

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

Oct. 3/107 to Osage
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Subject:
Transfer of
Joseph Mills.

Sept. 20, 1907.

The Honorable,

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



Sir:

I am in receipt of your Office letter (Education 76370/07), dated the 19th instant, stating that Agent Millard of the Osage Agency reports that Joseph Mills, who was formerly a pupil at Carlisle for about seven years, returned to his home last summer and now desires to attend the Indian school at Riverside, Cal.

Complying with Office request for report and recommendation in this matter, I have to state that the said Joseph Mills was a pupil at Carlisle as stated for a period of about seven years and was sent home early in July by reason of the expiration of his term of enrollment. Although the general health of this young man was always quite good at Carlisle, our school physician regarded him as being predisposed to tuberculosis, although no physical signs of this disease were ever discovered. Aside from this he did well here and made good progress in his work, especially during the last two years. Excepting on the ground of health, I see no good reason why he should now be enrolled at Riverside in preference to re-enrolling at Carlisle. Necessarily the school where a pupil has been in attendance can do more for him than a new school can, and as a general

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proposition I feel that unless there are special reasons for enrolling at another school, discharged pupils should re-enroll at the same school at which they formerly served a term, should it be deemed proper to continue their training at a non-reservation boarding school.

In Joseph Mills's case our school physician feels, however, that for the reasons above stated it would be advisable for the boy to remain in the West, at least for the present, and perhaps out of school as well.

He was in the 7th grade here when discharged.

Very respectfully,

W. Miller
Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Education
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Subject:
Transfer of
Joseph Mills.

October 3, 1907.

Superintendent,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

Your report of the 24th ultimo , relative to Joseph Mills, an Osage pupil recently returned from your school, has been received, and for your information there is enclosed a copy of a letter today addressed to the U. S. Indian Agent at Osage Agency concerning his transfer to Riverside, California.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) G. F. Larrabee

Acting Commissioner.

F.I.P.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

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October 3, 1907.

Transfer of
Joseph Mills.

U. S. Indian Agent,
Osage Agency,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Sir :

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, asking whether Joseph Mills, a lately returned student from Carlisle, will be permitted to go to the Government school at Riverside, California, you are advised that, if he wishes to continue his education in a Government school he should return to Carlisle, provided his health is such as to justify his admission as a pupil anywhere.

In reporting on this young man, the Superintendent of the Carlisle School says :

Although the general health of this young man was always quite good at Carlisle, our school physician regarded him as being predisposed to tuberculosis, although no physical signs of this disease were ever discovered. Excepting on the ground of health, I see no good reason why he should now be enrolled at Riverside in preference to re-enrolling at Carlisle.

Our school physician feels, however, that for the reasons above stated it would be advisable for the boy to remain in the West, at least for the present, and perhaps out of school as well.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Larrabee

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Acting Commissioner.