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Indian Indust. School
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
Capt. R. H. Pratt, Ingt.

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Forwards application
& recommendations of
Laura A. Johnson for
position of Seamstress
at the School.

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Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Augt. 13, 1892.

To the Hon.
The Commr. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir;

I have the honor to forward herewith application, with
re^{re}commendations, of Laura A. Johnson for the position of
seamstress at this school, as directed by your letter of the
8th instant.

Very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.

R. W. Pratt

Capt. 10 Cavy

Supt.

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INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT.

Applicant will write his full name, post-office address,
and date of application in the blanks below.

Name, *Laura A. Johnson*City or Town, *Carlisle*State or Territory, *Cumberland*Date, *Aug 12th 1892*

APPLIES FOR APPOINTMENT

as *Seamstress*at *Carlisle Barracks*

TO APPLICANTS.

Answer every question definitely, whether it seems applicable to the position you seek or not.

This blank application is as nearly general as can be made to apply to the qualifications of persons seeking employment in the Indian School Service.

There are three general classes of employes, viz: Superintendents, teachers, and industrial instructors. All employes must be competent to teach either in the school room proper, in the household, the field, or the shops. Good health is a prime requisite in all employes.

Superintendents should be teachers of experience, with knowledge of farming, managing business affairs, and possess good executive ability as well as patience, perseverance, industry, conscience, and skill in directing the details of an extensive institution involving the expenditure of large sums of money and the performance of varied duties by both subordinate employes and pupils. A superintendent should be firm, kind, affable, considerate, and careful. Men wanting in conscience, industry, business acumen, and self control will not succeed, and should not enter the Indian School Service.

Teachers require all the rare qualifications incident to complete success in teaching white children in the public schools, and in addition, perfect health of body and mind, great patience, tireless perseverance, and above all a conscientious desire back of sustained effort for the physical, moral, and mental development of the Indian pupils committed in their care. They should be resolute, considerate, dignified, even-tempered, above reproach in personal character, discreet, willing to work, and ambitious to succeed.

Industrial instructors include matrons, seamstresses, cooks, laundresses, industrial teachers, farmers, and mechanics. Each of these must have at least a fair English education, and be able to speak and write the English language fluently. Each should be earnest, conscientious, patient, persevering, kindly disposed, and willing. Conduct, associates, and reputation must all be above reproach. Watchful, but not suspicious; attentive to details, but not given to fault-finding; they should also be courteous and polite in all relations with associate employes and pupils.

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Persons entering the Indian Service must understand when they accept appointment that hard work is to be performed; that long hours of service are required; that in the nature of things every employe must be willing to work night or day if special emergencies arise; that the duties of an employe does not end arbitrarily at a given hour, but may be continued indefinitely; and that additional duties, or duties entirely different from those usually attaching to the position to which he or she is regularly assigned, may be required. There is no room for shirks or unwilling workers in the Indian School Service, and the man or woman who is too fastidious to assist in making a camp Indian child or youth tidy in appearance; too indifferent to participate in the general exercises of the school; too obstinate to yield to the judgment of those charged with directing the school work, should not enter it, for efficiency and success can come only to those who are interested in the education of the Indian, physically able for the arduous duties to be performed, and, above all else, willing to do whatever is necessary for the good of all concerned.

I have carefully read the above statements, and agree that if I am appointed it shall be upon the conditions outlined.

Laura A. Johnson
[Applicant's signature.]

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE.

To the COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C.

I, Laura A Johnson, hereby apply for appointment
 as Learnstress at Indian Training School Carlisle Pa
 and declare upon honor that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers
 made by me to the following questions are true, and that they are made in my own
 handwriting:

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1 Your Christian name and surname? [in full]-----	<u>Laura A Johnson</u>
2 Date and place of your birth?-----	<u>Mechanicburg Pa. March 12th 1866</u>
3 Present legal residence, city or town, county or parish, and State?-----	<u>Carlisle Pa</u>
4 How long have you been a resident?-----	<u>Five years</u>
5 Are you a citizen of the United States?----- If naturalized, where and when?-----	<u>yes I am</u>
6 (a) Married or single?----- (b) Number and ages of children?----- (c) What members of your family will be with you at the reservation?-----	<u>A widow None None</u>
7 State your present and your usual occupation, and the experience and degree of success you have had.-----	<u>A Dress Maker Five years Experience</u>
8 In what places have you resided, and what has been your occupation during each year for the past five years, and what wages have you received? [Give name and address of your employer or employers, if any, the length of your stay with each, and reason for leaving their employ.]-----	NOTE.—Reply to this question and "7" may be made on a separate sheet of paper referring to the questions by number. <u>Carlisle Dress Maker wages 40 Forty Dollars @ month</u>
9 What has been the state of your health during the past five years? [Answer explicitly and positively.]----- (a) Are you now physically capable of a full discharge of the duties of the position to which you are seeking employment?----- (b) Have you any defect of sight?----- (c) of hearing?----- (d) of speech?----- (e) of limb?-----	<u>Good</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>No</u> <u>No</u> <u>No</u>
10 Are you subject to any chronic disease, disorder, or infirmity which at any time unfits you for the duties of your present vocation or that for which you are seeking appointment?-----	<u>No</u>
11 Do you now habitually use, or have you ever been addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors, tobacco, morphine, or opium?-----	<u>No</u>
12 Do you pledge yourself not to use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and narcotics, while you are in the Indian Service?-----	<u>Yes</u>
13 Where were you educated, and how old were you when you left school? [State kind of school, scope of studies pursued, whether common school, high school, business college, academy, college, university, technical, normal, or other professional school.]-----	<u>Fifteen years Common School</u>
14 Write the Commissioner of Indian Affairs a letter briefly stating your qualifications and training for the place you seek.-----	

