LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Spencer Merrill P **DOB:** 1889 IA

Records checked: 21-37

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: _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Merrill D. Spencer (Name) — Oregon (Legal Residence)

STATUS

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DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob appt	600	L H. Cape Meares L.S. Ore	July 1, 1922
"	Ready of Pay	840	" " " " "	July 1, 1924
"	Act Dec 6/24	1080	" " " " "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1140	" " " " "	July 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1200	" " " " "	JAN 1 1927
"	Trans	1260	" Pt. Wilson L.S.	July 16, 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1380	" " "	JUL 1 1928
"	Prom.	1440	L H. Pt. Wilson L.S.	Dec. 8, 1932
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1500	" "	FEB - 1 1937
		Died 4-30-37		

CAK:A

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon May 3, 1937, 19

In file

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted in duplicate notice of death ~~the resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

Name, MERRILL DUDLEY SPENCER Position, Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Oregon Station, Point Wilson Light Station

Salary, $1500. per annum

The acceptance of this resignation with ~~without~~ prejudice is recommended effective at the close of

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

Remarks: (In case of death, if person had 25 years or more of service, give name, degree of relationship, and address of next of kin.)

Following is copy of telegram received from the Assistant Keeper, Point Wilson Light Station April 30, 1937:

"SPENCER DIED EIGHT PM STOP ADVISE HIRING LOCAL SUB"
TOMAN"

K 18
5/11/37

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
MAY - 8 1937
SHEET NO. 5410
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 11 1937
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 2:51 8 11 38 AM '37

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1937

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, **for information.**

CARDED

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For the Commissioner:

W P Harman
Administrative Assistant

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1201-S

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

(26)

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS
DL = Day Letter
NM = Night Message
NL = Night Letter
LC = Deferred Cable
NLT = Cable Night Letter
Ship Radiogram

The filing time shown in the date line on telegrams and day letters is STANDARD TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is STANDARD TIME at point of destination.

Received at 239 Southwest Broadway, Corner Oak, Portland, Org. Always Open 1937 APR 30 AM 8 28

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SPENCER DIED EIGHT PM STOP ADVISE HIRING LOCAL SUB=

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PM POMAN.

THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR WESTERN UNION TIME

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 6 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1933 JAN - 5 - PM 3:00
CHIEF CLERK

January 4, 1933

Secretary of Commerce:

The Superintendent of Lighthouses at Portland, Oregon, has reported the effective date of change in pay of Merrill D. Spencer from $1380 to $1440 per annum and Joseph A. Harris from $1500 to $1440 per annum as December 8, 1932.

For the Commissioner:

R L Gowen
Chief of Personnel Division

H-M

CARDED

1. Merrill D. Spencer
2. Joseph A. Harris

ENTERED ON COMPLETION
OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
JAN 18 1933
Date

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE

1932 OCT 25 AM 11:40

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 16 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1932 NOV 16 PM 3:20

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 22 1932
CHIEF CLERK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon (City), October 20, 1932 (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, *Promotion to fill existing vacancy — Legal residence, Washington

Name, Merrill D. Spencer — Proposed salary, $1440.00 A.

Position, Keeper, Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1440-1800.

Location, Point Wilson Light Station, Wash. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1933

Effective, November 1, 1932 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Asst.), Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1380.00 A.

Location, Point Wilson Light Station, Wn. — Former range, $1260-1620.

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

(Lt.#400)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Mort Galvin / $1560.00 A. — Services terminated, Oct. 31, 1932

Reason, Recommended for disability retirement. Done Cause 10/31/32

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, December 30, 1889

Remarks: See 17th District letter of October 15 covering disability retirement of Mort Galvin. Also 17th District letter of Oct. 13, paragraph 8: it is requested Form 73 of Sept. 28 covering transfer and promotion of M. D. Spender to Keeper, Destruction Island Light Station be canceled.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the

U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19-----

11-10-32

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Action O. K.

