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Sept. 19, 1918.

Henry P. Sutton, a one-half Seneca Indian of Conesus, New York, graduated in printing at Carlisle in 1917, at the age of 20. He is now 21. He was regarded at this school as a very intelligent student with a good command of English. He has a physical disability requiring the use of a crutch. He was said to be ambitious to become a lawyer and is recommended as competent to look out for himself. If he has any land in New York, it is not under Government control. It is believed that a certificate of competency should be issued to him.

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B. J. Gordon
Chief Education Division.

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Mr. Henry P. Sutton,
Conesus, New York.

My dear Mr. Sutton:

Now that you are of eligible age, I have pleasure in presenting to you the accompanying certificate of educational competency. Hereafter education in the Indian schools will not be provided for you at the expense of the Government. I feel that you should now be well prepared to succeed in some honorable vocation, and I trust you will make no delay in deciding upon a definite line of work and in giving to it your best efforts and noblest purposes.

If you hold, or later acquire, unrestricted title to land, you should highly prize such possession as one which supplies nearly all physical needs, and should keep it free from debt and try to develop its most productive value. In so doing, aside from your own gain, you can be very helpful to the activities of the surrounding community. If you have money invested in Liberty Bonds, I advise you to hold these bonds, if possible, until they mature, and to pay no attention to anyone who would persuade you to exchange them for other stocks or securities, as there is nothing safer than the Government's promise to pay. I urge also that you adopt the sound business principle of regularly saving some part of your earnings and investing it in war savings stamps, while their sale continues. Out of the great war in which the Indians took so noble a part has come to all the valuable lesson of thrift and the opportunity to unite with patriotic duty the splendid practice of individual savings that cannot fail to prepare all who follow it for independent and successful living.

Through the privileges of education you are a favored representative of the original American and it should be your chief resolve to become a pattern and a leader in all that will bring industrial, intellectual, and moral advancement to your race. It is within your power and should be the greatest triumph of your future to aid in guiding your people to all that is best in our American life and progress. I am going to believe that this will be uppermost in your ideals and ambition. The home, the field, the shop, the business office, the vocation of whatever character, affords more than the self-support which should be your first aim, it is the opportunity for fine example and high service to all who see how well you do.

The enclosed certificate is not issued under the provision of law authorizing a certificate of competency to Indians for the purpose of removing restrictions against the sale or transfer of land held under a patent in fee, but is intended as a testimonial that you are educationally qualified to manage your own affairs and it will be duly considered by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in determining whether you should have full control of land or other property belonging to you.

I extend my best wishes for your future health and success, and shall be glad to have you write me later as to your plans and prospects.

Sincerely yours,



CATO SELLS
Commissioner.

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JOHN FRANCIS, Jr.
SUPERINTENDENT

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



July 19, 1918 FILED BY G. P. F.

Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry as to the present whereabouts and occupation of Henry P. Sutton, class 1917 Carlisle, I have to advise that this young man left for his home at Conesus, N. Y. immediately after his graduation and we have had no information whatever regarding him since.

Very truly yours,

Trav. Aud. in Charge

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Mr. Claud V. Peel,
Traveling Auditor in Charge,
Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Peel:

In the list of graduates of the 1917 class at Carlisle the name of Henry P. Sutton, age 20, was reported as qualified to receive a certificate of competency upon becoming 21 years old, as provided in the Declaration of Policy. (Superintendent's letter, Sept. 18, 1917).

Please advise me of the present whereabouts and occupation of this graduate with any information you can obtain regarding his progress in self-support.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells
Commissioner.

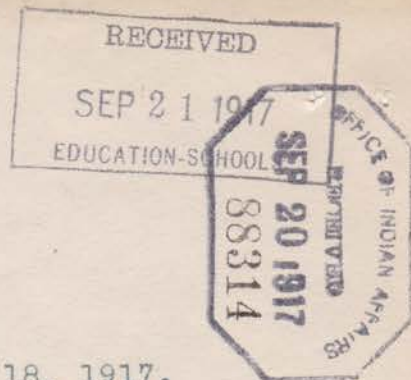
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JOHN FRANCIS, JR.,
SUPERINTENDENT



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



September 18, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

FILED BY G. P. F.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 28, 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 Henry P. Sutton, a $\frac{1}{2}$ Seneca Indian, 20 years of age, passed his examinations and on May 24, 1917, was graduated from this school in printing, in accordance with the Special Course of study.

Henry is the son of Eugene E. and Louisa L. Pierce Sutton of Conesus, New York. He has a good home, parents are both quite well educated. He worked in a printing office and as a chauffeur before coming to Carlisle. Since coming here he has worked in the printing office most of the time. He wished to become a lawyer.

Principal Blair and Director of Mechanic Arts Bradley reports that Henry Sutton entered Carlisle as a little boy, although he did not remain continuously, he was here seven or eight years altogether. He is very intelligent and studious and applies himself closely to any task. He reads broadly, for one so young, and of the best literature. He is observant and keen but, unfortunately he has an uncharitable disposition and is much given to criticising those about him regardless of age or position. He is self-centered, introspective, sensitive; all due, perhaps, to a physical handicap. He is ambitious to become a lawyer; has the gift of language and enjoys using new and strange words in lengthened discourse.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



June 27, 1917

COMPETANCY STATEMENT

Henry P. Sutton entered Carlisle as a little boy, although he did not remain continuously, he was here seven or eight years altogether. He is very intelligent and studious and applies himself closely to any task. He reads broadly, for one so young, and of the best literature. He is observant and keen but, unfortunately, he has an uncharitable disposition and is much given to criticising those about him regardless of age or position. He is self-centered, introspective, sensitive; all due, perhaps, to a physical handicap. He is ambitious to become a lawyer; has the gift of language and enjoys using new and strange words in lengthened discourse. (He desires to go to Haskell Institute as a preparation for business training and to enter a law school.)

Roy H. Bradley
Director Of Mechanic Arts

Chas Blair
Principal

Henry is in good health, although he is a cripple, and walks with a crutch. He is careful in spending money.

He is a New Yorker, his lands are not under the government control. He is capable of managing his own affairs, and make his way in the world.

Very truly yours,

John Francis
Superintendent.