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H. C. Jones

Keokuk Falls

Okla.

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Rel. to desire of
Jno. Brown for re-
turn of his child
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Indian Indus. School,
Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 1, 1904.

Mercer, W. A. Capt. & supt.

Reports on case of Shelah Guthrie
and returns letter of H.C. Jones
and of Captain Mercer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 1, 1904.

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

Sir :

Replying to Office letter "Education - 58078", dated August 30th 1904, I have the honor to state that I have this day written to Shelah Guthrie, the girl to whom Mr. H. C. Jones of Keokuk Falls refers, as follows :

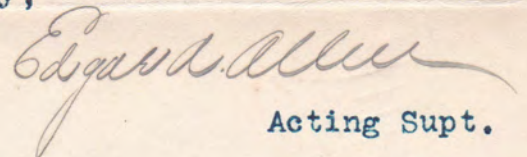
" Dear Shelah :

Your father has written to the school demanding that you be returned to your home.

We have thought all the time that you were an orphan, but it seems your father is living. Your time at Carlisle has, of course, expired, and you are at liberty to go home if you so desire. I think, however, that your own interests demand that you remain until you have finished our course. I am sure the Agency does not hold out any promise to you; but we shall be guided by your own desire. "

Should she elect to go home she will be sent promptly. The communication of Mr. Jones and of Captain Mercer are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,


Acting Supt.

2 enclosures.

Keokuk Falls Okla

Aug 22, 1904

Hon Mr Jones

Comr of Ind Affairs
Washington D.C

Dear sir My son William

Jones took some young Indians
8 years ago this coming fall,
Cal R H Platt of Bartlesville Okla
authorized me to get Mexican Kickapoo
children. When gen Thomas agent at
time at Sacton agency, he turned against
me. He had some Indians to prevent
me from getting any, so as fast
as I can get children their parents
consent, they back out on me &
while my son as he was about
to start with a few, Tahah too or
John Brown he called, through
his little girl, Childs was only
5 years old. Cal Platt instructed me
to get between ages 12 & 16, this
man been so much to the send his
little girl, we had to accept it,
& was told Childs mother been dead
and Mr Tahah had he been just married
New wife, he was afraid his new
wife would mistreat child.

my son William Jones Place this
child for 5 years. after 5 years
is over, the man Jahahata come on
my for child he send home, when he
first ask me, I told him how
agent & write to Comtee of Indian
- Affairs, I heard him ask agent
time & time, till now for last
2 years. He now blame me, in first
Place after 5 years Expaid
He should have ask his consent
& extend time, nothing was then
Right its his child, this man is
well Educated man But he is
one of Best before Indian he
is no whiskey, drink. No Bad
habits, He now only ask if
his daughter only come see
him the can go back to school
again. my son this Poor
Indian ask me to write for
him - I did write to Col Pratt
not known an other man as charge
the school, I have write in closed
his answer to me, this child was not
got from camp Jahahata Live in
House at time the Place his child
in hands my son Jones July
H. Jones Late Ex-member Council

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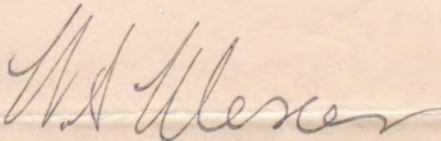
Carlisle, Pa., July 26, 1904⁰⁰.....

Mr. Henry C. Jones,
Keokuk Falls, Okla.

Dear Sir :

Replying to your letter of June 30th regarding the daughter of John Brown, I have to inform you that we have no child on our records under this description. I find, however, that one of our pupils, Shelah Guthrie, has also the Indian name "Tah-ah-toe". But this child, I am informed, was taken from camp when three or four years old and placed in school. Her mother is dead and no claim has ever been made for her by anyone else. She has developed into a very capable young woman, but has not completed the course here, and as it is to her interests to continue in school and she has no disposition to throw away her opportunities I shall keep her here as long as it is to her advantage to remain.

Yours Truly,


Captain 7th Cavalry, Supt.

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