich</sup> for winter will leave here the 11<sup>th</sup> for Mackinac Isld. and Mr. A.H. Tupper <sup>2d asst</sup> will winter at old mission Michigan each wants there checks sent to those places.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau  
Keeper.

Notes sent for

Noted  
J.H.  
Notes sent for

no  
of our time  
no papers for  
J. L. Brown - might  
let him take it  
P. M.



Northport Michigan January 16<sup>th</sup> 1906  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

Permit me to inform you that Mr Wallace &  
3<sup>d</sup> asst Keeper at South For Island. has asked me to  
him with a recommendation for transfer and for  
and I have done so. Mr Hall is a good man  
a good boatman and attends well to his duties as  
Light keeper. he would like a light nearer the  
so he tells me and as there is a vacancy down  
somewhere he would like to transfer there. if a  
takes place please remember my former recoman  
of Mr. J. L. Brown of northport Mich.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper





Northport Michigan January 16<sup>th</sup> 1906.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir.

I hereby recommend Mr. Wallace Hall 3<sup>d</sup> asst keeper  
at South Fox Island Light Station as a good man,  
at a Light station and also a good boatman. Mr.  
Hall has well attended to his duties as 3<sup>d</sup> asst. at south  
Fox Island Light and fog signal station during the  
last season and in sailing to and from the  
station. I therefor recommend him for promotion

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

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OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR  
RECEIVED  
JAN 20 1906  
CENTRAL DISTRICT  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Machinas Island Mich

JAN 14 1906

To the light house Inspector

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir I will now send you a  
recommend that might help me to  
transfer to Skilligallee light Station or  
any Place north of south Fox Island  
light Station

Hoping this is Satisfactory to you  
very Respectfully

Wallace Hall.

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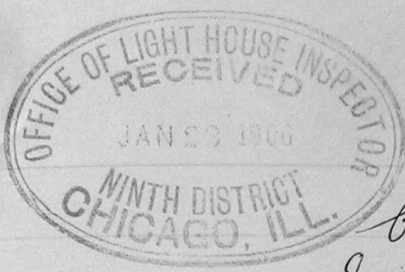
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Mackinac Island Mich Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1906

Commander J. M. Orchard U.S.N.  
Inspector 9<sup>th</sup> L.H. district Chicago Ill.

Sir

Yours of Jan 19<sup>th</sup> received to day offering me Position as 2<sup>d</sup> at  
Seul choix Pointe light Station Sir if Possible I would like to  
transfer in the Straits if Possible could the reason why I  
asked for a transfer in the Straits is because my mother and  
family is staying at Mackinac Island and my mother is also  
Sickly and I would like to be near them if Possible could  
and if you can not transfer me in the Straits would you kindly  
let me know at once I will also wait for the answer of this  
letter and decide whether I will take Seul choix Pointe or  
not Thanking you kindly for your offer of Seul choix Pointe  
light Station.

Hoping this is satisfactory to you

Yours respectfully

Wallace Hall  
2d Asst of South Fox Island  
Mackinac Island  
Mich.

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Mackinac Island Mich Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1906

Commandor J. M. Orchard U.S.N.  
Inspector 9<sup>th</sup> Lighthouse district Chicago Ill.

Sir

Yours of Jan 19<sup>th</sup> received to day offering me Position as 2<sup>d</sup> at Seal choix Pointe light Station Sir if Possible I would like to transfer in the Straits if Possible could the reason why I asked for a transfer in the straits is because my mother and family is staying at Mackinac Island and my mother is also Sickly and I would like to be near them if Possible could and if you can not transfer me in the straits would you kindly let me know at once I will also wait for the answer of this letter and decide wether I will take Seal choix Pointe or not thanking you kindly for your offer of Seal choix Pointe light Station.

Hoping this is satisfactory to you

Yours respectfully

Wallace Hall  
Guard of South Fox Island  
Mackinac Island  
Mich.



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Mackinac Island, Mich.

