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Mrs. Gerdamaria Morris,
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My dear Mrs. Morris:

Your letter of November 28, addressed to the Carlisle Indian School, has been forwarded to the Washington Office as the Carlisle School plant was turned over to the War Department several years ago for rehabilitation purposes, the students pursuing their education at other schools.

Cooper's novels, while very beautifully written, are not accepted as Indian history. So far as this Office is aware the person called Narrametta is a mere fiction, although it is possible that it was the name of a real person. Should you be further interested in the matter, it is believed that the Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut, or the Massachusetts Historical Society of Boston, Massachusetts, will be able to furnish you with some information thereon. You understand, of course, that the remnants of Indian tribes of New England are not under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. The several State Historical Societies have, however, quite extended manuscripts and publications upon the subject of the Indians of their States.

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There are sent you herewith a number of publications relating to the American Indian, including an excerpt from the Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico on the Narraganset. This will give you ground work for your study of that tribe, unless you have so far progressed in that study that the ground work is unnecessary.

History of the Indians of Connecticut from the earliest known period to 1850 by John W. DeForest was published with the sanction of the Connecticut Historical Society in 1851. It is possible that your city library has a copy upon its shelves.

You are further referred to the following publications:

Love (W. DeLoss); Samson Occom and the Christian Indians of New England (1829).

Morse (Jedidiah); A report to the Secretary of War of the United States on Indian Affairs (1822);

Schoolcraft (Henry R); History of the Indian tribes of the United States (1857);

Thatcher (B. B.); Indian Biography (1840).

It is not believed that anything regarding this tribe has been written in recent years, although the Connecticut or Massachusetts Societies can advise you on this subject. The Red Man, of course, has not been printed since the discontinuance of the Carlisle School.

Your postal Union coupon is returned herewith.

Should you desire additional information which can be furnished
by this Bureau, your request will be given prompt consideration.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Chief Clerk. Hauke

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Berlin, November 28th, 1928.

To the

Carlisle Indian School
Carlisle, Pa.
U.S.A.

Gentlemen:

Having read several, though rather ancient, editions of your magazin, "THE RED MAN", and being extremely interested in Indian Life, especially of former centuries, I should like to ask you whether you would be kind enough to help me in my enquiries.

My intention is, to publish a book, or better still, a film showing some history of the early times and I am specially interested in the history of the Narragansetts of New England, which tribes, as I understand, is completely extinct, unfortunately. I have read all the most known historical books published about that time, as Roger Williams, Hubbard, Trumbull, Thatcher, Bancroft, Drake and about 40 or 50 others. The information to be gathered in there is very poor and has to be put together piece by piece. If you ~~x~~ could kindly recommend me any modern books or magazines dealing with that subject, I should be extremely obliged to you.

My chief interest is centered upon the person of the last Saunchem of the Narragansetts, Conanchet Nannuntenoo, or however the name may be spelt. Everything, even the slightest information as to him, is of great importance to me. Further I should like to find out, ~~whether-t-whether~~

Fenimore Cooper's novel " THE WEPT OF WISH-TON-WISH" is really taken from life, out of the chronicles of an old family, as he says in the introduction, or wether the person of Narramatta is a mere fiction, invented by Cooper.

Being also deeply interested in the magazin " The Red Man", I should like to know whether it is still published-- I have only seen the editions from 1913 and 1915 here in the State Library --- and how it would be possible for me, living in Germany at the time being, to subscribe to it, also what would be the approximate cost of it.

I hope, Gentlemen, youX will forgive a complete stranger bothering you with so many questions. Awaiting your esteemed reply, I beg to remain

yours very sincerely

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