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Mr. John Francis, Jr.,  
Supt. Carlisle School.

MAY -2 1918

My dear Mr. Francis:

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

I think we should extend our personal encouragement, whenever practicable, to these students who have been worthily ambitious and have completed a full course of training.

Sincerely yours,

3-CRP-13.

*(Signed) Cato Sells*  
Commissioner.

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Miss Uneeda Burson,

(Through Supt. Carlisle School.)

My dear Miss Burson:

I am pleased to send you the inclosed certificate of educational competency. It appears that you have had the educational opportunities of two of the leading Indian Schools, and that in connection with your work at Carlisle in domestic science you have acquired efficiency as a seamstress.

I trust you will find agreeable and profitable employment in the line for which you feel yourself best fitted. The kind of work one does, if it be honorable and necessary, is not so important as the motive and purpose directing one's efforts in it. It is the beautiful example, the worthy character, and helpful spirit of the worker that exalts the work. The feeling that in helping yourself you can help others may grow into a priceless inspiration and become the deepest satisfaction of life.

I shall be glad to know that following your school days you are successfully engaged in work that you enjoy, and should like you to write me a year later something about your occupation and plans. I shall also inquire of the Superintendent at Carlisle about you, hoping for a favorable report.

Sincerely yours,

*(Signed) Cato Sells*

3-CRP-13.  
(Carbon to Carlisle.)

Commissioner.

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M E M O R A N D U M

Uneeda Burson, a one-half blood Ute Indian, twenty-one years old, completed the course in domestic science at Carlisle, passed her examinations and was awarded a diploma of graduation at the close of the school year 1917.

It appears that she has attended school at Haskell. She is said to be an efficient seamstress, tasteful and neat in her work, independent and self-reliant and always ready to assist in an emergency. She is not studious and did only fairly well in school. She is stimulated by competition beyond her strength and is not regarded as physically strong. The Superintendent reports that he has not been able to determine whether this girl has any property, but if it is found that she has to any considerable extent, he thinks great care should be taken before granting her a patent in fee as much will depend on the type of husband she marries. If she has no property except that which she will acquire through her own efforts, it is believed she should be given a certificate of educational competency.

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*apparently no land* *B. E. Carter*  
Chief, Education Division.

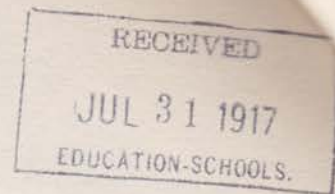
JOHN FRANCIS, JR.,  
SUPERINTENDENT



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.



July 27, 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 who have completed the course of instruction in the Government schools, being declared competent.

In accordance with these directions I have the honor to report that Uneeda Burson, a  $\frac{1}{2}$  blood Ute Indian, 21 years of age, passed her examinations and on May 24, 1917 was graduated from this school in domestic science in accordance with the old course of study.

Superintendent Albert H. Symons, with whom the matter was taken up, reports that Uneeda Burson is not under his jurisdiction.

*Ewh*  
Mrs. Matilda G. Ewing, matron, reports that Uneeda has, since she has known her, been a very good girl; that she will be able, if guided by a firm hand, to assist in work as seamstress. She reports that she does not always use good judgement and is sometimes very undecided as to just what to do. She believes she is not physically strong, but is neat and economical in dress and pleasant with her companions.

Principal Blair reports that Uneeda Burson has been reared in two Indian Schools, Haskell and Carlisle. She is an efficient seamstress, tasteful, and neat in her work. She is independent and self-reliant in her work and always ready to help out in an emergency. She is stimulated by competition beyond her strength, which is wavering. She is not studious and did only fairly well in school.

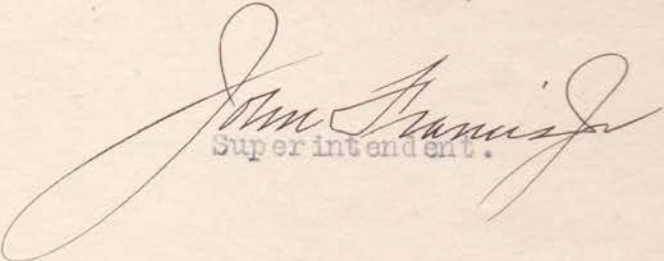
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We have been unable to determine whether Uneeda Burson has property under the control of the Government. She is a nice girl with good education, but the very great question arises as to her qualifications to handle her property if she has any. Should it be discovered in the future that Miss Burson has any amount of property, great care should be taken before granting her a patent in fee, as much will depend upon the type of husband whom she marries. Should he be a man of good reputation and business ability, it would be perfectly proper to remove the restrictions upon her land, but not otherwise.

The papers are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

  
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

June 28, 1917

## COMPETANCY STATEMENT



Uneeda Burson has been reared in two Indian Schools, Haskell and Carlisle. She is an efficient seamstress, tasteful and neat in her work. She is independent and self-reliant in her work and always ready to help out in an emergency. She is stimulated by competition beyond her strength, which is wavering. She is not studious and did only fairly well in school.

*C. Blair*  
Principal

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Fort Duchesne, Utah

May 26, 1917.



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

My Dear Mr. Francis,

Relative to Uneda Burson would state that she is not enrolled at this Agency and has no property under our jurisdiction.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert H. Kneale".

Superintendent.





Ureda Burson

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

June 24, 1917.

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Matilda G. Ewing,  
Matron.