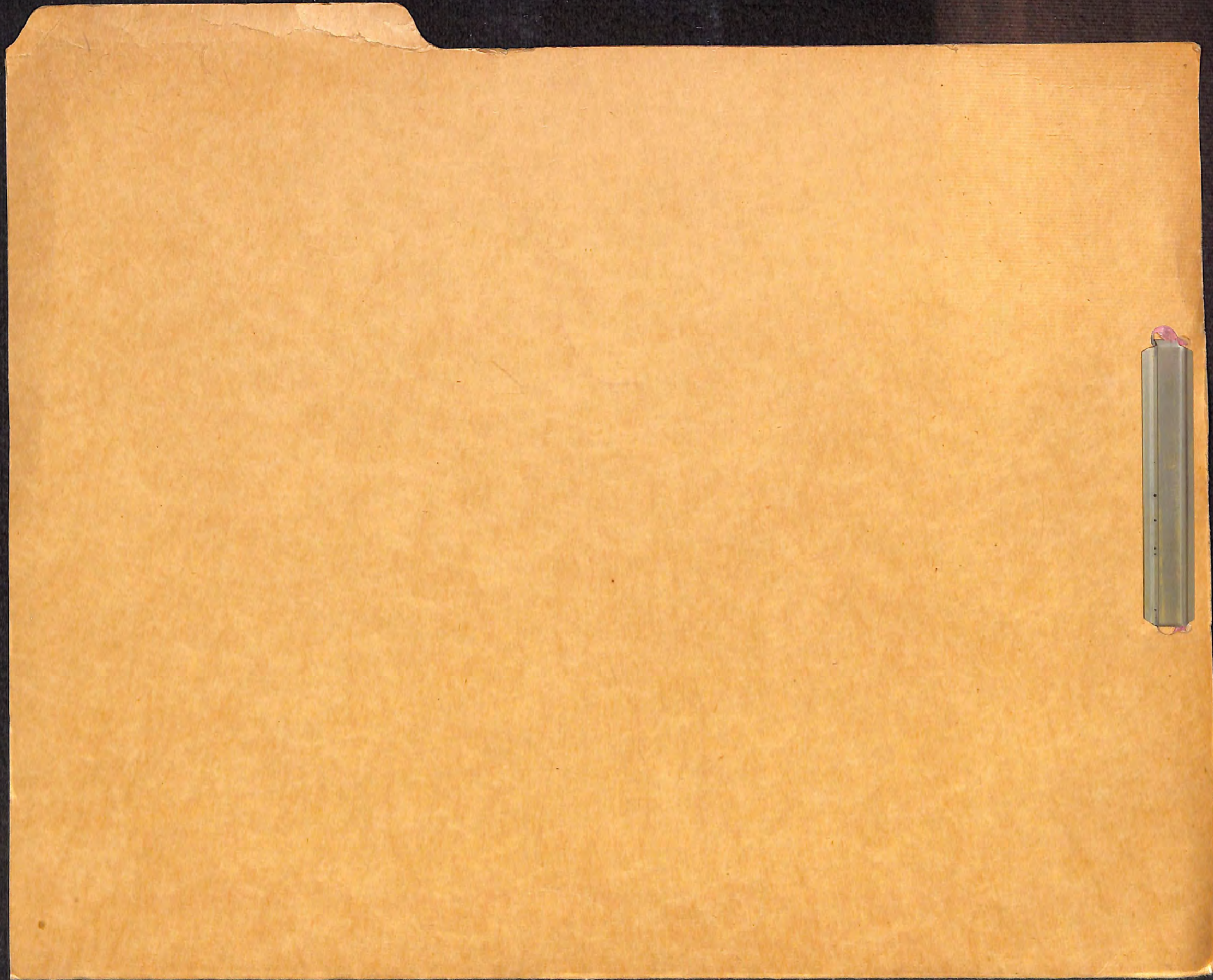


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Mr. G. E. H. Whitlock,
7 Broadway,
New Haven, Connecticut.

MAR 26 1938

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We regret that no further information can be given you.

Sincerely yours,

ENCLOSING LETTER & CC TO S (Sgd.) S. W. Crosthwait
Assistant to the Commissioner.

cc - Secretary's Office
cc - Personnel

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Hon. James A. Shanley,
House of Representatives.

