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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Bessonen George **DOB:** 1872

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: _____

George Bessonen

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Michigan

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
2nd Asst Keeper, Manitou I.S. Mich	$456	L.H.	Aug 22, 1917
Keeper " Inc.	780	"	Nov 4 1918
Dismissed Date to be reported — Dec 7, 1921.			
		INACTIVE	

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 11th DISTRICT,

Detroit, Mich. (City.) Aug. 13 (Date.) 191

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 16 1917

CHIEF CLERK AUG 17 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of:

Name, George Bessonen

Legal residence, Michigan

Position, Second Assistant Keeper,

Salary, $456. per annum

Location, Manitou Lt. Sta., Mich.

Appropriation, Sal. Kprs of L.H.

APPOINTMENTS AUG 17 1917

Effective Aug. 22, 1917, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ADDRESSAR ACTION TAKEN AUG 13 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, No.1 Rating, Asst. Kpr. Percentage, 78.2, Other eligibles considered: Frank Borowski "FR", Cyrus M. Gee "C".

Previous incumbent, Newton J. Murdick Services terminated, Aug. 15, 1917.

Reason, Resignation.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Quarters not furnished at station for family of nominee.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. August 14, 1917.

Peter Newton
Secretary, 7th Civil Service District.

Edw. L. Woodruff
Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 16 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

F. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1917.

Mr. George Bessonon,

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, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six 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 Eleventh Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED.

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Newton J. Murdick.

Legal Residence: Michigan.

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 18 1917 BUREAU DEPT. OF COMMERCE

AUG 18 1917

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT OCT 15 1917 HOUSES

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APPOINTMENTS OCT 17 191.

I, George Bessonen

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.

George Bessonen

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 7th day of

Aug't, A. D. 191 7

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) John D. Smith

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires [illegible] 1921

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2d Asst. Keeper	$ 456 p.a.	Manitou Light Station, Mich.
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), OCT 12 1917 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Aug. 22, 1917. (Date)

Edw. L. Woodruff

(Signature, followed by title)

Inspector.

CARDED

[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
OCT 15 1917
HOUSES
CHIEF CLERK
OCT 16
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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

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.

CARDED.

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? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. George Bessaw

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

George Bessaw

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

Allouez.	Mich.,	Keweenaw	12th.
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? Oleaborg, Finland.

6. When were you born? Nov. 16 | 16 | 1874
Month. | Day. | Year.

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

Mrs. George Bessonn. (Name.) P.O. Add. Allouez. (Number and street.)

Allouez (City or town.) Mich. (State or Territory.)

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
None	—	—	—	—

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.)

Through Civil Service Examination Asst Kpr July 25, 1917.

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

Injured left eye, totally blind left eye.

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.)

None.

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? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered None.

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.)

Fisherman and Miner.

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.)

Not in America.
Parish school in Finland. equal to 4th. grade
U. S. 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.)

~~Second~~ Asst. Kpr. Examined ~~April 1917.~~ July 25, 1917.

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.)

Richard Lahti. Eagle Harbor. Mich.,

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

(Signature) George Bessaere

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

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

P. O. Allouez.
Number and street.

Mich.,
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 October 12, 1917.

(Signature) Edw. L. Woodruff

(Official title) Lighthouse Inspector

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some 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.) — Manitou Light Station (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) — 11th (District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. August 18, 1917.

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

Effective on date of entrance on duty

5. State the date of the oath. September 7, 1917

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. August 22, 1917

7. What is his salary? $456. p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Sal. Kprs.of Lighthouses, 1918

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.)

From Assistant Light Keeper Examination July 25, 1917.

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.

Eagle River, Mich., July 16, 1900

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) Edw L Woodruff

(Official title) Lighthouse Inspector

Date: October 12, 1917.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1918.

Mr. George Bessonen,

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, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.

NOV 19 1918
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION
DATED 11-28-18

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(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position. (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: Michigan.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

CHIEF CLERK
1918 DEC 24
LIGHT HOUSES DEC 23 1918 PM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, George Bessonen, DEC 23 1918 4 25 PM

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.

