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PERSONAL INFORMATION CARD.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)

..... James Riley Wheelock

2. Where employed: (Give name of School or Agency)

..... Sherman Institute, Riverside, California

3. Title of position on July 1, 1916:

..... Band Master and Musical Director

4. Salary on July 1, 1916: 800.00 per annum

5. If employed in Government Service prior to appointment in Indian Service state initial rate of pay:

6. Have you served in any other department of the U. S. Government? Answer yes or no _____. If so, state where and when on the form below, including temporary employment:

Dept.	Bureau	From (date)	To (date)	Entrance Salary.
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7. Where born; state, territory or foreign country of birth: (Do not give town).

..... Oneida, Wisconsin

8. Race: Indian 9. Sex:

10. Date of birth: Month *June* 1 Year *1875*

11. What schools did you attend, how many years did you spend at each school, what courses of study did you pursue, and what degree, if any, did you take? Answer in the following form. Give names of colleges, universities, etc., but only kind and location of elementary and high schools:

Kind of school (elementary, high, college, etc.)	Location or name.	Course of study	Degree taken.
<i>Judica School</i>	<i>Carlisle, Pa.</i>	<i>Graduated 1896</i>
<i>College Preparatory</i>	<i>Carlisle Pa.</i>	<i>Natural Scientific</i>
<i>Bickinson College</i>	<i>Carlisle Pa.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>2 years</i>
.....

12. Are you single, married, widow, widower, or divorced?
Married

13. If war veteran, specify whether Civil, Spanish, Philippine, or Indian insurrection:
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14. Present legal residence: No. of Congressional District
Carlisle, State *Pennsylvania*, County *Cumberland*

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OCT -5 1916

Mr. James R. ^{ock}Wheeler,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

S i r:

Referring to your telegram of October 4, you are advised that inasmuch as the position of band leader at the Sherman Institute, California, has heretofore been filled, it will be impracticable to reassign you to that place.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

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DESIRE REINSTATEMENT IMMEDIATELY AS MUSICAL DIRECTOR AT RIVERSIDE

SHERMAN INSTITUTE

JAMES R WHEELER

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SEP -9 1916

Mr. James R. Wheelock,
Through Supt. Sherman Institute.

Sir:

Your resignation of August 24, 1916 as
band and musical instructor at a salary of \$800
a year at the Sherman Institute, California, is
hereby accepted, effective August 31, 1916.

Respectfully
(Signed) Gato Sells

Commissioner.

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(Carbon Copy to Sherman Institute)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Sherman Institute,
Riverside, Calif.,
August 31, 1916.



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

Sir:-

I enclose herewith the resignation of Mr. J. R. Wheelock, band and musical instructor to take effect August 31, 1916. *J. R. W.*

Today I wired as follows:

James R. Wheelock band and musical instructor resigned effective August thirty first. I recommend transfer Ira S. Loos now at Chemewa to fill vacancy and his wife as dinin room matron. I assume this position will be vacant when changes are made as recommended my letter April eighteenth. See also your letter August first.

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Ira S. Loos*

I wish to refer to your letter to Mr. Ira S. Loos dated July 6, 1916, advising him that careful consideration would be given to his qualifications for the position at this school. I understand that Mr. Loos is a good musical teacher as well as a good assistant disciplinarian and that Mrs. Loos is a good matron. I respectfully ask that this matter be given your earliest consideration and that if practicable these transfers be made at the earliest possible date, as our regular school work begins September 11th.

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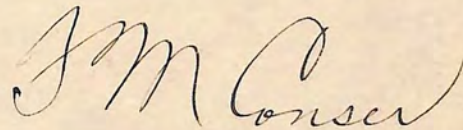
I wish to refer to my letter of April 18th and

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

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July 12th, relative to certain changes recommended for this school. In your letter of August 1st you advised that these transfers would be attended to at the earliest practicable date and I trust that the matter may receive early attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J M Conser".

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Superintendent.

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Mr. F. M. Conser -
Supt. Sherman Inst.
Riverside, Calif.



Sir -

I hereby tender my resignation
as band and musical director
at Sherman Institute, to take
effect, Aug. 31-1916.

Very Respectfully
J. Wheeler

Carlisle, Pa
Aug. 24-1916

The New Wellington

Geo. A. Dougherty, Prop.