MAR 26 1938

My dear Mr. Shanley:

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Sincerely yours,

William Zimmerman, Jr.
ASSISTANT Commissioner.

cc - Secretary's Office
cc - Personnel

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cc - Personnel

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JAMES A. SHANLEY
3D DIST. CONNECTICUT

WM. J. CRONIN, JR.
SECRETARY

COMMITTEE:
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

March 7, 1938



Filed in status 14377

Commissioner John Collier
Office of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commissioner:

It is my understanding that J. Riley Wheelock receives a pension through your office. If this assumption is correct, will you kindly advise me of Mr. Wheelock's address.

Very truly yours

James A. Shanley
James A. Shanley, M. C.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Assistant to the Commissioner.

cc - Secretary's Office
cc - Personnel

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C. E. H. WHITLOCK, PRES. & TREAS.
JOHN J. CURRANS, SECRETARY
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7 BROADWAY, NEW HAVEN, CT.

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TYPEWRITERS
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Feb. 17, 1938



U. S. Department of the Interior,
Office of Indian Affairs.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Dear Sir:

We will very much appreciate a reply to our letter of February 3, 1938 asking the address on J. Riley Wheelock.

We note that a registered letter sent to him in your care recently has been returned to us by the postoffice.

Very truly yours,
WHITLOCK'S INC.

C. E. H. Whitlock
C. E. H. Whitlock

CEHW:JB

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C. E. H. WHITLOCK, PRES. & TREAS.
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June 28th, 1937



Carlisle Indian School
Carlisle
Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Any information that you can furnish us about the present address and occupation of James Riley Wheelock will be appreciated.

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Very truly yours,
WHITLOCK'S INC.

C. E. H. Whitlock

C. E. H. Whitlock

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JAN 27 1934

Mr. Arnold Thalberg,
Business Service Bureau,
255 Church Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Thalberg:

Answering your letter of January 12, you are advised that our records show that Lt. J. Riley Wheelock's home is at Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, and his last communication to us from that place in March, 1933, showed his street address to be 7127 Clover Lane.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John Collier
Commissioner.

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255 CHURCH STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Member
COMMERCIAL LAW LEAGUE
of
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COLLECTIONS
INVESTIGATIONS
CREDIT REPORTS



January 12, 1934

Dept. of Interior
Washington, D. C.

Subject; Lt. J. Riley Wheelock
A. Raymond Wheelock

Gentlemen:

We are endeavoring to locate a Lt. J. Riley Wheelock, and his son A. Raymond Wheelock, who are director and assistant director of the Wheelock Indian Band.

They are both Indian, and recently J. Riley Wheelock was musical director of the Wildwood High School, Wildwood, N. J. They formerly resided at 115 East Roberts Avenue, Wildwood, N. J.

We would appreciate your informing us whether you have anything on record whereby you could assist us in locating, or giving us information whereby we could locate the above parties.

Yours very truly,

BUSINESS SERVICE BUREAU

Arnold Thalberg
Investigation Dept.

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AUG 14 1933

Mr. J. R. Wheelock,
Million Dollar Pier,
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

We have noted your letter of July 21 making application for reinstatement as a band leader in the Indian Service. We have no vacancies at the present time for teachers of band and orchestra, and furthermore, our records indicate that you lack the required training which is now a prerequisite for examination for band and orchestra conductors in our Service.

We are very anxious to place all deserving Indian people, but in a position such as you have in mind we have been requiring all applicants to meet the Civil Service qualifications. Consequently, we cannot consider your application favorably.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN COLLIER

Commissioner.

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To the ^{Office} Commissioner
Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

JUL 21 1933
COMR. IND. AFFRS.



For sometime I have been trying to get re-instated to the Indian Service as Band Leader, but under previous administration, Mr. Phoads, Com. missioner, a new ruling was established in which Indians instead of being given preference, were not given even fair consideration. I resigned as District Director of Carlisle Indian School, in 1917 to enlist in the U.S. Army. I was in the Indian Service 10 or more years up to that time - my army record shows my age as 54 - and I am now in Reserve as Second Lieutenant.

Since returning from France and my discharge from the army I have had connections in various capacities in

municipal affairs - and was
instructor of music in High School,
Waldwood, N. J. until the depression
came when it was found necessary
to cut teaching force. I held State
Certificates for teachers in New Jersey.
I am a member of the Ojibwa
Tribe, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Graduate
of the Ojibwa Indian School and also
attended Dickinson College and
Lehigh University. Studied music
in Berlin & Leipzig, Germany -
perfect physically.

The record in the Indian office
as to my age is 58 - that is not
correct. The 4 years were added to
my age in order to admit ^{me} in
Ojibwa Indian School when very
young - the 4 years was necessary for
me to pass the age requirement
at that time.

