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Request for  
withdrawal.

Mr. James R. Wheelock,  
1921 Wallace Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

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FOR FILE

The Office has given careful consideration to your request of June 15, for the withdrawal of your brother Hugh Wheelock from the Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. From the information before the Office it appears that this boy had been regularly enrolled at the Carlisle School and his period of enrollment expires in 1913. The Superintendent of the said school reports that your brother is making steady progress in his school work and that he is gaining valuable training and experience under the outing system.

Under the circumstances, the Office feels constrained to deny your request at the present time.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Hauke.

Acting Commissioner.

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See also 110729-12 in status file of  
Claude Stauffer

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

July 18, 1912



To the Honorable  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

FILED BY C. P. F.

I have, by reference from the Office, a letter from J. R. Wheelock relative to releasing Hugh Wheelock as a student from the school, for the purpose of joining his band. I have looked this matter up carefully, and I find that Hugh Wheelock was enrolled at Carlisle April 23, 1910 for a term of three years, and that his term of enrollment, therefore, does not expire until next year.

*Esch* At his own request, Hugh asked to be gotten a place in the country during the summer where he could earn regular wages and get some experience in band work, and such a position was obtained for him at Mount Union, where he is now employed under the Outing System, receiving \$1.75 a day in a brick plant, where he is gaining valuable experience. Furthermore, he is receiving his pay which, from the experience of many other young men of Indian blood who have been employed by James Wheelock, he would not be apt to receive if he went to Ocean City, to work there for the latter.

I have just returned from Atlantic City, where I went for a much needed rest, and while there I met several Indian young



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men who are playing with Wheelock, and they informed me that he really has an orchestra, rather than a band, at Ocean City. This, however, is not germane to the subject.

Hugh Wheelock is a student of the school, regularly enrolled, has been making steady progress, and is gaining valuable training and experience in line with the Government's policy of training Indians. James Wheelock, the author of the letter, has been a source of continual trouble to the Government, has hired Indians indiscriminately to go on trips with his band, and then has not met his obligations by paying them their wages, but year after year has stranded them without funds in some city distant from their homes.

His statement relative to my administration at Carlisle is absurd. At my own request, some charges he made were investigated by the Indian Office more than two years ago, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs issued a statement to the public that his charges were without foundation, and that the administration at Carlisle was efficient, thorough and honest.

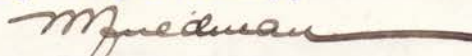
I am sending copies of a few letters, marked "Exhibit A," which we happen to have in our files, which show this man's relation with Indian boys and indicate his pernicious activity in taking advantage of these young men. Several years ago I sent to the Office the originals of a number of other letters along the same line, which are probably now on file in your

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office.

Copies of other letters, marked "Exhibit B", are enclosed showing his financial standing in a business way. Together with this, I am sending a copy of a letter, marked "Exhibit C," which this man wrote to me several months ago, and to which I made no reply, which indicates how unreliable his present communication is.

Very respectfully,

  
Superintendent.

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EXHIBIT "A"



Phila., Pa. May 19, 1908

Capt. W. A. Mercer,  
Supt. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

FILED BY C. P. F.

Dear Captain:

Yours of recent date at hand and regret very much that you do not see fit to let Louie Paul off this summer. I expect to leave for Chicago about the middle of next ~~month~~ week and I would deem it a great favor if you will allow me the privilege of your school rates from either here or from Carlisle to Chicago on the Pennsylvania line. I hope to book the band in Carlisle for one day this summer at which time we shall pay a visit to your institution if possible. I hear good reports of your band and very much gratified to learn that the old standard is being kept up to the top notch. With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

J. Riley Wheelock.

Syracuse, N. Y. 10-24-09



Dear friend:

Mr. Stauffer,

FILED BY C. P. F.

I take pleasure in writing to you, just to let you know that I had a bad luck all summer. Nothing earned all summer not even a new suit except uniform from Wheelock. I am very anxious to return but I shall not till I get a new suit of clothes. As soon as I can afford to buy a new suit I will return to school at once and if you have a job next year and I'll play with you and in the fall I'll try foot ball. See if I can make dirt fly some.

