

THE HAMPTON
NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL
INSTITUTE

CORA M. FOLSON



My dear Mr Whitwell.

Joseph Blackhawk tells me
that you would like to know
of an Indian girl who would
do well as teacher in your
department.

Florence Silverheels of Silver
Creek. N. Y. ^{Care of Alingo Lee} graduated here
last year. She is very Indian,
a Seneca, is large, strong and
wonderfully poised. I have
never seen an Indian girl, (or

young woman), with as much dignity.

She has had one year of experience in our Whittier primary school and is very skilful in basketry and lace work. She is a girl who gets along pleasantly and easily with others and has never had anything but respect from employers or students.

If you want special recommendations from the school they will be sent you.

Very truly

Car. M. Tolson

*1. to Carlisle
2. to Silverheels
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

Oct. 14, 1907.

FILE

Subject:
Relative to position
of teacher at \$480.
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The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have a vacancy in the school teaching force at \$480 per annum. This was intended for an Indian teacher and it is being temporarily filled at present quite satisfactorily by an ex-Carlisle student who is willing to continue the work until about the middle of November, and I recommend that she be allowed to fill the place until that time, as we have already had two or three changes and as the work is being satisfactorily done now I would not like another change before the time specified above.

I inclose a letter addressed to the principal teacher, Mr. Whitwell, recommending Florence Silverheels as a suitable person for permanent employment. If she is on the eligible list I should like to have her appointed to take effect Nov. 15th. If she is not on the eligible list I request that she be given an opportunity to take the examination with a view to her assignment here if successful, if it is possible to so arrange.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Mercer

Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Education
83078/07 File 162

WASHINGTON.

October 17, 1907.

Subject:
Asking if Florence
Silverheels desires to
take Teacher exam.,
noncompetitive.

Miss Florence Silverheels,
C/o Alonzo Lee,
Silver Creek, N. Y.

Madam:-

Miss Cora M. Folsom of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, has suggested you for appointment as Teacher at the Indian School at Carlisle, Penn., at a salary of \$480 per annum, and Supt. Mercer has requested your appointment at his school in event that you are eligible, and if you are not, that an examination be given you for the place.

There is no record that you have passed the examination, and if you wish to try it, the examination will be recommended for you, to take place, if possible, at Silver Creek, N. Y., under the direction of the Postmaster.

Please inform the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at once whether you wish to try the examination.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Larrabee.

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Education

83078/07 File 162

WASHINGTON.

Oct. 17, 1907.

Subject:

Filling position of
Teacher at \$480.

Superintendent Indian School,

Carlisle, Penn.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing a letter from Miss Cora M. Folsom, recommending Florence Silverheels, an Indian of Silver Creek, New York, who graduated last year from the Hampton Institute, for the position of Teacher at \$480 per annum at your school, is received.

There is no record that Miss Silverheels has passed the Teacher examination, and the Office has today written her, asking whether she desires to try a noncompetitive examination to test her fitness for appointment at Carlisle.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) G. F. Larrabee.

Acting Commissioner.

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Nov 1 to Charles Silver Creek
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Honorable Francis S. [unclear]
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir; In **FILE**
to the letter of October
17th I am sorry to say
I do not feel capable of
taking a teacher's
examination for the
present. Though I have
had four months train-
ing in a teachers
training school I still
feel unprepared for such

a noble calling.

Would you please
give me some idea
if there is a possibility
of my getting in the
Indian Service as a
matron very soon?

My examination was held
at Buffalo, September 11th
1907 for matron

Percentage 77.90

Legal residence Irving, N.Y.

Very respectfully yours,
(Miss) Florence W. Silverhals

Silver Creek,

New York.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Education
83078/07 File 162
87258/07 File 162

WASHINGTON.

Nov. 2, 1907.

Subject:

Appointment of Florence
W. Silverheels as Asst.
Matron at Tongue River.

Miss Florence W. Silverheels,

Silver Creek, N. Y.

Madam:-

Your letter of October 28, expressing your unwillingness to take the Teacher examination at the present time, and asking to be given some idea of the possibility of receiving an appointment as Matron, is received.

Your name has been certified to the Indian Office, and you have today been appointed Assistant Matron at the Tongue River school, Montana, at a salary of \$480 per annum.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) F. M. Conser.
Chief Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Education

83078/07 File 162

87258/07 File 162

WASHINGTON.

Nov. 2, 1907.

Subject:

Filling position of Teacher
at \$480 per annum at Carlisle.

Supt. Indian School,

Carlisle, Penn.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of October 14, and to Office letter of October 17 to you, concerning Miss Florence W. Silverheels, you are informed that she has just notified the Indian Office that she does not feel capable of taking the Teacher examination at the present time. Her name has been certified, however, for appointment as Assistant Matron, and she has been given employment at the Tongue River school, Montana.

Have you anyone else in mind to recommend for the position of Teacher at \$480 per annum at your school?

Very respectfully,

(Signed) F. M. Conser

Chief Clerk.

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