

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
 DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

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NUMBER 3812		ENGLISH NAME <i>Dewitt Wheeler</i>			AGENCY <i>Tongue River</i>			NATION <i>Assiniboine</i>		
BAND <i>Wolf Point Reservation</i>		INDIAN NAME			HOME ADDRESS <i>De Witt Clinton Wheeler</i> <i>Rosebud, Mont</i>					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD <i>1/2</i>	AGE <i>15</i>	HEIGHT <i>5-8</i>	WEIGHT <i>128 1/2</i>	FORCED INSP. <i>34 1/2</i>	FORCED EXPR. <i>32</i>	SEX. <i>M</i>		
FATHER: <i>Living</i>		MOTHER: <i>Dead</i>		ARRIVED AT SCHOOL <i>March 1, 1907</i>			FOR WHAT PERIOD <i>5 years</i>		DATE DISCHARGED <i>Sept. 30, 1910</i>	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE <i>Married</i>
TO COUNTRY		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS						FROM COUNTRY		
<i>May 5-07</i>	<i>Ran</i>	<i>Ret'd</i>						<i>May 6-07</i>		
<i>Aug 3-07</i>	<i>Ran</i>	<i>Ret'd</i>						<i>8/4/07</i>		
<i>12-08</i>	<i>On Leave</i>							<i>8-29-08</i>		
<i>8-7-09</i>	<i>Chas. H. White, Raughorne, Pa.</i>	<i>R.C.</i>						<i>10-25-09</i>		

THE SHAW-WALKER CO., MUSKOGON-CHICAGO 33877

Months in school before Carlisle,.....

Grade entered at Carlisle,..... *5th.*

Grade at date of Discharge,..... *7*

Trade or Industry,.....

Church,..... *Cath.*

Miles to sch.

Came from Tongue River Agency

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN A NON-RESERVATION

SCHOOL

Full name of child... *Dewitt Carlton Wheeler* Indian name is
 Name of Father... *Dewitt Carlton Wheeler*
 Name of Mother... *Minnie* Tribe... *Assubome*
 Reservation... *Wolf Point* Degree of Indian blood of child... *half breed*
 Is either parent white, if so, which?... *father* Are either or both allotted?
 On what reservation? Age of child... *15 years* What reservation school attended? How long?
 If ever enrolled in a non-reservation school, name of school, When? How long? If ever dismissed from a school, where? when? and for what reason?

X (Signed.) *D.C. Wheeler*

NOTE—The above blank to be signed by the child, if old enough to understand its import; if not, by the parent, guardian or other person cognizant of the facts.

CONSENT BLANK

I, *D.C. Wheeler* parent, guardian or next of kin of the above-named child, *Dewitt Carlton Wheeler* hereby consent to *his* transfer or enrollment for a period of five (5) years in the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa.
 Dated at *Rosebud Mont* on the *16th* of *Feb* 190*7*
 day of... 190*7*..

X (Signed.) *D.C. Wheeler*
 (Parent, Guardian or next of kin.)

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have personally examined the above-named *Dewitt Carlton Wheeler* and have found *him* physically sound, and recommend the transfer so far as *his* health conditions are concerned. Dated at *Rosebud Mont* on the *16th* day of *February*, 190*7*..

X (Signed.) *W. A. S. Wilson*

AGENT'S OR SUPERINTENDENT'S INDORSEMENT

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 The statements concerning the above-named are believed by me to be correct, and I hereby recommend the transfer.

(Signed.)
 U. S. Indian Agent or Superintendent.

NOTE—Age limits, twelve to twenty years. Preferably fourteen to eighteen. Students must be at least one-fourth Indian preferably full Indian. Special cases beyond the age limit can be given consideration.

Name. *Dewitt Wheeler* Tribe. *Assinaboine* Age. *15*

Entered. *March 1 1907* Address. *Rosebud, Mont.*

Trade. *Painter* Size of allotment. *None*

Nature of allotment. *—*

How much under cultivation? *—* How much can be cultivated? *—*

When you leave Carlisle do you expect to return home? *Yes*

What do you expect to do for your livelihood? *Whatever I could work at - trade if I learn one*

Have you previously worked at farming? *Yes*

Where? *Near Rosebud* How long? *5 yrs*

Have you worked at a trade? *No* What trade? *—*

Where? *—* How long? *—*

Remarks

Date. *March 12 1907*

Dec. 19, 1908.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

NAME OF PUPIL Wheeler De Witt

AGE 15 YEARS { New Returned } STUDENT. TRIBE Aisnubain STATE Montana

INSPECTION Good development

PALPATION normal

PERCUSSION Slight difference in tone
base of lung posterior

AUSCULTATION normal

MENSURATION { Insp. 36 1/2
Exp. 30 1/2 } RESPIRATION 22 VACCINATION 12/23/08
good

TEMPERATURE 98.2 degs. HEIGHT 5 FT. 7 3/4 IN. VISION 10

PULSE 80 WEIGHT 131 1/2 LBS.

