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E. P. Oberholtzer, Director of Historical
Pageant, Philadelphia, Pa., 6-30-08 7-1

Request for the display of about 70 Indian pupils
from CARLISLE SCHOOL to take part in the Indian scene
of the Historical Pageant, Founders' Week, 225th anniversary
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IN the FIELD at BELMONT
October 7-12, 1912

125th Anniversary
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President
The Mayor of Philadelphia
Rudolph Blankenburg
June 14, 1912.

Secretary
Ellis Paxson Oberholtzer

Dept. of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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Thank you very much for

your favor of the 10th inst. with its
permission to us to bring on some of
the Indian students from Carlisle for
our Historical Pageant. I have heard
from Mr. Friedman, and am very glad
of his co-operation.

The Pageant this time, is
not in the form of a parade, but it is
a play on the grounds in Fairmount Park,
so that the girls will not have far to
walk, and if we should need a few, as in
1908, I am certain that you will not
find the service objectionable.

With many thanks, I am,

Yours truly,

Ellis Paxson Oberholtzer

Director of the Pageant.

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Mr. Ellis P. Oberholtzer,

Secretary, Historical Pageant Committee,

Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have your letter of June 4, 1912 concerning the attendance of students from the Carlisle Indian School at your historical pageant to be presented in Philadelphia during October next, and shall be glad to have the students attend unless the Superintendent of the School knows of some reason why they cannot go this year. Mr. Friedman has been communicated with and requested to write to you and assist in arranging the details of the matter.

In 1908 sixty boys and five girls were sent from the school with two escorts for the boys and one for the girls, and I presume substantially the same arrangements will be necessary this year. It would be desirable that

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the girls be not required to march in the parade, and also quite essential that all students wear their uniforms during all times except while actually in the procession.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Samuel Adams

1st Asst Secretary.

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Mr. Moses Friedman,

Supt. Carlisle School,

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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Sir:

Mr. Ellis P. Oberholtzer, Secretary of the Historical Pageant Committee, has requested that arrangements be made, as was done during the year 1908, for the attendance of a certain number of Indian students from the Carlisle School at the historical pageant to be given in Philadelphia next October, and Mr. Oberholtzer has been advised that there will be no objection thereto if you know of no reason to the contrary of which the Office is not informed.

If there be no objection, please communicate directly with the Secretary and make the necessary arrangements. Mr. Oberholtzer has been told that it would not be desirable for the girls to march in the parade and that the students should appear in uniform except while actually in the procession, and he understands of course that all expenses will be paid by his committee including those of escorts for the boys and girls.

Respectfully,

(Signed) F. H. Abbott.

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Commissioner.

Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Subject:- INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

Appearance of Carlisle students
at Philadelphia. OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Carlisle, Pa., October 14, 1908.



The Commissioner

of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I respectfully transmit, under this cover, a letter from Mr. Ellis P. Oberholtzer, Director of the Historical Pageant held on Friday during Founders' Week in the city of Philadelphia.

From word which has come to me, I know that the part which the Carlisle school took in this Historical Pageant was appreciated by both the officers of the celebration and the general public.

Very respectfully,

M. G. Medman

Superintendent.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. October 21, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Report on the part the
Indian students took in
the Historical Pageant in
Philadelphia.

Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of October 14, transmitting a letter from
Mr. Ellis P. Oberholtzer concerning the part the Carlisle
School took in the Historical Pageant at Philadelphia, has
been received.

The Office congratulates you on the success of your
efforts in this matter.

Very respectfully,


Acting Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR:

1216 WALNUT STREET, (ENTRANCE AT 1218) PHILADELPHIA

October 12th, 1908.

Mr. M. Friedman,

Sup't., Industrial Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

We are greatly indebted to you for the Indians for the Historical Pageant? They were one of the prize attractions in the procession and we very much appreciate your kindness and that of everyone concerned in putting them at our disposal for that day.

I am sending you a package containing a number of copies of the Book of the Pageant, which I should be very glad to have you distribute among the young men and women who participated.

Sincerely yours,

Ellis P. Oberholtzer

Director.

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1216 WALNUT STREET, (ENTRANCE AT 1218) PHILADELPHIA

July 29th, 1908.

Mr. C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am very much obliged to you for your favor of the 20th instant, giving us permission, under certain circumstances, to bring to Philadelphia a number of the Indians from the Carlisle School. I have this matter under consideration and will let you, or Mr. Friedman, know of our decision before very long.

