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

December
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1917.



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

Sir:

Reference is hereby made to my report dated Dec. 6, 1917 in regard to the death of Louis Godfrey, a former pupil of this school.

I now enclose herewith the original of the report of Dr. Harvey F. Smith who operated upon the boy, giving a complete history of the case.

Sincerely yours,

John Francis, Jr.
Superintendent.

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DR. HARVEY SMITH
130 WEST STATE STREET
HARRISBURG, PA.

December 9, 1917.

Dr. Edward F. Menger,
Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.



Dear Doctor,

In response to your request I submit the following statement for Mr. Francis's records.

My first examination of Louis Godfrey was made about 5 P.M. Dec. 3rd. At that time his left leg, from the foot to the hip joint, was swollen to twice its natural size. There was pain, tenderness, and fever. I got a history of an attack of tonsillitis Nov. 21-23, from which he had apparently recovered. His left knee was slightly injured in the Penn game, Nov. 24, not severely enough to cause his removal from the game or to require any attention afterward. Monday, Nov. 26, he developed an acute pain in left knee associated with chill and fever. Tuesday and Wednesday the pain was severe, swelling appeared and there was delirium with the fever. My diagnosis at time of first examination was Acute Metastatic Arthritis, of the left knee and a general infection of the leg secondary to his tonsillar infection. Advised aspiration of knee joint and drainage of leg. He was removed to the Carlisle Hospital that night. Early Tuesday morning Dec. 4th, under ether anesthesia, pus was aspirated from the knee

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joint. Multiple incisions were made at various points of thigh and leg and large quantities of pus drained from many pockets. Cultures of this pus were made, from which no reports have yet been received. He recovered from the ether promptly and his condition was good until 1.30 P.M. He was then seized with an acute pain in region of heart, became cyanosed, and went into shock. He died at 2P.M. Dec. 5th. Direct cause of death was probably an embolism which got into the circulation from the infected leg.

I do not think this death should be charged directly to foot-ball. The direct cause was an infection in his tonsils. From this focus the infection entered the circulation and localised at the point of trauma received Nov. 24th. From the clinical history the infection was an unusually virulent type and met with slight resistance. The embolism which caused his death was one of the unavoidable complications which sometimes occur in surgery of this type.

Very truly yours,

Harvey F. Smith.

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Louis Godfrey a pupil died in Carlisle Hospital at twelve thirty yesterday afternoon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

December
Sixth,
1917.



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

Sir:

I have just telegraphed you as follows;

"Louis Godfrey died at Carlisle
Hospital 12:30 yesterday afternoon."

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The delay in sending this information was due to the fact that I was absent in Philadelphia under Office instructions and did not return until late last night.

Louis Godfrey was a member of the Carlisle foot ball team and has taken part in most of the games during the season. He played in the Carlisle-Penn game on November 24th, and in the second quarter of the first half he was tackled by an opponent. His nose was fractured and his knee was sprained. I am advised that he continued in the game until its conclusion. He then returned to Carlisle with the rest of the team.

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On Sunday morning he walked up to the Hospital to see the Doctor who gave him medical attention and suggested that he stay in the Hospital and rest his leg. Louis felt that his injuries were small and insisted on leaving the Hospital. The Doctor permitted this thinking he was going to the quarters, instead of which Louis walked to town to buy a paper and walked back to the school, a distance of two miles. In the after-

noon his leg pained him very severely. He was then assisted to the Hospital and put in bed and given every attention. His knee swelled very rapidly and the pain increased. Efforts were made to control the pain and swelling but without results, and on Friday, November 30th, Dr. Menger held a consultation with Dr. Shepler, a physician of Carlisle. It was then determined that his trouble was Synovitis complicated with inflammation of the veins, or Phlebitis.

In view of the Phlebitis it was deemed inadvisable to give the knee active treatment at that time. The pain not being relieved and the swelling becoming greater, on Monday morning, December 3d, Dr. Harvey Smith, a specialist of Harrisburg, was called in and he determined on an immediate operation. This took place Tuesday morning at 7:00 a. m., and it was deemed advisable by reason of the difficult operation to have it performed at the Hospital in Carlisle. Louis rallied from the operation, came out from under the ether and appeared to be relieved of all pain and improving, until about 12:30 yesterday when he suddenly became cyanosed and died immediately thereafter.

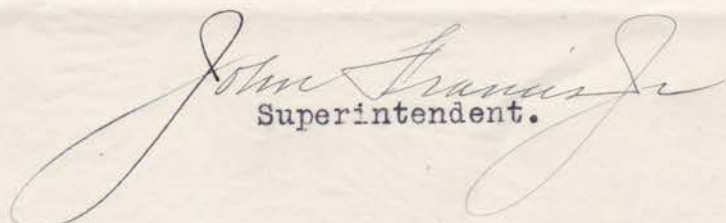
His death is certified to by the physicians as due to the Embolism of the brain, or as I understand it in the language of the layman, a clot from the inflamed veins in the leg broke loose and went to the brain and killed him.

I am advised by the physician that the injury of this student with its results was not due necessarily to the violence of the game, but was of a character which might arise under any circumstances from a trivial injury or bump to the knee.

Louis was a Roman Catholic and the Priest of the Church was with him at the time of his death. Mass was held at the school this morning and services will probably be held at the Catholic Church this afternoon and the body shipped to Cloquet, Minn.

for burial. I propose to send his brother
Frank with the body.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Francis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "Superintendent".
Superintendent.

JF/S