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Dear Sir -

I was compelled to
hand to Mr. Quier my
renunciation of account
of the expense in getting to
California. I trust that
I can be reinstated as
soon as vacancy occurs
in any of the Schools
the side of the Rockies -
either as Disceplinarian
or Musical Director

The New Wellington

Geo. A. Dougherty, Prop.

Carlisle, Pa.

Carlisle,
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or ~~Flandreau~~. Sam

yours truly,

J. P. Wheelock.

Carlisle, Pa.

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JUN 24 1916

Mr. James R. Wheelock,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 15, concerning your desire for transfer from the position of band and musical instructor at the Sherman Institute, California, to a more desirable assignment elsewhere in the Service.

I have looked into the matter carefully and find there is no position available requiring the services of a band and musical instructor. We have very few positions of this character, and it occurs to me that the opportunity for assigning you to a position nearer your home would be greatly enhanced if you were to qualify for a position of clerk. Vacancies in this position occur frequently, and I feel sure that there will be no difficulty in placing you if you pass the examination. You can be given a noncompetitive examination for either first or second grade clerk and if you make a passing grade of seventy you would then be eligible for appointment. Please advise me whether you care to

be considered for a clerical position, and, if so,
whether you desire to take the first or second grade
examination.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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(Copy to Sherman Institute)

Carlisle, Penna/.
June 15, 1916.

Hon. E. B. Merritt,
Asst. Commissioner of
Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

Following up our conversation yesterday I desire to place the matter of my position in the Service before you in writing for immediate consideration:

I wish first to impress upon your mind that it is not a matter of dissatisfaction in the least degree of my work at Sherman that I wish to change--to be frank I would rather remain at Sherman under Mr. Conser for the salary that I am receiving there than to go to some other school at a larger salary if I had only myself to consider. Without doubt Sherman at present is the best managed school in the service and the employes work in perfect harmony, no friction of any kind which makes it desirable and pleasant place to be, but I have a family to consider; I have a daughter who is now in the second year high school, a son in the fifth grade, both growing which means I must look for more money and convenient place for them to continue their school work. During the two years I was at Sherman the family got along as best they could, my salary was not enough to pay their expenses and mine too, the children had to give up their music lessons, the daughter had to give up art lessons in fact they just existed.

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I would like to be transferred to Washington while I am not stenographer I can handle departmental work. At a salary of 900 plus what I can make in music outside of office hours I believe I can double my salary--I am experienced in church

choir work and have conducted Oratorios, this kind of work would give me quite an income besides orchestra and private lessons that I can develop. I really cannot see how I can remain in the service at the same salary that I am now receiving, unless I am transferred to Carlisle and there is no vacancy there and if there was Mr. Lipps would probably have some one of his choice. I have had considerable experience with various kinds of work so that my ability is not limited to the teaching of music. Mr. Conser will testify to this fact as I helped in various departments at Sherman--I had great deal to do with the Industrial departments and handled the new course of study.

If there is any place in the "Outing Department" I would accept that department so the salary justifies my being away from my family and can place them where the children can take up art and music and continue their school work. I will appreciate if you will take this up very soon so that I can come to some decision and if I decide to resign from the service I can tell Mr. Conser before the end of this fiscal year.

Awaiting your early reply, I am

Very Respectfully,

J. R. Wheelock

J. R. Wheelock

EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Name of employee **James R. Wheeler**Name of school **Sherman Institute** Date **May 1, 1916.**

Native ability	E	Position	Band & Musical Instructor
Acquired ability	E	Salary	800
Initiative	E	Race	Indian
Openness to suggestion	E	Sex	Male
Adaptability	E	Age	41
Habits as to—		Years in service	2
Appearance	E	Married or single	Married
Courtesy to others	E	Physical condition	E
Manners and speech	E	Musical ability:	
Kindness to pupils	E	Vocal	G
Industry	E	Instrumental	E
Loyalty	E	Interest in work	E
General efficiency	E		

COMMENT.

An excellent band and musical instructor. Has good influence with students. Interested in general success of school and welfare of students. Resourceful. Voluntarily assists with work outside his line. He has been a valuable assistant to the Supt. of Industries. Helps with athletics. Agreeable, and ready to help whenever called upon. Deserves a promotion.

