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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig	
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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
Spencer, John, K.		

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: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (HI)		
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

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Spencer, John K **DOB:**_____

SOUNDEX: S152

Records checked:

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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)
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Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	(negative)
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If Negative:

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Notes: Console neg

John K. Spencer

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Hawaii

INACTIVE

John K. Spencer

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
2nd Asst Kpr Molokai L.S.T.H.	756	L.H.	July 19, 1917.
Removed		Close July 10, 1918	

INACTIVE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUL 27 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu, T. H., July 16, 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John K. Spencer *

Position, 2d Assistant Keeper Lighthouse Service

Location, Molokai Light Station T.H.

Effective July 19, 1917.

Legal residence, Hawaii.

Salary, $756.00 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

{ ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

CHIEF CLERK JUL 30 1917

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY PAPERS SECURED JUL 30 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS JUL 30 1917

Former position,

Location,

Former salary,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.8, Other eligibles considered:
Henry Le Boirdais (D) C. H. Behn (FR)

Previous incumbent, Edward H. Bartels Services terminated, June 15, 1917.

Reason, Transferred and promoted to 1st Asst. Keeper Makapuu Point Light Station.

Relatives in Government Service, Wm. Enoka, P. O. Dept. (Carrier) Bro-in-law, married

Remarks: Quarters are provided. See letter herewith re prior date of appointment.

* No papers, Ecd

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. July 17, 1917.

John W. Thurston
Secretary, Hawaii Civil Service District.

A. E. Truedge
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse District.

McC-JH
ONE Inclosure.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
July 28, 1917.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. It is recommended that the appointment be made effective July 19, 1917, or as soon thereafter as Spencer entered on duty, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying letter from the 19th Inspector dated July 17, 1917.

H. B. Bourgeau
Acting Commissioner.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 27 1917
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII
July 17, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the enclosed nomination for ~~temporary~~ probationary appointment of John K. Spencer, Second Asst. Keeper, Molokai Light Station.

It is recommended that this employee's appointment be made effective as shown on nomination as the exigencies of the service require that this position be filled at the earliest practical date.

Prior to the last quarterly examination for Keepers and Assistant Keepers no competent eligible would accept this position which necessitated the position being left open until more names could be added to the register.

As this is one of the largest and most important stations in the district it is for the best interest of the service that vacancies in its personnel exist no longer than absolutely necessary.

Inspector

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1917.

Mr. John K. Spencer,

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 Seven 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 Nineteenth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward H. Bartels.

Legal Residence: Hawaii.

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 30 1917 ★ ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Lighthouse Inspector AUG 20 1917 HONOLULU, T. H.

LIGHT SEP 4 1917 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK SEP 13 1917

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, John K. Spencer

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.

John K. Spencer
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 16th day of August, A. D. 1917.

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) E. Van Lil

(Official title) Not. Publ. 1st Jud. Cir.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2nd Asst. Keeper,	$756.00 P. A.	Molokai Light Station, T. H.
Former[5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 19th District

Honolulu, T. H. (Address), AUG 20 1917 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 19, 1917. (Date)

GUARDED

Inspector, 19th Lighthouse District.
(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, 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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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required)

LIGHT
SEP 4 1917
HOUSE
CHIEF CLERK
SEP 15 1917

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? (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 John Kahanu Spencer

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

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

Honolulu	Hawaii	Honolulu	
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Aug. Honolulu, T. H.

6. When were you born? Aug. 1 1896.
Month. Day. Year.

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

Frank Deniz (Name.) 1743 N. King St. (Number and street.)

Honolulu (City or town.) T. H. (State or Territory.)

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? .....

(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.
Wm Enoka	#2 1312 Auld Lane, Honolulu T.H.	Position "Carrier" Department or office P.O.	Brother	Married
		Position ..... Department or office		
		Position ..... Department or office		

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

"No"

10. 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.
Navy	Dept Harbor Pearl Harbor Naval Station.	Electrician	$3.04 Per diem	Feb. 1917	June 1917

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

"No"

12. 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"			

13. 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"			

14. 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.

15. 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 10, 11, 12, and 13.)

Electrician Helper, Haw. Elect Co.

16. 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.)

Grammar School 7 years. High School 4 years.

17. 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.")

Electrician.

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

Clerk Carrier P.O. Dept Honolulu. Aug. 14, 1914.
Assist Light House Keeper. July 10, 1917.

