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Capt R. H. Pratt
Carlisle

Aug 18th Pa

Replies to office letter
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Annual reports of
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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Aug 18th 1885

To the Hon.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 17th inst marked
"18593" I have to respectfully refer you to the several
Annual Reports of this School and the Statistics in
regard thereto published in your Annual Reports
and to enclose herewith a copy of Deed of Trust
on file in your Office since made.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

R. H. Pratt

Capt 10th Cav'y

Supt

Contributions from Religious Societies
Reported to Indian Office by Capt. Pratt.

1880. \$2,081. Lady in Boston gave set of
brass instruments.
- 1881 \$5,831. Of this \$1500. was used for
putting in steam heating apparatus;
\$3750 for addition to girls' building;
\$656.37. for fitting up reading room
and sitting room for employes
1882. \$6,577. No special expenditure stated
- 1883 \$12,278 " " " "
- 1884 \$16,509 "The larger part went to make payments on
the farm. I applied to friends of the school and pur-
chased a farm of 157 acres at a cost of \$2000. rest-
ing the title in a board of trustees. I have received
sufficient donations to pay \$13000. upon the price."

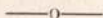
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DEED OF TRUST.



TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, RICHARD H. PRATT, CAPTAIN UNITED STATES ARMY, SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, Benjamin W. Hocker and Margaret H., his wife, by deed bearing date the 26th day of February, A. D., 1883, did convey to me, the said Richard H. Pratt, for and in consideration of the sum of twenty thousand dollars, all that certain tract of land situated in Middlesex township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a stone in the Carlisle and Harrisburg Turnpike; thence by land of Jacob Albright, north twenty three degrees east one hundred and fifty seven and one tenth perches to a stone; thence by lands of Thomas Gill's heirs, and of Mrs. Hepburn, north seventy one and one half degrees west one hundred and sixty six and five tenths perches to a point on the Conodoguinet Creek; thence up the said Creek by the several courses thereof one hundred and fifty one and nine tenths perches to a post; thence by land of Isaac Brenneman, south thirty six and one fourth degrees east sixty three perches to a stone; thence by the turnpike road, north seventy three degrees east six perches to a stone; thence by the said turnpike road north eighty two degrees east one hundred and three and six tenth perches to the place of beginning, and containing one hundred and fifty seven acres and fifty eight perches, be the same more or less. Reference being had to the said deed, recorded in the office for recording deeds in and for Cumberland County, in Deed Book U. Vol. 3, pages 505 etc.

Now know ye that I, the said Richard H. Pratt, do hereby acknowledge, testify and declare that the said described tract of land, with the appurtenances, was and is held in trust by me for the Indian Industrial School, at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa., and that the name of the said Richard H. Pratt in the said deed is used only in trust for the purpose aforesaid, subject, nevertheless, to the payment of the whole amount of the purchase money mentioned in said

deed to wit, Twenty thousand dollars, as follows, to wit: Four thousand dollars, being the cash payment on account of said purchase, Eight thousand six hundred and thirty four dollars to Benjamin. W. Hoeker, amount of judgment in the Court of Common Pleas, of Cumberland county, No. 135, April Term, 1883, with interest from February 1st 1883, being for part of the said purchase money and four several judgments in said Common Pleas of Cumberland County, to wit: Twenty eight hundred dollars to Eveline R. Musser, amount of judgment No. 252, April term, 1882, with interest from April 1st, 1883, Nine hundred dollars to Joseph Musser, amount of judgment No. 178, April Term, 1870, present number 121, January Term, 1880, with interest from April 1st, 1883, Eleven hundred and sixty six dollars to Joseph Musser, amount of judgment No. 222 April Term 1874, present number 262 April Term 1879, with interest from April 1st, 1883, and twenty-five hundred dollars to John Musser amount of judgment No. 310 April Term 1879, with interest from April 1st, 1883. And also subject to the further trusts, limitations and conditions herein declared as follows to wit:

1st. That the said Richard H. Pratt shall and will keep a full, just and true account of all moneys which shall be paid to him by voluntary or private subscription in aid of the purchase money of the said real estate, as well as of any further amounts contributed in like manner for the promotion of the education of Indians at the Carlisle Barracks, so long as he shall remain in command at the said Post:

