

Sept. 14/07 to Carlisle

Oct. 3/07 to Carlisle

Oct. 9/07 to ⁸²⁰Waterman



Irving, N.Y. Aug. 27, 1907.

To the Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have been advised to confer with you as the proper person having full authority over the U.S. Indian Industrial School Service in regard to my son John Waterman who is in Carlisle Indian School. The boy entered said school three years ago, and went to remain five years. His brother younger (Ralph Waterman) entered with him at the same time. I regret to say that John Waterman Jr. has given us great cause of anxiety on account of his great discontentment. He wants to come home. And this worries his other brother also, who we hope will serve out his time. John has been anxious

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to learn the blacksmith trade, it appears that he has learned the same and now holds his diploma. He says he is not interested in anything further in the subjects taught at Adid School and now wants to come home and do something for himself. He is now 22 years old. His brother Ralph is interested more in books and we can see his more rapid progress in that line. While we thoroughly appreciate the importance of higher education, yet in the case of our John we are afraid, knowing his disposition, that his further staying at Carlisle will be simply a waste of time. He is restless and unsatisfied, and he now says he is going to 'get home'. We have done everything to keep him contented. we have encouraged him along, but it is no go, he wants to come home and go to work. Now we all know that a young man of his years is, if he ever amounts to anything, generally begins to plan his life work, and so it appears to us that the question is up

to the School authorities whether he will
 be permitted to an honorable discharge.
 We do not like the idea of his running
 away from school, and hence we are
 anxious to have him discharged and
 come home. We think that by doing
 so it would further the interests of his
 younger brother who we think would
 be more contented. And furthermore
 since he is bound now to come home
 he would at this time be welcome
 at home as we the parents are in
 full health and he would be of great
 help at home for awhile. Please advise
 us how to proceed to get his release
 and ask that the matter be given a
 reasonable consideration.

Very respectfully,

Mr. + Mrs. John Waterman,

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Education
74098 - 1907
File 820
Subject :

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

Request of Mr. and Mrs.
Waterman, Irving, N.Y., for
discharge of John Waterman.

Sept. 14, 1907.

Superintendent,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

The enclosed letter is referred to you for a report and recommendations.

It appears that the young man whose discharge is requested is now 22 years old; that he has learned the blacksmith's trade at Carlisle; that he is not interested in the literary course, but is anxious to leave school and take up work for himself. It appears also that his discontent may influence his younger brother. If an element of restlessness and discontent, which is likely to spread to other pupils, can be eliminated before it becomes serious, it would be well to give full consideration to the statements made in the letter and if the facts justify such a course, to release the young man.

Return the letter with your report.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) G. F. Larrabee.

Acting Commissioner.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Education
78931 - 1907
File 820

**OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.**

Subject:
Return of
John Waterman.

October 3, 1907.

Superintendent,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

Your letter of the 26th ultimo has been received, reporting on the request of Mr. and Mrs. John Waterman for the return of their son John.

Your action in returning the young man on the request made to you is approved.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Larrabee.

Acting Commissioner.

F.I.P.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

Education
78931 - 1907
File 820

Subject:

October 9, 1907.

Return of son.

Mr. and Mrs. John Waterman,
Irving, New York.

My Friends :

Your letter of August 27th was referred to the Superintendent of Carlisle School, and he has since informed me that on your request your son John was sent home.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Larrabee.

Acting Commissioner.

F.I.P.

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