19. 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, July 17, 1917, 191

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) John K. Spencer

P. O. Address Honolulu T.H.
City or town.

1175 Bannister Lane, N. King St
Number and street.

State or Territory.
T.H.

(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 August 20, 191 7.

(Signature)

(Official title) Inspector, 19th Lighthouse District

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

Lighthouse Service.	Molokai Light Station.	19th
Bureau or Service.	Place (city, town, station, or vessel).	District.

2. Position to which appointed: 2nd Assistant Keeper.

3. Date of entrance on duty: July 19, 1917.

4. Compensation: $756.00 per annum.

5. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

6. 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.)

Keepers and Assistant Keepers Examination of July 10, 1917.

7. 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.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department August 20, 191 7.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Inspector, 19th Lighthouse District.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
Superintendent of Lighthouses
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT
SEP 4 1918
HOUSES

JAS:WAI

Superintendent of Lighthouses
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

August 19, 1918.

CHIEF CLERK

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1918 SEP 10 AM 9 5

Inclosed herewith is copy of charges preferred against John K. Spencer, 2d Assistant Keeper, Molokai Light Station, T. H. together with his reply. #756

APPOINTMENTS

In view of his admission of the charges and the gravity of the offense, it is recommended that he be dismissed, and that his resignation be not accepted.

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Papers attached to Bureau endorsement of August 2, 1918, are returned herewith.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
SEP 11 1918
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 9 - 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval; effective date
As to be reported later

1918 SEP 9 PM 4 25

E. T. Pulman
Commissioner.

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APPOINTMENTS

APPROVED: 1918 SEP 10 PM 5 03

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
SEP 4 1918
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

JAS:WAI

REGISTERED

August 17, 1918.

John K. Spencer,
2101 N. King St,
Honolulu, T. H.

Sir:

Herewith are charges preferred against you as 2d Assistant Keeper of Molokai Light Station, for such reply as you may care to make.

You will be given three days from receipt of this letter in which to make reply.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 19th Dist.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII

JAS:WAI

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
SEP 4 1918
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

August 17, 1918.

CHARGES PREFERRED BY A. E. ARLEDGE, SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 19TH DISTRICT, AGAINST JOHN K SPENCER, 2d ASSISTANT KEEPER, MOLOKAI LIGHT STATION, HAWAII.

Charge 1.-- Violation of Lighthouse regulations.

Specification 1.-- That on June 30, 1918, Mr. Spencer mingled with lepers from the Molokai Leper Settlement, and inticed them into the tower of Molokai Light Station, in direct violation of instructions issued by the Superintendent, approved by the Commission.

Specification 2.-- That Mr. Spencer mingled with lepers on other occasions, his relations with inmates of the Settlement being such that the President of the Territorial Board of Health requested his removal from the settlement.

LIGHT
SEP 4 1918
HOUSES

Honolulu, Hawaii, Aug. 17, 1918.

Mr. A.E. Arledge,
Supt of lighthouses, 19th Dist.
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Sir:—

Your letter in receipt to-day, request my reply on charge 1, Specification 1, and 2, respectfully.

I have no reply, to make. I admit it so. I did it, to get out of that light station, as soon as I could. But I hope I did not do it, with the intention of cripling the services, at that light station. If necessary for the interest of the service, that I be reinstated, I will reform, and take up the duties of assistkeeper, at any other light.

Before I conclude I would like to state, that if you could reckon, the justice from one that tells the truth from the one that tale-bears a lie. By that, I mean to say, what false statements you rec'd, thru the keeper regarding the lost of his hand. If I know that I am guilty, I will admit, and take my offense.

I rather tell the truth, than to lie, and I think a man that tells the truth stand a better chance in the world. I like to stand by the truth and loose my job than to be a coward, and tell a lie and stay with the job.

Respectfully Yours,
John K. Spencer.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
SEP 4 1918
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

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Superintendent of Lighthouses, 19th Dist.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII

JAS:WAI

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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HONOLULU, HAWAII

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Respectfully yours,

(Signed) John K. Spencer.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 29 1918
HOUSES

JAS

John K. Spencer,
Separation from service.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
H. HONOLULU, T. H.
AUG 17 1918

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

LIGHT
SEP 4 1918
HOUSES

July 13, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to resignation transmitted herewith of John K. Spencer, 2d Assistant Keeper, Molokai Lightstation, T. H.