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
15 Have you been trained in the usual household duties, such as cooking, sewing, laundrying, and care of the house generally? If so, when, where, and how?	yes Keeping my own House
16 Have you had experience and success in managing, instructing, and caring for the bodily comfort of children? State particulars?	I have had experience in instructing Girls in Sewing making Dresses &c
17 Do you understand butter-making, care of milk, canning, drying, pickling, and preserving fruits, curing meats, and preparing household delicacies and necessities as usually understood by thrifty, intelligent housewives, in farming communities? Answer very fully?	
18 Can you cut, fit, and make garments for males and females; crochet, knit, and operate a sewing machine?	yes
Can you patiently and carefully instruct young Indian girls in all the sewing, darning, mending, etc., usual in large families in our best white homes.	yes
19 Can you wash and iron clothing neatly?	yes
20 Can you perform or direct, or both perform and direct the kitchen duties incumbent upon a cook in a boarding school for Indian children?	yes
21 Are you accounted a first-class housekeeper, cook, or seamstress, and could you perform the duties of one or more such positions.	yes
22 What mechanical trades do you understand, and at which have you served a regular apprenticeship?	
23 Are you accustomed to the duties of a farmer and stockgrower?	
24 Are you familiar with the usual work of a well conducted farm, such as sowing, cultivating, and reaping crops; mowing, curing, and stacking hay, grain, and fodder; planting and cultivating trees, vines, and small fruits; breeding, caring, for and butchering stock; making cheese, storing winter fruits and vegetables, bee-keeping, sheep-shearing, etc?	
What experience have you had as a farmer, and when?	
Are you acquainted with methods of irrigation?	
Do you take an agricultural paper? If so, what one?	
25 Are you handy with ordinary farm tools and implements; able to make repairs of buildings, vehicles, harness, fences, and do rough carpenter work?	
26 Have you the faculty of winning and retaining the confidence of your associates, employés, and pupils?	I think I am

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
27 Have you ever been in the Indian Service? If so, where and when?	No
Why did you leave, and at what time? [Year, month, and day, if possible.]	
28 Have you ever taught school?	
During what years, and in what grades?	
Have you a teacher's certificate? If so, inclose same; it will be returned, if desired.	
Give names and P. O. addresses of two school officials who have known you in school or at your home, or where you were employed, to whom I can refer for information regarding your moral character, and your proficiency in your studies, and your success as a teacher.	
29 Do you sing and are you able to teach vocal music?	
Do you play any instrument? If so, what?	
Are you able to teach instrumental music?	
30 Have you skill in drawing and painting?	
31 Do you understand kindergarten methods, and have you applied them in your teaching?	
32 What educational journals do you read?	
What works on teaching have you read?	
What subjects are you best qualified to teach?	
33 In what institution were you trained, or by what experience have you fitted yourself specially for the position for which you are an applicant?	
34 Give the names and addresses of two responsible persons who are thoroughly acquainted with your qualifications for the position for which you apply, to whom I may refer for further information.	Mrs. Sarah Parker Carlisle Pa Mrs. Gayle W. Steers Mrs. Marie Foster Carlisle Pa
35 How long do you expect to remain in the Indian school work if appointed and successful?	
36 Why do you wish a position in an Indian school?	Prefer it as Regular work

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 9th day of _____, 1892
at _____, County of _____ and
State of _____

[Applicant's Signature:] _____
[Post-office address:] _____

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U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE.

STATEMENT CONCERNING APPLICANT.

Name of Applicant,

Laura Johnson

City or Town,

Carlisle

State,

Pennsylvania

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I have read the above.

Sarah B. Parker

(Signature of party making statement concerning applicant.)

Statement Concerning Applicant for Appointment in the U. S. Indian School Service.

To the COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with *Lawia Johnson*
 of *Carlisle*

County of *Cumberland*, State of *Pennsylvania*

I also hereby certify, upon honor, that the answers made by me to the following questions are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and in my own handwriting, and that I have read the remarks upon the reverse side of this blank.

	QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1	Are you over 25 years of age?	<i>Yes</i>
2	What is your legal residence? [Give city or town, county or parish, State, and post-office address.] How long have you lived there?	<i>Carlisle, Penna. Seventeen years</i>
3	Are you well acquainted with the person named above?	
4	How long have you known applicant?	<i>About three years</i>
5	Are you related to applicant? What is the relationship?	<i>No</i>
6	Has applicant been in your employ? How long was applicant employed by you? When did applicant leave your employ, and for what reason?	<i>Yes as dressmaker About one year To go to the Indian School</i>
7	Would you yourself trust applicant with employment requiring undoubted honesty, faithfulness, industry, good health, and the right use of all the faculties of mind and body, and would you recommend him for such to your personal friends?	<i>Yes</i>
8	What position does applicant desire?	<i>Seamstress</i>
9	What do you know of applicant's education and qualifications in other respects for the position applied for?	<i>I only know her qualification as dressmaker</i>
10	What special opportunities have you had for judging of applicant's qualifications?	<i>Only as having been employed here</i>
11	What has been the condition of applicant's health since your acquaintance? Do you know of any physical disability?	<i>No</i>
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15	Is applicant a person of good repute?	<i>Yes</i>
16	Does applicant possess such physical, mental, and moral qualities and have such habits as will in your opinion insure intelligent, faithful, and efficient performance of the duties of the position sought?	<i>I think so</i>
17	Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify applicant for the position applied for?	<i>No</i>
18	Have you ever, in the performance of your official duty, visited the school taught and managed by applicant?	

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<p>19 Please give me your estimate of qualifications and proficiency of applicant on the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability and success in management and control of children 2. Aptness to teach 3. Personal appearance and manner, whether pleasing and attractive, or otherwise. 4. Disposition, force of character, dignity, and self-control 5. What idiosyncrasies, if any, has applicant? 6. Business and executive ability 	<p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>

Signature: *Sarah R. Parker*

Post-office address: *No. 81 West High St.*

Date: *August - 11/92*

Occupation: -----

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U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE.

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City or Town,

Garhite

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Laura A. Johnson,
(Signature of party making statement concerning applicant.)

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Laura Johnson
Garbise, of
County of _____, State of Penna

I also hereby certify, upon honor, that the answers made by me to the following questions are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and in my own handwriting, and that I have read the remarks upon the reverse side of this blank.

	QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1	Are you over 25 years of age?	<u>I am.</u>
2	What is your legal residence? [Give city or town, county or parish, State, and post-office address.] How long have you lived there?	<u>Garbise Pa.</u> <u>six years.</u>
3	Are you well acquainted with the person named above?	<u>I am.</u>
4	How long have you known applicant?	<u>ten years</u>
5	Are you related to applicant? What is the relationship?	<u>I am not.</u> <u>none.</u>
6	Has applicant been in your employ? How long was applicant employed by you? When did applicant leave your employ, and for what reason?	<u>she has</u> <u>about three years -</u> <u>a year ago illness in family.</u>
7	Would you yourself trust applicant with employment requiring undoubted honesty, faithfulness, industry, good health, and the right use of all the faculties of mind and body, and would you recommend him for such to your personal friends?	<u>In every respect</u> <u>was thoroughly satisfactory</u>
8	What position does applicant desire?	<u>in the dressmaking department.</u>
9	What do you know of applicant's education and qualifications in other respects for the position applied for?	<u>satisfactory for position</u> <u>desired.</u>
10	What special opportunities have you had for judging of applicant's qualifications?	<u>employed by me</u> <u>three years.</u>
11	What has been the condition of applicant's health since your acquaintance? Do you know of any physical disability?	<u>health good - none</u>
12	Does applicant now use or has applicant been in the habit of using intoxicating liquors or narcotics?	<u>no</u>
13	Does applicant use profane, vulgar, or coarse language?	<u>no</u>
14	Is applicant a person of good moral character? What moral qualities does applicant possess?	<u>yes</u> <u>she is a moral woman in</u>
15	Is applicant a person of good repute?	<u>she is</u> <u>all her dealings</u>
16	Does applicant possess such physical, mental, and moral qualities and have such habits as will in your opinion insure intelligent, faithful, and efficient performance of the duties of the position sought?	<u>she does</u>
17	Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify applicant for the position applied for?	<u>no</u>
18	Have you ever, in the performance of your official duty, visited the school taught and managed by applicant?	

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
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1. Ability and success in management and control of children	Good as forewoman in establishment of dress making
2. Aptness to teach	good
3. Personal appearance and manner, whether pleasing and attractive, or otherwise.	she is all
4. Disposition, force of character, dignity, and self-control	good
5. What idiosyncrasies, if any, has applicant?	
6. Business and executive ability	dress maker

Signature: Laura H. Steiss

Post-office address: Garhale Pa

Occupation: Dress maker

Date: Aug 11th 1892