I feel sure that you will
give me your personal care -

distinction and will appreciate
reply at your convenience. If
possible, I would like personal
interview. Sincerely,
Sam

Yours truly -

James R. Wheelock
Million Dollar Pier
Atlantic City, N.J.

July 21, 1933

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My dear Mr. Vice President:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of February 25, inclosing a letter from Lt. J. Riley Wheelock, of 7127 Clover Lane, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, who wishes reinstatement in the Indian Service.

Lt. Wheelock, an Oneida Indian, was employed in various capacities in our Service for a number of years, resigning from his last position July 19, 1920. He has several times written us requesting reinstatement, but we have not felt that he meets present day requirements for our positions of teacher, band and orchestra. He does not have modern training in methods of public school music; our group music instruction is entirely different from the program of his time in the Service. Moreover, he is 58 years of age, and it is doubtful whether he could carry on the strenuous work required in our field service.

We are returning Lt. Wheelock's letter herewith.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. Rhoads
Commissioner.

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Hon. Charles Curtis,

The Vice President's Chamber.

Inclosure 245562.

MAR -3 1933

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Sincerely yours,

U. J. Rhoads

Commissioner.

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Hon. Charles Curtis,

The Vice President's Chamber.

Inclosure 245562.

United States Senate

Washington, D. C., February 25, 1933

REC'D OFFICE

Respectfully referred to
FEB 27 1933

~~Honorable~~ ^{AFFAIRS} Charles J. Rhoads,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.



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Respectfully,

Charles Curtis

Vice President.



LT. J. RILEY WHEELOCK
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

WHEELOCK

and his

U. S. INDIAN BAND

Philadelphia, Pa.

106 Richfield Road,
Upper Darby, Penna.
February 27, 1932



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

My dear Sir:

I am informed that the position of Band and Orchestra instructor at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, is vacant.

May I again request for reinstatement to the Service specifically for the position of Band and Orchestra Instructor at Haskell Institute. I am aware that the Civil Service for all teachers in the Indian Service require degree, I am also informed that a reinstatement may be made without examination if the department feels that such reinstatement would be for the good of the service.

I have every qualification to fill that position, thoroughly experienced in ^{various} phase of the work. Will appreciate any consideration you may favor me, I am,

Yours truly,

J. Riley Wheelock

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My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11 relative to the wish of Lieutenant J. Riley Wheelock of Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, to be reinstated and appointed teacher, band and orchestra, in the Indian Service.

Lieutenant Wheelock has written us several times regarding his reinstatement, and we have given very careful consideration to the matter. However, we have raised materially our standards for teachers, band and orchestra, and find that Lieutenant Wheelock does not meet these requirements. Please understand that in reaching our decision we did not lose sight of his military record and the fact that he is of Indian blood.

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Sincerely yours, _____

(Signed) *C. J. Rhoads*

Hon. James J. Davis,
United States Senate.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FEB 12 1932

COMR IND. AFFRS.

February 11, 1932



Honorable Charles J. Rhoads
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior

Dear Commissioner Rhoads:

Lieutenant J. Riley Wheelock, who resides in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, and is Director of an Indian Band, seeks appointment to fill a vacancy which is said to exist in the Band at Haskell Institute.

I would be most gratified if you could give serious consideration to my correspondent, who is a graduate of the former Carlisle Indian School, has studied music in Germany, and was Director of Music at Carlisle for ten years. After the Carlisle School was discontinued he was commissioned a Band Director in the Army, and served with the A. E. F. Does not this military service give him a preferential status? I hope you will give this matter your personal and sympathetic consideration.

Most cordially yours,

James H. Davis

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Haskell Institute
Lawrence, Kansas
February 4, 1932



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

Dear Sir:

Can anyone at the Office give me any information primarily as to the kind of man that Lt. J. Riley Wheelock is? I rather judge from the experience that he has had and from his connections, that, as far as his music is concerned, he would rank rather well. I am, however, primarily concerned with the kind of man he is.

The thing which has drawn my attention to him is a letter just received from him indicating his desire to return to the Indian Service if he may have a position here at Haskell. The inclosed copy of my letter to him will indicate that I am making no special advances in this direction. However, I do not wish to turn a deaf ear to a person of parts and character.

Very truly yours,

R. D. Baldwin,
Superintendent.

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Haskell Institute
Lawrence, Kansas
February 4, 1932



Lt. J. Riley Wheelock
106 Richfield Road
Upper Darby, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 1 has just come. In response, I must state that at the present time we have a young man who is directing the Band and Orchestra, temporarily, pending permanent appointment of a successor to Mr. Nelson from the Washington Office.