Inclosed is copy of a report from the keeper. Further information furnished by the keeper shows that Spencer has been slipping away to the Leper Settlement at night for the purpose of gambling, etc.

There are also inclosed copies of correspondence from the Territorial authorities making request that Spencer be immediately removed from the Leper Settlement.

Mr. Spencer left the station and the settlement before any action was taken by this office toward his suspension or removal from the settlement. He called at this office on the morning of July 11th and, although offering some petty excuses, acknowledged frankly that he had associated with the lepers as reported by the keeper. In view of his gross violation of the regulations, and the endangering of the station and its personnel resulting from Spencer's actions, it is recommended that his resignation be not accepted, but that he be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of July 10, 1918, his last day of service. As he had already left the Service when the resignation and reports against him were received, it was not deemed advisable or necessary to prefer formal charges against him.

Inclds.
McC.

Bureau of Lighthouses, August 2, 1918.

Returned to 19th Superintendent with instructions to address a letter of charges to Spencer, giving him a reasonable time to personally answer the same in writing. Forward copy of charges, with return of attached papers, or, if no response is received from Spencer, so state. In this connection your attention is invited to the Regulations, 1918, article 413. Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

Acting Commissioner.

COPY.

Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service.

LIGHT
JUL 29 1918
HOUSES

LIGHT
SEP 4 1918
HOUSES

Molokai Light Station,

Kalaupapa, July 1, 1918.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, T. H.
AUG 17 1918

Lighthouse Inspector,

Honolulu, Hawaii.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have caught John K. Spencer and thrde inmates (lepers) shooting craps, (gambling) in the tower basement last night at 8:30 P.M. leaving his light unattended.

One Hawaiian, 1 part Hawaiian and 1 Japanese were gambling with him.

The part Hawaiian has a serious case, that is heavy and the other two mild case.

I do not know how long John K. Spencer has been with these people ganbling during his term of service here.

I will take the matter up with Mr. J. D. McVeigh to ask these people whether he goes at Kalaupapa at night without my knowledge, for the purpose of gambling with these people.

Respectfully,

(Signed) James M. Keanu,

Keeper.

LIGHT
JUL 29 1918
HOUSES
LIGHT
SEP 4 1918
HOUSES

COPY.

Territorial Board of Health,

Hawaii,

Honolulu, Hawaii.

July 8, 1918.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU
AUG 17 1918

A. E. Arledge, Esq.,
Inspector in Charge
19th Lighthouse District,
311 McCandless Building,
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to place before you copies of correspondence just received from Mr. J. D. McVeigh, Superintendent of the Leper Settlement, touching upon the actions of the Assistant to the Keeper of the Light at Kalaupapa, a man named Spencer.

It appears that he is disregarding utterly the rules of this Department with reference to entering the Settlement and is mingling with the lepers in a clandestine way.

The people mentioned in Keanu's letter, viz: - Aiona, Kupele, Apa, Kapuaa and Nascimento, are all lepers.

Since Spencer will not heed the regulations relative to the Settlement and persists in associating with lepers whether for gambling or other purposes, we would ask that he be immediately removed from the Station at the Settlement.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) K. B. Porter,

Acting President, Territorial Board of Health.

LIGHT
JUL 29 1918
HOUSES

Copy of copy.

Kalaupapa, July 7, 1918.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, T. H.
AUG 17 1918

LIGHT
SEP 4 1918
HOUSES

K. B. Porter, Esqr.,
Actg. Pres. Board of Health.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a letter from Mr. "Jas. M. Keanu", Keeper U. S. Light Station here. I have had Mr. Manua investigate these charges made by Mr. Keanu and from statements received I am of the opinion that Mr. Spencer should be taken out of this place as quickly as possible.

I wish you would take this up with Mr. Arledge, the Inspector of Light Houses for this district.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. D. McVeigh.

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Molokai Light Station,

Kalaupapa, July 28, 1918.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, T. H.
AUG 17 1918

J. D. McVeigh, Esqr.,
Supt. Leper Settlement,
Kalaupapa.

Sir:-

Referring your letter of Feb. 20, 1918, regarding Spencer entering any building belonging to your people, I beg to inform you that informations have reached me through Numela and wife, stating that Spencer has been entering Aiona's house, down here, several times during the day, when the house was occupied by Kupele and wife during their stay down here.