J. M. Conner

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Books read during past twelve months:

None

Periodicals for which employee is a regular subscriber:

Two Musical Journals

Daily Papers

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Mr. James R. Wheelock,

Through the Supt., Sherman Institute.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

You are hereby promoted in the position of
Band and Musical Instructor at the Sherman Institute,
California, from \$720 to \$800 a year, effective December
1, 1915.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) E. P. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

(Copy to Sherman Institute).

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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 November 6, 1915

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The Honorable

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I enclose herewith letter from Mr. J. R. Wheelock, Band and Musical Instructor, Sherman Institute, Riverside, California, requesting a transfer to some eastern school, or a better salary in the position he now occupies to enable him to support his family. It will be observed from his letter that unless something can be done for him soon that he intends to resign.

Mr. Wheelock has developed into a very satisfactory employe. In addition to his work as Band and Musical Instructor he has made himself useful in other ways. He is a good typewriter and would make a good property clerk. I should be very much pleased to retain his services at Sherman institute and to recommend his promotion to \$800. However, I would not feel justified in recommending his promotion to \$800. unless other faithful employes who have been at the School for a long time, and are also deserving of promotion, can receive consideration.

If recommendations contained in letter of even date, concerning other employes as well as Mr. Wheelock, can be

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given favorable consideration, I shall be very much pleased to retain Mr. Wheelock. If, however, this will not be done I trust, if he resigns, ^{or is transferred} that a satisfactory person as Band and Musical Instructor may be obtained.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Conser

Superintendent.

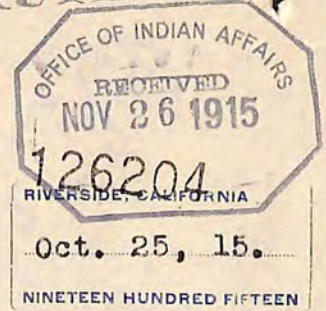
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REFER IN REPLY TO

Department of Industries

Sherman Institute
MURRAY A. COLLINS SUPERINTENDENT

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Hon. Cato Sells,
Through Supt. F.M. Conser,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:



I find that it is impossible for me to remain in the service under the present salary of \$60 per month. I requested for transfer sometime ago so as to be enabled to locate in the East closer to my family--my experience in the outside world has fitted me to fill positions other than musical directorship and efficiency in this regard I am sure would be attested by Mr. Conser under whom I have worked now 17 months, it would not therefore be a square peg in a round hole, if I am transferred to ~~other~~ position than what I am now serving.

I beleieve that my work at Sherman Institute is satisfactory to all concerned and I must admit that I dislike very much to leave Sherman but my duty is to my family first and if the department will not give me a transfer to some Eastern school or give me better salary here I will return to the town of Carlisle where my family is located as soon as Mr. Conser gets back to Sherman and can hand him my resignation. I trust that you will give this your immediate consideration. Awaiting your pleasure, I am

Very Respectfully,

J. R. Wheelock
Musical Director.

EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Name of employee James R. Wheelock

Name of school Sherman Institute Date November 1, 1915.

Native ability	<i>E</i>	Position	Band and Musical Instructor
Acquired ability	<i>E</i>	Salary	720
Initiative	<i>E</i>	Race	Indian
Openness to suggestion	<i>E</i>	Sex	Male
Adaptability	<i>E</i>	Age	40
Habits as to—		Years in service	5
Appearance	<i>E</i>	Married or single	married
Courtesy to others	<i>E</i>	Physical condition	<i>E</i>
Manners and speech	<i>E</i>	Musical ability:	
Kindness to pupils	<i>E</i>	Vocal	
Industry	<i>E</i>	Instrumental	<i>E</i>
Loyalty	<i>E</i>	Interest in work	<i>E</i>
General efficiency	<i>E</i>		

COMMENT.

J M Conser

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Books read during past twelve months:

None

Periodicals for which employee is a regular subscriber:

None

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Mr. F. H. Conser,
Supt., Sherman Institute.

My dear Mr. Conser:

The Office acknowledges receipt of your letters of July 16, requesting increases in the salaries of certain employees of your school and referring to your recommendations of October 2, 1914, along this line.

No action on these promotions will be taken at this time.

Very truly yours,

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

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James R. Wheelock.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Sherman Institute,
Riverside, Cal.

July 16, 1915.



