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August Kensler, being duly sworn by E. B. Linnen, Chief Inspector, on oath answers questions as follows:

Q. Please state your name, age, and occupation.

A. August Kensler, 70 years old, Quartermaster.

Q. How long have you been employed at the Carlisle Indian School, as Quartermaster for the government?

A. As Storekeeper and Quartermaster since July 1, 1892.

Q. And as such Quartermaster and Storekeeper you had charge of all the goods and supplies, and also of all sales of government property at the Carlisle Indian School during that period?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know of any government property, or any moneys derived from the sale of any government property which have not been properly accounted for on the books and in the accounts of the Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School?

A. The money I turned in, I suppose was taken up, but the money he told me to pay the furniture with, that was not taken up.

Q. From what source were these moneys derived which were not taken up on the books and accounts or vouchers of the Superintendent?

A. I can't tell after I delivered the money, but once we bought furniture. I know that wasn't taken up. That was derived from selling old rags and iron gathered up around the grounds.

Q. What amount of money do you think that would aggregate, Mr. Kensler? From the sale of these rags, bones, iron, etc.

A. During the whole period?

Q. During the period you believe the moneys were not taken up on the accounts, that is, for three years?

A. I couldn't tell what they took up and what they didn't, to be correct in my evidence, but I know this much wasn't taken up, \$271 for that furniture, that I am positive of.

Q. Well now, during the years 1908, 1909 and 1910, ~~if those moneys~~ if those moneys which should be Class 4 moneys from the sale of government property and articles was not taken up on the books and accounts of the Superintendent, about what amount do you believe it would aggregate?

A. Between four and five hundred dollars.

Q. You say you do know that something in the neighborhood of \$271 of such funds and moneys were paid for furniture?

A. Yes sir.

Q. And that money was not accounted for?

A. Yes sir.

Q. For whose furniture was that money paid?

A. For the Superintendent's house.

Q. What Superintendent?

A. Mr. Friedman.

Q. When was that?

A. That was in 1908, 1909 and 1910.

Q. Who bought the furniture and who paid the money for it?

A. He or his wife, I don't know which. He sent the bills down and told me to pay it when I received the money for the bones or what ever it was.

Q. So that you paid the money?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How did you pay it; in cash or by check?

A. Paid it in cash.

Q. To whom?

A. To the firms from which the furniture was bought.

Q. And that is the furniture that went into Mr. Friedman's house on the grounds here?

A. I suppose so, I haven't seen it.

Q. Now Mr. Kensler, what other irregularities do you know of in the way of funds or Government property that you have reason to believe were not properly accounted for on the books and accounts of the Superintendent?

A. I don't know of any, not in property.

Q. Do you know of any other occasion of moneys which were received from any source which was not properly accounted for?

A. I don't know ^{of} any other funds. I don't know anything about any other occasion.

Q. Mr. Kensler, did you hand over all other moneys received from the sale of government property or ~~of~~ any source, did you turn it over to the Superintendent or to the Chief Clerk, other than what money you paid for the furniture of the Superintendent?

A. I have.

Q. Did you in some instances turn over the cash to Superintendent Friedman?

A. I have always turned it over to Mr. Nori except in the last three years, when Mr. Friedman receipted for it. He received all the money then and turned it over, I suppose. I know he did, because he always called Mr. Nori and he gave him a receipt.

Q. Well, aside from this furniture which was purchased out of these moneys for Superintendent Friedman, he had theretofore received from the government the furniture and all of the furniture and supplies which the government allows to Superintendents' houses, had he not?

A. Yes sir.

Q. And did he receive any other articles such as curtains, carpets, piano or any other thing that you know of which was paid in any way from government moneys, for his house, or any other purpose?

A. Nothing that I remember now, but those curtains come to my mind.

Q. How many curtains, and what was the probable cost?

A. I have no distinct recollection. I know that I had the bills and refused to O.K. them. Chief Clerk Nori says it was probably about \$27, and it may be it was about that.

Q. Do you know of any coal or other articles having been purchased for the Superintendent's house prior to the government allowing such coal?

A. Yes. There had been a couple of tons purchased prior to that. I understand now from one of the office force that money was refunded. There have been a lot of cement sacks that we returned and part of that money was used to purchase articles for use in the carpenter shop, etc., which the firm no doubt has a record of, and the other part was taken up.

Q. Then you now recall, Mr. Kensler, that moneys which were placed to the credit of the Carlisle Indian School from the sale of sacks, that certain articles for the shops were furnished for those sacks, and the moneys never accounted for?

A. Yes.

Q. About what did that class of dealing amount to, as near as you can recall?

A. That would amount to between \$50 and \$60.

Q. When did that occur?

A. For the last two years, possible three years.

Q. What firm furnished the tools and received those sacks?

A. Bixler and Sons of Carlisle, Pa.

Q. Who are they?

A. Hardware dealers right across from the Wellington.

Q. Were the tools so furnished and purchased taken up on the government property return?

A. No, they were replacing those that were lost, or something of that sort. Sometimes hinges, etc., that the carpenter needed in a hurry, I was told to use that and buy it from that.

Q. Do you recall anything else that is in the nature of a questionable transaction, or violations of the rules and regulations, in any manner?

A. Not in my business.

Q. Well, have you any knowledge of anything in any of the departments?

A. I know there was none around the shops I can think of, or in my place.

Q. Do you know of any place there is in connection with the Carlisle Indian School?

A. I don't know of anything, really.

Q. Have you had any reason to believe that any of the moneys which have been derived here at the school from any source whatever were being improperly used by any person and not properly accounted for?

A. I am studying, but I couldn't answer that. I don't know of any.

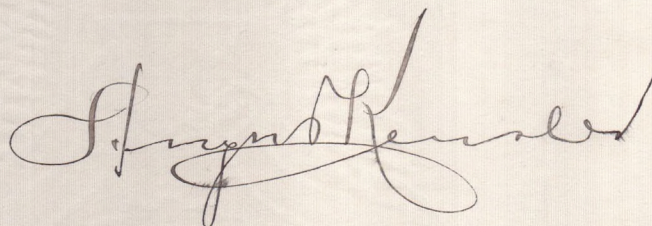
They used to speak a good deal of money being spent from the athletic fund, but I don't know the first thing about the Athletic Association.

Q. Is there anything else, Mr. Kensler, within your knowledge, which you believe the government should be informed of, that is in any manner a violation of the law, rules or regulations, and in asking this question, I want you to understand that it is now not only your privilege, but it becomes your duty to give me any information of that character within your knowledge.

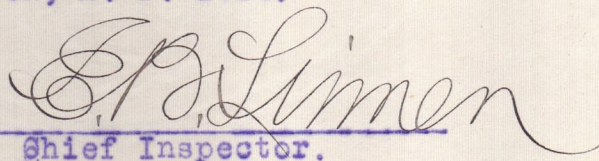
A. I am deeply studying, but I really can't think of anything else. Of course, that suspicion up here, I haven't any ground for it.

Q. The suspicion you spoke of refers to the athletic fund?

A. Yes. Of course, whenever there was a good deal of traveling done, everybody would say, "I wonder where the money comes from," and it was generally supposed out of the athletic fund.



Subscribed and sworn to before me at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, this twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1914.



Chief Inspector.