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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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
Kato, Duncan, E.		

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (TX)		
From: 1918	To: 1919	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00069769992

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Civilian

Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Archival Search 2/12

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- Total Requests:
- Screened Items:
- ☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side
- Time Out:
- Final Return:

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

Name of employee Duncan E. Kato

Designation Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $660 p.a.

Place of employment Brazos River Light Station, Texas.

Date of appointment: June 4,1919, effective May 20,1919, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles for protational appointment.

Last day served June 26, 1919.

Copy furnished Secretary, Tenth Civil-Service District, Room 330 Customhouse Bldg., New Orleans, La., for his information.

(Signed) E. S. LANPHIER,

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.
(*Official title.*)

Date June 30, 1919.

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON



June 4, 1919.

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M r. Duncan E. Kato,

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 Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective May 20, 1919.



Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from date of receipt of a certification of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William Pessarra.

Legal Residence: Texas.

8th

COPY (MCC) Recd., 9 a.m., June 16, 1919. L.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Duncan E. Kato,

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.

(Sgd.) DUNCAN E. KATO.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 13th day of June, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)
S(Notary Public,
E(County of
A(Brazoria,
L(Texas.

[4] (*Name*) (Sgd.) C. P. Hoefle,

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1, 1921.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present: Keeper in the Light-house Service	$660 p.a.	Brazos River Light Station, Texas.
Former [5] Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.		

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

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OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT

(Address) New Orleans, La., June 16, 1919. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 20, 1919. (Date)

E.S.L.

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

[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.

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22 inclosures

June 10, 1919.

Duncan E. Kato, Additional Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated June 4, 1919, appointing you temporary additional keeper at Brazos River Light Station, Texas, at a salary of $660 per annum and a daily ration allowance of 45¢, effective commencing May 20, 1919.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as practicable.

3. NO PAY WILL BE SENT YOU UNTIL THE OATH IS RECEIVED.

(Signed) E. S. LANPHIER,
First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

Copy furnished Albert B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas, for his information and the station files. You are directed to see that this employee returns the oath of office, properly executed, with as little delay as possible.

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First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., May 26, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Name, Duncan E. Kato — Legal residence, Texas

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. (additional) — Salary, $660 per annum.

Location, Brazos River Light Station, Texas. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective May 20, 1919, ('the actual date of entrance on duty, or
~~(as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Former salary, - - - - - - - - - - -

Location, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

This form is to be used solely for the purpose of recording forme employment of a person appointed to the Government service with a vie to directing applicants for employment to the possible need for worke It may be filled out by the appointee, or by other person from data i application or examination papers. In the latter case the question a to strike need not be answered.

Record of last private employment of...Duncan E. Kato.....

Appointed..Temp.Addl. Keeper, Brazis River L.S. in the..Lighthouse Service, 8th. Dist.
(Date) (Position) (Office)

Trade or calling...Laborer.....Pay received...$4.25 per day.

Name and address of last employer.....Freeport Sulphur Co.....
Freeport, Texas.
.....

Was termination of employment due to a strike?...No.....

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., May 26, 1919..

1. Forwarded to U. S. Employment Service, City Hall, New Orleans, La.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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May 26, 1919.

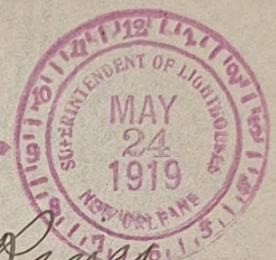
Albert B. Modawell, Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 21, 1919, stating that you had placed Duncan E. Kato on duty on May 20th as temporary additional keeper of Brazos River Light Station. Have this employee forward his discharge certificate from the U. S. Army; same will be returned after proper record has been made in this office.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Brazos River
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 21, 1919

Light House Superintendent
New Orleans. La.

Sir.

I have hired as Temporary additional keeper. Duncan. E. Kato. His entrance on duty taking effect on May 20. 1919.

Respectfully.
A B. Modawell.
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Brazos River
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 29, 1919

L H. Superintendent.
New Orleans La.
Sir:

The discharge certificate of Duncan E. Kate, from the U.S. Army, has been lost or destroyed by fire. This Employee requests that Civil Service Examination Papers be sent to him. He is desirous of being appointed permanently in the Lighthouse Service

Respectfully-
R B. Brodawell.
Keeper.

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Mail

COPY (MCC) Recd., 9 a.m., May 24, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr. Duncan Elmer Kato

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

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) | Brazos River Light Station, Texas (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) | Eighth (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Additional Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

5. Compensation $660 per annum

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

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

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

Velasco (City or town.) | Texas (State or Territory.) | Brazoria (County.) | Ninth (Congressional district.)

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

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

11. Where were you born? Alma, Georgia

12. When were you born? March (Month.) | 8 (Day.) | 1900 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs. Orabe Kato (Name.) | -- (Number and street.)

Velasco (City or town.) | Texas. (State or Territory.)

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

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

None

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

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

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

No

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Co. G, 19th Inf.	April 16, 1917	Feb. 20, 1918	Dependence of family.

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

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

22. 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.)

No

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Employed by the Freeport Sulphur Co., Freeport, Texas.

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

Public School

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

None

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

None

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

Yes

Date, May 20, 191 9

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Duncan E. Kato

P. O. Address: Velasco
City or town.
- - - -
Number and street.
Texas.
State or Territory.

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 26, 191 9.

(Signature)

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses
8th District.

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