Secretary,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
Civil Service District.
DEC 20 1932
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

R. R. TINKHAM
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Chief Clerk

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, justification being inclosed. The transfer of Joseph A. Harris to the resulting vacancy has already been approved by the Department, and the effective date of his entrance on duty in that position will be reported later.

*Department letter of October 26 approving the transfer of Merrill D. Spencer from his present position to Keeper at Destruction Island at $1560 per annum is herewith returned for cancellation, the present nomination being submitted in lieu thereof.

Per. 377 - approved 12/8

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon (City), Sept. 28 (Date), 1932

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 13 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED OCT 13 1932 10:09 AM
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 18 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion (To fill pending vacancy.)

Name, Merrill D. Spencer

Position, Keeper, Lighthouse Service

Location, Destruction Island Light Station, Wn.

Effective, October 1, 1932 {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~}

Former position, (Assistant) Keeper, Lighthouse Service

Location, Point Wilson Light Station, Wash.

Legal residence, Washington

Proposed salary, $1560.00 A. (from quarters)

Proposed range, $1560-1920

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1933

Former salary, $1380.00 A. (quarters)

Former range, $1260-1620

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

(Lt.#3374) Temp. Pos.

Previous incumbent and his pay, Ernest E. Day (Vice *) / Services terminated, September 30, 1932
$1560.00 A.

Reason, Recommended for transfer to Lime Kiln Light Station.

Members of family in Government service, None (Hereinafter)

Date of birth, December 30, 1889

* Note: On May 1, 1932 Day entered on duty in a new temp. pos. at this station to relieve a regular keeper (Carl Suoma) who took leave for 1 yr. This recom. if auth. will relieve Spencer to be transferred to this temp. position

Remarks: See Form 73 of September 26, 1932, recommending transfer of E. E. Day to Lime Kiln Light Station.

See recom. hereinbefore adding Day's transfer from this station. Day is a permanent employee serving in a temp. position

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
C. [illegible]
Chief Clerk, 17th Lighthouse District

10-13-32

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to justification form hereto attached, and to separate recommendations in the case of Ernest E. Day, and Joseph A. Harris.

Action O. K.
Asst. to Secy

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
NOV 1 1932
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Presidents approval 10/26
Proc. No. 278

acting W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

July 18, 1927.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 26 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. Referring to Department letter dated May 27, 1927, notice of change in salary, to Merrill D. Spencer changing his pay from $1200 to $1260 per annum, effective June 1, 1927, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that Mr. Spencer entered on duty under ~~new~~ new rate of pay on July 16, 1927.

Robert Wennack
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUL 25 1927

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

11 date

J. L. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

U. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D #1

NAME Spencer, Merrill D. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 17th Dist.

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
600	240	840	XCR	40+20	120+25	L.H.S.	2	1020	Yes	60-a	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

approved 1080

GRADE RECOMMENDED 4

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $ 1080 TO $ 1320

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

Sheet No. 74

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

a		
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1. Spencer (Surname) Merrill (Given name) D. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouses
5. (a) Field Station Office of Supt. of L.H., 17th District
   (b) Subdivision Cape Meares Light Station
   (c) City or town Bayocean State Oregon
6. Pay-roll title Second Assistant Keeper
7. Customary office title Second Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day On duty during day as required for upkeep of station Average 8; per week 56
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day —; or per week —
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Alternates at night with other keepers m. to m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year —
   During what months —
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation —
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 600.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 600.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate —
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Rations commuted at rate of $164.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment uniform; annual cost, $ 25.00
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name —; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind —; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind —; number of lessons —; number completed —

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Assists keeper and First Assistant Keeper in the following duties:	
1. In caring for and operating incandescent oil vapor illuminating apparatus, which includes revolving clockwork machinery	65%
2. In caring for buildings and grounds, including painting and minor repairs to all structures, including fences and walks	25%
3. Building and repairing roads on Lighthouse Reservation	10%
This is a three-keeper station.	

