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Maude Cooke, a one-fourth blood Mohawk, now living with her mother at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, graduated in Home Economics at Carlisle in 1917, and is now 21 years of age.

Fine reports come from her school work showing that she is an efficient seamstress, a good cook, with a well-poised, attractive disposition, honorable and trustworthy. She is now assisting her mother in dressmaking. She is a New York Indian with no land under Government control and seems fully entitled to a Certificate of Competency.

9-EWB-17


Chief Education Division.

Miss Maude Cooke,
1112 South Eighth Street,
Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss Cooke:

Now that you are of eligible age, I have pleasure in presenting to you the accompanying certificate of educational competency. Hereafter education in the Indian schools will not be provided for you at the expense of the Government. I feel that you should now be well prepared to succeed in some honorable vocation, and I trust you will make no delay in deciding upon a definite line of work and in giving to it your best efforts and noblest purposes.

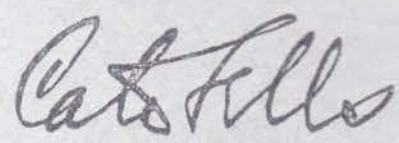
If you hold, or later acquire, unrestricted title to land, you should highly prize such possession as one which supplies nearly all physical needs, and should keep it free from debt and try to develop its most productive value. In so doing, aside from your own gain, you can be very helpful to the activities of the surrounding community. If you have money invested in Liberty Bonds, I advise you to hold these bonds, if possible, until they mature, and to pay no attention to anyone who would persuade you to exchange them for stocks or other securities, as there is nothing safer than the Government's promise to pay. I urge also that you adopt the sound business principle of regularly saving some part of your earnings and investing it in war savings stamps, while their sale continues. Out of the great war in which the Indians took so noble a part has come to all the valuable lesson of thrift and the opportunity to unite with patriotic duty the splendid practice of individual savings that cannot fail to prepare all who follow it for independent and successful living.

Through the privileges of education you are a favored representative of the original American and it should be your chief resolve to become a pattern and a leader in all that will bring industrial, intellectual, and moral advancement to your race. It is within your power and should be the greatest triumph of your future to aid in guiding your people to all that is best in our American life and progress. I am going to believe that this will be uppermost in your ideals and ambition. The home, the field, the shop, the business office, the vocation of whatever character, affords more than the self-support which should be your first aim, it is the opportunity for fine example and high service to all who see how well you do.

The enclosed certificate is not issued under the provision of law authorizing a certificate of competency to Indians for the purpose of removing restrictions against the sale or transfer of land held under a patent in fee, but is intended as a testimonial that you are educationally qualified to manage your own affairs and it will be duly considered by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in determining whether you should have full control of land or other property belonging to you.

I extend my best wishes for your future health and success, and shall be glad to have you write me later as to your plans and prospects.

Sincerely yours,



CATO SELLS
Commissioner.

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Miss Maude Cooke,

1112 South Eighth St.,

Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

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My dear Miss Cooke:

Since you are now of eligible age, I am sending you a certificate of educational competency as a testimonial of your student work at Carlisle, and in view of favorable reports since your graduation.

I note that while at school you made commendable progress in these domestic duties which are essential to successful home-making and have since made good use of your time by assisting your mother as a seamstress. It appears that you have qualified yourself for self-support and that your life work should prove a helpful example to many others. The young lady graduates of our Indian schools have it within their power to accomplish splendid and inspiring things for their people in all that will bring to them happy, well-ordered homes and more beautiful conceptions of life.

I am advised that you have no land under government control. Should you fortunately acquire any, please regard it as one of the best and safest of material possessions and be very slow to part with it or encumber it with debt.

I shall be glad to have you acknowledge this letter and tell me something of your work and plans, and should you wish to consult me about anything, feel free to do so.

Sincerely yours,



Commissioner.

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

COMMISSIONER OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS
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July 19, 1918

Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry regarding Maude
Cooke, class 1917 Carlisle, I have to advise that
we have not heard from Miss Cooke for several
months. We learned in November, 1917, that she
was with her mother at 1112 South Eighth Street,
Manitowoc, Wisconsin, assisting her in her work of
dressmaking.

Very truly yours,

Trav. Aud. in Charge

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C B M.

Mr. Claud V. Peel,
Traveling Auditor in Charge,
Carlisle School.

JUL 17 1918

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My dear Mr. Peel:

In the list of graduates of the 1917 class at Carlisle the name of Maude Cooke, age 20, was reported as qualified to receive a certificate of competency upon becoming 21 years old, as provided in the Declaration of Policy. (Superintendent's letter Sept. 20, 1917.)

Please advise me of the present whereabouts and occupation of this graduate with any information you can obtain regarding her progress in self-support.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) **Cato Sells**
Commissioner.

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



September 20, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 28, 1917, in which you direct attention to that paragraph of the Declaration of Policy in the Administration of Indian Affairs which refers to Indian students who have completed the course of instruction in the Government's school, being declared competent.



In accordance with these directions I have the honor to report that Maude Cooke, a $\frac{1}{2}$ blood Mohawk Indian, 20 years of age, passed her examinations and on May 24, 1917, was graduated from this school in Home Economics, in accordance with the tentative course of study.

Maude is the daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Tarbell Cooke. She makes her home at Manitowac, Wisconsin. Her father is dead and her mother is a seamstress. She wants to become a seamstress.

Principal Blair reports that Maude is a fine, alert, ambitious, trustworthy girl. She is studious and has done well in academic work, especially in English. She is an efficient seamstress and a good cook. Her personal appearance, her desk, her room at quarters, all indicate the fine instincts of the home-maker. In addition she has poise and a sweet disposition without being weak.

Matilda G. Ewing reports that Maude is a splendid girl and efficient as a housekeeper, a seamstress and fine in domestic science. She is honorable and trustworthy. She has initiative, is neat and economical in dress. She stands well with her associates. She is pleasant and agreeable in any position.

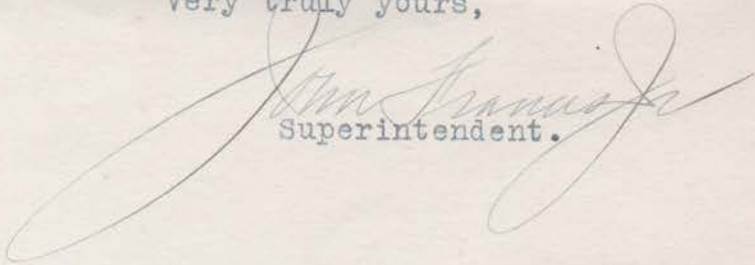
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Her health is fair, but she is not robust. She is careful in spending money.

In view of the fact that she is a New York Indian, the government has never exercised any control over her property or person. I would recommend that a certificate of competency be issued to her.

Very truly yours,


Superintendent.

June 28, 1917

COMPETANCY STATEMENT

Maude Cooke has been at Carlisle eight years. She is fine girl, alert, ambitious, trustworthy. She is studious and has always done well in academic work, especially in English. She is an efficient seamstress and a good cook. Her personal appearance, her desk, her room at quarters, all indicate the fine instincts of the home-maker. In addition she has poise and a sweet disposition without being weak.



Principal

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



June 27, 1917.

Mande Cook is a splendid girl and efficient as a housekeeper, a seamstress and in domestic science work. She is honorable and trustworthy in every particular. She has initiative, is neat and economical in dress and careful in spending money. She stands well with her associates. She is pleasant and agreeable in any position. She is one of our most capable girls.

Matilda G. Ewing,
Matron.