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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
kraiga@gmail.com	858-357-5100

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
Williams, William, F		1879 HI

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: 1935 HI

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: 1906	To: 1916	
(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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Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Time Out:

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: WILLIAMS, WILLIAM F. **DOB:** 1/1/1879, HI

SOUNDEX: W452

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

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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

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: _____ Area: _____ positive negative

ARCIS: _____ Area: _____ positive negative

Notes: **DOS: 1906 TO 1916; DOD: 1/1/1935, HI; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, HI**

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM F.

Form 73

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES DEC 28 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT,
Honolulu, T. H.,
December 8, 1911.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer of

Name, William F. Williams — Legal residence, Hawaii

Position, Keeper — Salary, $756.00 per annum

Location, Ka Lae Light Station

Effective — on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $67.50 per month

Location, Molokai Light Station

Rank in list of eligibles, — Rating, — Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Robert I. Reid — Services terminated,

Reason, Transfer

Remarks: This transfer, involving a reduction in Mr. William's compensation, is made as per letter accompanying. Mr. William's letter expressing his willingness to accept the transfer is enclosed herewith.

Effective 1/12

Lieutenant, U. S. N.,
Inspector, 19th L. H. Dist.

To be paid from:
Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1911

TWO INCLOSURES

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

11—2314

Acting Commissioner

ATJ. Copy.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Light-House Establishment

Office of Inspector 19th District
Honolulu, Hawaii
December 8, 1911.

Changes personnel,
Molokai Lt. Sta.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

1. There is a lack of harmony at the Molokai Light Station, due to the unfriendly relations between the Keeper and the 1st Assistant Keeper, which is detrimental to the best interests of the service. I have just concluded an investigation of a quarrel between the two and find that both parties are to blame. My original intention was to recommend the transfer of both Mr. Keanu and Mr. Williams, but there are only two keepers in this district who, in my opinion, have the qualifications necessary for Keeper of Molokai Light Station, and they did not desire the place on account of the station being located in the leper settlement.

2. I therefore administered a reprimand to Mr. Keanu and hope for better results from him in the future.

3. Mr. Williams, however, should be transferred. I enclose herewith nominations for Mr. Williams as Keeper of Ka Lae Light Station and of Mr. Reid, the present keeper of Ka Lae, as 1st Assistant Keeper at Molokai.

4. I have purposely nominated Mr. Reid as 1st Assistant over Edward L. Miller, the present 2nd Assistant, as the latter was to some extent mixed in the recent quarrel and is in my opinion, not deserving of promotion.

5. This recommendation for transfer is not made upon request of the employees concerned, but in the interests of the service which necessitate amicable relations among keepers. Both Mr. Williams and Mr. Reid are willing to accept the transfer.

Very respectfully,

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Lieutenant, U. S. N.,
Inspector, 19th L. H. Dist.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

Washington

January 3, 1912.

Mr. William F. Williams,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $67.50 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) ROBT. M. PINDELL, JR.

Chief Clerk.

EOR Dec. 18-1912

F

D

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert I. Reid.

Legal Residence: Hawaii.

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Robert I. Reid -
W. F. Williams -

April 27, 1912.

Lighthouse Inspector, Honolulu, T. H.

Referring to Department letters of January 2 and 3, 1912, appointing Robert I. Reid, First Assistant Keeper, in the Lighthouse Service, for duty at Molokai Light Station, and William F. Williams Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, for duty at Ka Lae Light Station, respectively.

The oaths of office and personal questions sheets for these appointees have not been received by the Bureau. Secure and Forward same.

Acting Commissioner.

Nov. 5, 1913, 19th Inspr. states Sam Ako and William F. Williams were considered for transfer to 2nd asst.keeper Kilauea Point L.S., Ako declined, Williams not recommended.

File John N. Ano.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT MAR 8 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu (City.) T. H., February 23 (Date.), 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, William F. Williams — Legal residence, Hawaii.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $720.00 per annum

Location, For assignment to Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu Fort St. and Honolulu Channel Lights 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses,

Effective April 1, 1915, {~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $756.00 per annum

Location, Ka Lae Light Station.

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

Previous incumbent, Samuel A. Amalu — Services to be terminated, on or about March 31, 1915.