Pop has written to me several times. Every time I get letter from him it makes me glad. Even if I am broke I am really anxious to get back and hear your band play and let me play and use lot of traps. I like to use your set of bells again. I used small set of bells but they were 2½ octaves, low pitch, it belonged to the trap drummer and I play bass drum and I used bells. I made quite a hit. I quit Hill's band because he couldn't pay me as he said it and I gave him the goods. I play quite a lot of fake playing and make a hit. He wanted me very bad but man can't stick to his word should not promise anything. Write to me and see what you think. But I get back as soon as I get thing I want. I don't know how long yet. "Not yet but soon."

Don't say anything to Mr. Friedman about us not getting pay from Wheelock. I'll wait little longer. Write soon.  
Your friend, Fred Schenandore.



Phila., Pa. 11-4-09



Mr. C. M. Stauffer,  
Band Master,  
Carlisle Indian Band.

Dear friend:

Well, Mr. Stauffer, I am going to write you letter asking you if you can do me a favor. Now as I am not very good at letter writing I am going to ask you if you write a letter to Commissioner Valentine for me that you can write the letter and then send it me and then I could recopy it in my own poor hand writing and sent it to him. That is I want you write it just as if had written the letter. Now Mr. Stauffer, I hope you will do this for me. You know just about what to say as I have already told you what he has done. Now this is the third time he has stranded the band that is so call Wheelock U.S. Indian Band. Each time he owed quite a sum of money to each player. On this trip he has beaten me of about \$100. Now I don't know just what the had coming, but this I know that each boy had at least \$50 or more coming from Mr. J.R. Wheelock. It wouldn't have been so bad but it makes this worse, he left the band or the Indian boys stranded without a dollar.

Now at the end of his two weeks' engagement at Atlantic City he tried to leave town without even paying hotel bill where the boys were stopping. The boys would have paid it if he was paying them; but because he did not pay the boys he stood good for their hotel bills and at that he tried to sneak out of



Atlantic City without paying a hotel bill of something like \$100. He was caught at the station or depo just before train time. Now he said that could not pay. When the lady of the hotel has asked to ~~squar~~ the bill up he wanted to her a note and tried to smooth things up but she didn't want it. She wanted cash. He had the money for the hotel lady told me herself that he had slipped a roll of bills in ~~to~~ his mother in law while she was talking to him. So she got a warrant out for him and slept <sup>well he was bailed out</sup> in jail for the night. In the meantime his mother in law had taken the money and came to Philadelphia. The next day she came back and she paid the hotel lady so he would appear in court. Now don't you think that he is sneak and crook. Why he is so crooked he couldn't lay in bed straight if he tried. He has never been honest or square with his Indian musicians. He ought to be punished good and proper.

Now Mr. Stauffer, I hope you write a letter to Com. Valentine just as if I had written the letter. You can send the letter to me and I will recopy it and then sent it on to the Comm. Make the letter as strong as possible. Try to ~~par~~ him from ever getting up another band and ask the Indian Office to take steps in punishing the man. Now you will oblige me greatly and will take as a great favor if you will write that letter for me.. No one else need know, only you and I. I will recopy the letter and place it the Comm. hand. By the way he left the Indian boys in Atlantic without a penny they haven't enough\* money to pay for clean laundry. Will close with best wishes to you and friends. Let me hear from you soon.

Monroe Coulon



Milwaukee, Wis., 12-5-08

FILED BY C. P. F.

Director, C. M. Stauffer:

No doubt you will be surprised to receive a letter from me. I have often thought of you and your work and wonder if you still have a good band. I know that you lost some good members last spring by graduation, and that it caused a little set back in the work of the band. I wish you much success and hope that the present band is again able to handle the standard music. What a dull place a school like Carlisle would be if it were without a band. A good band always gives much life and sunshine to any institution. So I always hope that Carlisle may always have a band of high standard.

Mr. Wheelock was after me again last summer but refused him; and again this fall he offered me 28 bucks to play 1st horn for him on his southern trip for the fall and winter, but I still refused to consider his offer for the reason that he still owes me quite a sum of money. He certainly has quite a nerve. As I understand he is way down south now. He still gets players all by his nerve.