Spencer is also running to Kalaupapa at nights without my knowledge for the purpose of gambling, shooting craps, etc. Mr. Nacimento can give a little light on that.

Spencer has been gambling near the beach down here without my knowledge on June 23rd and 30th with Apa, Sam Kapuaa and some others.

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Respectfully,

(Signed) James M. Keanu.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT

Honolulu, T. H., July 13, 1918

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AUG 17 1918

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John K. Spencer — Position, Second Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Hawaii — Station, Molokai Lightstation, T. H.

Salary, $816 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is not recommended ~~effective at the close of~~

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

Remarks:

In view of Mr. Spencer's flagrant violation of the special regulations governing the conduct of lighthouse keepers at Molokai Lightstation in their relations with inmates of the Leper Settlement, it is recommended that his resignation be not accepted, and that he be dismissed from the Service for cause. See separate report this date.

J. E. Pratt

Inspector, 19th Lighthouse District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NINETEENTH DISTRICT

Molokai Lightstation,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Kalaupapa, July 6, 1918., 191

(Through the Keeper.)

Lighthouse Inspector,

Honolulu, Hawaii,

Sir:-

I hereby tender my resignation as 2nd. Assistant Keepeer of this station, to take effect July 10, 1918.

Will report to the office as soon as I get in Honolulu.

Forwarded July 8, 1918.

James M. Kearns
Keeper.

Respectfully,

John A. Spencer.
2nd Asst. Keeper

September 11, 1918.

Sir:

Having been charged with mingling with lepers and thereby jeopardizing the health of the other Lighthouse employees associated with you, and the charges having been admitted by you, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of second assistant keeper of Molokai Light Station, Hawaii, at $756 per annum, effective on a date to be fixed by the Bureau and later reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully, (Signed) Clifford Hastings.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 11 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

Mr. John K. Spencer,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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(Copy)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Chief Clerk
Washington January 24, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department does not appear to have received the oath of office or report of date of effect, as indicated, for the following changes:

* *

John K. Spencer, removal, effective date

It will be noted that most of the cases above mentioned have been pending for several months. It might be advisable to request the Superintendents to be more prompt in sending in oaths of office and reporting effective dates of changes in the personnel.

(Signed) E. W. LIBBEY

Chief Clerk.

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APPOINTMENTS

McC. Bureau of Lighthouses, January 30, 1919.

1. Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Honolulu, Hawaii. Forward report of effective date called for at the earliest practicable date, with explanation of delay.

2. Care should be exercised in the future to see that reports of effective dates of changes in personnel are forwarded promptly, in accordance with the desire of the Department.

Acting Commissioner.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 19th Dist.
Honolulu, T. H. February 18, 1919.

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

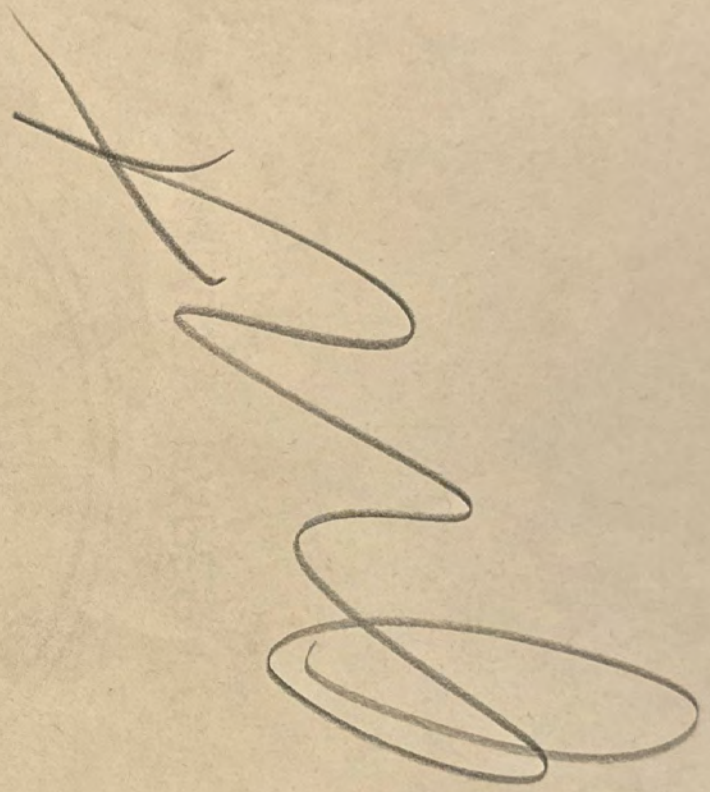
2. Mr. Spencer's removal was effective at the close of July 10, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
19th District.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

JOHN K. SPENCER JOHN K.



