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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Dec. 12 1898.

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y Supt.

Recommends. Gertrude
Renfrow for position
in Indian Service.

2 Enclosures

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Written on the reverse side of the envelope, visible through the paper. The text is mirrored and reads: "I enclose what Miss Sheffer says of Miss Renfrow. Her letter and also an estimate of Miss Renfrow by my mother, Miss Renfrow, a former pupil. I enclose

Very respectfully,

Major J. G. V. Supt.

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., December 12th, 1898.

To the Honorable,

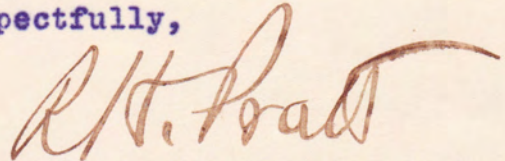
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

One of my former pupils, Mrs. Ida M. Wade, of Vinita, Ind. Ty., writes me in behalf of Gertrude Renfrow, a former pupil. I enclose her letter and also an estimate of Miss Renfrow by my matron, Miss Shaffner. I endorse what Miss Shaffner says of Miss Renfrow.

Very respectfully,



Major 1st Cav'y., Supt.

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P.S.- Miss Renfrow has been instruted to make application on regular Department blanks.

Enclosure

L. R. Saffell,
Matron
Indian School
Carlisle, Pa.
Dec. 12, 1898.

Endorsement
of Gertrude Pen-
frow for position

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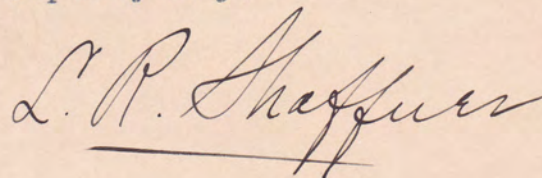
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Major Pratt,

Supt.:-

With reference to Gertrude Renfrow taking a position as Assistant Seamstress in an Indian school I would say that Miss Renfrow while with us as a student was in every respect an exemplary girl and gave promise of possessing more than the average amount of ability. Her health was frail and I should think it unwise for her to take work very far away from her native southwest. She left us over three years ago since then I have heard from her occasionally and have had news about her frequently always receiving favorable impressions in matters of conduct and general deportment. I should think it a good plan if she were given an appointment as an under-assistant to begin with owing to her age which is scarcely eighteen. I feel reasonable certain she will render good service and is likely to receive rapid promotion if she still evinces the same qualities she did while a pupil with us.

Very respectfully.



Matron.

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V.F. CHURCHILL, WASH.
M. L. WOOD, WASH.

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Venita, Ind. Fri. Dec. 8, 1898

My Dear Captain:-

I write to ask your assistance in an undertaking that I feel sure you will approve of. I want to try and get a position as assistant seamstress or something similar, for Gertrude Renfrow, in the Indian Service. She desires very much to make something out of her self, and as her mother is a widow woman and in poor circumstances, as well as poor health, I see no chance for Gertrude unless she makes a desperate effort for her self. She has the ambition and would be glad of the opportunity to do something for her self. Now that she has grown to young woman-hood and can see how

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necessary it is to be ²¹ self supporting, I think it is our duty to help her to elevate her position in life. She has become quite womanly now and what is more, a modest young lady. She sews neatly, and I think could fill the place of an assistant seamstress and prove her self competent. Her health is much better than it was while at Carlisle, and she is, at present, working for me, and it is not my desire to see her in some-one's kitchen all her days. Not that I think any the less of a good cook, for I do not. I have found out that good cooking, is an art that may be classed as an accomplishment. Gertrudes desire is to get something to do and by saving her earnings she will be able to go to school again and complete her education. I would feel



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Vinita, Ind. Ter.

grateful to you if you would write me
a letter of recommendation (in favor of Gertrude
Renfrow) bearing your signature and also
give me the address of the Supt. of Indian
Schools and of other officials involved.
Hoping to hear from you at an early
date, I am yours in friendship-

(Mrs!) = Ida M. Stadel

Vinita, Ind. Ter.