Should there be any further developments such as might point toward a possibility of your serving here for a while, I will be glad to write you.

Very truly yours,

R. D. Baldwin,
Superintendent.

RDB:c

Copy to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs

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Mr. James R. Wheelock,
7411 West Chester Pike,
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 26, in further reference to your desire for reinstatement to a position in our Service, we regret to advise you that there is no suitable vacancy for which you may be considered.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) C. J. Rhoads
Commissioner.

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Oct. 26, 1931

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

Dear Sir:

I have applied several times
for re-instatement in the Indian
Service. I have given my 15 years
service prior to recent war,
and my war record, two
reasons why I have felt
that I should receive re-
appointment without Civil
Service Examination, but
have not been given consideration.

Under present conditions of
business and general de-
pression, I have been out of
employment quite some
time. I had some money
owned and owned several
stocks of Building + Loan,
I lost the B + L, through
a failure of the Company
as a result of crashed
agents, and recently the
bank closed - so I need
a "job." I am not asking
charity, but I feel that
there is due me considera-
tion from the Indian
Department, first because
I am an Indian belonging

to a tribe in Louisiana,
second, because I had
already given 15 years
to Indian Service, third
because I resigned from
Catholic Indian School
service to enter the
U. S. Army & served
in France. I am

Yours truly,

James R. Whulock
7411 West Chester Pike
Upper Darby,
Pa.

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AUG 27 1931

Mr. James R. Wheelock,
106 Richfield Road,
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

We have your letters of August 11 concerning your desire for reinstatement as printer, boys' adviser, or adviser's assistant.

It is our intention hereafter to fill adviser positions through competitive civil service examination. Therefore, in order to qualify it will be necessary for you to pass an examination. There is none pending at this time, but it is suggested that you watch for notices of the next one in post offices, other public buildings, and the public press and when they appear write the Civil Service Commission, this city, and ask to be furnished an application form. Persons of 1/4 or more Indian blood who qualify through examination are given preference for appointment in this Service.

At this time there is no printer vacancy at the Sherman Institute or elsewhere, but your name is being listed for consideration in connection with future vacancies, and we will bear in mind your desire for reinstatement.

Sincerely yours,

J. Henry Scattergood

Assistant Commissioner.

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HORACE LELAND WIGGINS, Managing Director



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THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
CHESTNUT AT NINTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Sherman
(Proof. doc.)

Aug. 11, 1931

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

Sir:

I respectfully submit herewith my
qualifications and experience as Printer
and request that this be filed as an
application for the position of Printer
(or Printing Instructor) at Sherman
Institute, Riverside, California.

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more
needed
Subject to re-instatement. I am

Yours truly, #7

Address:
106 Richfield Rd.
Upper Darby,
Pa.

James R. Whelock
(Queida)



THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

CHESTNUT AT NINTH STREET

PHILADELPHIA

HORACE LELAND WIGGINS, Managing Director

Qualifications and experience as Printer:

10 years as instructor of Printing at
Carlisle Indian School. (Miehle + Miller)

Two years as pressman, and general
all-around printer, Oxford Times, Oxford, Pa.

Three years in job department as Compositor
and job pressman, Chester Times,
Chester, Pa.

Two years as Proof reader & ^{monotype} operator
Thompson Printing Co. Philadelphia.

Three years as ad compositor in Public
Ledger, Philadelphia. Covering the latest
methods of ad setting, making up forms,
planning and adjusting cuts, have full
knowledge of all the latest type-setting,
type-making machinery. My experience
is up-to-the minute in every branch of printing
business as well as experienced in teaching it.

St. James Key Wheelock
(Owner)



THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
CHESTNUT AT NINTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA

HORACE LELAND WIGGINS, Managing Director

I am submitting two applications
and qualifications, in order
that I may qualify for the
Buyer's Assistant Adviser
position if the printing position
is filled at Sherman.

H. W.



HORACE LELAND WIGGINS, Managing Director



THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

CHESTNUT AT NINTH STREET

PHILADELPHIA

August 11, 1931.

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

Dear Sir:

I respectfully submit herewith my qualifications and experience necessary for the position of Boys' Adviser's Assistant, and request that I be considered an applicant for said position in the Indian Service, subject to re-instatement.

Address
106 Rushfield Rd.
Upper Darby, Pa.