JOHN K. SPENCER JOHN K.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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July 30, 1917.

Mr. John K. Spencer,

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 Seven Hundred and Fifty-six dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Nineteenth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward H. Bartels.

Legal Residence: Hawaii.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 27 1917

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu, T. H. (City.) July 16 (Date.), 1917.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, **Probationary appointment.**

Name, **John K. Spencer**

Legal residence, **Hawaii.**

Position, **2d Assistant Keeper Lighthouse Service**

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Salary, **$756.00 per annum**

Location, **Molokai Light Station**

Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **July 19, 1917.** (1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, **Keeper** Percentage, **84.8**, Other eligibles considered:
Henry Le Boirdais (D) C. H. Behn (FR)

Previous incumbent, Edward H. Bartels Services terminated, **June 15, 1917.**

Reason, **Transferred and promoted to 1st Asst. Keeper Makapuu Point Light Station.**

Relatives in Government Service, Wm. Enoka, P. O. Dept. (Carrier) Bro-in-law, married

Remarks: Quarters are provided. See letter herewith re prior date of appointment.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. **July 17**, 1917.

John W. Short
Secretary, **Hawaii** *Civil Service District.*

W. E. Creed
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1917.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. **It is recommended that the appointment be made effective July 19, 1917, or as soon thereafter as Spencer entered on duty, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying letter from the 19th Inspector dated July 17, 1917.**

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Acting Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

July 17, 1917.

7/28/17 Nomination to Dept.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the enclosed nomination for ~~temporary~~ probationary appointment of John K. Spencer, Second Asst. Keeper, Molokai Light Station.

It is recommended that this employee's appointment be made effective as shown on nomination as the exigencies of the service require that this position be filled at the earliest practical date.

Prior to the last quarterly examination for Keepers and Assistant Keepers no competent eligible would accept this position which necessitated the position being left open until more names could be added to the register.

As this is one of the largest and most important stations in the district it is for the best interest of the service that vacancies in its personnel exist no longer than absolutely necessary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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John K. Spencer,
Separation from service.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 14TH DISTRICT
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HONOLULU, HAWAII

July 13, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to resignation transmitted herewith of John K. Spencer, 2d Assistant Keeper, Molokai Lightstation, T. H.

Inclosed is copy of a report from the keeper. Further information furnished by the keeper shows that Spencer has been slipping away to the Leper Settlement at night for the purpose of gambling, etc.

There are also inclosed copies of correspondence from the Territorial authorities making request that Spencer be immediately removed from the Leper Settlement.

Mr. Spencer left the station and the settlement before any action was taken by this office toward his suspension or removal from the settlement. He called at this office on the morning of July 11th and, although offering some petty excuses, acknowledged frankly that he had associated with the lepers as reported by the keeper. In view of his gross violation of the regulations, and the endangering of the station and its personnel resulting from Spencer's actions, it is recommended that his resignation be not accepted, but that he be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of July 10, 1918, his last day of service. As he had already left the Service when the resignation and reports against him were received, it was not deemed advisable or necessary to prefer formal charges against him.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, August 2, 1918.

Returned to 18th Superintendent with instructions to address a letter of charges to Spencer, giving him a reasonable time to personally answer the same in writing. Forward copy of charges, with return of attached papers, or, if no response is received from Spencer, so state. In this connection your attention is invited to the Regulations, 1918, article 418. Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
Superintendent of Lighthouses
HONOLULU, HAWAII
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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SEP 4 1918 Superintendent of Lighthouses
OFFICE OF [redacted] 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

August 19, 1918.

Dept rec d minus 9 Sept

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Inclosed herewith is copy of charges preferred against John K. Spencer, 2d Assistant Keeper, Molokai Light Station, T. H. together with his reply.

In view of his admission of the charges and the gravity of the offense, it is recommended that he be dismissed, and that his resignation be not accepted.

Papers attached to Bureau endorsement of August 2, 1918, are returned herewith.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 9 - 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

To be reported later, effective date

Commissioner.

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