☞ Geo J Bessonen
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 18th day of December, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Edwin Medbye

(Official title) Notary Public.

My Commission Expires Dec. 18, 1918.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper	$780.00 p.a.	Manitou Light Station, Mich.
Former[5] 2nd Asst. Kpr	$456 p.a.	" " " "

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 11th District

Detroit, Michigan (Address), December 21, 1918. (Date)

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

CARDED.

Edw L Bowdish
(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 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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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
DETROIT, MICH.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

October 12, 1921.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 19 1921
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Charges preferred against
George Bessonen, (2d Asst.)
Keeper, Manitou Lt.Sta., Mich.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

1. Charges have been preferred against George Bessonen, Second Assistant Keeper at Manitou Light Station, for disobedience, in accordance with paragraph 413, Regulations 1918. Copy of charges preferred against him under date of August 25, is forwarded herewith, and his reply of September 13, which does not appear to clear him of the charge and in which he makes a counter charge against the Keeper.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
OCT 20 1921
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

2. It is accordingly recommended that Bessonen be dismissed at the close of navigation. Up to date he has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

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Inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
October 15, 1921.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that George Bessonen be dismissed from the position of keeper at $780 per annum, base pay, at Manitou Light Station, Mich., effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department, in accordance with the Superintendent's above recommendation.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
OCT 20 1921
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

10/19/21

APPROVED:

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Mar. Engr.
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~~Accounts~~
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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comms
Commr.

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

August 25th, 1921.

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George Bessonen, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Manitou Light Station,
Eagle Harbor, Michigan.

(Through the Keeper)

1. There is quoted below, letter dated August 21st from the Keeper of your station charging you with a specific case of disobedience of orders with incompetence in the handling of oil vapor apparatus and in general with being an undesirable employee:

"Wish to advise have a spare rotor for the Siren but just the outside part of it. Just returned from shore I and 1st Ass't have requested 2nd and 3rd Ass't to go ashore and mail this letter 2nd Ass't Bessonen refuses to go so am sending 1st and 3rd Ass't and its a nice day very light S.W. wind and different things this man refused as I have reported before his actions and is worse all the time and isin't safe for a man to be with him and will say any dirty things whether women are around and I have tried him out with the light he cannot light up melted two air tubes so keep him from there he is useless for this station and I hope the office will take this matter up and remove him from this station for he getting worse all the time instead of improving.

Yours respectfully,
(sgd) Frank Mersy, Keeper."

2. You are hereby given three days after the receipt of this letter to submit written reply to these charges, upon receipt of which such action will be taken by this office as the situation seems to warrant. Failure to submit reply as required will be considered as admission of the truth of the charges.

(Signed) EDWARD L. WOODRUFF W
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

George Bessonen
2nd asst

Charges

LIGHT HOUSE
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Detroit, Mich.
DEPT OF COMMERCE

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ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Manitou
(~~Depot, Vessel, or~~ Light Station)

Aug 21st, 1921

Superintendent of Light Houses,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Wish to advise have a spare rotor for the Siren but just the out side part of it. Just returned from Shore 2 and 1st ass't have requested 2nd & 3rd ass't to go ashore and mail this letter 2nd ass't Bessonen refuses to go so am sending 1st and 3rd ass't and its a nice day very light S.W. wind and different things this man refused as I have reported befor his actions and is worse all the time and isn't safe for a man to be with him and will say any durty things weather women are around and I have tried him out with the light he cannot light up melted two air tubes so keep him from there he is useless for this station and I hope the office will take this matter up and remove him from this station for he getting ware all the time instead of improving.

Yours Respt
Frank Mersey
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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Manitou Light Station
(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)

Sept 13, 1921

Mr. Edw L. Woodruff.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Reply to report through the Keeper.

1.- There is quoted below a reply to your letter dated Aug 25. and which reached me this Sept 13.

