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JOHN FRANCIS, JR.,
SUPERINTENDENT



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

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EDUCATION-SCHOOLS

August 24, 1917.



The Honorable
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 10th (Ed-Schools, 72207-17, C.B.M.), in which you invite my attention, in connection with the qualifications of Lyman Madison for a Certificate of Competency, to the fact that my report gives his age as 30 years while in the last quarterly report from Carlisle he is listed as 25. In response you are advised that an examination of his original enrollment application shows him to have been born at Gayhead, Mass., on March 16, 1886. This makes Lyman 31 years old.

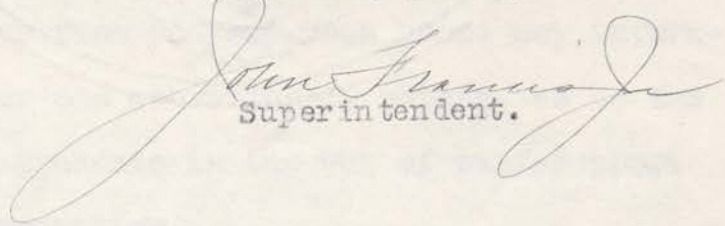
Esch
The vocational guidance record filled out by Lyman personally gives his age as 25 years.

I am informed that Lyman was not proud of the fact that he was the oldest boy in the school and was not at all adverse to giving the impression that

he was the same age as the student body.

While the records are contradictory
I think you are quite safe in placing his
age at 31 years.

Sincerely yours,



Superintendent.

JF/s

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72207-17.
C B M

2.

Mr. John Francis,
Supt. Carlisle School.

MAY -2 1918

My dear Mr. Francis:

As indicated in the inclosed copy of my letter of this date to Mr. Lyman Madison, I shall be pleased to receive from you one year hence any information you have, or can conveniently obtain, as to the progress of this graduate in the way of self-support and successful occupation.

I think we should extend our personal encouragement, whenever practicable, to these students who have been worthily ambitious, and have completed a full course of training.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

3-CRP-13.

Commissioner.

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3.

Mr. Lyman Madison,

(Through Supt. Carlisle School.)

MAY -2 1918

My dear Mr. Madison:

After considering information furnished me regarding your work as a student at Carlisle, and your personal characteristics, I feel that you are fully entitled to the enclosed certificate of educational competency.

You showed good judgment in pursuing your studies at an excellent school until worthy of graduation. You now have a good trade and should be able to make annual savings above living expenses, and thus acquire property and enough capital to engage in business for yourself. With your good use of the English language, your cultivated manner and courage to face difficulties, there is no reason why you cannot win success and be a helper and leader among the people of your race.

I shall expect you to do well, and would like you to write me a year from now, and tell me something of your work and plans for the future. I shall also ask the Superintendent of the Carlisle School to advise me later about your occupation and prospects.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

Commissioner.

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(Copy to Carlisle.)

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MEMORANDUM.

AUG 29 1917

Lyman Madison, a five-sixths blood Poko-not Indian, of Gay Head, Massachusetts, thirty-one years old, completed the course in painting at Carlisle, passed the examination and was awarded a diploma of graduation at the close of the school year, 1917.

Information from his instructors shows that he comes from parents who had a fair country school education; that he has no property of any kind except the money he earns; that he is a born leader, entirely fearless in the face of difficulties or opposition.

He is polished in manners, deferential to women, and respectful of authority. He is fluent in speech, quick in decision and studious only of that which appeals to him.

He is in good health, careful of spending money, and, the Superintendent thinks, is fully capable of managing his own affairs. He is now in the Ford factory.

It is reported that the Indians of his tribe have never been under control of the Government.

He seems to be fully entitled to a certificate of educational competency.

B. J. [Signature]
Chief, Education Division.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

July 27, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1917, in which you direct attention to that paragraph of the Declaration of Policy in the Administration of Indian Affairs which refers to Indian students who have completed the course of instruction in the Government schools, being declared competent.

In accordance with these directions I have the honor to report that Lyman Madison, a 5/6 blood Pokonot Indian, 30 years of age, passed his examinations and on May 24, 1917, was graduated from this school in painting in accordance with the tentative course of study.

Lyman is the son of Charles Browne and Louisa Jeffers Madison of Gay Head, Mass. His father is a sailor and both parents have a fair country school education. Coming from Massachusetts Lyman has no property whatsoever under the control of the Government. He was a poor boy and the only money he obtained while enrolled at the school was by his own efforts.

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Principal Blair and Mr. Roy H. Bradley, Director of Mechanic Arts, report that Lyman is peculiar to himself. Of speculative ancestry and almost fantastic in appearance he is, notwithstanding, a character of some importance. He is a born leader, absolutely fearless in the face of opposition or difficulties. He is polished in manners, deferential to women, and has great respect for authority and position. He is studious of things only that appeal to him, is very fluent in speech and likes to talk. He is mature and makes decisions quickly.

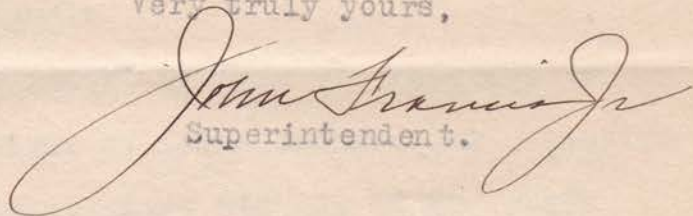


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Lyman is in good health and careful in spending money. He is now at the Ford Factory and is absolutely capable of managing his own affairs. The Government has never had any control over these Indians and no restrictions have ever been imposed upon him or his property. There can be no question but that this young man, who was major of the cadet corps here, is amply able to manage his own affairs.

The papers are enclosed.

Very truly yours,


Superintendent.

JF:R

Ed-Schools
72207-17
C B M

AUG 10 1917

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,
Supt. Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

Your report of July 27, relative to the qualifications of Lyman Madison for a certificate of competency gives his age as 30, while he is listed in the last quarterly report from Carlisle as 25.

Please advise which is correct.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

June 27, 1917

COMPETANCY STATEMENT

Lyman Madison is peculiar to himself. Of speculative ancestry and almost fantastic in appearance he is, notwithstanding, a character of some importance. He is a born leader, absolutely fearless in the face of opposition or difficulties. He is polished in manners, deferential to women, and has great respect for authority and position. He is studious of things only that appeal to him, is very fluent in speech and likes to talk. He is mature and makes decisions quickly. He came to Carlisle first December 29, 1909. His is absolutely able to care for his own affairs.



Roy H. Bradley
Director of Mechanic Arts

W. Blair
Principal