REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
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Date: 10/14/2024

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
knfgbb@umsl.edu	217-440-1332

INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Ahonen, Toivo		

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Kylie

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service		
From: 1920	To: 1923	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-30185736373

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: Submitted to Arch Search 10/31/24 KH
Soundex: A550

SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed KH ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: AHONEN, TOIVO **DOB:** UNK 2/23/1891

SOUNDEX: A550

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Commerce 6029	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Commerce	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury 2188	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS:	Area:	positive	negative
ARCIS:	Area:	positive	negative

Notes: DOS: 1920-1923; DOD: UNK; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT HOUSES APR 24 1920

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1920.

Mr. Toivo Ahonen,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

M
C

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward T. McGregor.

Legal Residence: Michigan.
Eleventh

(See reverse side.)

Entered duty 4/27/20
Kpr 5/11/20

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Now

Superintendent
xxxxxxxx 11th

Detroit, Michigan April 15 20

Probationary appointment of:

Toivo Ahonen, Michigan

Keeper (3d Asst.) $720. per annum

Manitou Light Station, Michigan Sal. Kprs. of L.H.

April 23, 1920. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

No.2 Asst. Kpr. 84.8

George C. Prior "C" George E. Cadotte, "C"

Edw. T. McGregor. / April 18, 1920.

Transfer and promotion.

none

No quarters furnished by Government at station for families of Keepers.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Mr. Toivo Ahonen.

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Mich.

STATUS

DESICNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper Maintow L.S. Mich	$720	L.H.	April 27, 1920
Dismissed Close May 12, 1922.			
INACTIVE			

Mr. Toivo Ahonen

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~XXXXXXX~~ 11th DISTRICT.

1920 APR 21 AM 10 42

Detroit, Michigan April 15 1920

(City.) (Date.)

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SEVENTH DISTRICT APR 16 1920

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of:

Name, Toivo Ahonen, Legal residence, Michigan

Position, Keeper (3d Asst.) Salary, $720. per annum

Location, Manitou Light Station, Michigan Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of L.H.

Effective April 23, 1920. {~~xxxx

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RECEIVED APPOINTMENT DIVISION APR 21 1920 DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

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C

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward T. McGregor.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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I, Toivo Ahonen

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Toivo Ahonen
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 14th day of June, A. D. 1920

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Catherine Makalin

(Official title) Notary Public, Houghton County, Michigan
My Commission Expires June 12, 1922

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper (3d Asst.)	$720. p.a.	Manitou Light Station, Michigan
Former[5] -	-	-

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 11th District

Detroit, Michigan (Address), June 18, 1920. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 27, 1920. (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

A Reshek
(Signature, followed by title) Chief Clerk.

CARDED

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 21 1920

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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APPOINTMENTS JUN 22 1920

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

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

Mr. Toivo Ahonen

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (This should agree with signature to your oath of office.) Toivo Ahonen

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

Lighthouse	Manitou Lt.Sta., Mich.	11th
Bureau or Service.	Place (city, town, station, or vessel).	District.

4. Position to which appointed Keeper (3d Asst.)

5. Compensation $720 per annum

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

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

From Assistant Keeper Examination.

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

Mandan	Mich	Keewenaw	12th
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

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

11. Where were you born? Kearsarge Mich

12. When were you born? February 23 1891
Month. Day. Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition? single

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

Mrs John Ahonen
Name. Number and street.

Mandan Mich
City or town. State or Territory.

PAID
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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? none

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

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

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

no Excellent

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
no					

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

no

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

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

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

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? ..... (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) no

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service none

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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

fisherman.

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

4th grades Public school

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

non

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

~~Asst Kpr. Exam May 17-1920~~ ~~1911.~~

~~Exempt for young a fisherman~~

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

Yes

Date, June 8, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Tovo Akonen

P. O. Address: mandan
City or town.

Number and street.

Mich
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 18, 1920., 191

In the absence and by direction of the Superintendent

(Signature) A Peske

Chief Clerk.

(Official title) xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR DETROIT, MICH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 JUN 12 AM 7 55

HMC:AB
Enc.

SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

Re dismissal, T.Ahonen,
(2d Asst.) Kpr., Manitou Lt.Sta. Mich

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 16 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

June 9, 1922.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of charges dated May 29, 1922, preferred against Toivo Ahonen, Keeper (third assistant) of Manitou Light Station, Mich. at $720 per annum, together with his reply thereto.

2. Ahonen and the 1st assistant went ashore on May 10, for supplies at which time he tendered his resignation to the office by wire, advising the keeper of his action, stating as his reason that his father was in poor health and he was needed at home. He left the station on the morning of May 13, regardless of the fact that the new second assistant had not yet reported for duty and that fog conditions made it unsafe to leave but one keeper on station while two were absent with the boat.

3. The charges having been sustained it is recommended that Ahonen be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of May 12, 1922. The action recommended is not in violation of section 2 of civil-service Rule I, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. He has not had leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Appropriation: Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 19 1922 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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6/16/22.

Chief Clerk.

E.K
Inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 14 1922

G. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 JUN 12 AM 7 55 COPY

HMC:AB

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

Charges.

May 29, 1922.

REGISTERED MAIL.

Toivo Ahonen,
Mandan, Michigan.

1. Y ou are hereby charged with submitting your resignation and leaving the service, without awaiting action thereon to the embarrassment of the Service in violation of Paragraph 46 of the Instructions to Employees. You will be given three days from the date of receipt of this letter to submit statement of reasons why you should not be removed from the Service. It is desired that your reply be couched in temporate language free from counter charges and confined to the subject at issue.

(Signed) Edw. L. Woodruff.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.



Manistique Mich

May. 5. 1922

Superintendent of Light Houses

Detroit mich

Sir. I have no statement of Reasons why I should not be removed form the servid

Toivo Ahonen

June 19, 1922.

Sir:

It having been charged that you tendered your resignation and left the service without notice in advance as required by the Regulations, to the embarrassment of the service, and the charges having been established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Manitou Light Station, Michigan, at $720 per annum, effective at the close of May 12, 1922.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASKINS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

Mr. Toivo Ahonen,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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