Wish to advise you why I refused to make trip to shore dated Aug 21. for this certain reason that on Aug 20. Mr Mersy. (Keeper.) and 1st Ass't. came on Island from shore. Then on Aug 21 I was requested to go back with 3rd Ass't. to Eagle Harbor to get visitors of the Keepers on Island, and this is my only time I refused to go. This trip not being any government Business

2.- There was reported two air tubes melted by me. The Keeper has made a mistake. as I have only melted one air tube. and such a happening may occur to men more experienced than I.

Mr. Edw. Woodruff.
Supt of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSES

1921, OCT 15 AM

3. I do not deny of saying a few vulgar words. But have reasons for same. only time I have said such vulgar words when women been around. was accidently. But not intentionly

4. I would be very well pleased to get some other Station If. adviseable (Sand Hill Light.) or then some other.

5. I wish to make a report concerning the Keeper.
If it is Government Business to use the Lighthouse Gas. Launch and get a dancing party. from Keystone. to Station and to dance until 3 A.M. when I am off watch trying to get sleep. Mr. Mersy. is all ways using vulgar words to me saying his motto (To go to Hell.)

Yours respectfully
Geo Bessonen 2nd Ass't

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Manitou Eagle Harbor mich
(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)

Oct 18th, 1921

Superintendent of Light Houses
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir: Below are ans to report submitted by the 2nd asst which you will find and proved absulotly false.

1st His letter heading states (Report through the Kuper) I never saw this letter untill recid from the office or any other which he ever wrote to the office as instruction calls for. And his excuse to me for refusing to go ashore was to much wind after the other asst went he lifted his nets as they were out several days before and being a nice day I made the excuse so could lift them. and the trip was official business.

2 I took the 1st asst ashore had blood pasion in his arm. in case he could not return with me I could come back alone I Dr checked it and we returned the 20th during time ashore recid instruction to try the spare rotar after returning found that only had the out side part of it and could not try it not having any reason to look at it before wanted to report it soon as possable to the office thats the reason this trip was made. My two Brothers were into Eagle Harbor on the 21st when the two asst got there so I did not no of them to be there or would'nt waited for them myself to bring them back so this was no special trip for them they had a boat hired themselves Mr Gitzel saw the Station boat comming they waited and come back with them.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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ELEVENTH DISTRICT

(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)

He also states melted only one air tube I have the dates when both times occured and every time I try him at the light has trauble and connat trust him with the light in fact connot be trusted with anything and there has been no trauble with the light since I been in charge here try and learn him in return give me abusive answers.

And his vulgar ward (was language) and not accadently but cautionsly when ever he spake to any one I've cautioned him to be carfull in the presents of women and he has no reasons for such foul language espectally in presents of women.

And the station boat was never used for any other purpose but official business the party refered to visit station come with there own boats and as to him trying to get sleep while of watch His watch is from 12 m n to 3 a m his statement shows he's been trying to sleep on this. It started blowing after these people came they were Mr Jarry Tomarand wife & two lady friends passed the time by playing cards and Victaralla and also danced but not to interfer with any one sleping wind went down the left befor daylight for there home at Keystone 7 miles from here I have a statement from the asst also Mr Tomerands as to there knauledge of the charges made which I hope will be satisfactary to the office that his reports are false. Yours Respt Frank Merry Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED OCT 4 1921 Detroit, Mich. DEPT OF COMMERCE

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Detroit
Mich

ELEVENTH DISTRICT
Manitou Island
(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)
Sept 30th, 1921

Sir
The Keeper has informed me of report made concerning the Station and has requested me to make a statement to my knowledge of such statement made by the 2nd asst i wish to advise that we have had visitors from Keystone but come here in there own boat
and regards to the Light the 2nd asst did melt to air tubes one this spring and one last fall and no one has had any trouble with the Light excepting 2nd asst the Light has ben working good since i come to this station, and the time the 2nd asst refused to go ashore said ther was to much Wind Which was only a light S. W. Wind then the keeper ask me to go ashore with the 3rd asst said he had to make a report on the fog signal that he had only a part of spare rotare and wanted to advise the office about it When We got to Eagle Harbor the keepers two Brothers wer there and had hired Mr Frank Gelsela bring them out but When they seen the station Boat come they waited untill We got in and

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Manitou island
(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)

Sept. 30th, 1921.

