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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
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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
Benson, Oscar		1875 CA

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: 1960 CA

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 (CA)		
From: 1917	To: 1918	
(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: 2-300024799O

Attendant Signature:

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SCREENING NOTES

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Final Return:

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: BENSON, OSCAR **DOB:** 1875 8/26

SOUNDEX: _____ **CMRS CASE #:** 2-30002471990

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 2	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: LIGHTHOUSE, CA 1917 - 1918

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 6 1917

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., November 30, 1917, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for 3 months

Name, **Oscar Benson** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Fourth Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$540 per annum**

Location, **St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **December 8, 1917** ~~the actual date of entrance on duty;~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Hydrog.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Former position, None Former salary, **None**

Location, **None**

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

No eligibles on register for stations without quarters

Previous incumbent, Neils J. Bjork Services terminated, **November 30,1917**

Reason, **Promotion**

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Temporary appointment for 3 months requested pending formation of and selection from an eligible register.
No quarters furnished by Government for family of nominee.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. Dec 1, 1917
In absence of register,
Pending establishment of register.

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 6 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

HTBT

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON



December 7, 1917.

Mr. Oscar Benson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Fourth Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division

C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Neils J. Bjork.

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 21 1918

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., January 12, 1918, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of

Name, **Oscar Benson** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Fourth Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$540 per annum**

Location, **St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **February 1, 1918** [the actual date of assumption of duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.]

Former position, **Same** Former salary, **Same**

Location, **Same** **(Temporary appointment pending establishment register)**

Rank on eligible list, **1st** Rating, **Asst. Keeper** Percentage, **84.2**, Other eligibles considered:

Barney Macagni (C)

Hydrog.
Engr. Corps
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Disb. Clk.
Cashier.

Previous incumbent, **Neils J. Bjork** Services terminated, **November 30, 1917**

Reason, **Promotion**

Members of family in Government Service, **None**

Remarks: **No quarters furnished by Government for family of nominee.**

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. JAN 15 1918, 191

C. L. Snyder
Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District.

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 23 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1918.



Mr. Oscar 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, Fourth Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty 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 local Civil Service Board for the Eighteenth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

C
M

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: California.

(See reverse side.)

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT APR 9 1918 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, ~~18th~~ DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., April 3, 1918, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion of

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
~~Dep. Commr.~~
Commr.

Name, **Oscar Benson** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Third Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$576 per annum**

Location, **St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **April 1, 1918** [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or
[1] as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. xx
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Former position, **Fourth Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$540 per annum**

Location, **St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.**

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

Previous incumbent, **Neils J. Bjork** Services terminated, **March 31, 1918**

Reason, **Promotion**

Members of family in Government Service, **None**

Remarks: **No quarters furnished by Government for family of nominee.**
Emergency case accordance circular 313

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 191

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

A. J. Peter

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Secretary, Civil Service District. **Superintendent**

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON APR 9 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H T B

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
APR 15 1918
HOUSES

April 12, 1918.

Mr. Oscar Benson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Third Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Seventy-six dollars per annum, effective April 1, 1918.

(By promotion from fourth assistant keeper at $540 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings,

Chief of Appointment Division.

M
C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Neils J. Bjork.

Legal Residence: California.

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18 Insp.

Oscar Benson

Oscar Benson

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
California.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
4th Asst Kpr St. George Reef L.S. Cal.	$540.	L.H.	Dec 13, 1917.
4th Asst Kpr (Prot appt) St George Reef L.S. Cal	540.	L.H.	Feb. 1, 1918
3rd " " " " "	576	"	Apr 1. 1918
Resigned close of Oct. 2, 1918.			

