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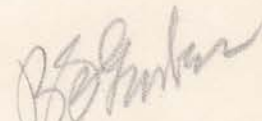
## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON  
MEMORANDUM.

Mary Lone Chief, a full-blood Pawnee who graduated in home economics at Carlisle in 1917 is now 26 years of age. Action on her competency was deferred at graduation to give her opportunity to gain experience. She has an allotment of 160 acres on which Superintendent Stanion reported that the trust period would expire in October 1918. He thought she should have a fee patent then. She has given a year's service in the Phoenix Sanatorium with good results, as per Superintendent Brown's letter of April 22, 1919. Superintendent Ferris reports that she is now at home for the purpose of assisting in the partition of the allotments of her deceased parents, and that she contemplates reentering the Service. He says she has managed her own affairs for several years past and appears to be getting along nicely.

It is believed she is entitled to a certificate of competency.

  
Chief Education Division.

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Miss Mary Lone Chief,  
Through Supt., Pawnee School,

JUN 13 1919

My dear Miss Lone Chief:

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.

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Copy to Pawnee.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pawnee Indian Agency,

Pawnee, Okla.

May 13, 1919.



Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of April 30, 1919, requesting advice as to whether Miss Mary Lone Chief had returned home and what I know, or can learn as to her prospective employment or plans, and as to her ability to manage her own affairs, I have to advise that under recent date I consulted with Miss Lone Chief and she states that she left the Indian Service as temporary employee at East Farm Sanatorium, Phoenix, Arizona, for the purpose of coming to her home at Pawnee, Oklahoma, to assist in the partition of the allotments of her deceased parents, as it appears that there has been considerable dissatisfaction among the heirs to said lands, in regard to the rent of same, and it is desired that these lands be partitioned for the use and benefit of said heirs. She also states that her plans at this time are not definite, but that she contemplates reentering the Indian Service after the lands in question have been partitioned.

As regards the competency of Miss Lone Chief, I believe that she is capable of managing her own affairs without the assistance of this office. In fact she has done so for the past several years, and appears to be getting along nicely in that respect.

Trusting this is the information you desire, I am,

Very respectfully,

*Thomas Lewis*  
Supt. & S. D. A.

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APR 30 1919

Mr. Thomas Ferris,  
Supt., Pawnee School.

My dear Mr. Ferris:

Please return the enclosed letters from Superintendent Brown of Phoenix and advise whether Miss Mary Lonechief has returned home, and anything you know or can learn as to her prospective employment or plans. From such information as you have do you regard her as capable of managing her own affairs?

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Assistant Commissioner.

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APR 30 1919

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Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
 U. S. INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

April 22, 1919.

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
 Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to Office letter of April 17th, I have the honor to enclose copy of my letter on this subject. Since writing the foregoing letter Miss Lonechief has left the employment of the Sanatorium and has gone to her home in Oklahoma. She continued to be a most exemplary and useful young woman in fact one of our best assistants at the East Farm Sanatorium. She left of her own volition, possibly to be married.

Very respectfully,

*J. B. Brown*  
 Superintendent.

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APR 17 1919

Mr. John B. Brown,  
Supt., Phoenix School.

My dear Mr. Brown:

The Office has not received a response to its letter addressed to you on March 17, concerning the service and progress in self-support of Miss Mary Lonechief, employed as assistant camp matron in your jurisdiction.

Please make reply soon, or furnish a copy of same, if already made.

Very truly yours,

*E. B. Meritt*  
Assistant Commissioner.

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Very truly yours,

*E. B. Meritt*  
Assistant Commissioner.

March 26, 1919.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to Office letter of March 17th inquiring with reference to the efficiency and competency of Mary Lonechief, a full blood Pawnee, graduated at Carlisle 1917, I have the honor to report that this young lady's conduct has been good at the East Farm Sanatorium where she is employed. She is a young woman of intelligence and apparent good judgment. She has had no affairs to manage here except the expenditure of her small salary and I am unable to judge as to her ability in handling so important an interest as her allotment of 160 acres.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Mr. John B. Brown, Superintendent,  
Phoenix School.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Mary Lonechief, a full blood Pawnee, who appears to be employed as assistant camp matron in your jurisdiction, graduated at Carlisle in 1917. It seemed advisable to defer issuing a certificate of competency to her at that time and the matter is again under consideration.

Please advise how she has succeeded in her present employment and whether she gives reasonable promise of ability to manage her own affairs. She is reported to have an allotment of 160 acres on which the trust patent expired last October. An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Assistant Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM

Mary Lone Chief, of Pawnee, Okla, a full blood Pawnee Indian, twenty-four years old, completed the course in home economics at Carlisle, passed her examinations and was awarded a diploma of graduation at the close of the school year 1917.

This girl is not in good health. She is reported to be of good moral principles and strong for the right; has been a good officer in the girls' battalion and in that way shown some leadership, but although a fine girl, is rather slow of perception and poor in the use of English, apparently without the language sense.

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 Lone Chief, while in certain respects commendable, are not such as render her at this time reasonably competent and capable of transacting her own business and caring for her own individual affairs, but that, being a full blood and possessed of quite a little property, she should have a few years more in which to gain experience and knowledge of actual life outside of school and acquire maturity of judgment for managing her affairs.

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Chief, Education Division.



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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
Pawnee Indian Agency,  
Pawnee, Oklahoma,

Sept. 13, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Office letter of August 28, bearing upon the competency of Mary Lone Chief, Pawnee allottee No. 371, I have the honor to make the following report:-

I have personally interviewed Mary Lone Chief, who has advised me that she does not care at this time to make a formal application for a patent in fee, and that she would prefer to hold her allotment under trust patent until the expiration of the trust period, which trust period will expire in October, 1918.

