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Dear Mr Yaden,

I fear there has been a misunderstanding with our mutual friends, whoever they may be. I have no furniture in storage or otherwise which was once used at Point Pinos, or at any other lighthouse.

They may have me confused with someone else, but I know of no quarters, in the old service which were furnished except with the old cookstove with its appendage water tank, the heating coils of which were in the stove, while the service was under the Department of Commerce or the Navy Department. It was necessary for the families living at the stations to provide all other furniture as they might desire.

The only piece I can recall was a very large and beautiful free standing wardrobe closet in the quarters we moved into at Pigeon Point in 1925. I am sure it wasn't government issue as it was beautifully finished and not painted the drab color it would have had to have been had it been government property. It had no doubt been left there because the owner chose to avoid the extremely difficult task of removing it. Getting it in must have been a bearcat!

To the best of my knowledge the first furniture was provided in the quarters to be occupied by enlisted men when the Service passed under the Coast Guard and the civilian keepers were replaced by enlisted men. Of course my knowledge covers relatively few stations, and a very short span of Lighthouse History. I have

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a few pieces of furniture which were owned by my parents, but none of these were ever on a Lighthouse station, but were purchased after my parents bought the property on San Juan Road in Salinas. The remaining pieces which had been at Point Pinos were disposed of when my mother moved to Oakland to live with my sister.

To the best of my knowledge my father's uniforms were simply ordinary double breasted blue serge suits to which brass buttons were attached, however, they may have been second hand Navy uniforms because, as I recall (and I was pretty young then), he usually bought them in the second hand stores along the Embarcadero in San Francisco. In any event, when he died his clothing was given to charity.

I recall that he did buy uniform caps, but I am not aware of any that may have survived.

If your exhibit is at the Station I could help with the layout in the late thirties and early forties since several buildings have been removed since that time. Also, I could, if you wish, provide the history of the little crypt bearing the name "Jiggs". It has nothing to do with Lighthouse history - but is simply a matter of human interest.

Sincerely,  
George E. Anderson