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Whereabouts
Mrs. Mary P. Wood.

SEP 14 1910

Mr. Harry L. Keefe,
Walthill,
Nebr.

FOR FILE

Sir:

Inclosed is a letter sent to Mrs. Mary Pappan Wood, Walthill, Nebr., on July 14, 1910, in reply to a letter of hers regarding the return home of her son Louis Webster from Carlisle.

This letter has been returned from the dead-letter office and is sent to you because the Office knows of no better way to reach Mrs. Wood.

Very respectfully,

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H. D. Carter
Acting Chief Education Division.

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home.

FOR FILE

Louis Webster,

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

This Office received your letter of June 5, 1910, asking for the privilege of going home. This letter was sent to the Superintendent of Carlisle, who says that when you made application to go to the country to work at your trade, you promised to remain there until September. He says that this condition was made in the case of all the boys who were sent to work at their trade and for this reason, he thinks that you should be required to keep your word in this matter.

This Office concurs with Superintendent Friedman regarding this and he has been instructed today to keep you at work until the time has expired for which you promised to serve.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) G. F. Hanke,

Second Assistant Commissioner.

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Moses Friedman, Esq.,

Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Referring to the correspondence with you regarding the return home of Louis Webster, an Omaha Indian, and to your letter of June 18, 1910, recommending that permission be not granted him until he completes the term for which he promised to serve at his trade in the country, your action is approved and Webster is to be kept on the job until that time, when he may be returned, if his time has expired and he is entitled to the privilege of return.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Hawke.

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Mrs. Mary Pappan Wood,
Walthill, Nebraska.

Madam:

Referring to the correspondence which you have had with the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, Pennsylvania, with reference to the return of Louis Webster, your son, you are now informed that this matter was brought to the attention of Mr. Friedman, who says that Louis made application to go to the country to work at his trade and consented voluntarily to remain at work until September. Mr. Friedman explains that this condition was made in the case of all the boys who were sent out to work at their trade, for the reason that employers did not care to hire the boys for a temporary period and had to be assured that they would not leave their work unless absolutely necessary.

As Louis is old enough to know his own mind, it is thought to be perfectly reasonable to require him to live up to his part of the agreement, and for that reason, the Superintendent of Carlisle will be informed that Louis Webster's return may be effected when he has finished his work at his trade.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) G. F. Hanks,

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

CARLISLE, PA.

June 18th, 1910.



Transmits commu-
nication for report.

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

Sir:

Louis Webster made application to go to the country to work at his trade, and consented voluntarily that he would remain at work until September. This condition was made in the case of all boys who were sent out to work at their trade, for the reason that employers did not care to hire boys for a temporary period and had to be assured that boys would not leave their work unless absolutely necessary.

As Louis is of an age when he should have known his own mind, he is now being expected to live up to his part in the matter, and permission can not be granted him to leave his work for the reason that it is now a matter of discipline and upon which depends a great deal of the success that has been met with this year in placing students at work at their trades, side by side with white mechanics.

-2- Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

For the further information of the Office in regard to this matter, I enclose herewith copies of correspondence that has passed between the boy's mother and this office.

Very respectfully,

Encls.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. L. Duman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

HKM.

Superintendent.

COPY.

May 31, 1910.

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Superintendent Carlisle School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter for Mary Wood, the mother of Lewis Webster who is at your school. She wants Lewis sent home as soon as possible as his time is out this year and he has considerable work to do out home she states. Please notify her at this place in my care when he will be sent and when she may expect him.

Yours very truly

HARRY L. KEEFE

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Walthill, Nebraska.

June 9, 1910.



Mr. Moses Friedman,

Supt. Carlisle Indian School,

Carlisle, Penn.

My Friend:

On May 30, 1910, I mailed you the following letter:

"My son, Louis Webster, an Omaha Indian, has been a student at your school for five years, and I understand that his time is not up for about a month yet, and I am very anxious for him to come home right away. I am his mother and heed him here, because I have been sick for some time, and was worse last night. Please send him at once, and telegraph me, at my expense to Walthill, Nebr., telling me what day he leaves there.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Your friend,

(SGD) Mary Pappan Wood"

I have never even been favored with an acknowledgment of the receipt of this letter. As you will note above I asked you to telegraph at my expense. That boy, Louis Webster, is my son and this is an important matter with me, and it seems that the least you could do would be to give me the information I ask.

