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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
April 10, 1906.

Major W.A. Mercer,
Supt.

Requests authority to expend
bequest of Harriet W. Taber of
\$1000 in purchase of material
for erection of building for
photographic gallery.

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

April 10, 1906.

The Honorable,

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

Sir:

I have been informed that for the past fifteen years there has been an average of from twelve to eighteen hundred dollars per year spent by the children, employees and athletic teams of the school for photographs. The parents write to their children to have their photographs taken and send them home, and it is a pretty hard matter to refuse the request, and this means a trip to town and drawing money from the school bank, which is a source of a great deal of annoyance, and it would be a great deal better if the photographs could be taken at the school grounds. Besides this convenience and the saving of hundreds of dollars every year to the pupils and employees, it would really afford a very nice industry which could be carried on with but little, if any, expense to the Government, as it is believed the enterprise would be more than self-supporting.

It is my desire to erect a suitable building at the entrance to the grounds, one that will be at once suited to the purpose and quite ornamental, and in addition to a photographic gallery, have a large exhibit room for photographs, souvenirs from the printing office and works of art from the Indian native art room, together with such articles of Indian handiwork as may be provided by the students, and through the sale of these articles at a small profit

support the gallery and enable the students to obtain their pictures at a nominal price. The labor of construction can all be performed by our boys, and we really need work of that kind to increase their range of instruction.

I therefore inclose herewith estimate for material for photographic gallery or art building, amounting to \$1000, and recommend that I be authorized to expend for this purpose the \$1000 bequeathed to the school by the will of Harriet W. Taber, which is at present on deposit in the school depository to my credit as superintendent, under instructions of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, "Education Authority 94565, June 7, 1905", which authorizes me to accept the bequest and directs me to make full report to your Office for further directions as to how same is to be applied.

I further recommend, to facilitate the purchase of said material, that if practicable I be permitted to purchase the same in open market without advertisement as I can do better by going to the local lumber yards with my carpenter and selecting this material at the different yards than in any other way, and this will enable me to commence work immediately.

I believe this would be a very nice memorial to Mrs. Taber, and to that end it would be a good idea to call it the Taber Building.

I desire further to state that it will not be necessary to ask for authority to purchase cameras, photographic stock or any other supplies, as the school has lately acquired, through the athletic

fund, all the necessary appliances, stock, fixtures, etc., to suitably equip and conduct a photographic gallery.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Mercer

Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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Estimate of Material for Photographic Gallery at the Carlisle

320	"	3" X 5" X 34"	1800	"	30.00
12	"	3" X 2" X 14"	5800	"	58.00
110	pieces	2" X 10" X 15, Hemlock,	420	"	58.00
			3300 ft.	@ \$28.00	
					\$21.60

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110 pieces	2"x10"x12'	Hemlock,	2200 ft.	@ \$28.00	\$ 51.60
15 "	5"x5"x14'	"	450 "	28.00	11.60
250 "	2"x5"x14'	"	2800 "	28.00	74.00
76 "	2"x6"x24'	"	1800 "	30.00	54.72
26 "	2"x8"x24'	"	832 "	30.00	24.96
16 "	2"x8"x32'	"	352 "	30.00	10.56
18 "	3"x10"x24'	"	729 "	30.00	23.76
20 "	2"x5"x24'	"	400 "	30.00	12.00
24 "	2"x6"x18'	"	332 "	30.00	9.60
5000 ft.	sheathing, N.C.,		@ \$30.00		150.00
3400 ft.	" common		25.00		85.00
4000 ft.	No. 2 siding		40.00		160.00
6000 ft.	1/2" N.C. ceiling,		28.00		168.00
300 ft.	white pine flooring,		60.00		18.00
8 window frames and sash,		@ \$8.00			64.00
3 doors and frames,		7.00			21.00
1 skylight and glass, 20"x18"					25.00
Hardware and glass,					28.00
42 bushels lime,		@ 10¢			4.20
100 bu. sand,		4¢			4.00
					<u>\$1000.00</u>