LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: BENSON, GUST **DOB:** 1878 MI

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: possible CG service	Area:	positive	negative
ARCIS:	Area:	positive	negative

Notes:

WW:EMA

October 11, 1926.

Mr. Gust Benson,
Box 357,
San Pedro, Calif.

Dear Sir:

1. In reply to your endorsement on letter from this office dated October 6th, there is enclosed statement of your annual leave for the calendar year 1926 from January 1st to September 30th. From this statement it will be noted that your excess leave amounts to 4 days and 15 hours.

2. A deduction for four days' excess leave was made in your September pay check but no deduction was made for the additional 15 hours.

3. Your leave record was taken from the monthly reports of leave of absence, which reports were signed by you and would indicate that the record is correct.

Respectfully,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EMA

October 11, 1926.

RECORD OF ANNUAL LEAVE OF GUST BENSON, SECOND ASSISTANT KEEPER, LOS ANGELES HARBOR LT. STA., FROM JANUARY 1 to SEPTEMBER 30,1926.

January	7th, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM	12 hours	
	15th, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM	12 "	1 day
Feb.	16th, 9:00 AM to 8:00 AM, Feb.17th	23 "	
	17th, 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM	8 "	1 day, 7 hrs.
March	4th, 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM,	14 "	
	9th, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM	9 "	
	15th, 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM	13 "	
	22nd, 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM	14 "	2 days, 2 hrs.
Apr.	12th, 4:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Apr.13th	24 "	1 day
May	13th, 5:00 PM to 5:00 PM, May 14th	24 "	1 day
June	24th, 11:00 AM to 11:00 AM, June 25th (6 hrs. allowed for mail)	18 "	18 hrs.
July	7th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, July 29th, 19 da.	6 "	19 days, 6 hrs.
Aug.	30th, 9:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Aug. 31st, (6 hrs. allowed for Voting)	18 hrs.	18 "
			27 days, 3 hrs.

No leave for September

Total allowance for 9 months at
2-1/2 days a month ---------- 22 days 12 hours

27 days, 3 hrs
22 " 12 "

4 days, 15 hrs. Excess Leave for 1926

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OCT 11 1926

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

Oct. 6, 1926.

Mr. G. Benson,
Los Angeles Harbor Light Station:

1. Enclosed is your salary check for the month of Seotember with four days' pay deducted on account of excess leave.

Superintendent JFT

H. W. Rhodes
Supt of Lt Houses
S.F.

You are requested to send abstract of my leave of absence.
I request full payment for the month of sept 1926

G. Benson
Box 357
San Pedro
Calif

WW:SA

January 8, 1924.

Keeper, St. George Reef Light Station:

Fourth Assistant Keeper Gust Benson, has been granted 30 days leave of absence in order to attend to matters connected with the estate of his brother, deceased. Should Benson be able to settle his business in less than 30 days, he will immediately return to the Station.

H. W. RHODES

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
FEB - 9 1924
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
SAN FRANCISCO

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

February 7th, 1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir.

Gus. Benson. 4th assistant Keeper. arrived. at Crescent City. January 30th. Boat didnt was able to leave station before February 7th. 24/ = Considering weather I. dont Know when I be able to go back to Station -

Very respectfully
Georges Roux /.

F 818

PACIFIC TELEGRAM

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
FEB 7 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

CLASS OF SERVICE

TELEGRAM		DAY LETTER	SYMBOL DAY L	NIGHT MESSAGE	SYMBOL NITE	NIGHT LETTER	SYMBOL N L

IF NONE OF THE THREE SYMBOLS SHOWN ABOVE APPEARS AFTER THE CHECK (NUMBER OF WORDS) THIS IS A TELEGRAM. OTHERWISE ITS CHARACTER IS INDICATED BY THE SYMBOL APPEARING AFTER THE CHECK.

RECEIVED AT 6 52 9CDL GOVT

CRESCENT CITY CAL FEB 7 1924 2PM

SUPT LIGHTHOUSES

SANFRANCISCO CAL

BENSON PAY CHECK NOT RECEIVED INFORM IF SENT

ROUX 230PM

TELEPHONED
To Mr L H
Time 235p Date 2/7
By 102 Dy 1522

Form 56

WW:LH

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. .....

