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Sister Margaret S. H. U.  
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Request - the return  
of Eunice Baird  
pupil at Carlisle  
to her parents -  
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Indian Indus. School,  
Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 2, 1903.

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Concerning Eunice Baird. Re-  
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*To Sister Margaret Nov. 13/03*

*Eunice*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 2, 1903.

To The Honorable,

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

Sir :

Replying to Office letter "Education 69652 - 1903" dated October 30th, 1903, enclosing a communication from Sister Margaret of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, I have the honor to state that Eunice Baird was first enrolled at this school September 29th, 1894, and was discharged and returned to her home June 27th, 1900, because of expiration of term. On December 16th, 1900, she was readmitted on her own application and with her parents' consent for a term of five years. She has not made as rapid progress in her studies as could be desired but has in many ways made marked improvement and has developed into a girl of considerable dignity, possessing a degree of pride in looking well and doing well that was entirely foreign to her nature when she came to Carlisle as a child and would doubtless have remained foreign had she not attended this school. I make this statement in view of her home surroundings.

According to reports from the Outing Office Eunice has learned to be a capable housekeeper and cook beside advancing considerably though slowly in her studies. It is true she has been in the country two winters since her return to the school in 1900, but that does not mean that she is out of school, for every child in a country home is required to attend public school for not less than 100 consecutive days under the instruction of an accredited teacher.

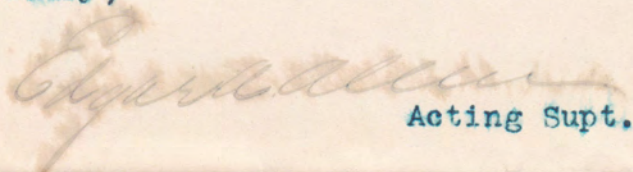


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As Eunice was regularly enrolled in 1900 for a term of five years, nearly two of which remain, I respectfully submit that no occasion exists for her return before the close of that period.

Sister Margaret's communication is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,



Acting Supt.

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October 22. 1903.

To Commissioner Jones.

Dear Sir:-

This comes to you  
in behalf of Amos Baird,  
an Indian of the Peida  
tribe and unable to write  
an 'intelligible' letter.

He has a daughter Eunice  
sixteen years old, who has been  
at Carlisle nine years,  
making one home-visit  
during that time and who was  
over-persuaded to return  
about three years ago.  
The mother of Eunice stands



very much in need of her  
daughters help now and  
for some time to come, as  
she is quite unable to do  
her own housework.

Both parents have allowed  
Eunice to remain in Carlisle  
all these years although she  
has spent almost the whole  
time at service, having  
no capacity for study, and  
they would not ask her  
to return now when she  
is actually studying. But  
since she must do house  
work in any case there is  
no reason for doing it  
in Pennsylvania, and

every reason for doing it  
at home. Mr. Hart the  
Superintendent in Ohio  
has done all he can to secure  
the child's return but his  
request has received no  
attention from the Carlisle  
authorities, as was to be ex-  
pected, and it is with his  
knowledge and approval  
that we now appeal to you.  
Go live in Ohio, but for  
the present as in  
Fond du Lac.

Trusting  
you will be able to

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effect the return of  
 Eunice & her parents, whose  
 need of her is very real  
 and urgent, I am

Very sincerely your sister,  
 Margaret S. H. W.

Please address:

The Sister Margaret S. H. W.

65 East Division Street

Fond du Lac  
 Wisconsin