JUL 23 1915

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

Sir:

I respectfully recommend the promotion of Mr. James R. Wheelock, band and musical instructor, from \$720 to \$780, to become effective August 1, 1915. Mr. Wheelock has been at this school since June 11, 1914. He is an Indian of the Oneida tribe and is a good musician. Since he has been here he has been interested in the work of his band and I am pleased to note his willingness to do other work than that of band master. He has been of considerable assistance in the industrial departments, assisting particularly the Superintendent of Industries. I especially request that this recognition be shown to him.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Conser.
Superintendent.

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James R. Wheelock,
May, 1915

EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Name of employee **James R. Wheelock**Name of school **Sherman Institute** Date **April 30, 1915.**

Native ability	<i>E</i>	Position Band & Musical Instructor
Acquired ability	<i>E</i>	Salary \$720
Initiative	<i>E</i>	Race Indian
Openness to suggestion	<i>E</i>	Sex Male
Adaptability	<i>E</i>	Age 40
Habits as to—		Years in service 6
Appearance	<i>E</i>	Married or single Married
Courtesy to others	<i>E</i>	Physical condition <i>E</i>
Manners and speech	<i>E</i>	Musical ability:
Kindness to pupils	<i>E</i>	Vocal
Industry	<i>E</i>	Instrumental <i>E</i>
Loyalty	<i>E</i>	Interest in work <i>E</i>
General efficiency	<i>E</i>	

COMMENT.

See report November 1, 1914.

Mr. Wheelock is showing a commendable attitude, willing to assist in other departments and make himself useful generally.

J. M. Conner

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Books read during past twelve months:

Choosing a Vocation
Seventh Noon
What Children Study and Why
School and Home Gardens
Shepherd of the Hills

Periodicals for which employee is a regular subscriber:

None

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EFFICIENCY RECORD

				AS CHECKED
Name:	James R. Wheelock	Age	39	Excellent
Race:	Indian	Sex	Male	Good + ✓
Position:	Band & Musical Instructor	Married	Yes	Fair
Salary:	\$720	Single		Poor
School:	Sherman Institute	Years in Service:	1/3	General Efficiency:
Date:	November 1, 1914.			

Vocal

Extent and nature of musical ability: Instrumental

COMMENTS	
Native ability, <i>E</i>	Habits as to: <i>E</i>
Acquired ability, <i>E</i>	Appearance, <i>E</i>
Initiative, <i>E</i>	Courtesy to others, <i>E</i>
Openness to suggestion, <i>E</i>	Manners and speech, <i>E</i>
Adaptability, <i>E</i>	Kindness to pupils, <i>E</i>
Interest in work, <i>E</i>	Industry, <i>E</i>
Physical condition, <i>E</i>	Loyalty, <i>E</i>

Books read during past twelve months:

None

Periodicals for which employee is a regular subscriber:

None

J. M. Conser
Superintendent.

INSTRUCTIONS

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The general efficiency of an employee will be indicated by checking either "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," or "Poor." The remarks under "Comments" should be full and complete, and embody any information or observations which will aid the Office in estimating properly the worth, limitations, or individual characteristics of each employee.

Efficiency reports are not required on temporary employees, or employees occupying the positions of Indian Judge, Indian Police, Laborer, or any positions paying \$300 a year or less.

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EFFICIENCY REPORT.Name of employe James R. WheelockName of school Sherman Institute Date January 11, 1915.

Native ability	<u>Good</u>	Position	<u>Band and Musical Instructor</u>
Acquired ability	<u>Good</u>	Salary	<u>\$720</u>
Initiative	<u>Fair</u>	Race	<u>Indian</u>
Openness to suggestion	<u>Good</u>	Sex	<u>Male</u>
Adaptability	<u>Fair</u>	Age	<u>39</u>
Habits as to—		Years in service	<u>6</u>
Appearance	<u>Good</u>	Married or single	<u>Married</u>
Courtesy to others	<u>Good</u>	Physical condition	<u>Excellent</u>
Manners and speech	<u>Good</u>	Musical ability:	
Kindness to pupils	<u>Good</u>	Vocal	<u>None</u>
Industry	<u>Fair</u>	Instrumental	<u>Excellent</u>
Loyalty	<u>Good</u>	Interest in work	<u>Good</u>
		General efficiency	<u>Good minus..</u>

COMMENT.