INACTIVE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

LIGHT DEC 6 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., November 30, 1917, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for 3 months

Name, Oscar Benson — Legal residence, California

Position, Fourth Assistant Keeper — Salary, $540 per annum

Location, St George Reef Lightstation, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 8, 1917 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

CHIEF CLERK DEC 6 1917

DEPARTMENT DIVISION RECEIPT ACTION TAKEN DEC 7 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Former position, None — Former salary, None

Location, None

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

No eligibles on register for stations without quarters

APPOINTMENT DIV. DEC 6 1917

Previous incumbent, Neils J. Bjork — Services terminated, November 30, 1917

Reason, Promotion end

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Temporary appointment for 3 months requested pending formation of and selection from an eligible register.
No quarters furnished by Government for family of nominee.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. Dec 1 —, 1917

In absence of register
Pending establishment of register

Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District.

H. W. Rhodes
Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 6 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 7, 1917.

Mr. Oscar Benson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Fourth Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 7 1917 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division

C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Neils J. Bjork.

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT
DEC 31 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Oscar 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.

Oscar Benson
(Appointee signs here)

CHIEF CLERK
JAN 3 1918

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 8th day of December, A. D. 1917.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Edward C. Hasch.

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 31st, 1919.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 4th Asst. Keeper (Temporary appointment)	$540 per annum	St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address) Dec. 24, 1917 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 13, 1917. (Date)

H. W. Rhodes Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector 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 lighthouse inspectors 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.

LIGHT
DEC 31 1917
HOUSES

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
JAN 2 1918
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MARCH 5, 1913.

To the CHIEFS OF BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

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

1. What is your full name? (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 Oscar Benson.

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

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

Crescent City	California	Del Norte	First
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? San Francisco California

6. When were you born? August Twenty-sixth 1875

11—1434	Month.	Day.	Year.

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

James Benson. (Name.) Number and street.

Crescent City (City or town.) California (State or Territory.)

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No.

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

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

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

Temporary appointment,

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

No.

11. 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.					

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

No.

13. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American 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.			

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

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

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No. (If answer is "yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) .....

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service .....

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

16. 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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Saw mill and deep sea fishing.

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

Public school.

18. 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.")

None

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

None

20. 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.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Dec. 7, 1917

Witness:

(Signature) Oscar Benson.

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Crescent City
City or town.

Number and street.

California.
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded December 24, 1917

(Signature) H. W. Rhodes.

(Official title) Inspector, 18th Lighthouse Dist.

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officer of the Bureau of the Department to which the employee is assigned or by some authorized official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) St. George Reef Light Station (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 18th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? 4th Asst. Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. December 7, 1917

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Date of entrance on duty.

5. State the date of the oath. Dec. 8, 1917

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Dec. 13, 1917

7. What is his salary? $540 per annum.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896

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

Temporary appointment

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No.

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) H. W. Rhodes.

(Official title) Inspector, 18th Lighthouse Dist.

Date: December 24, 1917

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

LIGHT JAN 21 1918 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., January 12, 1918, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: (Through the District Secretary)

CHIEF CLERK JAN 24 1918 5

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of

Name, Oscar Benson — Legal residence, California

Position, Fourth Assistant Keeper — Salary, $540 per annum

Station, George Reef Lightstation, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

AUDITOR FOR DIVISION OF NECESSARY ACTION TAKER JAN 23 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Effective February 1, 1918 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Same — Former salary, Same

Location, Same (Temporary appointment pending establishment register)

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Asst. Keeper Percentage, 84.2, Other eligibles considered:

Barney Macagni (C)

Previous incumbent, ~~Neils J. Bjork~~ Vice himself—(TEMPORARY.) Services terminated, November 30, 1917

Reason, Promotion

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: No quarters furnished by Government for family of nominee.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. JAN 15 1918, 191

C. A. Snyder
Secretary Twelfth Civil Service District.

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 23 1918

1-25-18 Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

G. R. Putnam
JAN 24 1918 3 18 PM

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1918.

Mr. Oscar 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, Fourth Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty 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 local Civil Service Board for the Eighteenth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

CANCELED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 25 1918 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

C M

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: California.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS

LIGHT HOUSES RECEIVED MAR 18 1918

1918 MAR 21 PM 2 11

I, Oscar Benson, 1918 MAR 21 PM 2 35

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.