Very truly yours,

Ellis P. Oberholtzer

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. July 20, 1908.

✓ Education
44180-1908
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E.A.P.

SUBJECT:

Request that 70 Indians be permitted to appear in an Historical Pageant in Philadelphia on October 9.

Mr. Ellis P. Oberholtzer,
Director Historical Pageant,
1216 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of June 30 was duly received, in which you ask that about seventy Indians from the Carlisle School, or some other institution within reach of Philadelphia, be permitted to appear in an Historical Pageant to be given in connection with the celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the founding of that city.

The matter was taken up with the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, and I have to-day authorized him to permit sixty young men and five young ladies to appear in the street parade on October 9 under the following conditions:

1. That all their transportation expenses are paid by you, together with board and lodging in a hotel or boarding house in a good location in the city of Philadelphia.

2. That all the expenses of two escorts for

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the boys and one escort for the girls are paid by you.

3. That the girls are not required to march on foot.

4. That the students are to appear in their regular uniforms except during the time they are actually in the procession.

As delays often occur on these occasions, and the line of march sometimes covers several miles, it was thought that to require the girls to march on foot would prove a hardship.

If the conditions are satisfactory, you should arrange the time for the arrival and departure of the students with Superintendent Friedman of the Carlisle School.

Very respectfully,


Acting Commissioner.

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OFFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. July 20, 1908.

✓ Education
44180-1908
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E.A.P.

SUBJECT:

Request of Director of
an Historical Pageant to
be given in Philadelphia
for 70 Indians to take
part in it.

Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 16 with regard to the request
of the Director of an Historical Pageant to be given in
Philadelphia in connection with the celebration of the 225th
Anniversary of the founding of that city.

In accordance with your recommendation, you are hereby
authorized to permit sixty young men and five young ladies to
appear in the street procession on October 9, under the con-
ditions set out in the inclosed letter (copy) to Mr. Ellis P.
Oberholtzer, Director of the Pageant.

If the conditions are accepted, and the students attend,
when the occasion is over please send in a report with reference
to it.

Very respectfully,



Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

/ Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., July 16, 1908.



Subject:

Indians to take part
in Historical Pageant at
Philadelphia.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In further reply to your Office letter Education 44180/08, EAF, dated July 10, 1908, concerning the request of the Director of a Historical Pageant that seventy Indians be permitted to appear in a street parade, I respectfully transmit, under this cover, a letter just received from the Director of the Pageant in answer to a communication from me in which I requested certain information. It will be noticed from the letter of Director Oberholtzer that the procession and exhibition is of a legitimate character, and would probably not conflict with the ends and purposes of our work.

I respectfully recommend that the school be authorized to assist the City of Philadelphia in their endeavor to give this Historical Pageant. I would suggest that sixty young men and five young ladies be sent under the following conditions:-

1st. That all of the transportation expenses be paid, to-

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gether with board and lodging in a hotel or boarding house in a good location in the city of Philadelphia.

2nd. That all the expenses of two escorts for the boys and one escort for the girls be paid. I do not believe it would be well for the girls to march on foot as is suggested by the Director. Those parades are quite often delayed for some time, and besides the long wait, those who take part are often compelled to march five or six miles, and sometimes more. This would be a hardship on the young ladies.

3rd. That the students go in their uniforms and remain so attired, excepting during the time when they are actually in the procession. I believe this is necessary for the reason that it might be requested by the management at Philadelphia that they go about the streets garbed in the primitive manner in which they would appear in the procession.

Very respectfully.


Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR:

1216 WALNUT STREET, (ENTRANCE AT 1218) PHILADELPHIA July 14th, 1908.

Mr. M. Friedman,

Sup't., Carlisle Industrial Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I have your kind favor of the 11th instant, in reply to my earlier request in regard to some 60 or 70 Indians from your school.

The Historical Pageant, which we are planning for the 9th of October next, is in connection with the Founders' Week celebration, which is being arranged to mark the 225th anniversary of the foundation of the City of Philadelphia.

There will be a number of processions but the most important and interesting we hope will be that which is designed to illustrate the history of the city, and is set for Friday of the week. It is planned to begin the procession with the scene representing the life of the Indians on the Delaware, before the Dutch, the Swedes and the English arrived. A handsome car has been designed by Miss Violet Oakley and its construction will be under

Mr. M. Friedman, 2--

the direction of Mr. Charles Stephens, who has made so close a study of the Indians. This will be followed by floats, cars and moving people to represent the various phases in the history of Philadelphia, including the Revolutionary period, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. The Pageant throughout is made up of costumed people from the dress of the periods which are to be represented, and much attention is being given to historical detail.