2nd. That all Books, Accounts and papers for or in connection with this trust, shall be at all times hereafter open to the inspection and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and their Agents authorized thereto, the Committees of Congress on Indian Affairs and Appropriations, as also the Board of Trustees hereinafter provided for, and to any donor or subscriber to said fund who may desire to inquire into the use and appropriation thereof:

3d. That the said Richard H. Pratt especially reserves the right to sell and convey the said described tract of land to the purchaser thereof, only, however, upon the written consent of the said Board of Trustees or a majority of them. And the proceeds of such sale or purchase money shall be applied to the education of the Indians as the said Board shall authorize and direct, or as may be specifically reserved and directed by any donor at the time of subscription:

4th. That in the case of the removal of Capt. Richard H. Pratt, from the command at the Carlisle Barracks, by death, resignation or otherwise, the said Board of Trustees, shall and may make such disposition of said described tract of land and trust funds in aid of Indian education as they may deem advisable:

5th. That the following named persons having signified their willingness to serve in the capacity of trustees to wit: C. R. Agnew and A.S. Larocque of New York City, Joseph C. McCammon of Washington, D. C., Susan Longstreth, Daniel M. Fox, James E. Rhoads and William McMichael of Philadelphia, Albert K. Smily of New Paltz, N. Y., M. C. Thaw of Pittsburg, Pa., Wistar Morris of Overbrook, Pa., Robert M. Henderson, J. A. McCauley and Richard H. Pratt of Carlisle, Pa., are hereby constituted and appointed a Board of Trustees, and authorized to act under and in accordance with the provisions of this declaration of trust, with power from time to time to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board by death, resignation or other causes, by an election held by said trustees or a majority of them.

In testimony whereof, I, the said Richard H. Pratt, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of May, 1883.

R. H. PRATT. [SEAL]

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

S. H. GOULD,
Geo. Z. BENTZ.

Cumberland County, ss. Before me Geo. Z. Bentz, Deputy Recorder of Deeds, personally came the above named Richard H. Pratt who in due form of law acknowledged the foregoing declaration of trust to be his act and deed to the end that the same might be recorded as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal this 10th, day of May A. D. 1883.

GEO. Z. BENTZ.
Deputy Recorder of Deeds.

[SEAL]

Refer in reply to the following -----

18,593/85.

J. H. O. School
Supt.
Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, *Aug 17*, 1885.

Capt R. W. Pratt, U. S. A.

Supt. Indian School

Carlisle Penna.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in which, commenting upon the refusal of this office to grant authority to purchase tents you say -

"I have to inform you that it is quite
"impossible for me to be governed by your
"determination and that of the Supt. of Schools
"in this matter. x x Though you have in your
"wisdom seen fit to withhold from me the
"Govt. means placed at my disposal
"by Congress for the care and management
"of the interest intrusted to me by the same

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"Congress. I cannot allow these interests
" to suffer. I have therefore purchased
" the tents &c from the Charity funds given
" to me by the friends of the School, who with-
" out other obligation than that which they
" owe to the cause of humanity, always give
" of their means ^{and} are willing ^{and} prompt
" to facilitate my efforts instead of obstructing"
This Office desires information concerning
the charity fund referred to by you - you say
"The Charity funds given to me by &c"
Were these funds given to you as an
individual, or as Superintendent of
the Carlisle School? If they were given
to you as ^{an} individual, will you please
refer me to the Authority which justifies

You in using these funds or any part of them in making purchases as Supt. for which Authority has been denied ^{by} this Office? [#] If these funds were given to you as Superintendent I will be obliged if you will furnish, by replying to the following questions, Certain data desired for the information of this Bureau, and for use in the Commissioners forth coming Annual report:-

(1) By what Authority do you as Superintendent solicit and receive such funds?

(2) Whether you are at any expense in securing them and if so, out of what fund are such expenses paid?

✓ (3) From what sources do you receive such funds?

(4) How much have you received of Charity funds since your last annual report?

(5) What is the amount of the funds of this kind now in your hands?

(6) Will you please furnish a statement of these funds showing receipts and disbursements since the organization of the Carlisle School?

(7) Under what authority do you make from said funds purchases, authority to make which has been denied you by this Office.

Yours respectfully,
A. B. Upshaw.

Acting Commissioner