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

San Francisco, February 7, 1924., 192
(Place and date)

SEND TO Keeper StGeorge Reef Light Station
Crescent City California.

Bonsons check held for accrued leave Will be mailed March first

RHODES.

(CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONED MESSAGE)

CHARGE: Supt. of Lighthouses, San Francisco.
(Insert proper office)

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

PT&T

11—4649

ATTEST: H. W. RHODES
(Name)

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Title)

W W.

Pacific Telegram —

Received on Phone at 2:20 pm ~~Jan~~ Feb. 7/1924 by LH

Crescent City, February 7, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses SF

Bensons pay check not received Inform if sent

ROUX

Form 206 FILE No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Superintendent 18th DISTRICT,

PLACE, San Francisco, California

DATE, May 8th, 1923

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

SIR:

Please examine Gust Benson

nativity, American; age, 42; height, 5 feet, 10 inches;

weight, 190 pounds; color of hair, Light Brown; color of eyes, Blue

distinguishing marks ---

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses *Lighthouse Inspector.*

(Signature of applicant:) Gust Benson

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

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, San Francisco, California

DATE, May 8th, 1923. 191

TO LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

George Morton

A.A. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

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

11—5999

REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, San Francisco, California

DATE, May 8th, 191 23.

Name of applicant, Gust Benson

Eyes: Color, Blue; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other anbormality, No

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

other conditions, No

Eyesight:

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

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

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses None

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

Ears:

Abnormalities, No; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Good

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

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

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 30 feet; left ear, 30 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 15 feet; left ear, 15 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

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

11—5999

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Guest Benson — (Name)

Cal. — (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8040

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob	$780	L.H.-St. Geo. Ref. L.S. Cal	May 12/23.
"	Read. for	$1020	" " " "	July 1/24.
"	"	1080	" " " "	July 21/24.
"	Ready.	1440	" " " "	Feb. 1, 1925.
"	Trans	1440	Los Angeles Harbor L.S.	July 20, 1925.
		RESIGNED CLOSE OF	Sept 30, 1926.	

United States of America
Office of Personnel Management
Washington, D.C. 20415

In Reply Refer To: PRSD:DV Your Reference:

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

Dear Ms Tugel:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

GU-75657 Box 50

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER

(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

1. DATE OF REQUEST: 10-5-87

SECTION I—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING AGENCY

2. CURRENT NAME *(Last, first, middle)*: Benson, Gust

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

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
(Civilian Personnel Records)
111 WINNEBAGO STREET
ST. LOUIS, MO 63118

3. DATE OF BIRTH

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE FOR EACH FOLDER REQUESTED

Original will be used to send folder or reply to your agency.
Second copy retained by agency for its suspense files.
Third copy is for records center use.

5. PREVIOUS FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

AGENCY AND BUREAU	LOCATION	FROM	TO
Crescent City Lighthouse Lighthouse Keepers	Crescent City, Calif.		9-30-26

6. REASON FOR REQUEST *(Check appropriate box)*

☐ a. Currently employed. ☒ b. Temporary use. ☐ c. Pre-employment consideration. Will retain folder if hired.

7. REMARKS: Researcher Request

SECTION II—FOR USE BY RECORDS CENTER

8.

☑ a. Folder enclosed.

☐ b. Folder forwarded in place of information requested. Retain if person is hired.

☐ c. Folder not received. Suggest you contact last employing office.

☐ d. Folder not located. We suggest a further search of your agency. If still unlocated, verify name, date of birth, and social security number, and return request to NPRC together with the date folder was transferred to NPRC and several names, dates of birth, and social security numbers of other folders in same shipment.

☐ e. Folder was sent (Date) To:

☐ Your agency

☐ _____

DATE	INITIALS
10-8-87	[signature]

SECTION III—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING AGENCY

Dorothy Vernon
U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Personnel Records + Systems Div.
1900 E St. N.W., Room 5431
Washington, D.C. 20415

Enter complete address to which folder or reply is to be mailed. Include ZIP Code.