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

Under immediate supervision of keeper and First Assistant Keeper, whom he assists in proper management and operation of station.

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

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 1 year

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

May 31 (Date), 1923. Robert Warnock (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent of L. H.

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

Impracticable to secure signature of this employee on account of his inaccessibility.

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent none

Experience: If essential, kind and extent - -

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 900.00 to $ 1140.00

June 1, (Date), 1923. Robert Warnock (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent of L. H. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

Form 73

NOMINATION

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LIGHTHOUSES 1927 MAY 24 AM 8 48

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 26 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 25 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon (City) May 19 (Date), 19 27

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion

Name, Merrill D. Spencer

Position, Keeper (Asst.), Lighthouse Service

Location, Point Wilson Light Station, Wash.

Effective, June 1, 1927,

Legal residence, Oregon

Proposed salary, $1260.00 per annum ✓ above min. same step as former rate.

Proposed range, $1140-$1500.

Appropriation, ~~Salaries, K. L. H.~~ Ouch

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

Former position, Keeper (2d Asst.), Lighthouse Service. Former salary, $1200.00 per annum.

Location, Cape Meares Light Station, Oreg. Former range, $1030-$1440.

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

Previous incumbent, Harvey D. Barber Services terminated, April 14, 1927.
Salary $1140 per annum; range $1140-$1500.

Reason, Resigned.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAY 27 1927 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, December 30, 1889.

Remarks: Mr. Spencer is considered the best qualified available employee for this transfer.

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

Robert Warrack
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 24 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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CHIEF CLERK.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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1922 JUL 31 PM 2 53
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

PART I.

1. Name of employee Merrill D. Spencer

2. Position to which appointed Keeper (2d Assistant),

3. Bureau or Service Lighthouse Service, District 17th

4. Place of duty Cape Meares Light Station, Oregon.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary $600.00 per annum.

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

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

Probationary.

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

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

Merrill Dudley Spencer

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

M. D. Spencer

CARDED

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

Oregon (State or Territory.) Tillamook (County.) Bay Ocean (City or town.) 1st (Congressional district.)

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

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

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6. Where were you born? Sanborn - O'brian Co. - Iowa.

7. When were you born? Dec. (Month.) 30 (Day.) 1889 (Year.)

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

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

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

Mrs F. A. Neilings (mother) (Name.) 710 Pen Ave. (Number and street.)

Mason City (City or town.) Iowa (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state 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		

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

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

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Bat. A. 40th Reg. C. A. C.	Aug 18 - 1918	Dec 26 - 1918	muster out order.

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

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

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

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

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

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

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Crab fishing on Tillamook bay.

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public School.

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

None.

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

Assistant Keeper, Sept. 25, 1921.

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

Date, July 24, 1922.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) M. D. Spencer

(Present address) Bay Ocean (Number and street.)

(City or town.) Ore. (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded July 26, 1922.

(Signature) Robert Warnock

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 7 1922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
1922 AUG 5 PM 12 04

I, Merrill D. 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.

Merrill D. Spencer
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 24th day of July, A. D. 1922

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) T E Ashley

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Aug 9. 1924

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper (2d Asst.), Lighthouse Service	$600.00 A.	Cape Meares Light Station, Oreg.
Former [5] New appointee.		

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

CARDED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT

Portland, Oregon (Address), July 31, 1922. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1, 1922. (Date)

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Milo Hoadley
(Signature, followed by title)
1st Asst. Superintendent.

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

G. S. REPORT DATA 11—044
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

File No. 286.

Office of Superintendent, 17th Dist.
Portland, Oregon.
June 28, 1922.

To: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Transfers of various keepers.

1. Referring to the transfer, promotion, etc., of various keepers to fill vacancies in this district, which have been held up by direction of the Bureau on account of shortage of funds, it will be noted that same are made to take effect July 1, 1922. Forms 73 and 73a for these changes are forwarded this date.

