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Miss Mary Welch,

(Through Supt. Carlisle School).

My dear Miss Welch:



I am sending you the enclosed certificate of competency because, with the education you have received and the talents and judgment you possess, I believe you are able from now on to support yourself and manage your own affairs without the aid of the Government. To do this will be in a high sense praiseworthy. Many women have done more. Should you prefer to become a successful housekeeper, I feel sure that you will try to exalt your home with the ideals of refined and beautiful womanhood.

It may be that you will come into possession of land or other property, and in that event, I trust you will be very careful and prudent in looking after it. Do not be led into speculation or undertake something which requires you to assume considerable risk. If you desire advice, feel free to ask it from this Bureau, and your request will be given careful consideration.

I give you my best wishes and would like you to write me at the end of a year and tell me how your time has been occupied and what your plans are for the future. I shall also ask for reports concerning your welfare from your school and reservation Superintendents.

Should you hereafter desire to apply under applicable laws for a patent in fee or for the removal of any restrictions on land allotted to you, the enclosed certificate will show that you are educationally qualified to make free use of your property, and, in the absence of later information or developments to the contrary, will be so recognized if submitted to me for consideration in connection with the action then to be determined.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

Commissioner.

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Mr. John Francis, Jr.,

Supt. Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

As indicated in the inclosed copy of my letter of this date to one of your graduates, Mary Welch, I shall be pleased to receive from you a year hence any information you may have or can conveniently obtain as to the progress of this graduate in the way of self-support and successful occupation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

Commissioner.

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Mr. James E. Henderson,

Supt. Cherokee Indian School.

My dear Mr. Henderson:

I am inclosing copy of a letter of this date to Mary Welch, a graduate of Carlisle School, who enrolled there from your reservation.

Please keep in touch with the interests of this graduate and report to me a year hence how she is getting on and whether successfully occupied.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cate Sells

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M E M O R A N D U M .



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The reports from the school show that, while not of a studious disposition, this girl is endowed with good common sense, initiative, excellent moral character and has manifested leadership in the Christian activities of the school. She is said, by the Matron, to be talented in vocational work, a good seamstress and a good general housekeeper, kind, courteous, industrious, with the faculty of winning the love of children. The Superintendent regards her as the type of Indian clearly within the meaning of the Declaration of Policy.

The information submitted by those in closest contact with her work as a student indicates that the general character, habits, and educational qualifications of Mary Welch are such as render her reasonably competent and capable of transacting her own business and caring for her own individual affairs.

B. G. Harker
Chief Education Division.

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H. L. S. G. W.

*Age ok
H. L. S.*

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MEMORANDUM.

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Chief Education Division.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING COMPETENCY
OF MARY WELCH A GRADUATE OF CARLISLE
INDIAN SCHOOL.

(See report dated 5/14/17)

NAME:	Mary Welch
AGE.	26
SEX:	Female
TRIBE:	Cherokee
DEGREE OF BLOOD:	$\frac{3}{4}$
GRADUATED:	Tentative Course of Study.
COURSE PURSUED:	Home Economics
HEALTH:	Good
HOW PERSONAL FUNDS HANDLED:	Careful in spending her money.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:	

She is the daughter of Jackson and Lucy Walkingstick Welch who are both dead. Both parents were self-educated. She has no land or property. She has spent her time at Carlisle in all departments for girls. Would like to take a position in Indian Service as seamstress or housekeeper. Would do well at either.

STATUS OF ALLOTMENT

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Allotted under Act of _____

Original trust patent issued _____ under Act of _____

In all cases where the heirs are required to be determined, and in all cases submitting wills for approval, give below a description of all the lands in the allotment, and the status of it.

SUBDIVISIONS	SEC.	T.	R.	ACRES	STATUS
No Five Tribe Records					

Remarks: _____



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

MAY 18 1917
EDUCATION-SCHOOLS.

May 14, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 28, 1917, in which you direct attention to that paragraph of the Declaration of Policy in the Administration of Indian Affairs which refers to Indian students over 21 years of age and who have completed the full course of instruction in the Government schools being declared competent.

In accordance with these directions I have the honor to report that Mary Welch a 3/4 blood Indian from the Eastern Cherokee Reservation, North Carolina, 26 years of age, will be graduated from Carlisle School, if she passes her examination, on May 24, 1917.

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The superintendent in charge of the Cherokee Indian School advised me that Mary Welch has no land of her own and no money under the care of the agency. He presumes that some day



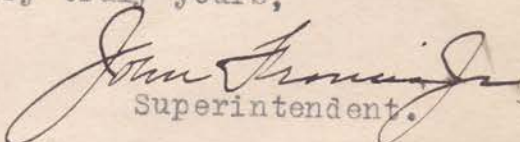
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she will receive her share of the money and land now held by the Eastern Band of Cherokees as a State corporation. He reports, however, at the present time that a certificate of competency would be of little use to her, but it might be of service to her when the Eastern Cherokees are allotted.

The principal reports that Mary Welch has been enrolled at Carlisle for seven years. She is capable of cooking and sewing and is considered a good housekeeper. She is not of a studious disposition, but she is endowed with good common sense, has initiative and is of excellent moral character. She has leadership, which has manifested itself in the Christian activities of the school. She is also a good manager. The principal considers her quite capable of looking out for herself, in which the matron fully concurs.

I am not aware of the form of action necessary to remove the restrictions upon an Indian of the Eastern Cherokee Reservation of the status of Miss Welch. I feel, however, that she is the type of Indian clearly within the meaning of the Declaration of Policy who should have the necessary steps taken, if practicable, to remove any restrictions whatsoever upon her person and property, and I so recommend. The papers are enclosed. Very truly yours,

JF:R


Superintendent.

Mr. Francis:

The following statement is my opinion of the capability of this student for self-support:

MARY WELCH

She has been at Carlisle for seven years. She is capable in cooking and sewing, and is considered a good housekeeper. She is not of a studious disposition, but she is endowed with good common sense, has initiative and is of excellent moral character. She has leadership, which has manifested itself in the Christian activities of the school. She is also a good manager. I consider her quite capable of looking out for herself.

Very respectfully,

Clyde M. Blair

Principal.



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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



Mary Ketch is a young lady of more than ordinary ability. She is kind, courteous, industrious and reasonable. She has the faculty of winning the love of children and those with whom she comes in contact. She is talented in vocational work, being a good seamstress and a general good housekeeper. She is a girl of good moral and religious principles. I fully coincide with all Mr Blair has said of her,

Matilda G. Ewing

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Cherokee Indian School,
Cherokee, N.C., May 4, 1917.

John Francis, Jr., Supt.,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.



Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your recent letter asking for information regarding Mary Welch, an Indian from this reservation who is a member of this years' graduating class in your school.

Mary has no land of her own and no money under the care of this agency. I presume that some day she will receive her share of the money and land now held by the Eastern Band of Cherokees as a State corporation. At the present time a certificate of competency would be of little use to Mary but it might be of service to her when the Eastern Cherokees are allotted.

I trust that you will do what you can to influence Mary not to return to Cherokee. She has no home and the relatives to whom she might go would be a detriment rather than a help.

Very respectfully,

James E. Anderson
Superintendent.
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