I want him to come home right away, and am willing to send the ticket or to telegraph a ticket for him, if necessary.

If I do not receive a reply to this letter im-

mediately, I shall forward the correspondence to the Department at Washington, and ask them why it is an Indian receives this treatment.

Your friend,

MARY PAPPAN WOOD

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June the 11th, 1910.

Mrs. Mary Pappan Wood,
Walthill, Nebraska.

My dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of June the 9th,
I have to say that immediately upon receipt of your letter
of May the 30th, we wired you as follows:

"Louis Webster can not go home now. Special
request must come thru Superintendent Kneale".

This telegram was sent over the Postal Line,
at Government rate collect. Later we were informed that
the message had been turned over to the Western Union Line
and that we were charged for it on this end. As delivery
by messenger would have meant an additional expense, the
Western Union Line was informed that the message be mailed
you from Walthill.

A reply by letter was not deemed necessary,
for under date of June the 3rd, we wrote to your lawyer,
Mr. Harry L. Keefe of Walthill, as follows:

"Referring to your letter of May 31st, this
is to inform you that we have advised Mrs. Mary
Wood to the effect that her son Louis Webster can

-2- Mrs. Mary Pappan Wood.

not be sent home immediately and that any special request for his return home will have to be made thru Superintendent Kneale.

For your information in this connection I beg leave to say that the young man's period of enrolment terminates during the latter part of this month, but that earlier this spring he consented voluntarily to remain at work at his trade until September if good wages could be secured for him.

He is now at work at his trade and is making higher wages than any other student so employed. As he is of an age when he should know his own mind, ~~the promise he made~~ it is only fair that we should expect him to keep his promise and that he should remain at work until September.

I would be pleased to have you convey this information to Mrs. Wood".

It is to be regretted that the information was not conveyed to you as enumerated above, but you will see that all communications relating to this case were answered immediately after their receipt.

As to the return home of Louis, I must say again that this request can not be granted you. This is a matter of routine business and one in which no special consideration can be allowed.

Very truly yours,

M. FRIEDMAN

HKM.

Superintendent.

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Transmits communication for report.

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JUN 16 1910

Moses Friedman, Esq.,

Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

Enclosed is a communication from **Louis** Webster, Shamokin, Pennsylvania, apparently an outing pupil of the Carlisle School. This letter is submitted for your consideration and prompt report, with return of the enclosure, that suitable reply thereto may be made to the writer.

Very respectfully,

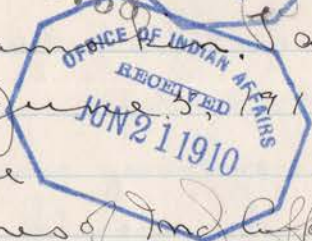
(Signed) J. H. Dortch,

Chief Education Division.

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S. Hamlin, Pa.
R. J. Valentine
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

For the first time I shall write to you in business which I like to give my reasons.

My school term at Carlisle Pa. has just expired and in be fore hand such statements are made that I was to go home in June, for this month is the time for home party.

I do not see any reason why they want me to stay but here under the school when my folk

are expecting^{me} to be at home because there is lot of work on hand which they themselves could not do on account of aged family. At present I am working under the "outing system" but would like to go home and help my parents for this season. A few words came ^{from} in Carlisle faculties that I was to stay out here instead of going home. If this commanding words really meant that I shall be prevented from my parents I am actually disheartened. I shall be obliged to give^{me} aid in regards to this matter of going home in conferring with the Superintendent at Carlisle, why it will relieve me from the school.

I am willing to be under the school after I have seen my

folds and all the works that has to be done next season. With these few words I shall say that I am well and confidence in my work which I shall^{to} in the future be an example of proving the Indian problem that has been long sought for.

I shall close my letter with best wishes to you and hope you may give me a reply sooner.

Yours truly,
Louis Webster
Address Shamokin,
Pa.

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