Reason, Transfer and promotion to Kilauea Point Light Station.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Williams made written application for this transfer.
As this transfer is in the interests of the Service it is recommended that payment of actual and necessary traveling expenses from Ka Lae Light Station to Honolulu, T. H. be authorized.

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

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

D. C. Dalton
Superintendent.

JAS-MFM

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 8 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
MAR 12 1915
HOUSES

March 11, 1915.

M. William F. Williams,

Throughthe Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Ka Lae Light Station to Honolulu, T. H., have been authorized.

(By transfer from keeper at $756 per annum.)

E O D April 4, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

R
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Samuel A. Amalu.

Legal Residence: Hawaii.

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MAR 12 1915

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT.

Honolulu T. H. May 27, 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee has been transferred as indicated, and entered upon duty at his new station on May 21, 1915.

Name, William F. Williams

Position, Keeper

From Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu Fort St. and Honolulu Harbor Channel Lights Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

To Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu Fort St. and Honolulu Harbor Channel Lights Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Previous incumbent, Self

Services terminated, May 20, 1915

Reason, Honolulu Harbor Channel Light No. 8 discontinued.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with May 21, 1915.

A E Mudge

Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist.

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McC.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

June 14, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

See Bureau recommendation in separate communication of today for change in designation of above referred to position.

C

Acting Commissioner.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUL 15 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment (12th Subdistrict) 2. Where employed Kawaihae Light-Station, T.H.

3. Name William F. Williams 4. Where born Hawaii.

5. Age ~~29~~ 30 6. Position Keeper.

7. Compensation $750 pa. 8. When appointed (*a*) April 23, 1909. e.o.d. May 19, 1909, at present station See No. 13

9. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service Examination.

10. Appointed from: State Hawaii. Congressional District -- County Honolulu.

11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified-competitive.

12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

13. Other Government service Laborer in charge Honolulu Channel Lights, from December 5,1906 to Feb.28, 1909; Temporary Keeper Barbers Point Light-Station, T.H., from March 1, 1909, to May 16, 1909.

14. Duties (describe fully) Care of lens-lantern light and government property at station; lighting at sunset and extinguishing at sunrise; cleaning lantern and lamps; painting tower, lantern house, and other structures at station when necessary; forwarding monthly, quarterly, and annual reports and requisitions; Keeping journal of daily events, and records of supplies and property on hand at station.

15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (*d*) 10 tenths. Quality of work (*e*) Excellent. Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent.

16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.

17. Remarks (*g*)

H. S. Knapp

Lieutenant U. S. N., Assistant to the Inspector of the 12th, L. H. District

Head of Bureau or Office.

JUN 22 1909, 19

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT May 10, 1911.

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name William F. Williams 2. Age 31 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse Service 4. Position First-Assistant Keeper, per Molokai Light-Station,

5. Compensation $67.50 mo. 6. Where employed 19th L.H. District,

7. When appointed (*a*) Aug. 20,1907 8. How appointed (*b*) By transfer and promotion.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount ---

12. Other Government service Laborer at Honolulu Channel Lights from December 5, 1906 to April 23, 1909. April 23, 1909, appointed Keeper at Kawaihae Light-Station to date of transfer to Molokai.

13. Duties (describe fully) Assisting in care and preservation of 2nd order light and government property at station, including minor repairs to illuminating apparatus and structures; standing regular watch and performing sub-clerical and other duties as may be directed by the Keeper in charge.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them ---

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	85	2	170	
Quality of work	85	3	255	
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255	
Attendance	100	2	200	
Total		10	880	
Average percentage			88	0

11—4259

John H. Kanekoa
Wm. F. Williams
James M. Keanu
John M. Sweeney
Frank A Peterson
John N. Ano
Charles K. Akana

19th Inspr's letter, Aug. 19, 1915, Bu tel Sept. 15, 1915,

re changes in keepers, etc.

(See file Edward E. Robins)

LIGHT
OCT 11 1915
HOUSES

Honolulu Harbor Light Station,

September 27, 1915.

Mr. A. E. Arledge,

Inspector, 19th L. H. Dist.,

Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.