Yours truly, #6

James R. Wheelock
(Onida)



HORACE LELAND WIGGINS, Managing Director



THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

CHESTNUT AT NINTH STREET

PHILADELPHIA

Boys' Adviser's Assistant.

Qualification and experience as
director of boys' activities:

Three years, Penn. R. R. Y. M. C. A
athletic director and assistant
secretary. (Tyone, Pa. + Eola, Pa.)

One year director of Boys'
activities under municipal
contract at Hagerstown, Md.

Six years as assistant Disciplinary
in U. S. Indian Schools,
Cochise, Yuma and Phoenix.

Two years in the U. S. Army in
France.

Lt. J. Wheelock

PUBLIC  LEDGER

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CURTIS-MARTIN NEWSPAPERS, INC.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE
PHILADELPHIA

August 11, 1931

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs

James Riley Wheelock has been employed as a printer in the Public Ledger Composing Room for about three years.

We can vouch for him as a competent printer. The only reason for his leaving the service of the Public Ledger is that under present conditions, it is necessary to lay off some men.

We can speak in the highest terms of him as a man and a printer.

CURTIS-MARTIN NEWSPAPERS, INC.

Chas B Reed

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in printing.

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School,
New Jersey.

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into the teacher, band and orchestra,

You do not appear to have the required
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covering the appointment of Indians, which order is based on law
providing that Indians must be given preference for appointment to
positions for which they are qualified. However, we have been
uniformly requiring that Indian applicants have the civil service
qualifications which have been set up, and the fact that you have
not a college degree would not permit your entrance into the exami-
nation.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) B.S. GARBER
Acting Commissioner.

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Mr. James R. Wheelock,
Director of Music,
Wildwood High School,
Wildwood, New Jersey.

APR 21 1931

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Dear Sir:

We have your letter of April 1 in further reference to your eligibility for entrance into the teacher, band and orchestra, examination.

We regret that as you do not appear to have the required bachelor's degree, you are ineligible for entrance into the examination. In reaching this decision we have not lost sight of the fact that you are an Indian and note your reference to the executive order covering the appointment of Indians, which order is based on law providing that Indians must be given preference for appointment to positions for which they are qualified. However, we have been uniformly requiring that Indian applicants have the civil service qualifications which have been set up, and the fact that you have not a college degree would not permit your entrance into the examination.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) B.S. GARBER
Acting Commissioner.

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REC'D OFFICE

WILDWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WILDWOOD, N. J.

HENRY C. CHALMERS, SUPV. PRIN.

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April 1, 1931

COMR. IND. AFFRS.

Mr. C. J. Rhoads,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

I have your letter of March 21st in which you state that my record in the Indian Service indicate that I cannot meet the present day requirements for teacher, band and orchestra, as set forth in the announcement of the Civil Service Commission.

In theory your statement is correct because I do not hold degree in music from any college or university, but in fact I am more qualified to fill that position than any doctor of music degree man who has had a years teaching experience and hold a degree on organ or piano playing or even violinist.

My experience in band and orchestra teaching covers a period of 20 years in actual teaching in that department. Since graduating from Carlisle Indian school I have studied in Germany and England, and taken extension and summer school work, so I have enough credits to secure Certificate for Music teaching in the State of New Jersey. My professional work should receive some consideration--that of conductor of Professional Band and Symphony orchestra. I have composed music, and have done considerable special arranging for other writers.

I note with considerable pleasure the improvement in the management of Indian affairs under your administration, the demand for capable teachers and other employes of the service. That has been the great need for the Indians.

Under the head Executive Order of March 30, 1920, as Amended may 31, 1921, last paragraph of #9, it states directly that "Indians separated without delinquency or misconduct from competitive positions may be reinstated in the field service without time limit when the commission and the department are in agreement that such reinstatement would be in the interest of the service." (Ex. ord., Aug. 14, 1928.)

Is it not possible for my application to come under this ruling even tho my original appointment was under special orders allowing all Carlisle Indian School graduates placed under Civil Service status and appointed without examination. I am

Very Respectfully,

James R. Wheelock
James R. Wheelock

Director of Music,
Wildwood High School,
Wildwood, N. J.

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LT. J. RILEY WHEELOCK
Musical Director

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Mr. J. R. Wheelock,
Wildwood High School,
Wildwood, New Jersey.

MAR 21 1931

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Dear Sir:

We have your letter of March 3, 1931, relative to reinstatement as band and orchestra instructor in the Indian Service.