Mr. Wheelock is a musician of more than average ability and is doing fairly satisfactory work. However, he is not as energetic as he should be at times. The Superintendent appreciates this fact very keenly and is making an effort to arouse Mr. Wheelock to a realization of the necessity of giving his best to his work. If he will do this he can succeed. If he does not apply himself more industriously than he has up to the present time, it will undoubtedly become necessary to make a change. The Superintendent should be called upon to make further report upon Mr. Wheelock's work.

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Superintendent.

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Books read during past twelve months:

See Superintendent's efficiency report of November 1, 1914.

Periodicals for which employee is a regular subscriber:

See Superintendent's efficiency report of November 1, 1914.

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Mr. J. R. Wheelock,

Through Supt. Sherman Institute.

My dear Mr. Wheelock:

I have your letter of December 1, in further reference to your application for appointment to the position of band and musical director at the Carlisle School.

I have given the matter of the reorganization of the Carlisle School very careful consideration, and I do not care to change my decision in regard to your appointment there. I assure you, however, that this action is in no way a reflection on your qualifications as a musician, but for administrative reasons I feel that the appointee should be a man who has not heretofore been connected with that school.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sella
Commissioner.

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Carbon for Indian Office.

*Mr. Finch
please see
Fells*

Sherman Institute,
Riverside, California.
December 1, 1914.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

COMMISSIONER OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS
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FILED BY L. E. G.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. Conser, Superintendent of Sherman Institute, dated November 16th, in which you stated that prior to my reinstatement to the Service "it was believed inadvisable to reinstate me at Carlisle".

When the administration of the Indian department and at Carlisle Indian School changed, I thought that my fight had come to end and that I would receive from you at least a fair consideration in accordance with your much stated interest on all deserving Indians, but from the above statement the Valentine, Abbott, Friedman combination ^{is} was still on my tracks and that no matter what good and reliable references I may furnish I would still be considered undesirable. I brought complaint against Mr. Friedman *Empa* few years ago for the very things which removed him under your orders, the Valentine administration whitewashed it at the time and tried to discredit me and have been on my tracks ever since, even going so far as to try to ruin my reputation as Band Master so as to kill my chances of getting contracts for my band, I was forced to appeal to the Secretary of Interior for protection and the matter was stopped, but it did not stop them from passing the word on to you to "watch out" for me and you, ignoring all recommen-

Sherman Institute,
Riverside, California.
December 1, 1914.

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

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Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. Conser, Superintendent of Sherman Institute, dated November 16th, in which you stated that prior to my reinstatement to the Service "it was believed inadvisable to reinstate me at Carlisle".

When the administration of the Indian department and at Carlisle Indian School changed, I thought that my fight had come to end and that I would receive from you at least a fair consideration in accordance with your much stated interest on all deserving Indians but from the above statement the Valentine, Abbott, Friedman combination ^{is} was still on my tracks and that no matter what good and reliable references I may furnish I would still be considered undesirable. I brought complaint against Mr. Friedman *Emp* few years ago for the very things which removed him under your orders, the Valentine administration whitewashed it at the time and tried to discredit me and have been on my tracks ever since, even going so far as to try to ruin my reputation as Band Master so as to kill my chances of getting contracts for my band, I was forced to appeal to the Secretary of Interior for protection and the matter was stopped, but it did not stop them from passing the word on to you to "watch out" for me and you, ignoring all recommen-

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dations I furnished from reliable men who have known me and have had dealings with me, "believed inadvisable to reinstate me at Carlisle" Why? Its only fair to me to know why I am not fit for one school and yet be acceptable in a school like Sherman Institute? No school or official need fear of any one causing complaints if the management is on "its job"--the Department should consider favor of any Indian who has enough sense to see a bad management and report it, but such is not the case--its a case of "I protect you, you protect me" and woe to any one that questions any of our actions. I will appreciate if you will give me an answer to this, and give me reasons why I am considered undesirable for Carlisle when I am a graduate of that school, and have reputation in the East equal to the leading band masters. I am

Yours truly,

J. W. Hulock

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My dear Mr. Conser:

The Office is in receipt of your letter of November 2, in reference to the desire of Mr. James R. Wheelock for transfer to the position of band and musical instructor at the Carlisle School, Pa.