Sir:

I respectfully report, I deny the charge, refered against me by the Asst. Keeper Mr. Henry K. Au, being absent from the station at nights.

Respectfully,

(sgnd) William F. Williams.

Keeper.

LIGHT
OCT 11 1915
HOUSES

Sept. 28, 1915.

Mr. Arledge:

I do not deny leaving the station at nights during the month of September. Since I have been here, I have always been, sick, worrying, and worrying for some one that is very dear,to, me causing me to leave the house, without notifying Mr. Au, some time. Do not like to let you know of my troubles and as it is getting worse, I will leave the matter in your hands. You know what I mean.

Mr. Au, and you Mr. Arledge are the only to that knows of this, so it is in your power to do as you desire, to retain me in the service, or dismiss at once, as it is very hard to bear, I have been cursed.

(sgd) WILLIAM F. WILLIAMS

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
OCT 11 1915
HOUSES

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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII
Sept. 28, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to letter of this date preferring charges against William F. Williams, Keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Fort Street Light and Channel Lights 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, recommending his dismissal from the Service and reporting his suspension from duty on September 23, 1915, pending disposition of charges.

As in view of the charges against him, Mr. Williams did not proceed to Molokai Light Station today as planned, the nomination of Edward H. Bartels (authorized by Bureau radiogram of September 28, 1915) as Temporary Additional Second Assistant Keeper at Molokai Light Station is inclosed.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

A. C. Palmer
Superintendent.

LIGHT
OCT 2 1915
HOUSES

September 30, 1915.

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has approved the action of the Nineteenth Inspector in suspending you from duty, for a period not to exceed 90 days, pending the disposition of formal charges which have been preferred against you.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges, or if the same are not found sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William F. Williams,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

C-R

OCT 2 1915

Cross index under Bartels

LIGHT SEP 30 1915 HOUS

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Mar. Engr
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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

September 30, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 28th instant, the Department has approved the action of the Nineteenth Inspector in suspending William F. Williams, second assistant keeper of Molokai Light Station, T. H., for a period not to exceed 90 days, pending the disposition of formal charges which have been preferred against him.

In accordance with the Bureau's further recommendation, the Department has authorized the temporary additional position of second assistant keeper at the above-mentioned station, at $756 per annum, for a period not to exceed one month, and has authorized the assignment of Edward H. Bartels to duty therein, effective September 28, 1915, or as soon thereafter as practicable, provided there are not two or more members of his family in the Government service. A formal temporary appointment will be issued to Mr. Bartels upon receipt of proper nomination, approved by the district secretary.

By direction of the Secretary:

Carded

JEL

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

OCT 2 1915

(SIGNED) F. J. FITZGERALD

Honolulu, T. H.,

To Lighthouse Inspector,

for his information, guidance, and files of office. Submit nomination in the case of Bartels if not already done. See Bureau cablegram of September 28, 1915.

Acting Chief Clerk.

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 15 1915

Oct 20, 1915 -
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Oct. 2, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Referring to letter of September 28, 1915, recommending the dismissal of William F. Williams, Keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Fort Street Light, and Channel Lights 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, T. H., it is requested that I be notified by cable of Department action in his case.

Aledge

LIGHT
OCT 14 1915
HOUSES

Charges and specification of charges preferred by A. E. Arledge, Inspector, 19th Lighthouse District, against William F. Williams, Keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu, T. H.

Charge. 1. Disobedience of Regulations.

Specification 1. In that William F. Williams, Keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station was absent from his station without authority on the following occasions as reported by the Assistant Keeper, namely:

Sept. 2 - 6:45 p. m. to Sept. 3 - 11:30 a. m.
Sept. 3 - 6:15 p. m. to Sept. 4 - 6 a. m.
Sept. 4 - 6 p. m. to Sept. 7 - 4 a. m.
Sept. 11 - 9 p. m. to Sept. 12 - 6:45 a. m.
Sept. 21 - 6:30 p. m. to present, Sept. 24 - 10:30 a.m.

This is in violation of Regulation U.S.L.H.S. 1911, page 143, par. "Constant and faithful attention to their duties."

Specification 2. In that William F. Williams, failed to perform his duty, leaving his watch to be kept by the Assistant Keeper. This is in violation of Regulations above cited.