I am working here in Cream City and I expect to stay in the city until next summer. I will then go back home and run the old man's farm and again I may get a summer job here with some band for summer park work.

I am in good health and doing quite well here.

Well, Mr. Stauffer, I hope this letter will find you feeling

fine and dandy and that your band is again able to handle standard music.

Give my regards and best wishes to the band boys I know at the athletic quarters.

I am still interested in the work of the school and only the best is my wish for Carlisle.

I am very sincerely yours,

Monroe.

A very happy New Year and a bright Xmas to you and wife



Phila., Pa., 12-9-09



Dear Mr. Stauffer:

FILED BY C. P. E.

Your ever welcome letter reached me this morning just as I was leaving the house. I was indeed very glad to hear from you. Now Mr. Stauffer it would indeed make me very happy if you could place me either at Carlisle or in Harrisburg or Steelton. I truly hope that you will be successful in placing me somewhere near Carlisle. I will more than repay for your trouble when I once get to work. And now if you get an engagement any time this winter or next summer, "that is the band"- then I want near here or near Carlisle so I won't have to travel very far to join you. And if you want other food Indian musicians I think I could get them for you. Geo. Willard, Joe Cigollo, Spencer Williams, Robert Wier are here in town and I think Bill Gansworth is also here. You could surely have a first class band if you wish to take a band to some sea short resort, and I am just sure you can get Gimbel job here. So now Mr. Stauffer, if you can get me a place to work near Carlisle or Harrisburg then I could be right on hand to help you to get players if you need them. So I very anxious that you place me. I surely want to work for the name of Stauffer and the school.

And if I am able I will surely makes James Riley Wheelock feel the dirt he has played on his Indian musicians. I think he has gone far enough. I understand he is out of town somewhere near here working for his living. That's what he ought to be

doing every day in the week.

Well so much for that. Now Mr. Stauffer I surely am sorry that I fail to see you while you was in the city. I surely would have loved to have had the treat to a good 1st class music and the grand opera. I love nothing better than to listen to good orchestra music and to sit down and listed to good 1st class singing. Say what did Mr. Harvey had to say for himself. I guess he is stuck like I am.

Well, Mr. Stauffer, I hope you will be able to get me a place in Carlisle or near there. Now I don't care what it is just so I can make expenses to start with and you can bet I will remember your kindness.



11-7-09



Mr. Moses Friedman,  
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa

FILED BY C. P. F.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

First of all, I must beg your pardon for using the official paper of the man whom I have severed all dealings why - because he is crooked - in his business affairs. He is the cause of the Indian boys being in such hard circumstances as they are in at the present time. Our last business deal with him at Atlantic City has terminated all because he refused to pay us. I am indeed sorry for your sake that you had the trouble with him last spring. He made some statements to the Indian affairs clerk who was sent from Washington to investigate the matter which he has not lived up to, and we are all here to prove the fact. I want the Washington authorities to know just what sort of dealings he has been carrying on since the trouble came up. Sorry to say, I am in a poor condition, and so are my fellow countrymen. I hereby ask you for financial assistance. Anything that you can send me will help me and my fellow brothers out of misery.

Mr. Wheelock even intended to leave Atlantic City and leave the Indian boys he engaged stranded without a cent or a place to sleep. He had even refused to pay our board bill which he promised to stand good for, but was caught in the act of leaving, brought to the bar of justice and finally settled the bill out of court. He feared that if he appeared in court his past deal-

ings would be brought up. Any other information I can give you will be cheerfully done. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest, and with best wishes for your future success in all your undertakings for the welfare of the Indian, I beg to remain

Respectfully yours,

Geo. Willard.

P.S. Please pardon pencil as it is the best I have.



Phila., Pa., 11-13-09



M. Friedman, Supt.,  
Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

FILED BY C. P. F.

Dear Old Haskell Supt.