Your record indicates that you are unable to meet present day requirements for teachers, band and orchestra, as set forth in the inclosed announcement of the Civil Service Commission and we regret, therefore, that we are unable to offer you any encouragement regarding reinstatement.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. Rhoads.

Commissioner.

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WILDWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WILDWOOD, N. J.

HENRY C. CHALMERS, SUPV. PRIN.

March 3, 1931

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



Dear Sir:

I noticed an ad by the Civil Service Commission that there will be examination held this month for Band and Orchestra Instructors in Indian Service. For ~~many~~ ^{many} years I was Band Director and teacher of Music at Cordish Indian School, (under Civil Service) when the school closed in 1917 - I went to France as Band Master in the Army, after my return in 1920 I was appointed Band Leader at Genoa Indian School, Genoa, Neb. I resigned there to enter into a printing business. I have since sold my in-

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interests in printing business and have
been director of music in Wildwood
High School, these two years and hold
a New Jersey State Certificate. I desire to
be re-instated in one of the larger Indian
Schools as Band and Orchestra
instructor. I will require 30 days notice
to resign from this school. I am

Yours truly,
James R. Wheelock

Correspondence filed subsequently to July 31, 1930.

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Mr. J. Riley Wheelock,
Wildwood High School,
Wildwood, New Jersey.

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Dear Sir:

Referring further to your letter of March 16 concerning your desire for reinstatement in this Service, we regret to advise you that there is no suitable vacancy for which you can be considered.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) C. J. Rhoads.

Commissioner.

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BAND AND ORCHESTRA
PHILADELPHIA, PA

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March 18, 1930.

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Mr. J. R. Wheelock,
Wildwood High School,
Wildwood, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

Referring to your letter of March 16, I have to say that very few reinstatements are being made. However, I will refer your letter in the regular way to the Office for consideration.

Am glad to hear of your successful work during the past year.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Peairs,
Director of Education,
Indian Service.

WHEELOCK
BAND AND ORCHESTRA
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Wildwood, N. J.
March 16, 1930

Mr. H. B. Pierson,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pierson:

For several years I have been wanting to reenter the Indian Service, but have not been able to receive recognition - I am writing you again ^{to} see if you will intercede for me. I have been employed the past year as Music Director in the Wildwood High School - and my work is very satisfactory to the Board of Education and other officials of the school. I read in the newspapers where the Indian Service is to be improved in all departments, I am, therefore, specially anxious to be in on that "improvement policy." Will you see what you can do for me. With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,

J. Wheelock

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Mr. J. Riley Wheelock,
5441 Angora Terrace,
Philadelphia, Pa.

JUL 16 1929

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Dear Mr. Wheelock:

Replying to your letter of June 29, concerning your desire for reinstatement in this Service as Adviser (formerly called disciplinarian), band leader, printing instructor, or superintendent, you are informed that there is no suitable vacancy for which you can be considered. Positions of Superintendent are filled by promotion within the Service, and inasmuch as you are not employed at this time, it is not possible to consider you for a superintendency.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. F. Hauke

Chief Clerk.

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WHEELLOCK
BAND AND ORCHESTRA
5441 ANGORA TERRACE
PHILADELPHIA, PA

June 29, 1929

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



My dear Sir:

Having been connected as a band instructor at Colville Indian School and resigned to enter the army in the late war as a 2nd Lieutenant and served in France for one year, I desire re-instatement ^{at this time} to the Indian Service in any capacity that I am qualified to fill; Disciplinarian, Band Leader, Printing Instructor or Superintendent of Reservation School.

I passed a Superintendent's examination in Civil Service while I was yet in the army but was never given consideration for the position. I am a graduate of the Colville Indian School and three years in Dickinson College, also Colville, Penna. Having been out "in the world" in business, knowing as I do the real needs of the Indian I feel that I can give my race the benefit of my experience. I am personally known and intimately acquainted with the Secretary of the Indian Rights Association of Philadelphia, should you care to seek information as to my character and general educational ability. I am
Yours truly,
Walter Wheellock

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Mr. J. Riley Wheelock,
5441 Angora Terrace,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAN 26 1929

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

The Office has received your letter of January 2, applying for appointment in this Service as disciplinarian or band director at one of the larger schools. You state you would like to be considered for appointment as superintendent at a small school or agency.

At this time there is no suitable vacancy in a position of superintendent, disciplinarian, or band leader, for which you can be considered. However, your desire for employment will be kept in mind should a suitable vacancy occur.

