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October 31, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Release of Joseph
Thompson, New York
Indian.

Superintendent,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

Your letter of the 28th instant has been received, relative to Joseph Thompson, now at his home in New York.

As it appears that this boy does not want to return to school and his mother protests against his return, it would be well to drop the matter, and such action would be consistent with the policy heretofore set out to you respecting New York Indians, Office letters of June 18th and 23rd, 1908, and subsequent ones applying the principles and considerations which should govern the admission and retention or re-enrolment of Indians from New York State, or of applicants coming from communities where fairly good educational opportunities can be had.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of a letter addressed today to Mrs. Thompson.

Very respectfully,

W. H. H. H.
Acting Commissioner.

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October 31, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Request for release
of Joseph Thompson
from Carlisle School.

Mrs. Sarah Thompson,
R. F. D. No. 5,
Syracuse, New York.

My Friend :

Your letter of October 16th was referred to Superintendent Friedman for a report relative to the statements made by you with regard to the instruction and training received by your son, Joseph Thompson, while a pupil at the Carlisle School.

It appears from the report received that Joseph was in the country three summers and one winter, and that he attended school at Carlisle three winters, the last year having probably about 10 months, and the other years 8 months, in the school-room. In addition to this he had industrial instruction, and while in the country he was paid wages for his work except while going to school with the white children of the neighborhood. Of course, while attending school he received board and lodging in return for the chores required of him mornings and evenings and on Saturdays.

Four years is a short time in which to attain much advancement unless pupils are particularly bright, and your son began his schooling pretty late. However, as it seems that the privileges and opportunities which the Carlisle School affords are not appreciated by you

and Joseph, the Office will not require that he return to complete the period of enrolment. The privilege of enrolment at Carlisle is gradually being withdrawn from New York Indians, and for these reasons Superintendent Friedman has been informed that he need not arrange for the return of your son. He has had at heart the boy's interests, but there are many applicants who can use Carlisle opportunities to better advantage and he will therefore very cheerfully consent to Joseph's remaining at home.

Very respectfully,


Acting Commissioner.

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

October 28th, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Reports on the
 attainments of
 Joseph Thompson.

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

Sir:



Referring to Office letter "Education, 70597-1908, F.I.P.", under date of the 23rd instant, and relative to the attainments of Joseph Thompson, a pupil of this School now home on leave of absence, I respectfully report that this young man was enrolled here on August 30, 1904, at the age of fifteen. His application indicated that he had been in school for twenty months before coming to Carlisle School, and he entered the first grade here.

On April 29th, 1905 he was sent to the country under our Outing System, and returned to School on Sept. 2nd, 1906. On May 1st, 1907 he was again sent to the country, and was returned to School on the 31st of August, following.

On Nov. 11th, 1907 he deserted from the School and was brought back three days later. He was granted permission to go home on leave of absence June 18th, 1908.

Our reports further indicate that when in the country

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during the winter of 1905 and 1906, this boy attended public school for 99 days. He was promoted to the Third Grade at the end of the Spring Term of this year.

During most of the time of his enrollment here he was detailed to do general work, but spent several quarters learning the trade of Harnessmaker.

This boy is still carried on our rolls, as a pupil on leave.

Very respectfully,

W. J. Quinn

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Superintendent.

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F.I.P.

October 23, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Joseph Thompson's
inability to write
a letter.

Mrs. Sarah Thompson,
R. F. D. No. 5,
Syracuse, New York.

My Friend :

I have your letter of the 16th instant concerning your son Joseph, who has been a pupil at the Carlisle School, and have referred it to Superintendent Friedman for a report. When his answer is received you will be advised further.

Very respectfully,

C. J. Farnham

Acting Commissioner.

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F.I.P.

October 23, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Attainments of
Joseph Thompson.

Superintendent,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

The enclosed letter from Mrs. Sarah Thompson of Syracuse, New York, is referred to you.

Please give the record of her son Joseph ; advancement in school; mental ability ; time spent under the outing, and number of month attendance at school ; also the date of his enrolment, trade pursued, and any information which will enable the Office to make an appropriate answer to Mrs. Thompson.

The letter indicates that the boy is now at home in New York, and that his mother objects to his going back to the school. It may be that you have already dropped him from your rolls. If so, please tell whether for expiration of term, desertion, or on request.

Return the letter with your report.

Very respectfully,

C. J. ...
Acting Commissioner.

Syracuse. Oct. 16. 1908

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Dear Sir. Thought I would write
a few lines. I had a son staid 4
years in Carlisle his name is
Joseph Thompson. he came back
to visit us this summer. I was
surprised ^{first} that he could ^{hardly} write
alittle nor read writings
he only worked all the time in
country they did not send him
to school. I can beat him
I can write and read writings
always stayed at home at the
reservation he is young man 19 year
old and he dont want go back there
in Carlisle he aint learned no
drad. only worked out on a farm
They ought to send him to school
to I think its not right for

The Farmers to do that to get
 the work out of him I sent him
 there to thought he would work
 about Books but I see he aint
 learned much. he told me he
 only worked all the time
 what will you say about
 him. Now they want him
 come back to Carlisle
 they want send him to
 school.

yours Truly

Mrs Sarah Thompson