JR

Washington D C October 20 1915

USLEE Honolulu (Hawaii)

Williams dismissed Perdiguera

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Dept has approved
Assistant Sec'y Lord
10/20/15. JRC

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Mar. Engr
Personnel
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Gen. Corr.

October 20, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the Bureau's communication of the 14th instant, transmitting letter dated the 28th ultimo, and enclosures, from the Nineteenth Inspector in the case of William F. Williams, the Department has to state that it has dismissed Mr. Williams, as recommended, effective at the close of September 23, with the understanding that deduction will be made from his pay for the time he was absent from his station without permission on September 2, 3, 4, 11, and 21, 1915.

As it would appear from the Inspector's letter that Mr. Williams did not enter on duty under his appointment of September 15, 1915, as second assistant keeper of Molokai Light Station, T. H., his dismissal has been made to read from the position of keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, etc., T. H., it being noted that recommendation relative to cancelation of the appointment as second assistant keeper will be made as soon as practicable.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER,

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

JEL

OCT 21 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Honolulu, T.H.,

for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau communication of October 14, 1915 requesting return Department letter of September 15, 1915, transferring Williams to the position of second assistant keeper for cancelation, if he did not enter on duty there under. See Bureau telegram of September 20, 1915.

C-R

Acting Commissioner.

McC.

October 14, 1915.

Subject: 19th Inspector's letter Sept. 28, 1915, and accompanying papers, charges William F. Williams.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that Williams be dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of September 23, 1915, the date of his suspension from duty.

It is also recommended that Williams be charged with leave without pay for the time he was absent without permission from the station, on September 2, 3, 4, 11, and 21, as recommended by the Inspector.

Attention is invited to Department letter of September 15, 1915, appointing Williams second assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $756 per annum, for assignment to duty at Molokai Light Station, by promotion from keeper in the Lighthouse Service at $720 per annum, assigned to duty at Honolulu Harbor Light Station, etc, which promotion was based upon the Inspector's nomination of August 19, 1915. If, as would appear from the Inspector's letter of September 28, 1915, Williams never entered on duty as second assistant keeper for assignment at Molokai Light Station, the Inspector will be directed to return Department letter of September 15, 1915, for cancelation.

McC.

October 14, 1915.

Referred to Nineteenth Inspector for his information, guidance, and files.

If Williams never entered on duty under his appointment, dated September 15, 1915, as second assistant keeper, for assignment to duty at the Molokai Light Station, return same (two copies) for cancelation. in case of Dept approval

JC

C.

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dist. Insp.
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

9-15-15 Fwd to 19th

Aug. 19, 1915.

Dupt recd
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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Herewith is a copy of letter of Aug. 4, 1915, to William F. Williams, Keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu Harbor Channel Lights 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and Fort Street Light, T. H., which is self explanatory.

Williams' long service as Keeper with experience as First Assistant Keeper at Molokai Light Station, prior to his transfer to Ka Lae, would certainly indicate that he could satisfactorily keep a 4th Order occulting light. The facts as set forth in the letter to Williams so reflect on his ability and judgment, however, that it is recommended that he be transferred to Molokai Light Station as Second Assistant Keeper. (He prefers this station to Kauhola Point). Here he would be under the direction of a keeper, and, it is believed, would render satisfactory service.

Due to other prospective changes of Keepers in this district Williams' name will be mentioned in a separate general letter dealing with changes of Keepers, and nomination on Form 73 submitted therewith.

Arledge

COPY

Aug. 4, 1915.

William F. Williams,
Keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station,
Honolulu, T. H.

Referring to the fact that your light did not show the characteristic throughout the whole of Friday night July 23, 1915.

This fact was reported to the Inspector through another source than by the keeper. The Superintendent visited the station to determine what caused the trouble only to find that the brake in the clock by which means the clock is stopped and started was on and had not been released and learned that neither the keeper nor the assistant keeper were able to find this trouble on starting up the light on the previous night. This matter shows weakness on the part of the keeper and assistant keeper, otherwise such a thing could not have occured.