FAMILY HISTORY:

	Living	Condition of Health	Dead	Cause of death
FATHER	Yes	Rheumatism		
MOTHER			Yes	Consumption
BROTHERS.	{ 1	fair		
SISTERS.	{ 1	Good	3	2 - Consumption 1 - Whooping cough

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Had cough for two years. Last spring lost weight (14 lbs. - 112 lbs.) had cough and general weakness. Gained weight this summer in Ohio. Present condition, convalescent from measles, slight cough. Condition fair.

Examined for Outing 190 Physical Condition

Remarks:

DeWitt C. Wheeler writes from
Cartersville, Montana, which is his
present home, that he is doing a lot
of painting around that immediate
vicinity. 175-

Record of Graduates and Returned Students,

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

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Akron N.Y. June 12, 1911.

NAME

De Witt C. Wheeler

1. Are you married and if so to whom?

To Margaret G. Hill

Formerly a Carlisle student

2. What is your present address?

Akron N.Y.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle?

No

Give names of

schools and dates if possible

4. What is your present occupation?

I am at present practicing

my trade as a painter.

5. Tell something of your present home

I have a rented house

and a small garden spot of from which we raise sufficient vegetables for our own use.

6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings, or money do you have?

I am

interested in a ranch out in Cartersville Mont. and a small bank account here.

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each?

I have

never been in the Indian Service.

8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? *No other than*
employed as painter which I have
practiced steadily in season since
leaving Carlisle.

9. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life:

Since leaving Carlisle I have been following my trade as a painter, employed by Mr. H. S. Hufferd Jr. of Akron N.Y., where by I am able to earn a good wage, and lay by some of my earnings for future use.

One thing I am glad I can say I do not use intoxicating liquors or gamble. I have tried to be honest and upright in all my doings. Though I ran away from Carlisle, it has only been an object lesson to me. A student doesn't know the trials and temptations one has to face after they leave the shelter of old Carlisle, so I certainly must say that I am thankful and appreciate all that old Carlisle has given me, may I be of some service to her in return.

Very Respectfully,
J. W. Wheeler.

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Cartersville Mont.

Dec. 14, 1911.

Mr. M. Friedman. Supt.

Indian School.

Carlisle Pa.

I want to ask you for some information in regards to whether I will have to take out naturalization papers to become a citizen of the United States or not? I am located among white people and not near any reservation in fact I have been raised among the whites since I am a half breed. I do not hold any share in property or land on any reservation and should like to file on some land which is located near my present home and in order to do this I must be a citizen

Now does entering a government school such as Carlisle when I served a few years, make me a ward of the United States? I want to pay taxes and have as much right to the laws as the next man

In the coming spring I expect to do some contracting in painting and I want my name to be as good as the man I contract with.

and as this is a new country just coming to the front as an agriculturing district there will be lots of work and I should like to take up some land as a home stead or desert claim. while there is yet a chance and before all is settled.

so far I have fared along very well and I want to improve it

Please inform me by return mail as to whether I shall have to apply for citizenship papers or not.

Yours Very Respectfully
D. W. C. Whelan Jr.
Castroville
Mont.
Pres. Ind. Co.

December 19, 1911.

Mr. E. B. Meritt, Law Clerk,
Indian Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meritt:-

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter received from one of our returned students who completed a partial course at Carlisle. I knew the boy personally, and he is a good character as well as a skilled workman.

As you are more thoroughly in touch with such a situation than I would be, and of the legal status of such matters, any information which you would give him would be highly appreciated. I am sure you would join me in the belief that a young man with such an ambition should be encouraged.

I shall be pleased to receive a copy of your letter to Wheeler, so that I may have the benefit of your extended experience.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

December 19, 1911.

Mr. DeWitt C. Wheeler, Jr.,
Cartersville,
Rosebud Co., Mont.

My dear DeWitt:-

I was very glad to get your letter, and to note that you are making progress, which is steady, in your present home among white people. It requires courage and backbone for a young man to succeed in such competition, and I am glad to hear that success has attended your efforts in this direction.

I note that you are desirous of obtaining citizenship with a view of exercising your privilege as a voter and tax payer. If you have been given a patent in fee to your allotment, this would entitle you to the privilege of voting, but if you have no land and are foot loose as far as the connection with the reservation is concerned, it is my opinion that you can exercise the right of suffrage, or, in other words, for citizenship, if you pay the regular county poll and school tax and register in the usual way. If you are receiving annuity money, that will probably interfere with your status, although I am not definitely sure.

I would suggest that you call on the Judge of the local Court, preferably, the County Judge, tell him of your

Mr. DeWitt C. Wheeler, Jr., -2-

ambition to become a citizen and vote, and he can probably give you more definite information as to the exact local conditions.

I am also asking the Law Officer of the Indian Office to write you and give you his suggestions in the matter. If there is anything that I can do at any time to help you, do not hesitate to command me. I shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Sincerely your friend,

MF:SAR

Superintendent.

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