With much regret I write you for your protection with the Government. As you probably know that we have been defrauded of our wages and stranded without resources by James Riley Wheelock, the Director of Wheelock's Indian Band. And I feel sure that you will do all you can to assist us to get our pay and instruments which are tied up on his account. And I hope you will write to Washington, D. C. relating our affairs with James Riley Wheelock to some U. S. Indian Rights Inspector and to come to Philadelphia and make a report of the affairs to the Indian Rights Association, 708 Provident Building, 4th and Chestnut Street. Last summer I understand James Riley Wheelock told a big falsehood to you and to U.S. Inspector at Carlisle, pertaining to his mis-~~xxxxxxx~~ deeds, and have done the same thing with us, of course this is my first and last experience of him. And now I hope you will put him over the road this time. We boys are willing to give you any information you may or should ask about J. R. Wheelock. I think he ought to be put in some "penitentiary" or in the House of Correction.

We have been consulting to some of the best lawyers of Phila. and Camden, N.J. and it seems there is no way to get around of him and now we leave everything in the hands of the Government,

and any time you are ready to call us wherever we may be, we will be ready to answer any question will be put to us. I do not suppose this will be ready to be in full course for some time and I am thinking about going home to Michigan some time near future within three weeks anyway, and if you think it necessary for me to remain here until such time, please let me know in return mail.

Complainants are as follows:

Geo. Willard, Ex-student of Carlisle, Pa. Indian School.

Spencer Williams, Do.

Jose Gigolo Do.

Wm. Scotthead, Ex-student of Haskell Inst., Lawrence, Kansas.

Victor Gomez, Do.

My best regards to you and your Mrs. Friedman, and also to Miss Lydia E. Kaup, my former teacher of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Wm. Scotthead



Mt. Union, Pa., 7-6-1912



FILED BY C. P. F.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

On behalf of our band, our citizens and myself I wish to express to you our grateful thanks for the kindness of you and Mr. Stauffer in assisting us as you did on July 4th. We feel very grateful to you in giving Mr. Stauffer permission to come out here and assist us as he did and also for the use of the instrument. Mr. Stauffer in his short stay here has won a position with our citizens that will never be forgotten. Never has any one come into our midst that in so short a time won the esteem and praise of every one as has Mr. Stauffer.

Mr. Friedman, our citizens and myself are ready at all time to render any assistance you may desire, and we are very proud of the boys you sent us, and want to say that they are esteemed and praised by everyone.

Both you and Mr. Stauffer and as well as the Carlisle Indian School will alway have a warm place in the hearts of the citizens of Mount Union. I cannot find word to express just how much the assistance you rendered us did to promote our band and make it a great success. Hoping that I may in the future have the pleasure of meeting you personally, I remain

Yours very truly,  
R. B. Cassady.

EXHIBIT "B"

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BETHELEHEM STEEL COMPANY BAND

Bethlehem, Pa., May 17

My dear Mr. Stauffer:

FILED BY C. P. F.

Many thanks for your letter.

Wheelock has left here, leaving an unpaid hotel bill of some \$80 for the payment of this amount, he left as security 2 clarinets one belonging to the band and the other (A. Clar.) to myself. He has written several letters to our boys asking them to play for him, but they won't listen to him. He has promised to return those Clarinets in short time, if I don't hear from him soon, I will go after him.

I liked Skenandore well, and wish we had something for him to do, so I could keep him here.

I have 2 Alto Sax. and also 2nd, and 3rd Clar. what I need most is Solo Clarinets. I wish you would send me the name of the party, with whom he has the contract for this summer.

Thanking you for the interest shown to me,

Very sincerely yours,

A. M. Weingartner.





COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED

June 17, 1912.

Carl Fischer, Esq.,

City.

FILED BY C. P. F.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: Riley W. Wheelock, Carlisle, Pa.

Your favor of June 6th at hand and contents noted.  
Replying thereto beg to say that we have forwarded your  
letter to our attorney at Carlisle, Pa.

Yours truly,

WILBER MERCANTILE AGENCY

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CARL FISCHER

Publisher and Importer of Music, New York, 5-7-12

Mr. C. M. Stauffer,  
Carlisle, Pa.