Prior to the reinstatement of Mr. Wheelock as band and musical instructor at the Sherman Institute, the matter of his assignment at Carlisle was given careful consideration, and it was believed inadvisable to reinstate him there. Steps have been taken to fill the vacancy at the Carlisle School.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

Commissioner.

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Mr. F. M. Conser,

Supt. Sherman Institute.

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James R. Wheelock
Band and Musical
Instructor.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Sherman Institute,
Riverside, Cal.

November 2, 1914.



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

Sir:

I inclose herewith request of Mr. James R. Wheelock, band and musical instructor at this school, salary \$720 a year, for transfer to the Carlisle Indian School for the reasons given in his letter. Mr. Wheelock informs me that he would be glad to remain here if the salary were sufficient to enable him to bring his family here but that under the present conditions it is not practicable and he therefore desires to be transferred to the Carlisle School, which is near his home. His work since he has been here has been quite satisfactory and I would be pleased to retain him if conditions were such as to justify his doing so.

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If Mr. Wheelock is transferred I respectfully request that Mr. I. S. Loos from Chemawa be transferred to this position and that his wife be transferred to the position of assistant matron now vacant. I wish to suggest that during the coming year we have special need for a good band leader on account of the Panama-Pacific Exposition and the San Diego Exposition. It is not improbable that our band will be ask-

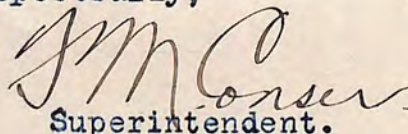
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Commissioner -2-

ed to play at one or both of the Expositions for a short time and I am especially desirous of having a band leader who will enable us to make such a showing as will be a credit to this institution and the Indians. We should have some person at the earliest possible date who we would have reasonable assurance would remain for at least the coming year. I have not had any communication with Mr. Loos but I have understood from persons who have talked with him that he has been very anxious to come to this school and as there is now an opportunity of making a transfer for both himself and wife I respectfully ask that this matter be given your favorable consideration if Mr. Wheelock is transferred to Carlisle. If the transfer of Mr. and Mrs. Loos is not possible I respectfully request that a good band leader be sent immediately on the transfer of Mr. Wheelock and the position of assistant matron, now vacant, be filled at once.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

FMC/MGA

Sherman Institute,
Riverside, California,
November 2, 1914.



Mr. F. M. Conser,
Superintendent.

Sir:

I beg to submit for your approval and recommendation an application for a transfer from Sherman Institute to Carlisle Indian School for the following reasons:

First, the cost of bringing my family to Riverside from Carlisle where they are now located would cost some two hundred dollars and I have not that amount nor have any way to raise that amount.

Second, my family and myself cannot live on \$60 per month living thus separated at the present high cost of living.

Third, I cannot hope to save out of my salary any time sufficient sum to defray the expense of them coming to California.

I will appreciate if you will take up the matter with the Indian Department and secure if possible an early reply, I am

Yours truly,

J. R. Wheelock

Musical Director

P.S. The position of Band Instructor at Carlisle is at present being filled by a temporary instructor, hence this application is for that vacancy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



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

Dear Sir:

In early part of May I applied to the department for the position of Band Master at Carlisle Indian School. After the investigation the position was abolished I was then offered the position of Musical Director at Sherman Institute, Riverside, California and I accepted and reported about June 10th. Without doubt Sherman is one of the most beautiful school in the service and the general work of the employes and the Superintendent Mr. Conser deserves the highest praise for efficiency and for results as shown in the students. I have seen other Indian schools but I have yet to see one where the discipline and general conduct of the student body is as good as can be found here.

If the position of Band Master at Carlisle is to be created again in connection with some other position I wish to place my name on your list of applicants for the position. I am not dissatisfied here nor do I want to be understood that I am after an easy job but I want Carlisle position because my wife's home is in Carlisle and my children have been attending the public school there, and then the expense of getting my family to Riverside would mean an outlay of not less than \$250.00, but the greatest of all reasons is the fact that I am graduate of Carlisle and I want to help re-establish it on solid basis. I trust that you will give me due consideration and if possible transfer me there. I am

Yours truly,

Sherman Institute,
Riverside, Calif.
June 25th, 1914.

J. R. Wheelock

N.B. You have I believe quite a number of references from prominent men as to my ability and character. Among them you will find Hon. Vance C. McCormick, candidate for the Governorship of Pennsylvania.

