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Carbon for Mr. Peairs.

Enrollment at
Carlisle.

JAN 16 1912

Mr. John McInnis,

441 Broad Street,

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

FILED BY C. P. F.

The Office received your letter of November 19, 1911, requesting the termination of your enrollment as a pupil at Carlisle in order to find employment by which to earn money for the support of your mother and small brother who are now dependent upon you because of your father's death a short time ago.

This letter pleased the Office very much and it was inclined to grant your request but it found on inquiry that you are a deserter from the Carlisle School and that your record for some time has been far from satisfactory. While the Office sympathizes with you in your desire to help your people it believes that the time has not yet come for you to go. You should stay at Carlisle through your entire period of enrollment and by improved behavior show that you have the making of a man in you. Without the qualities of

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manhood you would not now, if released, and will not later make a success of life and will not be a help and a credit to your mother.

Respectfully,

(Signed) F. H. Abbott.

Assistant Commissioner.

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

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January 3rd, 1912.

Termination of
enrolment.

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

Sir:

Referring to Office letter dated December the 28th and to the enclosures therewith, I beg leave to report that the John McInnis referred to is a deserter from this school and that, in my opinion, it would not be advisable to release him from the school just at this time.

I attach hereto copies of correspondence that give additional information relative to the fellow.

Very respectfully,

M. Friedman

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Superintendent.

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C O P Y.



January 2, 1912.

Mr. M. Friedman, Superintendent,
Carlisle, Pa.

FILED BY C. P. F.

Sir:-

At your request I submit the following statement with reference to John McInnis, a pupil of this school.

About the 1st of last April John asked permission of Mr. Whitwell, the Principal Teacher, and me to stop school and work at his trade in the town of Carlisle in order to earn some money to send to his mother who was old and in destitute circumstances. This request was granted and he was given permission to board and room at the school.

The Outing records show that he was given permission to draw \$15.00 from his first month's wages to send to his mother. This is the only record we have of any money being drawn to send to her.

After working in town about two months he began to return at night at irregular hours. On investigation we found that he had been working some evenings after supper. His coming in at irregular hours made me suspect that his conduct was not good, but I had no positive proof of it.

Mr. M. Friedman, Superintendent.

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About the 1st of November I found that he had been spending a part of his evenings attending shows and associating with negro women of ill repute. I at once took him from work in town and put him back in school and in our shoeshop.

In a few days he ran away. The third day after he ran away a negro woman called at my office and reported that she had found John McInnis and her daughter together on the street at midnight the night before. She gave me a letter which John had written to her daughter, a copy of which is herewith attached.

In a few days he was located and returned to the school when after a few days he ran away again. When he was found he was in a partially intoxicated condition and had on his person three bottles of beer and a new overcoat which he had stolen from one of the Indian boys.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. HENDERSON

Disciplinarian.

C O P Y.



Nov. 11, 1911.

FILED BY C. D. F.

Mary:

Your letter came to hand last evening after I got home. The reason I didn't speak to you last evening was because I didn't want that fellow to know I was acquainted with you. I tell you a fellow can't keep too still now days for first thing you know some fellow is on your heels. Some fool made trouble for me so I lost my job. I did everything I could to get away from here but couldn't make it. I am going to Harrisburg this afternoon and may not be back if things look favorable so I am sorry I cannot be with you tonight. Another thing I cannot come at any time I want to. They are watching me very close. But I going to chance it this afternoon. As I haven't much time I come to a close. If I succeed in getting away you shall hear from me for I am tired of this school and its employees. Now be good. Good bye.

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Mr. Moses Friedman,

Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,

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This letter evinces a fine spirit of independence and self-reliance and is quite unusual, in that it displays a readiness to accept heavy responsibilities. On this account the Office is willing to cancel his enrollment for the reasons assigned, and you may so advise him at once, unless you have good and sufficient reasons for retaining him on the Carlisle roll.

Of course, if you have reason to allege that his request should not be granted, you should inform the

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Office immediately, that suitable reply may be made to
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Respectfully,

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(Signed) F. H. Abbott.
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Assistant Commissioner *(Signed) F. H. Abbott.*

Harrisburg, Pa.

Nov. 1919

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FILED BY G. P. F.



Honorable Commissioner,

I take this opportunity of laying my case before you. I am a student of Carlisle Indian School.

I came to the school about three years ago with a determination to accomplish as much as possible within a limited time, and I am glad to say, things went my way and I accomplished much, for which I shall never be able to repay my dear teachers, and suddenly my schooling was put to a stop. I knew it was coming but I didn't know it was coming so soon.

The best man on the earth, died, my father.

leaving mother and my small brother in a very bad way in regards to making a living. She having no education nor training found it very hard to make the ends meet. and another thing we are not surrounded by nice farming lands like most Indian are.

Now do you think it is right for me to enjoy all the blessing those fine Indian Schools can afford, and watch mother and little brother suffer?

I am a young man of twenty five old and only sorry I can not continue my studies.

Now what I want you to do for me, is to grant my request. and I know you will reason with me. That is to grant my leave from the school. I do not care to go home at present as I find I have better chances for progress in these eastern cities. I am a shoe and harness maker by trade. My idea is to go up and face the battle of life and help mother as I realize that the responsibility of the family is on my shoulders. The reason I wrote this letter to you is because the officials of the school said they had no authority to grant such request.

I would like to have a
personal letter from you
in regards to this request.

Hoping you will grant my
request as a Christmas present
not for me only but for
mother, I will come to a
close. Hoping you a Happy
Merry Christmas.

Respectfully

John Mc Innis
441 Broad St.
Harrisburg Pa.