FILED BY C. P. F.

Dear Sir:

Can you possibly ascertain for us the present whereabouts of R. W. Wheelock, and also what chance there is of collecting an old account against him.

We would thank you for the desired information which will be treated strictly confidential, and in the meantime we beg to remain

Respectfully yours,

Carl Fischer.

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EXHIBIT "C"



Bethlehem, Pa., March 3, 1912

Mr. Moses Friedman,  
Supt. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

*Overtures from Wheelock  
several months ago - m7*  
FILED BY C. P. E. m7

Dear Mr. Friedman:

No doubt invitations for the Commencement will soon be out - and as usual you would like some real prominent person attend the exercises. I believe that if you would extend a personal invitation to Mr. Chas. Schwab, President of Bethlehem Steel Co., that he would make an effort to be present. I am going to try and see him in person and extend to him personal invitation as an alumnus, also Dr. Drinker, President of Lehigh University.

Just a word in reference to our "fall out". While I do not mean to apologize for anything I have done, contrary to what you thought was right, because I did it only to protect my rights - and your stand was prompted no doubt to protect your rights and as a result we both thought we were right, hence the disagreement - in spite of this disagreement, I have at all times given you and the school every boost possible. My heart has always been with the school and whenever opportunity offered itself to put in a good word, I did not let the chance pass by. I think really that its time we "bury the hatchet" and lets pull together. I have no grudge against you and I dare say you have none against me. If you wish it I will be pleased to see and use every

influence to get Mr. Schwab and Mr. Drinker to attend the  
Commencement. Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

I am

Mr. Joseph T. ...  
Prof. ...  
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Yours truly,

(Signed) J. R. Wheelock.



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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Washington, D. C., JUN 22 1912

The matter to which this slip  
is attached is referred to the  
Superintendent of  
**Carlisle Indian School,**  
**Carlisle, Pennsylvania,**

~~information and file~~  
for ~~action and file~~ -  
report and return of papers

*John Francis Jones*  
Chief, **Education** Division

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Wheelock and his Band

JAMES RILEY WHELOCK  
CONDUCTOR



PHILADELPHIA  
PA.

1921 Wallace St.

June 15 1912

FILED BY C. P. T.

Mr. Robert Valentine,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

My brother Hugh Wheelock, who  
has been in Carlisle Indian School  
over five years desires to be  
released from the school roll  
and I write you to request that  
he be released at once. For him  
to remain there any longer would  
simply be waste of time as he  
would have to begin life just  
where he is now even if he should  
stay there another five years.

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JAMES RILEY WHEELOCK  
CONDUCTOR



PHILADELPHIA  
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The past year or two he has worked at no trade, detailed in clothing room work at School and bring 6th or 7th grade now used is 20 years old, he can hardly look for anything but labor work, unless he gets out and begins now to learn a trade in some practical shop. I have position for him in my band for the summer and have arranged with P. R. R. shop foreman to take him in the railroad shops this fall, where he can



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JAMES RILEY WHEELLOCK  
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work himself up. I am fully aware of the fact that the school authorities are holding him, for two things, first is to keep him out of my band and the second is to use him in their Professional Football Team this fall. He was given permission at first to play with me this summer and suddenly the order was changed and he was sent out to <sup>mt-</sup> Union, to play in a shop band there and do labor work @ \$1.75 per day out of this he must pay all his expenses - what does he left after he pays all expenses - he is not even getting experience in band work nor





# Wheelock and his Band

JAMES RILEY WHELOCK  
CONDUCTOR



PHILADELPHIA  
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getting a stint at any trade - his  
time is sacrificed to get even with  
me for causing Friedman to get in  
line and treat his students like  
human. This Mr. Friedman and his  
band leader, have, ever since the  
investigation, done everything to  
injure me and to belittle me in  
every possible way to the students,  
but I have ignored them, considering them  
too common and narrow minded for  
me to bother with, tho I have at times  
thought but to complain to you.

I want you to take this matter  
up and look in to it - all I want is  
justice and trust that you will see that  
justice is ~~observed~~ done. I am

yours truly,  
J. R. Wheelock