Oscar Benson.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 6th day of March, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Ethel L. Howe.

(Official title) Notary Public in and for Del Norte Co. Calif.

My commission expires Jan. 27, 1921.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 4th Asst. Keeper	$540 per annum (Probationary appointment)	St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.
Former [5] Do	$540 per annum	Do (Temporary app'mt)

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, Cal., (Address), March 11, 1918 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 1, 1918 (Date)

CARDED

H. W. Rhodes Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector 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 lighthouse inspectors 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.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT APR 9 1918 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., April 3, 1918, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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1918 APR 11 PM 12 09
OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Promotion of

Name, Oscar Benson — Legal residence, California

Position, Third Assistant Keeper — Salary, $576 per annum

APPOINTMENTS

Location, St George Reef Lightstation, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

1918 APR 11 PM 2 57

Effective April 1, 1918 } the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

Former position, Fourth Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $540 per annum

Location, St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN APR 12 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Neils J. Bjork — Services terminated, March 31, 1918

Reason, Promotion req

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: No quarters furnished by Government for family of nominee.
Emergency case accordance circular 313

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 191

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

G. J. Otter
Superintendent

Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 9 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1918 APR 11 PM 12 00

A. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1918.

Mr. Oscar Benson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Third Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Seventy-six dollars per annum,

effective April 1, 1918.

(By promotion from fourth assistant keeper at $540 per annum.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 12 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Neils J. Bjork.

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED MAY 7 1918 Lighthouse Inspector SAN FRANCISCO

LIGHT MAY 17 1918 HOUSES

I, Oscar 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.

Oscar Benson.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 4th day of May, A. D. 1918

CHIEF CLERK

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Ethel L. Howe

(Official title) Notary Public in and for Del Norte Co., Calif

My commission expires Jan. 27, 1920

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present 3rd Asst. Keeper	$576 per annum	St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.
Former 4th Asst. Keeper	$540 per annum	St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, Cal., (Address) May 7, 1918 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 1, 1918 (Date)

H. W. Rhodes. Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 30 1918

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT. SEP 30 1918 8 57 AM

San Francisco, Cal. Sept. 24th, 1918

CHIEF CLERK

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

1918 OCT 1 PM 2 57

Name, Oscar Benson — Position, 3rd Asst. Keeper

Legal residence, California — Station, St. George Reef Light Station Cal

Salary, $576. per A

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of at a date to be hereafter reported to the Bureau.

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

10/1/18 a.m.

Remarks:

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 2 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. A. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON SEP 30 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

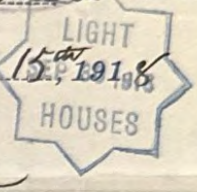
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

St George reef light station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

September 15th, 1918



To the Superintendent of light houses
18th District
San Francisco Cal.

Through the Keeper

Sir..

I here by tender my resignation from the light house service to take effect on or about October 1st 1918

Very respectfully
Oscar Benson.
3d Asst

George Rowe
Keeper.

Sir: October 2, 1918.

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 a date to be fixed by the Bureau and later reported to the Department.

Bureau	Lighthouse Service
Position	Third Assistant Keeper
Salary	$576 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPROVED
OCT 3 1918
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ON JOURNAL

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Mr. Oscar Benson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 15 1918

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
OCT 15 1918 9 08 AM

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CHIEF CLERK

APPOINTMENTS

Oscar Benson:
termination service.

October 9, 1918.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,

1. Referring to Form 93 of September 24, 1918, forwarding the resignation of Mr Oscar Benson, third assistant keeper at St George Reef Lightstation, Cal., compensation $576 per annum, at a date to be reported later.