Miss Lone Chief is a graduate of Carlisle, and is a very intelligent young woman. She is competent, and yet I would question the advisability of issuing her a patent in fee until after the expiration of the ensuing year, as I believe that at the end of such time she will be much better qualified by reason of the year's experience to assume the responsibilities that would attend the receipt by her of such patent in fee.

In this connection I have consulted the members of the Competency Commission who were recently passing upon the competency of the Indians under this jurisdiction, and they concur with



me in this opinion.

I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that patent  
in fee be issued to Mary Lone Chief upon the expiration of the  
trust period.

Very respectfully,

*Rayl P. Stanton*  
Supt. & S. D. A.

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STATUS OF ALLOTMENT

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*Report* Examined JUL 24 1917 by *CWTB*

Allotted under Act of Allotted Act of Feb. 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388) as amended by Act of Feb. 28, 1891 (26 Stat. 794)

Original trust patent issued *3-3-93 (27 Stat. 447)* under Act of *Oct 9-93* Feb. 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388)

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
<i>Sch</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>Trust</i>
<i>allot of "Mary Lou Chief" # 371</i>					

Remarks: *Form*



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



(See report dated 5/18/17 )

NAME: Mary Lone Chief  
AGE: 24  
SEX: Female  
TRIBE: Pawnee  
DEGREE OF BLOOD: Full  
GRADUATED: Special Course of Study  
COURSE PURSUED: Home Economics  
HEALTH: Not Good  
HOW PERSONAL FUNDS HANDLED: Careful in spending her money.  
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

She is the daughter of Lone Chief and Jennie Howell of Pawnee, Okla. Her father is dead, he did not have any education obtained at schools. Her mother had some education. She has a comfortable home. She has 160 acres of land and she has helped work on it. Since coming to Carlisle she has worked as follows: Laundry - 7 months, Model Home Cottage - 2 months, housekeeping - 2 months, sewing room - 3 years. She likes sewing but does not like cooking. Would like to earn living at sewing.



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

May 18, 1917.

Office of Indian Affairs  
MAY 21 1917  
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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 Lone Chief, a full blood Pawnee Indian, 24 years of age, will be graduated from Carlisle School, if she passes her examination, on May 24th.

Superintendent Ralph P. Stanion reports that Mary has an allotment consisting of 160 acres described as SW/4 of Section 22, township 22 N., Range 5 E., and a 2/5 interest in the allotment of Lone Chief, her father, described as SW/4 of Section 29, Township 22 N., Range 5 E. He advises me that the allotment of

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Lone Chief is appraised at \$2725.00 and the personal allotment of Mary is appraised at \$3080.00. Mary has no Individual Indian Money to her credit in his office.

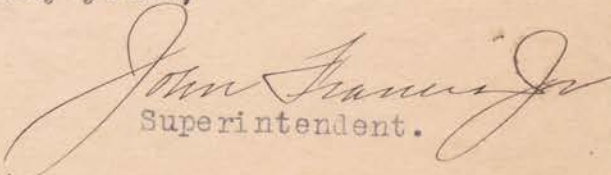
Principal Blair reports that Mary Lone Chief is a fine girl, but slow of perception. She has considerable leadership, but is seriously handicapped by her poor English. She seems to be without the language sense. She has a good home and a fair income. She has been at Carlisle for five years.

Matilda G. Ewing, matron, reports that Mary is a young lady of good moral and religious principles, stands strong for the right and is a power for good as an officer of the girls' battalion. She commands the respect of her associates.

I do not recommend that the restrictions of Mary Lone Chief be removed now. She has not an affirmatively strong character. Should she marry, the manner in which her property will be handled will depend upon the character of her husband.

In spite of the fact that she is a fine girl and fairly well educated she should have a few years during which her character will mature and her future life be outlined before the question of the removal of her restrictions is taken up.

Very truly yours,

  
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pawnee Indian Agency,  
Pawnee, Oklahoma,

May 8, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Francis:



In compliance with your letter of April 30th., relative to property holdings of Mary Lone Chief, I have to advise you that Mary has an allotment consisting of 160 acres upon this reservation, described as the SW/4 of Sec. 22, Twp. 22 N., Range 5 E., and a 2/5 interest in the allotment of Lone Chief, her father, described as the SW/4 of Sec. 29, Twp. 22 N., Range 5 E. Our records show the allotment of Lone Chief to be appraised at \$2725.00 and her own allotment to be appraised at \$3080.00. Mary's own allotment is rolling prairie land no part of which has been broken, the same is valuable natural meadow. It has no prospective mineral value. The allotment of Lone Chief is rolling prairie land of which 80 acres is in its natural state and affords a very good natural meadow. About ten acres are suitable for nothing but pasture, about 45 acres are in cultivation. This allotment has no immediate prospective mineral value.

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Mary has no individual Indian money to her credit  
in this office.

Respectfully,

Raeph P. Stamon  
Supt. & S. D. A.

Mr. Francis:

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

MARY LONE CHIEF

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Very respectfully,

*Clyde M. Blair*

Principal.



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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



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Matilda G. Ewing;

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Mr. Ralph P. Stanion,  
Supt. Pawnee School.

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AUG 28 1917

My dear Mr. Stanion:

There is inclosed the record showing the competency of Mary Lone Chief who has an allotment on the Pawnee reservation, Oklahoma. You will please take up the matter with Miss Young Chief, with a view to having issued to her a patent in fee.

You will please return this record with your report.

Very truly yours,  
*Signed) C. F. Hauke*

8-HMB-25

Chief Clerk.

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