STANDARD FORM 127 (Rev. 8-77)
Prescribed by GSA, FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.4

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 21, 1926.

Mr. Gust Benson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on September 30, 1926.

Bureau ..... Lighthouse Service.

Position ..... Keeper.

Allocation .....

Salary ..... $1440 per annum.

Station ..... Los Angeles Harbor Light Station.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

HOW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 25 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SEP 26 1926.

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CHIEF CLERK 5 LIGHTHOUSES

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

1926 SEP 21 AM 10 14 1926 SEP 20 AM 9 21

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 14th, 1926.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Benson, Gust Position, Keeper (2nd Asst.)

Legal residence, California Station, Los Angeles Harbor Light Station

Salary, $1440.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of September 30, 1926.

This employee has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate., and proper deduction will be made therefor from his September pay check.

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 25 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON SEP 20 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

APPROVED: J. W. Gilbert

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

3 copies

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
SEP 10 [illegible] 6
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Los Angeles Hbr Lt- Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Sept 8th, 1926

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 SEP 20 AM 9 21

Mr H. W. Rhodes
Supt of Lt-Houses
S. F.

Sir:

I hereby tender my resignation to take effect on the 1st of October 1926 with your approval. "Discharge Certificate" I desire upon separation from the service.

Very Truly Yours

G. Benson
2nd Asst

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#1

NAME Benson, Gust POSITION Keeper

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSES STATION 18th Dist.

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
780	240	$20	CR	164.25	1184.25	L.H.S.	3	1260	Yes	120.00	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23 Approved $1440

GRADE RECOMMENDED 6

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1440 TO $1680

16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:

Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 5.00 per annum

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)

(a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ 8

(b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3

(d) College: Name ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Stands light and fog signal watches day and night, including Sundays and holidays, starting and operating fog signal plant in foggy weather.	67%
2. Works with other keepers in general maintenance and repair of station, landing, hoists, machinery and upkeep and operation of station launch.	33%

...EL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
...filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 66

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

1. Benson (Surname) Gust (Given name) -- (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouse
4. Field Service Lighthouse
5. (a) Field Station 18th Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision St. George Reef Light Station
   (c) City or town Crescent City (P.O.) State Calif.
6. Pay-roll title Lighthouse Keeper
7. Customary office title Fourth Assistant Keeper.

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 8 to 10; per week 56 to 70
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ____; or per week ____
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Average 5 hrs. Time of night changes with watches m. to ____ m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ____
   During what months ____
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation None
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus ____ $ 700.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ Not in service per; bonus, $ None allowed per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ____
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum $164.25 in cash as commutation of rations.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 5.00 per annum
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ____; number of lessons ____; number completed ____

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Stands light and fog signal watches day and night, including Sundays and holidays, starting and operating fog signal plant in foggy weather.	67%
2. Works with other keepers in general maintenance and repair of station, landing, hoists, machinery and upkeep and operation of station launch.	33%

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Works under immediate supervision of keeper or first assistant.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since May 12, 1923.

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

June 1st, 1923. H. W. RHODES Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment		X	
Accuracy	X		
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)		X	
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)		X	
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)	X		

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		X
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Miscellaneous mechanical and boating experience.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1020.00 to $1140.00

June 1st, 1923. H. W. RHODES Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, California, July 20th, 1925.

CHIEF CLERK 1925 JUL 28 PM 4 20

LIGHTHOUSES 1925 JUL 27 AM 9 15

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee has been transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on July 20th, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUL 30 1925 APPOINTMENT

Name, Gust Benson

Position, Keeper (2nd Asst.)

From St. George Reef Light Station

To Los Angeles Harbor Light Station

Previous incumbent, Clyde A. Wylie

Services terminated, July 17, 1925.

Reason, Resigned

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

P. J. Otter

First Assistant Superintendent.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with CARDED

11—4598

Get file

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUL 28 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

E. C. Guntt

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 18, 1924.