2. Arrangements have been made to transfer the employees on that date and it is asked that Department letters be made effective accordingly.

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(Signed) R. C. Hart
Chief Clerk, 17th Lighthouse District.
In the absence and by direction of the
Superintendent.

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 JUL 5 AM 8 10

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon (City.), June 28 (Date.), 1922.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Merrill D. Spencer** Legal residence, Oregon.

Position, **Keeper (2d Asst.), L. H. S.** Salary, $600.00 per annum.

Location, **Cape Meares Light Station, Oreg.** Appropriation, Salaries, K. of L. H.

Effective July 1, 1922. {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ as soon thereafter as he can be placed on duty.}

1922 JUL 13 PM 3 01

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUL 14 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, New appointee. Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 5. Rating, Asst. Keeper, L. H. S. Percentage, 93.2, Other eligibles considered: None. Mr. Spencer selected for the reason that he lives in the vicinity of the station and can be placed on duty without delay or expense to the Government.

Previous incumbent, Henry Hill Services terminated, June 30, 1922.

Reason, **Transferred to Yaquina Head Light Station, Oreg., at his own request.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 15 1922 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, June 29, 1922.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

C. W. Paine
Secretary, 11th *Civil Service District.*

Chief Clerk.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

CJL-EK July 13, 1922.

Inclosure.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. It is recommended that the effective date in this case be July 1, 1922, for the reason stated in the attached letter of June 28, 1922, from the Seventeenth Superintendent.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon (City), Sept. 28 (Date), 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion

Name, Merrill D. Spencer

Position, Keeper, Lighthouse Service

Location, Destruction Island Light Station, Wn. This is a temp. abol. pos.

Effective, October 1, 1932 {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper, Lighthouse Service

Location, Point Wilson Light Station, Wash.

Legal residence, Washington

Proposed salary, $1560.00 A.

Proposed range, $1560-1920

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1933

Former salary, $1380.00 A.

Former range, $1260-1620

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Ernest E. Day (Lt.#3374) / $1560.00 A. Services terminated, September 30, 1932

Reason, Recommended for transfer to Lime Kiln Light Station.

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, December 30, 1889

Remarks: See Form 73 of September 26, 1932, recommending transfer of E. E. Day to Lime Kiln Light Station.

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

C. [illegible]

Chief Clerk, 17th Lighthouse District

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to justification form hereto attached, and to separate recommendations in the case of Ernest E. Day, and Joseph A. Harris.

cancelled

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT.

1932 OCT 25 AM 11:40

Portland, Oregon (City), October 20 (Date), 19 32

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Merrill D. Spencer

Position, Keeper, Lighthouse Service

Location, Point Wilson Light Station, Wash.

Effective, November 1, 1932

Legal residence, Washington.

Proposed salary, $1440.00 A.

Proposed range, $1440-1800.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1933

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Asst.), Lighthouse Service

Location, Point Wilson Light Station, Wn.

Former salary, $1380.00 A.

Former range, $1260-1620.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Mort Galvin (Lt.#400) / $1560.00 A.

Services terminated, Oct. 31, 1932

Reason, Recommended for disability retirement.

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, December 30, 1889

Remarks: See 17th District letter of October 15 covering disability retirement of Mort Galvin. Also 17th District letter of Oct. 13, paragraph 8: it is requested Form 73 of Sept. 28 covering transfer and promotion of M. D. Spender to Keeper, Destruction Island Light Station be canceled.

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

Original Signed by Superintendent

R. R. TINKHAM

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, justification being inclosed. The transfer of Joseph A. Harris to the resulting vacancy has already been approved by the Department, and the effective date of his entrance on duty in that position will be reported later.

Department letter of October 26 approving the transfer of Merrill D. Spencer from his present position to Keeper at Destruction Island at $1560 per annum is herewith returned for cancellation, the present nomination being submitted in lieu thereof.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

W. P. HARMAN

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act Approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office: Lighthouses, 17th District, Portland, Oregon

Position: Keeper

Compensation: $1440 ($1440-1800) per annum

Location: Point Wilson Lightstation, Wash.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Date of Vacancy: Beginning November 1, 1932

Justification: This vacancy resulted from the retirement on account of disability of the previous incumbent.