2. The Bureau is informed that Mr Benson's last day of service was October 2, 1918.

CARDED

H. W. Rhodes.
Superintendent

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 16 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

1918 OCT 17 PM 3 03

N. B. Bowman
Acting Commissioner

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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OCT 18 1918
OFFICE OF SOLICITOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

THE LARGEST RETAIL GROCERY HOUSE IN THE UNITED STATES

APPLICATION DEPARTMENT
P. O. BOX 1411

ALBANY, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 10 1936
APPOINTMENT

ALBANY, N. Y., June 9th, 1936 193

Dept. of Commerce
Dear Sir:—Washington, D. C.

Mr. Oscar Benson has filed an application with us for managership of one of our stores. Upon his application he has given your name as a former employer. Any information you care to give will be deemed in our confidence.

Courtesies of this kind will be extended at any future time should you call upon us.

We ask that you reply by return mail in the enclosed stamped return envelope, so that our decision upon his application will not be delayed.

Thanking you in advance, we are

Very respectfully yours,

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO.

Application Department

(OVER)

PLEASE REPLY BY RETURN MAIL

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No. B-453

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

The subject of this inquiry is Oscar Benson, aged 31

of R. F. D. Box 225, Ulster Park, NY. He applies for Managership of one of our branch stores.

It appears that he was employed by you from Feb. 1934 to May 1934

under E. Frank Flanagan

1. Are you connected by relationship or otherwise with the Applicant? — Length of time Applicant has been known to you: ....years, ...months
2. What position did he fill in your service? — At what address did he work?
3. For what cause did he finally leave your service?
4. At what dates did he enter and leave your service? *Kindly give dates of service as accurately as practicable.* — From....., 1....., to....., 1.....
5. *a.* Did his duties involve the handling of moneys or the keeping of accounts? — *a*.....
   b. If so, were his settlements always regularly made, and remittances made according to your regulations? — *b*.....
6. Was he, from any cause, in arrears or with unsettled balance during his employment or at time of leaving?
7. Would you regard him as industrious, careful and accurate in the performance of whatever he had to do?
8. How or by whom was he employed prior to his service with you?
9. How or by whom was he employed after leaving your service?
10. *a.* Have you known or heard at any time of his using intoxicants to excess? — *a*.....
    b. If so, please state how long ago. — *b*.....
    c. Is he at present, so far as you know or have heard, of sober and temperate habits? — *c*.....
11. Have you ever known or heard of his having been addicted to
    a. Speculation? — *a*.....
    b. Gambling? — *b*.....
    c. Undesirable associates? — *c*.....
12. From your acquaintance with him and his antecedents do you think he is a safe and proper person to be placed in a position of trust?
13. Do you know whether he has private property or means independent of the earnings from his position? If so, please state their nature and extent.
14. Have you heard of any shortage or arrearage in his accounts in any position of trust? If so, please give particulars.
15. *a.* Has he ever been to your knowledge in pecuniary difficulties or insolvent? — *a*.....
    b. If so, please state when and where. — *b*.....
16. Do you know of his being at present under any debts or liabilities whatever?
17. Do you know of any circumstances which in your opinion would make it unwise for us to make him manager?

THE INFORMATION HEREON IS GIVEN IN CONFIDENCE AND NO RESPONSIBILITY IS ASSUMED BY THE UNDERSIGNED

Business or Occupation..... **Signature**.....

Date..... 193..... **Address**.....

☞ If you recommend further reference to persons acquainted with the Applicant's career and character please give their names and addresses on the back of this blank.

June 24, 1936.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company,
Employment Department,
Post Office Box 1411,
Albany, New York.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your inquiry of June 9 concerning Oscar Benson.

Mr. Benson served from December 13, 1917, to October 2, 1918, as a keeper in the Lighthouse Service of this Department. So far as the records indicate, his services were entirely satisfactory. The personal information requested cannot be given as it is not of record.

The self-addressed stamped enveloped which accompanied your letter is herewith returned.

Yours very truly,

EDW. J. GARDNER
JUN 25 1936

Edw. J. Gardner
Chief of Appointment Division.

Enclosure
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