Jan 25 1906

Commander J. M. Orchard, U.S.N.  
Inspector, 9<sup>th</sup> Light House District  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir

Your letter of January 23<sup>th</sup> informing me that  
there is no chance at present of my being transferred  
to the Straits received to day so I have decided to take  
to the vacancy at Seal Choix Pointe Light Station  
hoping Sir you will kindly grant me the vacancy

I remain your

Respectfully

Wallace Hall

3<sup>d</sup> asst. of South Fox Island

Mackinac Island

Mich.



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Northport Michigan February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1906

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

Your notice of January 29<sup>th</sup> 1906 in regard to the  
medicine and stovepipe joints has come to hand. and for  
medicine. We have a good supply and hand for the coming  
season. and the stovepipe I can buy the 5. joints in  
this place for 80.<sup>cts</sup> the 6. strait are 15.<sup>cts</sup> a joint and  
6x7 20.<sup>cts</sup> a joint. and will you please forward  
an almanac for the year 1906. giving the sun time for  
Michigan. There are none of that kind at this place

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourisou  
Keeper





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Northport Michigan March 6<sup>th</sup> 1906

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

The white line or maitre for tying hoops and  
96. will forward bill for stove pipe  
length later on

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissau  
Keeper

me.



Northport Michigan March 12<sup>th</sup> 1906  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

Maitre can be bought in Northport at thirty cents  
30.<sup>cts</sup> per lbs.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

Keeper

See the 1<sup>st</sup> book or list to pay for same  
+ Send recd bill  
S.L. Jone



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Northport Michigan April 4<sup>th</sup> 1906.

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

inclosed please find the bill for 5 lengths of stove  
pipes and 2 # of maitre that I have bought and  
paid for at Kehl Brother northport mich.

Will leave by the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> for my station on  
the car ferry, as this harbor is full of ice and  
can not take my boat.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

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Northport Michigan April 4<sup>th</sup> 1906.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir

I hereby report that Mr Paul a Walters reported  
today.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper



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South Fox Island Light Station April 13<sup>th</sup> 1906  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill

Dear sir,

I hereby report that the Light Station at South Fox Island was opened for the season of 1906 on April 6, and the fog signal on April 7<sup>th</sup>. all was found in good condition. as to the Light and fog signal. but the walk south of the boat house and butment south of the pier have been washed out of place and the old station boat was washed away from the north side of the boat house and stranded on the north side of the harbor.

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Very Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper

Copy of a letter to the  
Light House engineer Milwaukee Wis.

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South Fox Island Light Station April 30th 1906

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

I hereby inform that I have mailed to the light house engineer Milwaukee Wis  $\frac{1}{2}$  of scales from the boilers at South Fox Island fog signal station. could not weigh less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  #. have also mailed one blade for pipe cutter. to a set of blades for this station. we are in need of soft plugs have ordered 3. and the lubricator on the crossby clockwork at this signal is very poor. it leaks and it wastes a good deal of oil. a Detroit side feed would be better.

would like to be informed that when boilers are changed if a report of its standing should be sent to your office. the above inquiry has not been asked of the Light House engineer.

Very Respectfully  
w/ for signal report  
m/ in all information  
need me

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper





South Fox Island Light Station  
June 8<sup>th</sup> 1906.

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

I hereby report that Mr J. L. Brow reported for  
duty June 7<sup>th</sup> 1906.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper



South Fox Island Light Station May 12<sup>th</sup> 1906.

To the Light House inspector

asked for appld boat Engineer #57 Chicago ill

Dear sir.

Mr. Paul A. Walter 3<sup>d</sup> asst keeper at this has asked me to say a word for him. all I can say is that Mr. Walter is a good allround man. and fit for the position he asked for.

And if he is transfard please send me another mackinac. or mackinaw man. I have had two of them and find them good allround working men. they are good boat men and a man of that standing is what I need at this station. I have recomended other but I am satisfied with the two from the straits. Hoping this will be satisfactory.