The University of Pennsylvania, Haverford College and most of the institutions in and around Philadelphia will send students to take part in the Pageant, and it occurred to us that we should have a number of Indians from your school for the Indian scene. We should need 10 men on the car and five or six women. We have planned for 50 figures on the street, on foot, to accompany the car. These could all be men but, if possible, it would be desirable to have three or four girls on foot also, if they did not consider it a hardship.

As I said before, the costumes will be designed and made here. They will be ready to wear when the students reach here. If they can add anything, however, in the way of material which it would be well to carry in the procession we should be very glad to have them do so.

Hoping that some definite arrangement can be made, I am,

Very truly yours,

Elis P. Olinholm
Director.

Mr. M. Friedman, 3--

P. S. This will be the first Historical Pageant to be given in this country, although many are being seen from time to time in England. Quebec is about to undertake such a representation next week.

The float represents an Indian hut of the day, studied from the accounts of the Lenni Lenape Indians. In front of it are seated some 10 Indian chieftains in a Council of Peace; two or three women are standing or seated at the door of the hut grinding corn and tending one or two children.

I think that the students could leave the school on Thursday afternoon, reaching here in time for rehearsal on Friday morning, and return again on Saturday.

I do not think that you would find anything in the representation that would be at all hostile to the purpose of the school, and I wish that I might be able to show you the drawing of the float which Miss Oakley has prepared. I will make arrangements to do this if you prefer it.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

47484



Indian Industrial School,

subject: Carlisle, Pa., July 11, 1908.

Appearance of 70 Indians
in street parade at Phila-
delphia.

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

Sir:-

I have your Office letter "Education 44180/1908, EAF," dated July 10, 1908, concerning the request of the Director of the Historical Pageant of Philadelphia, that seventy Indians be permitted to appear in a street parade, together with a letter from the Director to your Office. You request suggestions and recommendations.

I shall immediately put myself into communication with Mr. Oberholtzer asking more definite information concerning the nature of the procession, and the part he desires the Indians to take in it. Upon receipt of further information, I shall at once communicate with your Office.

Very respectfully,

M. Friedman

Superintendent.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Education
44180-1908
E.A.F.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. July 10, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Request of Director of
Historical Pageant, Phila-
delphia, that 70 Indians be
permitted to appear in street
parade.

Supt. Indian School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a letter from the Director of
an Historical Pageant in celebration of the 225th anniversary
of the foundation of Philadelphia, to take place in October,
in which he asks that about seventy Indians from the Carlisle
School, or some other institution within reach of Philadelphia,
be permitted to appear in the street parade on October 9.

Please return the letter with your suggestions and recom-
mendations.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT

FOUNDERS' WEEK

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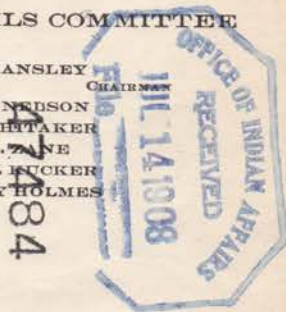
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR:

1216 WALNUT STREET, (ENTRANCE AT 1218) PHILADELPHIA

June 30th, 1908.

Department of the Interior,

Indian Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

We have in hand in Philadelphia a celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the foundation of the city. An entire week will be devoted to the ceremonies and on Friday, October 9th, we have projected an Historical Pageant. This will be the first affair of this kind to be given in this country and it is our intention to illustrate the principal events in the history of Philadelphia, many of which are also important events in the History of the United States, by means of a street procession. The best historians in the city have been at work upon the plans, and artists of national reputation are designing the cars and floats. The Pageant will begin with an Indian scene. It had been designed by Miss Violet Oakley and includes a very beautiful car which will require about 70 people in costumes which we will supply.

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It is hoped that we can obtain about this number of Indians from the Carlisle School, or some other institution within reach of Philadelphia. I am, therefore, writing to you to ask if such an arrangement can be made and what your suggestion would be in such a case.

Hoping that you will feel an interest in the subject and will use an effort to comply with our request, I am,

Very truly yours,

Elias P. Oberholzer

Director.