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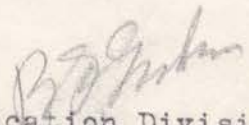
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Sept. 27, 1918.

Herman Kelly, a three-fourths blood Oneida Indian, now at 52 La Belle Avenue, Highland Park, Detroit, Michigan, graduated in printing at Carlisle in 1917 at the age of 20. He was not strong in his academic studies and had a limited use of English but was obedient to the rules, of good habits, and saving of his personal funds. He at once went to the Ford factory, finished the Students' Course there on May 2, 1918, and was taken as a regular employee. He is now of eligible age and is believed to be worthy of a certificate of competency. The Oneida superintendent reported that he has no land on that reservation.

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Chief Education Division.

JUN 13 1919

Mr. Herman Kelly,
52 La Belle Avenue, Highland Park,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Kelly:

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Now that you are of eligible age, I have pleasure in presenting to you the accompanying certificate of educational competency. Hereafter education in the Indian schools will not be provided for you at the expense of the Government. I feel that you should now be well prepared to succeed in some honorable vocation, and I trust you will make no delay in deciding upon a definite line of work and in giving to it your best efforts and noblest purposes.

If you hold, or later acquire, unrestricted title to land, you should highly prize such possession as one which supplies nearly all physical needs, and should keep it free from debt and try to develop its most productive value. In so doing, aside from your own gain, you can be very helpful to the activities of the surrounding community. If you have money invested in Liberty Bonds, I advise you to hold these bonds, if possible, until they mature, and to pay no attention to anyone who would persuade you to exchange them for other stocks or securities, as there is nothing safer than the Government's promise to pay. I urge also that you adopt the sound business principle of regularly saving some part of your earnings and investing it in war savings stamps, while their sale continues. Out of the great war in which the Indians took so noble a part has come to all the valuable lesson of thrift and the opportunity to unite with patriotic duty the splendid practice of individual savings that cannot fail to prepare all who follow it for independent and successful living.

Through the privileges of education you are a favored representative of the original American and it should be your chief resolve to become a pattern and a leader in all that will bring industrial, intellectual, and moral advancement to your race. It is within your power and should be the greatest triumph of your future to aid in guiding your people to all that is best in our American life and progress. I am going to believe that this will be uppermost in your ideals and ambition. The home, the field, the shop, the business office, the vocation of whatever character, affords more than the self-support which should be your first aim, it is the opportunity for fine example and high service to all who see how well you do.

The enclosed certificate is not issued under the provision of law authorizing a certificate of competency to Indians for the purpose of removing restrictions against the sale or transfer of land held under a patent in fee, but is intended as a testimonial that you are educationally qualified to manage your own affairs and it will be duly considered by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in determining whether you should have full control of land or other property belonging to you.

I extend my best wishes for your future health and success, and shall be glad to have you write me later as to your plans and prospects. I shall expect also to receive, a year hence, favorable reports from your Reservation superintendent concerning your progress in self-support.

Sincerely yours,



CATO SELLS
Commissioner.

5-OB-27

Copy to Oneida

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

July 19, 1918

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Hon. Cato Sells,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

FILED BY G. P. F.



Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst., asking for the present address of Herman Kelly, class 1917, Carlisle, I have to advise that Herman left Carlisle School, to work at the Ford Factory, on May 30, 1917, and has been employed there ever since. He finished the students' course on May 2, 1918, and was taken on as a regular employee at the Ford Plant. He was dropped from our school rolls at that time. His record, as far as we know, is excellent and he saved his money according to our requirements. I believe he has made good.

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Herman's permanent address is 52 LaBelle Avenue, Highland Park, Detroit, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Trav. Aud. in Charge

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Mr. Claud V. Peel,
Traveling Auditor in Charge,
Carlisle School.

JUL 17 1918

FILED BY G. P. F.

My dear Mr. Peel:

In the list of graduates of the 1917 class at Carlisle the name of Herman Kelly, age 20, was reported as qualified to receive a certificate of competency upon becoming 21 years old, as provided in the Declaration of Policy. (Superintendent's letter of July 27, 1917).

Please advise me of the present whereabouts and occupation of this graduate with any information you can obtain regarding his progress in self-support.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

July 27, 1917.

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EDUCATION-SCHOOLS.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

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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 being declared competent.

In accordance with these directions I have the honor to report that Herman Kelly, a 3/4 blood Oneida, 20 years of age, passed his examinations and on May 24, 1917, was graduated from this school in printing in accordance with the old course of study.

Herman is the son of William and Electa Hill Kelley of West De Pere, Wis. His father is a farmer and both parents have a good common school education.

Superintendent Hart reports, in a letter dated May 11, 1917, that Herman Kelley has no real estate on the Oneida Reservation and no personal property of which he has knowledge.

Principal Blair and Mr. R.H. Bradley, Director of Mechanic Arts, report that Herman is weak in academic studies, especially in English. He is faithful and industrious but his vocabulary is exceedingly limited which makes his speech more or less halting. He is careful about his personal appearance, very courteous in manner and speech, and always obedient to the rules. Herman's health is good and he is careful in spending money. He



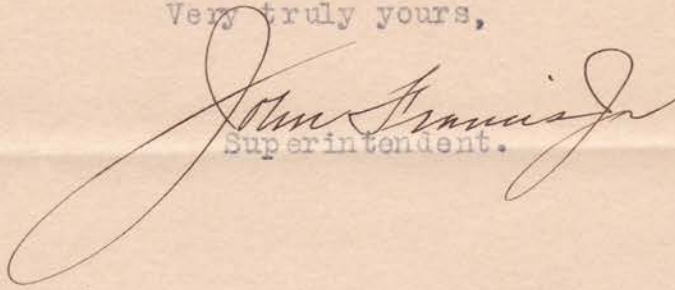
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is now employed at the Ford Factory in Detroit.

Herman is amply able to manage his own affairs and any restrictions against his person or property should be removed promptly.

The papers are enclosed.

Very truly yours,


Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

June 27, 1917

COMPETANCY STATEMENT

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Herman Kelly entered Carlisle last October. He is weak in academic studies, especially in English. He is faithful and industrious but his vocabulary is exceedingly limited which makes his speech more or less halting. He is careful about his personal appearance, very courteous in manner and speech, and always obedient to the rules. He has spent the one year here in the print shop.

Roy H. Bradley
Director of Mechanic Arts

C. W. Blair
Principal