I am very

Respectfully

Lewis Bourissau

Keeper



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South Fox Island, Mich.,

July 4, 1906.

The Light-House Inspector,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I hereby tender my resignation as 3d Assistant Keeper of  
South Fox Island Light-Station, Michigan, to take effect July  
6, 1906.

Respectfully,

(Signed) George L. Brown.

Ans

North Port July 4

1906

Office of Commerce & Labor

Chicago Ill.

Dear sir Please except my  
Resignation, as under Present  
Circumstances I find it impos-  
-ble to stay longer

if you would like any explanation  
I will gladly give if a letter  
will find me back in the same  
old place

G. L. Brown. Carpenter

S. R. + I. R. R. North Division

Co. St. S. McKel

Grand Rapids

yours Rsp

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Assistant K

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George L. Br



I cannot see why a man  
should work for the U. S. Government  
for that is should serve time  
for nothing example

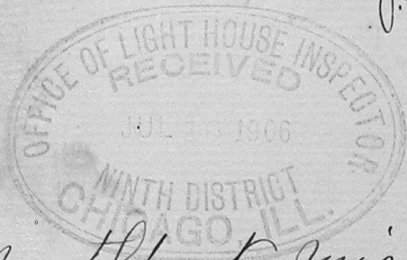
I. George L. Brown left Grand Rapids  
June first 06 for South Fox  
Island Reported for Duty to first  
Assistant Hector Stebous, on 2<sup>d</sup> June  
took charge of light House Boat then  
at Northport waited for fair  
winds until 7<sup>th</sup> June from which  
date my Party started I do not  
see why I should loose that  
amount of time there is six  
Days time

Yours Rsp B L Brown

Mich.,  
906.

Assistant Ke  
to take effect

George L. Brown



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Northport Michigan July 14.<sup>th</sup> 1906  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir.

I hereby report that Mr George L. Brown refused to sign the oath of office because he had to pay 25.cts. the 1<sup>st</sup> asst gave him his mail and he said he would save a 1/4. of a dollar and not sign. he did not sign receipt for his check and we dont know where he is. shall I return receipt for check to your office or try and find Mr Brown. he is working for the G.R. & I rail road co. but his wife dont know where to find him. I return all his papers to your office.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan

P.S.

Will stay at northport a few days please try and do something for Mr Wilson



Qm



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Northport Michigan July 14<sup>th</sup> 1906  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby inform you that I have read Mr William P. Wilson's letter of July 7<sup>th</sup> from your office. I have excepted Mr Wilson as acting 3<sup>rd</sup> asst. he reported to Mr Hector - Stebbins 1<sup>st</sup> asst. for dutie July 7<sup>th</sup> and arrived at the station July 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr William P. Wilson is a man that has ~~rendered~~ rendered me good service as man to depend upon and would like to retain him as 3<sup>rd</sup> asst if agreeable to you

Very respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

P.S.

Mr Wilson has sent in his examination papers a month ago.

Keeper

71 0 ... Light Station.

Mrs

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South Fort Island Light Station August 31<sup>st</sup> 1906  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report the inspector on boiler no. 2 dont  
work good it looses about half of the water when  
feeding. we have to use the inspector on boiler no. 1.  
when we change boilers.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Light House  
engineer. at Milwaukee Wis.

Respectfully your

Lewis Bourissan

Keeper





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Charlevoix Mich Sept 20-1906

The Light-House Inspector



ms

Leelanau County Bank.

D. H. POWER & CO., BANKERS.

NORTHPORT, MICHIGAN.

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D. H. POWER, PRESIDENT.  
W. J. RACHOW, MANAGER.  
F. R. DAVIS, CASHIER.

Northport Michigan

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1906

Light House Inspector  
Chicago, Ill

Sir

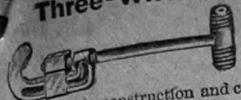
I am pleased to acknowledge the  
Receipt of my appointment as acting 3<sup>rd</sup> asst  
at South Fox Island Light Station

Respectfully

William P. Wilson



**Three-Wheel Pipe Cutter.**



C 3290 The wheels of this cutter are made of Jessop's best tool steel. The body and handle are of malleable and wrought iron. Simple and strong in construction and cuts rapidly and easily.

