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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 Miss Flora Peters, 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,

*(Signed) Cato Sells*

Commissioner.

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Miss Flora Peters,

(Through Supt. Carlisle School.)

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My dear Miss Peters:

In sending you the inclosed certificate of educational competency, I wish to commend you for having completed at one of the best Indian schools the valuable course in home economics. I am pleased to note from information at hand that you are a willing worker, very good at housework, and desire to follow the occupation of seamstress. It appears further that you have received an appointment in the Indian Service and are now filling that position. I trust that you will give faithful and conscientious effort to this work for which you have shown a preference, as it involves many important things in the right training of children, such as good taste in matters of dress, habits of neatness, proper care of apparel, etc. You will have the opportunity to teach the pupils many things incident to the right clothing of their bodies that will be helpful to them in all after life.

I shall be glad to have you write me a year later about your work and plans, and shall probably hear from others how you are succeeding.

Sincerely yours,

*(Signed) Cato Sells*

Commissioner.

3-CRP-14.  
(Copy to Carlisle.)

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MEMORANDUM.

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Flora Peters, of Pinconning, Michigan, a full blood Chippewa Indian, twenty-four years old, completed the course in home economics at Carlisle, passed her examination and was given a diploma of graduation at the close of the school year 1917.

The Principal says that Flora is considered a fine girl, not showing much aptitude for academic branches but good at house work, straight forward in disposition and a willing worker. The matron says she tries to do well whatever she undertakes; that her judgment is not always as good as her initiative but that under a strong guiding superior she would make a good assistant.

She appears to have been in the Service as matron for a time. In view of her opportunities and experience it is believed a certificate of competency should be issued to her, which accords with the Superintendent's recommendation.

*Yes*

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*[Signature]*  
Chief, Education Division.

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

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September 20, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

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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 Flora Peters, a full blood Indian Chippewa Indian, 24 years of age, passed her examinations and on May 24, 1917 was graduated from this school in Home Economics, in accordance with the tentative course of study.



Peters  
Pinconning, Mich.

Flora is the daughter of Joseph W. and Julia Shaycaw Peters of Pinconning, Mich. Her father is a farmer and both parents were quite well educated. They live two miles from town. She has worked in all of the industrial departments since coming to Carlisle. She likes sewing the best and wishes to make sewing her life's work.

Principal Blair reports that Flora is considered a fine girl, but she has little aptitude for the academic branches. She is very good at housework; is conscientious and straightforward in disposition and a willing worker. For one year she held a position as matron in the Indian Service and then returned to Carlisle to graduate.

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Matilda G. Ewing reports that Flora is willing to take the initiative, but her judgment is not always good. She tries to do well, whatever she undertakes, but is not strong physically. She will ~~make~~ a strong guiding superior.

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Flora is in good health, and very careful of spending money.

Superintendent Cochran reports that Flora has no land or allotment as far as he knows under the jurisdiction of the government. He advises me that she comes of poor parents, and her home life is probably none of the best.

In view of the facts it would seem that Flora Peters is capable of managing her own affairs, and I would recommend the issuance to her of a certificate of competency.

Very truly yours,

  
Superintendent.

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June 24, 1917.

Flora Peters is above the average girl in her ideas of right living. She is willing to take the initiative but her judgment is not always good. She tries to do well, whatever she undertakes but is not strong physically, although never sick enough to be often under the doctor's care. She has fair judgment as to economy. She is very determined in what she thinks is right. She will be a good assistant under a strong guiding superior.

Matilda G. Ewing



June 28, 1917

## COMPETANCY STATEMENT

Flora Peters is considered a fine girl, but she has little aptitude for the academic branches. She is very good at housework; is conscientious and straightforward in disposition and a willing worker. For one year she held a position as matron in the Indian Service and then returned to Carlisle to graduate. She has been here many years.

*C. M. Blair*  
Principal