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Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.
Major 1st

Endorsing Ella Rickert's appli-
cation for position of Asst.
Matron, and enclosing testi-
monials.

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To Carlisle, Pa. 10/99
" Rosebud " 27/99
" Ft. Shaw " 27/99

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., April 6, 1899.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.


Sir :-

On receipt of your letter of March 17th advising that there is no vacancy at present for Ella Rickert, I read it to her and told her plainly just what I had indicated before, my unwillingness to endorse her for the position of assistant matron and the reasons.

She is a strong character and has been with us a long time, but mostly under the outing on account of her age and the condition of her health. Immediately she wrote to the different people with whom she had lived and who had known her in her country homes, for certificates as to her character. She has been very industrious in this matter, and has brought the letters to me. She has so ably defended herself, alleging conditions at the hospital to justify herself, that I am led to look with more favor upon her for the position of assistant matron in some western school in the region she herself requests.

If there is such a position vacant to be filled by an Indian girl, I hope she may be favorably considered. The enclosed are ^{copies of} the recommendations which she secured. I request that they be filed with this letter as part of her application.

Very respectfully,



Major 1st Cavalry, Supt.

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*Copies of testimonials for
Ella Rickert*

Elbowoods, N. D., March 24, 1899.

To Whom It May Concern :-

This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Miss Ella Rickert. I believe her to be a zealous worker for the enlightenment of her people. She is honest and industrious and during her stay with me, of three months, she performed her duties very satisfactorily.

Respectfully,

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(Signed) Mary Farrell.

During the three years Ella Rickert lived with me, I found her ever willing for any duty and anxious to please.

She is an expert, tidy worker and has a great deal of executive ability.

She is pleasant in disposition, is strictly honest, unusually ambitious and industrious, and would in my opinion fill a responsible position ably and conscientiously, for she takes a personal interest in whatever she undertakes.

(Signed) Anna M. Lippincott,

Cinnaminson, New Jersey .

March 28, 1899.

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This is to certify that Ella Rickert lived with me one summer seven years ago. She was a truthful and honest girl then. No evil report has ever been circulated about her.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Mary A. Tomlinson.

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Moorestown, March 20, 1899.

To Whom It May Concern :-

I take great pleasure in recommending Ella Rickert as a conscientious and upright girl. In work she is industrious, careful, and very competent. I consider her able to do any kind of housework, and to plan with judgment.

Ella Rickert lived with me and my friends for four years or more and I consider her a girl of good disposition, very quiet, kind-hearted and obliging.

(Signed) Jennie J. Haines.

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It gives me great pleasure to recommend to you Ella Rickert. She was in my employ some years ago, and proved herself honest, industrious and very efficient in general housework, while her character is above reproach, and I believe her qualified to fill your position of trust and responsibility.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Hannah M. Haines.

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per F. H.