



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

Accidental death
of pupil.

April 22nd, 1912.

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

Sir:

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This is to report to the Office that on Saturday morning, April the 20th, Charles Packineau deserted from this school. He was enrolled here from the Fort Berthold Agency in North Dakota and was twenty-one years of age. On Sunday morning, April the 21st, it was reported to me that a body answering his description was found on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the vicinity of Tyrone in this state. Such news was confirmed by a representative from this school who was sent there to identify the body.

It seems that the young man was stealing a ride on a freight train and that he met his death in some way while so trespassing.

The body has been prepared for shipment and will go forward tonight direct from Tyrone. It will be accom-

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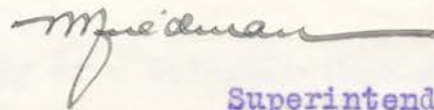
panied home by the brother of the young man, as is indicated by copies of letters I attach hereto.

Regretting that such news has to be reported to the Office, I am,

Very respectfully,

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HKM.



Superintendent.

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April 22nd, 1912.

Mr. Charles W. Hoffman,
Superintendent, Ft. Berthold Agency,
Elbowoods, N. D.

FILED BY G. A. F.

Dear Sir:

I attach hereto a copy of a telegram that will go forward to you tonight. Similar information is being conveyed to Mr. Frank Packineau at your Agency by wire.

I have made a careful inquiry with a view of determining whether there was any probable reason for Charles Packineau's desertion, but I find that there was no apparent reason for the act that resulted indirectly in his tragic death.

David Packineau is being sent home with the remains and I would be pleased to have you report to me when he arrives there.

Assuring you that it is with great regret that such sad news is conveyed to you and the stricken parents of the young man, I remain,

Very truly yours,

M. Friedman

HKM.

Superintendent.



April 22nd, 1912.

Mr. Frank Packineau,
Fort Berthold Agency,
Elbowoods, North Dakota.

FILED BY A. P. F.

My dear Sir:

I attach hereto a copy of the telegram that will go forward to you tonight, and it is with a great deal of regret that such information is conveyed.

From what I can learn Charles left here shortly after he had been reported present in his shop on Saturday morning. There seems to have been no reason at all for his running away, as he was getting along very nicely with the work in his trade and had just passed two of the examinations in which he had failed shortly before Commencement.

Arrangements have been made for your son David to return home as an escort to the body of Charles, and he should arrive at Garrison on Friday forenoon.

Assuring you that you have the heartfelt sympathy of Charles's teachers and friends here, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

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