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Each employee who receives more than \$300 per annum must fill out one of these blanks in his or her own handwriting. The agent or superintendent must promptly forward the blank to the Indian Office without a letter of transmittal.

RECORD of James R. Wheelock
(First name in full.)
 Employed as Musical Director at Sherman Inst. Nevada, Cal., 191
(Entered on duty.)
 Salary \$720. Race Indian Married or single Married Born June 1-1875
(Year and State.)
 Legal residence Pennsylvania, Cumberland
(State.) (County.) (Cong. Dist.)
 If you have children, give ages 2-7 and 12 Quarters need for—No. 2 No. 2
(Adults.) (Children.)

When, where, and in what position did you originally enter the Indian Service? about 1908 assistant Printer, Carlisle Indian School

When, where, and in what other positions have you served in the Indian Service? about 1902 was appointed Band master at Carlisle Indian School

If you were ever separated from the Service give reasons briefly resigned in 1903 to take up professional band work

Have you any chronic disease, defect of speech, sight, hearing, hand, foot, or limb? no

Give your exact height and weight 6 ft - weight 185^{lb}

Give your U. S. military or naval service None

What civil service examinations have you passed? None

Give the names and locations of the schools or colleges you have attended and the course of study pursued in each, naming any degree received and the institution which conferred it

Graduated Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, Pa. 1896. Took special course in music at Leipzig, Germany

Have you any musical ability? yes To what extent has it been cultivated? as stated above

Have you had any experience as a disciplinarian in the Indian Service or elsewhere? If so, where and when? If not, do you feel qualified to perform the duties of such position?

If you have practical knowledge of any mechanical trade, or have ever served an apprenticeship, give the length of time you have worked at such trade. *Finished the trade of Printer at Philadelphia - was a journeyman*

Give in detail all the practical experience you have had in any profession, business, or other occupation; where and by whom employed, the dates, and the salary received

I was in Professional Band business for several years, prior to my accepting a position with the PRR Co. @ Euseo, Texas.

Name any profession, trade, or other occupation in which you regard yourself as expert

Printing and Musical Instructor (Band)

Give any additional facts which may tend to show your fitness for a position in the Indian Service calling for special knowledge or experience

Are you a competent stenographer and typewriter? *no*

PERSONAL RECORD OF

Name

James Blacklock

(Write surname first.)

Sherman Institute

(School or Agency.)

Date

June 11, 1914

Approved and forwarded by

J. M. Conner

Superintendent.

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OATH OF OFFICE.

(Section 1757, United States Revised Statutes.)

The following to be filled out in the Bureau in Washington:

 [Name of bureau.]

 [Appointment, reinstatement, transfer, promotion, etc.]

 [Title of position, and salary.]

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I, James R. Wheelock,
 [Miss or Mrs. (if appropriate), and full first name.]

do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic: that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

James R. Wheelock

Department of the Interior,

Sherman Institute OFFICE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th }
 day of June, A. D. 1914 }

J M Conser
 Superintendent Chief Clerk



HOTEL COLUMBUS
MAURICE E. RUSS, PROPRIETOR
300 & WALNUT STS. FEDERAL SQUARE
HARRISBURG, PA.



5-22-14

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

Dear Sir - ~~State file~~
I find that I cannot
get everything adjusted around
here so as to get away for
Riverside, California before
June 1st.

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I have written to the
Superintendent of Sherman
Institute that I would leave
here (Carlisle) about June 1st.

~~but~~ I trust that this will
be satisfactory to the De-
partment.

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HOTEL COLUMBUS



HOTEL COLUMBUS
MAURICE E. RUSS, PROPRIETOR
3RD & WALNUT STS. FEDERAL SQUARE
HARRISBURG, PA.

Dear

Yours truly,

J. P. Wheelock

Carlisle, Pa.

40 Main Street.

Ed. Emp.
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MAY 20 1914

Mr. James R. Wheelock,
40 Main Street,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

You are hereby reinstated in the Indian Service and appointed to the position of Band and Musical Instructor at a salary of \$720 a year at the Sherman Indian Institute, California, effective when you subscribe to the enclosed oath of office and enter on duty, which you are directed to do immediately.