Numbers.....	1	2	3
Cuts from.....	1/4 to 1	1 to 2	2 to 3
Each.....	\$1.00	\$1.36	\$2.30
C 3291 Extra wheels, each.....	.08	.09	.12



South Fox Island Light Station Sept. 6. 1906.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear, Sir

in reply to your letter of August 13<sup>th</sup> 1906. in regards to a pipecutter. I have inclosed a cut or pattern of a pipecutter. with 3. wheels or blades. no. 2. would be the size wanted for this station.

yours Respectfully

Lewis Baurissau  
Keeper

Barnes Co. 2-3 wheel cost \$1<sup>75</sup> I suggest that  
it be bought here and sent by mail or tender  
made for the Station,  
J.L. pro.

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1906,

1 Time Marker by mail  
L. C.

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this new time marker dont stop only at the starting point

It is now ready for use & repair  
I have had it repaired by Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper  
J. J. C.

Ans.



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Northport Michigan Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1906.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir

I hereby report that Mr L. R. Peck has agreed to put the engine in the station boat for twenty five dollars \$25.00. and will try to do the work in five days. he is now placing in the bid for the engine. he has not yet answered me in regards to gasoline for the use of for our boat.

Very Respectfully  
Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

13<sup>th</sup> 1906. in regards  
a cut or pattern of  
no. 2. would be

fully

is Baurissan

Keeper

I suggest that  
or tender  
C. J. C.



Wheel Pipe Cutter.



Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1906,

1 Time Marker by mail  
L. C.

new time marker dont stop only at the starting

plz for send another (on <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>repaired</sup> ~~repaired~~)  
that will do - I hope the had one & keeper  
to send it to Grans & Co for repair (J. H. C.)  
Dear, Sir

6. 1906.

in reply to your letter of August 13<sup>th</sup> 1906. in regards  
to a pipecutter. I have inclosed a cut or pattern of  
a pipecutter. with 3. wheels or blades. no. 2. would be  
the size wanted for this station.

yours Respectfully

Lewis Baurissau  
Keeper

Barnes Co. 2-3 wheel cost \$1.75 I suggest that  
it be bought here and sent by mail or tender  
made for the Station, J. H. C.



Northport Michigan Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1906.

To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir.

inclosed please find the bills for placing of  
the engine in the south Fort Island Light house boat  
by Mr L. R. Peck, or Porter & Peck. Mr. Peck  
has done a good job and the engine work well  
and also a bill from Kehl Brothers for  
gasoline. we filled the tank and take a barrull  
with us as we all have to learn to run the  
engin and we may need it. shall take good  
care to put in a safe place.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

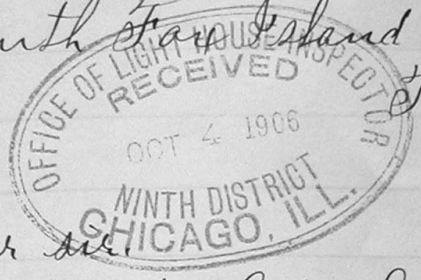
John P. Jones



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South Star Island Light station sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1906.



To The Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir,

I hereby report that there are 2 boats at this station which are worthless. one sailboat. and one flatbottomed rowboat both boats are rotten.

As copy of this letter has been sent to the Light House engineer Milwaukee Wis.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper

~~10-2-06~~  
Jm

South Fox Island Light Station Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1906.  
To the Light House inspector  
Chicago Ill.