Mr. Gust Benson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1020 per annum to $1080 per annum, effective July 21, 1924.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JUL 1 1924

COMMISSIONER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 19 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

M
r. Gust Benson,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses,

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Acting

Position:

Salary: Keeper

Appropriation: 1440 Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED
18
FEB 10 1925
JSJ
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED FEB 11 1925

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif (City.) July 11th (Date.) 1924

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, **Benson, Gust**

Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Keeper (3rd Asst.)**

Salary, **$1080.00 A.**

Location, **St. George Reef Light Station** Calif

Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers**

Effective **July 21, 1924.** { 'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, Keeper (4th Asst.)

Former salary, **$1020.00 A.**

Location, **St. George Reef Light Station**

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

Previous incumbent, Henry Dennis

Services terminated, **July 20, 1924.**

Reason, **Resigned**

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Nov.17,1880

Remarks:

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

7/17/24

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H.W. Rhodes

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 16 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Benson, Gust. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $1020, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 16 1924 File No. 1095/21.

LIGHTHOUSES

1923 JUN 4 AM 11 51

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 4 1923
DIVISION

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Gust Benson

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper (Fourth Assistant)

3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: 18th

4. Place of duty: St. George Reef Light Station
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $780. A.

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries of Keepers

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination, May 12,1923.

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, 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, so state.)

Gust Benson

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

Gust Benson

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

California (State or Territory.) San Francisco (County.) San Francisco (City or town.) 4th (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

The same

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

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6. Where were you born? Houghton Mich

7. When were you born? Nov (Month.) 17th (Day.) 1880 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Single

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

A. Benson (Name.) 47 Randalp St (Number and street.)

South San Francisca (City or town.) California (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings. Na

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		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.) Na

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

Na

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
1st Co C.A.C.	Dec 3rd 1915	June 4th 1920	Service expired

15. 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. Na

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

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.
No	

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
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18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States 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 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Operating gasoline Motors, air Compressors, Mining, and Pipe fitting

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public School at Houghton Mich

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

Carpenter

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

✓ Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination, May 12, 1923.

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

yes - part by U. S. Lighthouse Service.

Date, May 9th, 1923

Witness (in case signature is by mark): .....

(Signature) Gust Benson

(Present address) 190 3rd St
(Number and street.)

San Francisco (City or town.) California (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

(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 San Francisco, Cal. May 29, 1923.

(Signature) H. W. Rhodes.

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Form 111 CHIEF CLERK

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 6 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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I, Gust Benson

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.

Gust Benson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 14th day of May, A. D. 19 23.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) W. Wilson

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

~~My commission expires~~

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper (4th Asst.)	$780.00 A.	St. George Reef Light Station
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 18th District

San Francisco, California, May 29th, 1923.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 12, 1923.
(Date)

H. W. Rhodes
(Signature followed by title)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1923.

rM Gust Benson,

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 Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered (May 12, 1923) upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 24 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MAY 24 sd

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

18th
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Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice Henry Dennis.

Legal Residence California.

(See reverse side.)

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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 73 EMA LIGHTHOUSES

CHIEF CLERK

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif., May 12th, 19 23
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Probational Appointment.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 23 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Name, Gust Benson — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper (4th Asst.) — Salary, $780. A.

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

Effective May 12th, 1923. — {'~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, -- — Former salary,

Location, --

Assistant Lighthouse
Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 85.4 , Other eligibles considered:

Richard D. Higgs - D — Oscar Thornberg - C
Henry V. Snowbelt - D — Charles E. Cain - C
Roy E. Lawson - D

Previous incumbent, Henry Dennis — Services terminated, April 30, 1923.

Reason, Promotion

TWELFTH DISTRICT MAY 17 1923 SAN FRANCISCO

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, December 17, 1880.

Remarks: Emergency case in accordance with Circular No. 313 - Necessary for the safeguarding of life and property. Necessary to take up regular watches at earliest possible date and relieve other keepers.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, MAY 17 1923 , 19

5/24/23

John A. Ruby
ACTING Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District.

H. W. Rhodes
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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MAY 22 1923

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

MAY 24 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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