There is transmitted herewith a personal record blank which should be executed and returned to this Office through official channels immediately upon your entrance on duty in the foregoing position.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner.

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(Copy to Sherman Institute)

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 WASHINGTON.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Carlisle, Pa., May 19. 1914.

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

My dear Mr. Commissioner,

This will introduce to you
 Mr. James R. Wheelock of Carlisle, Pa. who was connected
 with the Carlisle School for a period of sixteen years-
 His brother Dennison Wheelock was Band Master and he was
 his assistant and later Band Master himself for two years.

Since leaving Carlisle he has been the leader
 of several bands as the 8th Regiment, Enola Band, and
 later organized a band of his own. He is well qualified
 for the position to which he aspires and desires to talk
 with you in this connection.

Very respectfully yours,

Arthur R. Rupley

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MAY 20 1914

Mr. J. R. Wheelock,
40 Main Street,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

The Office is in receipt of your letter of May 13, saying that you will accept appointment to the position of disciplinarian at a salary of \$840 a year at the Navajo School, Arizona, if no other position is available at the present time.

With the exception of the Carlisle School, the position of disciplinarian at the Navajo School is the only one that has occurred during the past twelve months paying a salary in excess of \$720 a year. Vacancies in positions of this character requiring the services of a man of your ability do not frequently occur.

As it would seem inexpedient, in justice to your children, to assign you to a position where they would be deprived of proper school facilities, no further action toward effecting your appointment to the Navajo School will be taken. However, should a suitable vacancy occur elsewhere in the Service through the

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occurrence of conditions now unforeseen, the matter
will receive the further consideration of the Office.

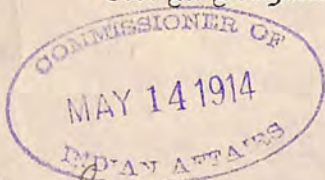
Respectfully,
(*Signed*) *E. B. Meritt*

Assistant Commissioner.

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The New Wellington

Geo. A. Dougherty, Prop.



Carlisle, Pa. 5-13-14

Hon. Cato Sells,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Following up my telegram
to the office today in reference
to the position of Disciplinarian
at Fort Defiance, Arizona,
would say that while
Fort Defiance would not be
altogether suitable for me and
my family on account of not
having Public Schools for my
children, I will accept the position
emp if no other one is available at
present. I have a boy and a girl,
both attending Public schools in
Carlisle - the girl is attending also

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The New Wellington

Gen. A. Dougherty, Prop.

Carlisle, Pa.

a private art school and the boy is taking music lessons - I am, therefore, anxious to get in with some school that is near a town, I trust, therefore, that if you appoint me to the position of ^{Disciplinarian} at Fort Defiance, Arizona, that you will at the first opportunity place me in some school where the opportunities of Public Schools and special training can be had for my children. I am

Yours truly,

J. Newhelock

40 Main St.
Carlisle, Pa.

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington DC

Will accept fort defiance per your letter received today.

J R Wheelock



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MAY 11 1914

Mr. J. R. Wheelock,
40 Main Street,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

The Office wishes to be advised immediately
by wire if you desire to be considered for appointment
as disciplinarian at a salary of \$840.00 a year at the
Navajo Indian Agency, Fort Defiance, Arizona.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON April 27, 1914.

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J. R. Wheelock, an Indian residing in the city of Carlisle, Pa., is recommended for appointment in the Service as disciplinarian and bandmaster. Mr. Wheelock is an excellent musician, has had wide experience and is a man of unimpeachable character and reputation. He has a good record in the Indian Service and it is believed, would prove an acquisition to any school. His "STATUS FILE" accompanies this recommendation.

Chas. E. Dague
Supervisor.

No 6516.

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COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 25 1914

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

States file

Dear Sir:

The position of Band Master at Carlisle Indian school, as I understand, is soon to be vacant, and Mr. J. R. Wheelock, has asked me to write you in his behalf, which I now take the liberty to do.

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Mr. Wheelock was connected with the band here for some time, and I consider him a very fine and capable musician, and think he would be able to fill the position at Carlisle, satisfactorily.

I also found Mr. Wheelock at all times a gentleman, and regretted very much to see him leave our town.

Hoping you may see fit to favor him, and thanking you for this courtesy,

I am, Very truly yours,
A. B. Vogt

Prof