Dear sir,

I am sorry to have to report that on the morning of September 28<sup>th</sup> 1906, that Mr Hector Stebbins was seen asleep on watch, and did not attend to his duties in regards to extinguishing the light. The Keeper extinguished the Light some time after sunrise seeing that he was asleep. I am sorry to say that this is not Mr Stebbins' first offence in that respect. I am sorry to report this but when Mr Stebbins comes on watch I can not rest, as I do my full share of work at the station I must have my full share of rest. Mr Stebbins has been told often not to sleep on watch. he has also seen a copy of this report today

Very Respectfully

Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper



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Mm



South Fox Island Light Station Sept 28 1906

To the Light House Inspector

Chicago Ill

Dear sir- will say in regard of keeper seeing  
me asleep on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> is true but  
this happened just a few minutes before  
extinguishing the light but sorry to say did  
not sleep more than 10 minutes before I caught  
myself sleeping the lamp that was seen burning  
on the table after sunrise was emptied and put  
on the table to burn dry as the wick was not  
very good.

I do not consider it nothing comparing what  
has happened at the station while the keep was  
on duty. While the keeper was instructing  
1<sup>st</sup> asst + 2<sup>nd</sup> asst on running the new gasoline engine  
was seen by one drinking intoxicated liquors  
on the 22 of September they are a few more  
things I would like to mention.

Hector Stebbins  
1<sup>st</sup> asst Keeper

NAME

D. COFFINBERRY, Pres't.

ROBERT WALLACE, Vice-Pres't.

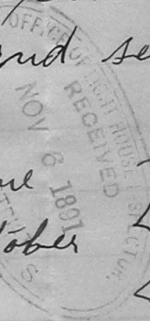
THE CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD

WM. M. FITCH, Sec'y

To the office of the inspector of the 9th U.S. P.H. Dist.  
at Chicago Ill

Dear Sir Mr James Wachter did not know  
if it was best to send for a uniform before  
being examined or not. he has taken  
measures and send them to your office for you  
to decide.

Written By me  
this 23<sup>d</sup>. October  
1891



Respectfully

Lewis Bourissan  
Keeper in charge of

South Fox Island Station  
North port Mich

- 6 Ballast balls, 2nd. class, can.  
6 Ballast balls, 2nd. class, nun.  
12 Ballast balls, 3rd. class.  
4 pcs. 1 inch buoy chain, each 15 fms.  
4 pcs. 1 1/8 inch buoy chain, each 15 fms.  
2 Mushroom anchors, 0 class.  
4 Mushroom anchors, 1st. class.  
4 Mushroom anchors, 2nd. class.  
2 Mushroom anchors, 3rd. class.  
150 fms. 1 1/2 inch light-ship chain.  
90 fms. 1 5/8 inch light-ship chain.  
90 fms. 1 3/4 inch light-ship chain.  
45 fms. 1 7/8 inch light-ship chain.  
45 fms. 2 inch light-ship chain.

Respectfully yours,

For Inspector.

C. H. West.

Lieutenant-Commander, U.S.N.,  
Assistant to Inspector.



Sept 21, 1891.

To the office of the 9th U.S. Light House Dist. at  
Chicago Ill. Nicoll Ludlow  
Comdr. U.S. Navy  
Inspector.

Dear Sir. I have waited for the U.S. Light House  
Tender Daklia since the first of the present month  
with the intention of asking for a leave of absence  
for the winter and seeing that it did not come  
I have ventured to write you at your office to  
ask you for the same favor there will not be  
any body to winter on the island the coming  
winter and I and Mr. James Wachter wishes to  
leave the station for the winter if you will per-  
-mit us to do so. I wintered here last winter  
and would not ~~to~~ winter here next winter again  
unless you wish us to do so. and I also  
Report that the clockwork at this station  
has caused us troubles several times during  
this quarter it is wase so that it does not  
work well. I have shifted some of the thimbles

so that it works on a level But does  
not make it any Beter it needs to be Replaced By  
new or Repaired. I have not taken any Measures  
Wish you to see for yourself when you visit  
this station. a careful watch shall Be kept By us  
to see it works Well.

Written By Me  
this 21<sup>st</sup> September  
1891

Respectfully  
Lewis Baurissan  
Keeper in charge of  
South Fox Island  
Light Station  
via northport mich