Tey returned with me back to the Station the same day this is true to my own knowledge.
and as for using vulger
Language he always did no matter Who Was around men or Women and in the presence of Mrs Mersy many times id feel so ashamed id Walk away and the keeper told him many a time about it but made no difference With them What language he used

yours respectfully.

1st Asst. Daniel Mc Donald.
Eagle Harbor
Mich.

Read signed
Frank Mersy
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OCT 4 1921
Detroit, Mich.
DEPT OF COMMERCE

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Manitou Light station
(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)

Sep. 30, 1921

Superintendent of Light Houses
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Dear Sir

The Keeper here informed me of certain report to the 2nd asst made to the office requested me to make a statement of same as to my Knawledge 2nd asst gave me the Keepers report to read for him as he cannot read or write himself the 2nd then requested me to ans the letter for him I told him would not write lies for no man aftr reading the Keepes report which is true and no one was transported around in the station boat. and to his voulger langauge it was continaurly make people ashamed to be around. where he was and when the 2nd asst refused to go ashore we were requested to take mail to report of the fog signal his Keuse was to much wind we made the trip one day when we got in to Eagle Harbor Keepers two Brothers had mr. Getsel hired to bring them and saw us comming waited untill we got in so came back with as. Yours Respt

Toivo Ahonen 3rd asst Keeper

Read signed
Frank Meery Kpr

September 27 1921

RECEIVED
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Washington, D.C.
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Frederick Lamer and

Keystone Mich

Light House Superintedent

Sir; that report about

the government Gaso-

lene boat taking

parties to manitou

island light station

is absolutly false.

because their is onely

one and my Brother

liveing here, and when

we go to the island

We allways used our

ows boats

Keystone Point, Sept. 27, 1921

Lighthouse District
RECEIVED
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Detroit, Mich.
Department of COMMERCE

Superintendant of Light Houses;
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:

In regard to report of Mr. Frank Measy keeper of Manitou Light I wish to state that he transported no person or persons from here to the light for pleasure purposes with the light house boat. I went over to the light for a short visit but used my own boat.

Very truly yours,
J. E. Lamerand.

October 20, 1921.

Sir:

Charges of disobedience of orders and of incompetence in handling certain apparatus, having been preferred against you and 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 $780 per annum, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Mr. George Bessonen,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DETROIT, MICH.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Re: Discontinuance of services of Geo.Bessonen, 2d A.K. Manitou Light Station, Michigan.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 12 922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

January 4, 1922.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

Sept.

1. Referring to Bureau letter of October 20, 1921, relative to discontinuing services of George Bessonen, second assistant keeper at Manitou Light Station, the Bureau is advised that the effective date of discontinuance is December 7, 1921.

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 19 1918

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November 15, 1918.

Mr. George Bessonen,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Superintendent of Lighthouses Eighth District RECEIVED NOV 21 1918 Detroit, Mich. DEPT OF COMMERCE

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, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position. (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: Michigan.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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August 18, 1917.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SUPT. BUREAU CH. CLERK
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STATUS ANSWER INSP. INVESTIGATE RECOMMEND

Mr. George Bessonen,

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, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six 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 Eleventh Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Newton J. Murdick.

Legal Residence: Michigan.

(See reverse side.)

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Detroit, Mich. Aug. 13 7.

Probationary appointment of:

George Desonon Michigan

Second Assistant Keeper, $736. per annum

Manitou Lt. Sta., Mich. Sal.Kprs of L.H.

Aug. 22, 1917. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

No.1 Asst. Kpr. 76.2

Frank Borowski "FR", Cyrus M. Coe "C".

Newton J. Murdick // Aug. 15, 1917.

Resignation.

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Quarters not furnished at station for family of nominee.

Inspector.