The complement necessary for the operation of this station is two keepers, and the filling of this vacancy is necessary in order to maintain the complement at a minimum strength. This position requires the performance of duties directly concerned with the maintenance and/or operation of aids to navigation which must be either in actual operation or ready for immediate service at all times. In order that this service may continue without interruption, it is absolutely essential that the position be filled. The nonfilling of the position would interfere with the functioning of the aids add add to the hazards of navigation, thereby producing conditions endangering life and property.

It is proposed to fill this position by the ~~transfer and~~ promotion of the assistant keeper from $1380 to $1440 per annum, and to fill the resulting vacancy by the reassignment of another employee with a corresponding decrease in pay.

Approved:

Secretary of Commerce.

Recommended by:

W. P. HAHON
(Head of Bureau or Office)

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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1933 JAN - 3 - AM 9:20

WASHINGTON

December 23, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oregon.

In reference to your indorsement of November 29 regarding the transfer of Joseph A. Harris to Point Wilson vice M. D. Spencer, upon approval of the latter's promotion, and the discontinuance of the complement at Cape Disappointment:

Department letter of December 8 approving Spencer's promotion has been forwarded your office, which now clears the way for the transfer of Harris from Cape Disappointment. Therefore when the transfer of Harris shall have been completed it is requested that you submit a separate letter recommending the discontinuance of the complement of Cape Disappointment Lightstation, giving the reasons therefor and the effective date.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant

H-M

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CAK:DSB

Office of Superintendent, 17th Lighthouse District
Portland, Oregon. December 28, 1932.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C. The Bureau is advised that M. D. Spencer has been entered on duty as Keeper at Point Wilson Light Station on December 8, 1932. J. A. Harris has been entered on duty as Assistant Keeper of Point Wilson Light Station on the same date.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent

demoted from 1500 to 1440

1933 JAN - 3 - AM 9:28

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December 28, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington,D.C.

1. Referring to Bureau letter of December 23, 1932 and endorsement of this office this date, relative to promotion of M. D. Spencer as Keeper and transfer of J. A. Harris as Assistant Keeper, Point Wilson Light Station, leaving both positions at Cape Disappointment Light Station vacant:

2. In view of the care of Cape Disappointment Light Station having been transferred to the keepers of North Head Light Station on account of Cape Disappointment having been converted to semi-automatic, it is recommended that the positions of keeper and assistant keeper at Cape Disappointment Light Station be discontinued effective at the close of December 7, 1932.

Rec ok WPH

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

By

Assistant Superintendent

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington January 4, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce approval recommended for the reasons given by the Superintendent.

OPH

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

H-M

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January 4, 1933

Secretary of Commerce:

The Superintendent of Lighthouses at Portland, Oregon, has reported the effective date of change in pay of Merrill D. Spencer from $1380 to $1440 per annum and Joseph A. Harris from $1500 to $1440 per annum as December 8, 1932.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

Chief of Personnel Division

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon May 3, 1937 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted in duplicate notice of death of the following-named employee:

Name, MERRILL DUDLEY SPENCER Position, Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Oregon Station, Point Wilson Light Station

Salary, $1500. per annum

The acceptance of this resignation with without prejudice is recommended effective at the close of

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

Remarks: (In case of death, if person had 25 years or more of service, give name, degree of relationship, and address of next of kin.)

Following is copy of telegram received from the Assistant Keeper, Point Wilson Light Station April 30, 1937:

"SPENCER DIED EIGHT PM STOP ADVISE HIRING LOCAL SUB"
TOMAN"

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES May 10, 1937

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, for information.

