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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,  
Dec. 7, 1905.

Major W.A. Mercer,  
Supt.

Makes report relative to case  
of Louis Matlack, and states  
that he will be returned to  
Pawnee Agency.

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To Supt. 12/12/05  
" Pawnee " "

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PENNA.

December 7, 1905.

To the Honorable,

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter "Education 95094-1905" with inclosures. In reply I wish to say that Louis L. Matlack is not playing football, and that he has not been playing football. He went out a few times for practice with the squad but he did not even succeed in making the fourth team. He was not football material. His brother, Stacy Matlack, is an employee of the school. He desired that Louis should come here and that he should bring his two children, 10 or 11 years old. He stated that thought he was married that he had separated from his wife and had not been living with her for months; that he did not intend to live with her any longer; that she was a confirmed gambler, had run him deeply in debt; and furthermore, that she was running with other men. He desired to get the children here and put them in school, and he thought we could do something for his brother in the way of teaching him a trade and giving him a chance to better make his living; that he had had no assistance or opportunities; and furthermore, that he could get up a party of children and bring them on and would like to have me permit him to do so, and then if we found we could do anything for Louis to give him a chance. It was reported that he had a party of six children to



bring on and tickets were placed to his order for that number. This party, for several causes, was reduced and when he arrived here there were but two in the party. His own children he left behind because, as he stated, he felt that Mr. Nellis would not permit them to come, but he wished to have them here and would take the matter up later. In the meantime he wanted to see what could be done for him here. Stacy represented that his brother was only about 28 years old and that his children were ten or eleven, (twins) and ought to be in school here. Louis, after his arrival, went into the blacksmith shop, having selected that as a trade, and he has been working diligently there as an industrial student of the school. At the same time he has made his home and boarded with his brother Stacy. The young man is working very industriously with the intention of mastering the trade and I am sure, notwithstanding his age, that we could do a good deal for him and in the course of a year or two put him in a position to make a living.

As he has never played football of course he cannot receive any compensation for it, nor was it ever mentioned or even intimated that he would in any way be paid for playing football. Of late he has been very much worried about his children as he does not want his wife to have charge of them and has wanted to go home to look after them. More than a week ago I gave directions that he be returned to his home, and if he could get matters adjusted and could bring his children back and live with his brother and continue the study of his trade I thought it would be a good thing, and I still think so; but in view of his dissatisfaction and the Superintendent's



belief that he should go back there and look after his wife, I think it best he should do so--in fact I had, before the receipt of your letter, concluded that he should go home for the reasons given by himself, and orders have already been given to that effect. He will leave here for the Pawnee Agency today. I believe, if Mr. Nellis would give him a chance to work, he would find that he would do so; at least the young man strikes me as that kind of a person. He certainly has been of good habits and industrious and has shown a desire to acquire a knowledge of the trade he has selected.

I inclose herewith a copy of my letter of August 28th to Mr. Louis Matlack. The letters of Superintendent Nellis are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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Indian Office,  
Incl. No. 2

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Pawnee Agency, Okla.

November 24, 1905.

GEO. W. NELLIS,

Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agent.

Replies to the Office in  
regard to Louis L. Matlock,  
who is at Carlisle playing  
football.

*Trans to E Dec. 1/05*

*Encl. Carlisle 12/6/05*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Pawnee Agency, Okla. November 24, 1905.

To The Honorable,

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

Sir:

Referring to Department letter of November 17, 1905, "Land 90949-1905" in which attention is called to a statement in my letter of November 8, 1905, that the husband of Mary L. Matlock is now at Carlisle playing football and I am requested to furnish the Office with the name and age of the said Indian, and also state where and when he attended school, what has been his avocation, and what inducements if any, were offered him to go to Carlisle for the purpose of playing football, I have to say that my information came from Mrs. Matlock herself. This information I believe from corroborating circumstances to be true. She states that her husband told her that such was his purpose in going to Carlisle, and she states further that she heard statements to the same effect made by his brother the Assistant Disciplinarian at Carlisle when he was here soliciting pupils for that school. Before this man had gone to Carlisle, his wife came to me asking that I use my influence to prevent his going, I did not approve of his going and sent for him. When he came to the office, he stated that he had decided not to go to Carlisle, I then dropped the matter and said nothing to him as to why he was going or what inducements were offered him.

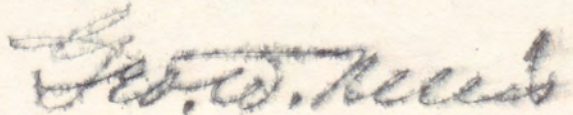


Com. #2.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

This man's name is Louis L. Matlock, he is thirty-three years of age, and has two children in our school. I am advised that he has not been in school for twelve or thirteen years. His record at home is not good. He does very little work, and I am told, drinks a great deal of whiskey, although I have never seen him under the influence of liquor.

Very respectfully,



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Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agent.



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**PAWNEE AGENCY,  
OKLAHOMA.**

November 8, 1905

**GEO. W. NELLIS,**  
SUPT. AND SPECIAL DISB. AGENT.

Recommends that Mary L. Matlock  
be permitted to expend a sum not  
to exceed \$31.00 in the purchase  
of a tent and heating stove.

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*Trans to E Dec. 1/05*

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Indian Office,

Incl. No. J

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Pawnee Agency, Okla. November 8, 1905.

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

Sir:

Mary L. Matlock desires to expend a sum not to exceed \$31.00 in the purchase of a tent and a heating stove. Heretofore this woman has lived with her husband with some other relatives of the latter. Her husband is now at Carlisle playing football and it is uncertain as to whether or not he will return. It is necessary for her to find other living quarters. She does not have sufficient funds with which to build a house. To purchase a tent is in my opinion the best she can do under the circumstances. I therefore recommend that her request be granted, and that I be authorized to approve her check to an amount not in excess of the above sum to be used for the purpose specified

Very respectfully,



Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PENNA.

August 25, 1905.

*Copy*

Mr. Louis Matlack,  
Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have this day arranged for transportation for six to be placed for you at the Friess station from Pawnee to Carlisle. Your brother has written you about this today. Should your party not consist of as many as six only receipt for the number of tickets you receive. Whatever expenditures you may make for traveling expenses if you will keep account of them I will reimburse you when you arrive here. Take receipts for all expenditures over one dollar. I inclose some blank receipts herewith.

Very truly yours,

Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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