As soon as your light failed to operate properly and you failed to remedy same, you should have immediately taken steps to get in touch with the Superintendent or the Inspector, there being a phone at the station for such purpose. You, however, failed to make any effort to get such assistance. At about 12 o'clock the tender Columbine came into the Harbor from assisting in target practice and talked with the assistant keeper relative to this trouble and advised him that the matter should have been reported to the Inspector and if not, report should be made at once which seemed to produce no results.

It appears from the above that you did not realize the importance of maintaining the characteristic of this light or otherwise you would

have made every effort possible and would have turned the light by hand all night rather than fail to have it show properly. You are here informed that it is much better that your light should have been out than burning and showing no characteristic.

The importance of Honolulu Harbor's Light Station is such that the light must show at all times and I see no other recourse than to put someone here who has proper ability and judgment in the operation of this light. You are therefore informed that recommendation for your transfer to some other light station will be made to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You will inform me immediately upon the receipt of this whether you desire to go to Molokai Light Station as 2nd Assistant Keeper or to Kauhola Point Light Station as keeper. This station is located near Kohala, on the northwest end of the Island of Hawaii. It is a lens lantern station with keeper's quarters and good water supply. The salary is $40 per month and ration allowance of 30¢ per day.

(Sig.) A. E. ARLEDGE,
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 2 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT.

9-15-15 Tel to 19th
11-15-15 appt not left for cancellation.

Honolulu, T.H., (City.) August 19, (Date.) 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, **William F. Williams** Legal residence, **Hawaii**

Position, **2d Assistant Keeper,** Salary, **$756 per annum**

Location, **Molokai Light Station** Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective **October 1, 1915** {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, **$720 per annum**

Location, **Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Fort Street light, and Channel Lights,3,4,5,6 and 7**

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

Previous incumbent, Edward E. Robins, Services to be terminated, on or about **Sept. 30, 1915.**

Reason, **Transfer and promotion to Kilauea Point Light Station recommended.**

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: As this transfer is in the interests of the Service it is recommended that payment of actual and necessary traveling expenses from Honolulu Harbor Light Station to Molokai Light Station be authorized.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District

R E Coolidge
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 13 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

September 28, 1915.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Herewith is submitted for the Bureau's attention charges of Disobedience of Regulations preferred against William F. Williams, Keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Fort St. Lt., and Channel Lts., 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, T. H. and his two letters of reply to same.

It will be noted that the keeper has no satisfactory reply to make to the charges. The troubles referred to in his letter of September 28, 1915, are family troubles. It has been learned that the keeper has been drinking considerable.

Inclosed herewith is copy of Inspector's letter dated September 23, 1915, suspending Williams from duty at 4 p.m. September 23rd. This action was taken because of disobedience of regulations and gross neglect of duty on the part of the keeper. Keeper having no satisfactory reply to the charges it is recommended that he be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service effective at the close of September 23, 1915, the date of his suspension from duty.

It is further recommended that he be subject to enforcement of leave without pay for the days on which he failed to stand watch, viz., September 2, 3, 4, 11 and 21, as provided in Section 6, Paragraph 466 of Regulations.

He has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Aldridge

October 20, 1915.

Sir:

It having been charged that you were guilty of neglect of duty in that you left your station without authority on several occasions during the month of September, 1915, and the charges having been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu Port Street Light, and Honolulu Harbor Channel Lights Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, T. H., effective at the close of September 23, 1915, the date on which you were suspended from duty.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William F. Williams,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Nov. 2, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Bureau endorsement of October 14, 1915, Department letter of September 15, 1915, appointing William F. Williams second assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service at $756 per annum, for assignment to Molokai Light Station, is hereby returned for cancellation.

Mr. Williams never entered upon duty under this appointment. His last day of service as Keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, etc., was September 23, 1915.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 15 1915

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Inclosures.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

See Department letter of October 20, 1915, in the case of Williams.

Commissioner.

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November 18, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 15th instant, the Department has canceled its order whereby William F. Williams would have been appointed to the position of second assistant keeper of Molokai Light Station, T. H., at $756 per annum, by transfer from that of keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, etc., T. H., at $720 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) T. J. FITZGERALD

Acting Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
NOV 30 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Honolulu, T. H.
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Acting Commissioner.

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