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

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Subject:
Request of parents
of John Waterman for
his discharge.

Sept. 26, 1907. *J.R.W.*

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

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Sir:

Replying to your Office letter (Education 74098/07, File 820), dated the 14th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing a letter from Mr. and Mrs. John Waterman, Irving, N.Y., in regard to the discharge of their son, John Waterman, Jr., from this school, which is submitted to me for report and recommendation, I have to say that the statements made in the letter you inclosed are, in the main, correct and true. This young man was enrolled as a pupil about three years ago and is now, according to the records, 22 years of age. He has been a good student and his conduct has always been very satisfactory. He had satisfactorily completed his course of training in the trade of blacksmith and certificate to that effect was issued to him at the last commencement. In academic work he had reached the 8th grade, being in the sophomore class.

I do not concur in the statement of the parents, however, that further stay at Carlisle would have been a waste of time, though it is true that the young man was somewhat unsettled and anxious to get away. Upon inquiry, however, I am led to believe that his parents needed his help at home as it appears that the father is unable to do much hard work and properly take care of his farm and

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stock on account of poor health.

In a letter to me received only a day or two ago the father asked that his son be sent home as soon as he could get ready, as his help was needed to complete the fall work on the farm. Feeling that if the boy was to be of much aid he should go without delay, he was discharged and sent home yesterday. I trust that this action will meet with your approval.

There is no basis for the statement that the uneasiness of this young man was affecting the work of his brother Ralph here at the school, but on the contrary I cannot help but feel that another year's training at Carlisle would have been very beneficial to John himself.

Mr. Waterman's letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

JRW-Sch.