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Miss Elizabeth D. Edge,
Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

FEB 26 1919

My dear Miss Edge:

I received your letter of January 37th, transmitting the bill of Dr. H. Y. Pennell, for examining Miss Clara Shunion, and immediately forwarded the vouchers to the doctor for his signature.

I have just received the following letter from Dr. Robert L. Russell, superintendent of the Toledo Sanatorium, in regard to Miss Shunion:

"In reply to your letter of the 5th instant regarding the condition of Clara Shunion, I have the honor to report that this young woman is an advanced pulmonary case with a very unfavorable prognosis. In fact, I believe that she has no chance to get well.

"Because of her peculiar temperament this young lady is very difficult to care for, her disposition being such that the other female patients shun her while the employees charged with her care complain that she is unresponsive to kindness and not cooperating with us in our endeavors to provide her with necessary comforts and to prolong her life."

I have asked Miss Johnston to write a personal letter to Clara as a means of persuading her to place herself more in sympathy with her surroundings and in a more responsive attitude towards the efforts that are being made to combat her disease and make her comfortable.

Sincerely yours,

Catkins

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Sac & Fox Sanatorium,

Toledo, Iowa.

Feb. 15, 1919.

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

Sir:-

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Yours very truly,

R. L. Roney
Superintendent.



E. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1919.

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

FILED BY G. P. F.



Sir:

The following is a report of the case of Clara Shunion, from Keshena, Wisconsin, a Carlisle student who went to live with Mrs. Lester W. Nickerson, at Narberth, Pennsylvania, after the closing of Carlisle, and whom I was detailed to visit on January 11, 1919.

After a severe attack of influenza in Mrs. Nickerson's home in October, Clara did not regain her former strength and because other members of the family were ill also, the physician in charge advised that Clara go to the Bryn Mawr Hospital, near Narberth. During her illness Clara had been treated by an osteopath, a Dr. Synder, of Narberth, and her interest in these treatments continued during her stay in the Bryn Mawr Hospital;

Sputum and blood tests were made in the Bryn Mawr Hospital which showed tubercular conditions and it was not advisable for her to return to Mrs. Nickerson's home, where there were two little children. Clara asked to leave the Bryn Mawr Hospital and go to an osteopathic hospital in Philadelphia. She remained in the osteopathic hospital until the week before Thanksgiving.

The physicians said fresh air, sunshine, eggs and milk and a good rest were necessary to build her up. Sanatorium treatment was suggested. In the meantime Miss Elizabeth D. Edge, of Downingtown, Pennsylvania, a friend of all the Carlisle girls and in whose home Clara had been a guest for a short time in the fall, invited Clara, through Mrs. Nickerson, to come to her

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home for rest and to partake of all the milk and eggs as the physicians had recommended.

Clara went to Miss Edge's home the week before Thanksgiving. She still wished to continue her osteopathic treatments. Eggs, milk, cream, fresh air and sunshine were to be had in abundance in Miss Edge's home, and Miss Edge said she felt it a privilege to use her home as a means to help Clara to regain her strength, but Clara did not like eggs nor milk. She said she could not take either one, and could hardly be persuaded to walk or stay out in the sunshine, but spent every morning in bed, coming down only to eat the noon meal. She ate practically nothing for breakfast but had a good appetite for both the noon and evening meals.

When a medical examination was suggested, Clara said she did not wish to be examined. Miss Edge felt powerless, time was passing, and there was no improvement in Clara's condition.

When I arrived on Saturday Clara had agreed to have Miss Edge's physician examine her. Dr. Pennell, of Downingtown, was called and made an examination on Sunday morning. I was present during the examination and the following statements were made: - that Clara had always had a little cough, had coughed more than usual this past summer; at present she felt rather weak, had frequent chills, was flushed after these chills, had had night sweats, a very bad cough, was worse at night, had a quantity of expectoration, and a considerable loss of weight; her pulse was 120, her temperature 98. Dr. Pennell said from the examination of the lungs, there was "a local resonance increased at left apex, and a slight dulness on percussion at left apex", that it was not an incipient case of tuberculosis, but one moderately advanced, and that by all means Clara should be in a sanatorium.

Dr. Pennell will submit his bill for the examination to the Office through Miss Edge.

Clara readily agreed to go to Toledo sanatorium, and I made arrangements for her to leave on Monday afternoon. Her condition hardly warranted her having an escort, and since she has made the trip to and from Keshena to Carlisle about three times, I felt it was all right to allow her to go alone. I secured a sleeper for her from Philadelphia to Chicago and the railroad authorities at Philadelphia telegraphed for a sleeper from Chicago to Toledo.

The following telegram, a copy of which is inclosed, was sent, night rate, to Dr. Russell at Toledo:

"Clara Shunion leaving Philadelphia tonight for sanatorium per Indian Office orders. Should arrive there Wednesday morning at eight ten."

Very respectfully,

Lida M. Johnston.

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Mr. Edgar A. Allen,
Supt. Keshena Agency.

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My dear Mr. Allen:

In reply to your letter of November 30, 1918, in regard to Miss Clara Shunion, you are advised that Miss Lida M. Johnston will be detailed from the Office to visit all the former Carlisle pupils now in outing homes in the east, and that an inquiry as to Miss Shunion's health will be made immediately.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1918.

Mr. B. S. Garber:

FILED BY G. P. F.

If agreeable to this Office, I think it would be well to visit Clara Shunion as Mr. Allen suggests. Further, I believe it would be advisable to visit at the same time all the Carlisle girls, numbering about twenty, who remained in and near Philadelphia when the Carlisle School was closed.

Respectfully,

Lida M. Johnston.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Request for
information
relative to
Clara Shunion.

KESHENA INDIAN AGENCY

Keshena, Wisconsin
November 30, 1918.



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

Sir:

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I have the honor to state that about the time the Carlisle School was closed, Miss Clara Shunion, a Menominee Indian girl, belonging to this Agency, was sent from the Carlisle School to the home of Mrs. L. W. Nickerson, Narberth, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of continuing her education in high school. Not long after her going there, she was stricken with influenza and has been having a very serious time. Mrs. Nickerson has shown great interest and self-sacrifice in caring for her. However, it became necessary, owing to the seriousness of her illness, to send her to a hospital for a time. While there, Mrs. Nickerson continued the same interest in her welfare and just as soon as she was able to leave, the hospital, she sent her to Downing town, Pennsylvania, where she would have complete rest and more nourishment.

A microscopical test of her sputum shows the presence of tubercular bacilli. This being the case, it appears to Mrs. Nickerson and myself, that it would probably be better for her to be sent to one of the Indian sanitoriums.

E. A.
Before taking any steps, the request is respectfully made that Miss Johnston, formerly Outing Matron at Carlisle, and now, I believe, connected with the Indian Office in Washington, be sent to visit Mrs. Nickerson at Narberth and then proceed to Downingtown, which is close by, and ascertain whether her condition is such as to make it advisable for her to go to a sanitorium and if so, that steps be taken to effect a transfer.

Very respectfully,

Edgar A. Allen
Superintendent.

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(Carbon to Mrs. Nickerson.)