Very truly yours,

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(Signed) *E. B. Meritt*
Assistant Commissioner.

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HORACE LELAND WIGGINS, Managing Director



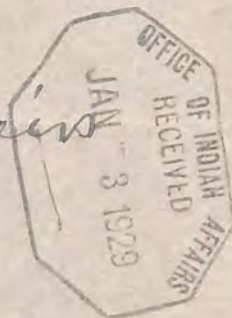
THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

CHESTNUT AT NINTH STREET

PHILADELPHIA

Jan 2, 1929

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



Dear Sirs:

I have already decided to re-enter the Indian Service and am writing to find out what opening, if any, in any of the larger schools, as Superintendent or Band Director.

It has been my desire for sometime to secure an appointment in some capacity of more responsible than that of Band Leader and



THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
CHESTNUT AT NINTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA

HORACE LELAND WIGGINS, Managing Director

would appreciate consideration
for Superintendent of some small
school or agency, I am thoroughly
qualified to fill either position,
However, if they are not
available, will consider any
other position. Being an Indian
I am assuming that I am
privileged to re-statement,
I am

Yours truly,

J. R. Whulock
5441 Angora Terrace
Phila. Pa.

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OCT 28 1925

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Mr. J. R. Wheelock,
850 South 58th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Wheelock:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 25, 1925, in which you make application for reinstatement to a position in this Office.

By reason of a reduction of force there is no vacancy at present, nor is there prospects of any occurring in the near future. However, it is noted that while you are eligible for reinstatement to a position in the Field Service, as you are an Indian, before you could be appointed to a position here it would be necessary for you to qualify through civil service examination.

Should you desire any information as to the procedure to be followed in qualifying for certification for a clerical position in the Departments here, it is suggested that you write direct to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., requesting to be furnished with the proper application blank. Should you comply with this suggestion, and your name is at any time certified the Office will be glad to bear your qualifications in mind.

It is regretted that a more encouraging reply cannot be given you at this time.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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PHILADELPHIA ADDRESS
850 SOUTH 58TH STREET
PHONE ALLEGHANY 6578

MUSIC FOR BANQUETS—CHAMBER MUSIC
FOR PRIVATE PARTIES

WHEELOCK

BAND AND ORCHESTRA
LT. J. RILEY WHEELOCK, DIRECTOR



Philadelphia, Pa.
Oct. 25, 1925

Mr. Meritt:

I am assuming that you are still the Assistant-Commissioner of Indian Affairs and that appointments to Indian Department come under your jurisdiction, this letter is addressed you as an application for re-instatement in the Indian Service, tho not as an official of the Department but as a friend seeking advice the best method of procedure to obtain a position in Washington office. My children are both attending the University of Pennsylvania and I do not wish at this time to go west. You knew me personally and can therefore recommend me, and that is why I am writing you personally instead of the Commissioner. If you will give me an idea what I should best do I will

be glad

to follow the regular routine. Awaiting
an early reply. I am

Yours truly
J. R. Wheeler

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See status Margaret Wheelock

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Mrs. Margaret Wheelock,
850 South 58th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Wheelock:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 10 requesting that you and your husband be considered for reinstatement in positions of teacher and disciplinarian respectively in the Indian Service.

Mr. Wheelock, by reason of his Indian blood, is eligible for reinstatement at any time. As you, however, were never employed other than on a temporary basis and you have no status under Civil Service rules for permanent appointment, no encouragement can be given you that it will be possible to take favorable action on your request.

Should you desire any information as to the procedure to be followed in qualifying for certification as teacher in the Indian Service, it is suggested that you write direct to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., requesting to be furnished with the proper application blanks. Should you comply with this suggestion and your name is at any time certified by the Commission, the Office will be glad to bear in mind the desire of yourself and husband for appointment at the same school.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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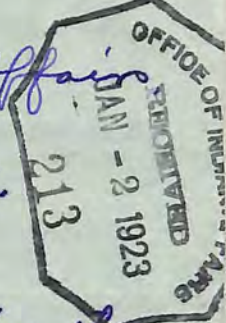
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To the Honorable

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D.C.

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Sir: file by entrance in the
United States Army in the recent
war, I was employed in the
Indian Service as Band Director
at Carlisle, Pennsylvania - and
later at Genoa Indian School,
but have been out of the
service the past two years -
I desire re-employment in the
service as Disciplinarian
in case of the larger schools -
having been an officer in
the Army, I am especially fitted
for this position and would



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appreciate if I can be placed
either at Phoenix, Albuquerque,
Riverside, but would consider
any other school where the
advantages of high school
are available for my children.
Awaiting an early reply.