11—4623

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN

Administrative Assistant

January 3, 1938

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1/5/38 Answd

Former Keeper

Hon. Harold D. King, Commissioner,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is a letter from Mrs. M. Orrill D. Spencer, Box 166, Willamette, Oregon, who advises me that she is the widow of a Lighthouse Keeper who served some sixteen years.

Will you kindly advise me whether Mrs. Spencer is entitled to a pension from this service and will you please return her letter with your reply?

Very sincerely yours,

David I. McNary

McN/KT
Encl.

To Senator McNary,
Salem Oregon.

Dear Senator:

I am the wife of a U. S. lighthouse keeper, and we have and did serve faithfully for sixteen years. I scrubbed, cleaned, and kept the quarters spotless, and cooked for construction men, until my health was broken, then my husband passed away in April, and left me in very bad circumstances. I have no relatives to do anything for me, and what little insurance I had went for funeral expenses and to pay up bills. If I could only have fifty a month, I could get along nicely, as I am not able to work, or would ask no help in any way, construction men were threw onto me to board when I could scarcely stand on my feet.

Please look at this matter in the light it is intended, I would appreciate it so much if you could do something be it ever so little, my condition today is due to hard work during our sixteen years in the service. My poor husband passed away in April, and was sick for a year, which made my task doubly hard, as I tried to help him in every way I could.

Thanking you kindly in advance, I am

Very Sincerely,

Mrs. M. D. Spencer
Willamette, Oregon.
Box 166.

~~Commissioner~~

Draft submitted
In view of Sen McNary's
relation to S. 168, it
seemed that a more
extended explanation
than is commonly made
might be appropriate

WPH
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~~W.L.D.~~

Does this letter
trespass on Bu. of Budget
instructions as to views
regarding legislation?

~~Comm~~

It didn't occur to me that it does. (Feb 8/37)
What is referred to is Bur's memo. giving
views on S 168. This was submitted to
Bur of the Budget (Feb. 19/37) & apparently ap-
proved as Dept sent memo to Committee
(Mar. 15/37) with concurrence. Yes also
see note in margin. WPH 1/5

January 5, 1938.

Honorable Charles L. McNary,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McNary:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 3, 1938, regarding a pension for Mrs. M. D. Spencer, widow of a former lighthouse keeper.

I desire to explain that there are no "pension" provisions affecting employees of the Lighthouse Service. There is a retirement system, provided by the Act of June 20, 1918 (40 Stat., 608) and amendments, but retirement, as distinguished from a pension, is available only to the employees themselves, and there is no authority at present for its continuation to the widow or other dependents of a deceased retired employee. I regret to advise, therefore, that I know of no provision under which Mrs. Spencer might be a beneficiary.

There have recently been, as you are aware, some legislative proposals to liberalize the civilian retirement provisions by extending the benefits in some degree to the widow, or other dependents of a deceased retired employee. I may refer in this connection to Section 3 of bill S. 168, 75th Congress, 1st Session, and to the report of this Department, dated March 13, 1937, to the Chairman, Committee on Commerce of the Senate, on that bill.

Regarding such liberalizing provisions, I may further observe that so far as I am aware it is contemplated that an actual retired status, according to the retirement laws, be first established with respect to the employee himself; and then in the event of his death thereafter his retired pay, in whole or in part, might be continued to the widow. Such provisions, if enacted, would not, of course, apply to such a case as that of Mrs. Spencer, whose husband was not retired from the Service and did not in fact have the age or requisite length of service for retirement. For your information the records of this office indicate that Merrill D. Spencer was born December 30, 1889, entered the Lighthouse Service July 1, 1922, and died April 30, 1937, while serving as assistant keeper, Point Wilson Lighthouse, Wash., with pay of $1500 per annum plus quarters. While he may have been sick during the year preceding his death, as stated by Mrs. Spencer, this does not appear to have caused loss of duty status or pay.

Mrs. Spencer's letter is returned as requested.

Very truly yours,

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

WPH:EBF
Enclosure

Copy to 17th Supt., enclosing copy of letter from Mrs. Spencer.