I am

Yours truly

J. Riley Wheelock
St. C. A. R. C.

Red Oak, Ia.

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Mr. James R. Wheelock,
Decatur, Nebraska.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

The Office is in receipt of your letter of November 14, with further reference to your reinstatement in the Service.

As you are possibly aware, there was a Departmental ruling to the effect that all returned soldiers must be reinstated at the salaries received at the time of their separation from the Service to enter the World War. The fact that subsequent to your discharge you were reinstated at the Genoa School would not affect this ruling. For this reason the Office is unwilling to offer you more than \$840 a year and bonus, and an offer at that figure was made you under date of August 5, to which no reply has been received.

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There is no vacancy as superintendent to which you could be assigned, and as very few appointments are made from this register as maintained by the Civil Service Commission, the Office can offer you no encouragement that you could be considered for a position of this kind.

Very truly yours,



Assistant Commissioner.

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THE DECATUR HERALD

J. RILEY WHELOCK, Publisher

DECATUR, NEBR.

November 14, 1921.



To the Assistant Commissioner
Of Indian Affairs, Mr. Merritt,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merritt:

I writing you this personal letter because you know me personally and can give the desired information and probably assist me in getting placed. You know from past position I have held in the service, that I am qualified to hold a more responsible position than mere band leader, and that I have had experience in more than one line of endeavor, and I want you to answer me man to man the reason that I have never been considered for anything but the position of band leader at a salary that I could not educate my children on. At Genoa there was a vacancy for Disciplinarian and instructor of athletics, both positions I was well qualified to fulfill, the department appointed to that position a man that had no experience in that work and I had to teach him while I was under him as assitant disciplinarian and band-master. He has made good no doubt, the man no doubt was a good clerk. I passed a civil service examination for Superintendent of Indian school, I never was given a consideration.

The Congress passed a law making it distinctive order to give service men preference in making appointments in the government positions, that did not apply to me tho I served almost two years in the army, 11 months of it in France. I want to get back in the service but I cannot live and educate my children on \$90 a month. I am writing you this letter not as an official of the department but as a friend that can tell me my faults and tell me why I cannot get anything in Indian service that is worth while. If you have any vacancy that I can hold in any school where my children can have the advantage of public school, I would be glad if you will consider me. Now Mr. Merritt please take this matter as a personal matter between us and tell just what is wrong with me. Awaiting an early reply, I am

Very Respectfully,

J. Wheelock

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Mr. E. D. Mossman,

Supt. Standing Rock School.

My dear Mr. Mossman:

On August 5 Mr. James R. Wheelock, an Indian who was then living in Decatur, Nebraska, was tentatively offered reinstatement in the position of disciplinarian at a salary of \$840 instead of \$900 a year at the Standing Rock School. No reply was ever received from him.

As there is a possibility that Mr. Wheelock may have misconstrued such instruction by reporting for duty immediately, it is requested that you advise the Office at once by letter as to the exact status of this position, in order that such further action may be taken to fill the place as may be deemed advisable by your reply.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Commissioner.

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Mr. James R. Wheelock,
Decatur, Nebraska.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

The Office wishes to be advised immediately by wire if you desire to be considered for reinstatement in a prospective vacancy in the position of disciplinarian at a salary of \$840 a year with a bonus of \$20 a month for the *current* fiscal year, at the Standing Rock Indian School, North Dakota, which is the best available opening likely to occur at an early date what will permit of favorable action on your request.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner.

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The Commercial Hotel

A. Still, Proprietor

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Newman Grove, Nebraska,

July 28 1921

To the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs,
Wash. D.C.



Sir:

I will be at liberty
accept a position of Discipline
and Physical instructor after
August 24 - 1921. Having served
two years in the army as an
officer I am qualified to
take the position.

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I have held the position of
band leader @ Colville prior
to its abolishment, also at
Genoa Indian school. I
resigned at Genoa to accept
a position as an ^{editor} _{Presidential}
during the recent Campaign,
this season I am at Chaulangua
Arvint. I do not want

The Commercial Hotel
A. Still, Proprietor

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a hard leader appointment.

I might also state that I passed the Civil Service examination for the position of superintendent of Indian School, but there has been no vacancy in that position, and have therefore been given no consideration for that position.

Awaiting an early reply,
I am

Very Respectfully
Riley Wheelock.

Permanent address
~~Genoa~~, Decatur,
Nebr.