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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 4018	ENGLISH NAME Foster Otto	AGENCY	NATION Ottawa				
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Jos. Peters, Piscanning, Mich.					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD FATHER: <i>Peter Otto</i> MOTHER: <i>Dead</i>	BLOOD <i>Full</i>	AGE <i>Born 1-1-1886</i>	HEIGHT <i>5'9"</i>	WEIGHT <i>130</i>	FORCED INSP <i>35"</i>	FORCED EXPR. <i>32</i>	SEX. <i>M</i>
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL <i>Sept 16, 1908</i>	FOR WHAT PERIOD <i>5 years.</i>	DATE DISCHARGED <i>3-15-'09</i>	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE <i>Deserter</i>				
TO COUNTRY <i>10-3-'08</i>	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS <i>Ran</i>					FROM COUNTRY <i>Ret'd. 10-13-'08</i>	

THE SHAW-WALKER CO., MUSKEGON-CHICAGO 33877

Months in school before Carlisle,

Grade entered at Carlisle, ... *7th*

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

Trade or Industry, ... *Tailor*

Church, ... *Methodist*

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BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Foster Otto

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Weidman, Mich.

Date of enrollment, _____, 190

Term of enrollment, *Five* (*5*) years.

NAME OF COLLECTING AGENT:

Position, _____

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN A NONRESERVATION SCHOOL.

(For a child not enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Carlisle Pa, of Foster Otto, male, I, Joseph Peters next of kin, of Weedman P. O., State of Mich, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to enrollment in said school for a period of five years, and also obligate and bind myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

I further say that the said child was born at Weedman on Feb. 1, 1886; that the father, Peter Otto, So. a full Indian of the Ottawa Tribe located at Mich Agency; that he left the tribe about _____; that the mother, died, a _____ Indian of the Ottawa Tribe located at _____ Agency, and left the tribe about _____; that the said child was born and reared in the United States, and now actually resides therein; and that he has attended the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL—PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT, OR MISSION.	LOCATED AT—	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE.	GRADE.

This 5 day of Sept, 1908

Two witnesses:

Louis A. Purby
George Sanderson

Joseph Peters next of kin
P. O., Pineconing Mich

(NOTE.—Every blank in this application must be properly filled out by the applicant, in his own handwriting, if possible. The signature, whether by mark or otherwise, must be attested by two witnesses.)

AFFIDAVIT.

I, _____, do hereby swear that the statements made in the above application are true.

Joseph Peters
(Signature of applicant.) (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of Sept, 1908

Louis A. Purby J.P.

(NOTE.—This application and affidavit must be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths by the parent with whom the child is living; if the parents are dead, by the guardian or next of kin.)

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.

I, William B. Abbott, a practicing physician of Incanning Mich, do hereby certify that I have carefully examined Foster Otto, the child named in this application, and find that he is in proper physical condition to attend school, and is not afflicted with tuberculosis or other disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This 7 day of September, 1908 W B Abbott, M. D.

VOUCHER OF SOLICITOR FOR SCHOOL.

I hereby certify that I was present and witnessed the execution of the foregoing application made by _____; that its contents were explained or interpreted to _____ by _____; that I believe _____ understood the purport thereof; that I was present at the medical examination of the child named herein; that _____ resides with _____, in or near the town of _____; that the child can not have adequate and proper educational facilities at home for the reason that _____

Dated at _____

this _____ day of _____, 190 _____

(Official title.)

(NOTE.—This voucher must be executed by the official representative of the nonreservation school to which application is made. Pupils and Indian solicitors will not be accepted.)

VOUCHERS OF DISINTERESTED PERSONS.

VOUCHER NO. 1.

I, _____, a _____, of _____, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with _____ who makes the foregoing application; that I believe his statements therein are true; that I am acquainted with _____; that he is known and recognized in the community in which he lives as an Indian; that in my opinion he can not receive proper and adequate schooling at home for the reason that _____

This _____ day of _____, 190 _____

VOUCHER NO. 2.

I, _____, a _____ of _____, _____, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with _____, who makes the foregoing application; that I believe his statements therein are true; that I am acquainted with _____; that he is known and recognized in the community in which he lives as an Indian; and that in my opinion he can not receive proper and adequate schooling at home for the reason that _____

This _____ day of _____, 190 _____

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby certify that on _____, I made a careful examination of the physical condition of _____, the child named in the foregoing application, and found _____ to be _____

I therefore recommend that the said child be _____ enrolled in this school.

This _____ day of _____, 190 _____

School Physician.

INDORSEMENT.

A child showing one-sixteenth or less Indian blood, whose parents live on an Indian reservation, Indian fashion, who, if debarred from the Government schools, could not obtain an education, may be permitted in the reservation day and boarding schools, but it is preferable that it be not transferred to a nonreservation school, without special permission from the Office. Children showing one-eighth or less Indian blood, whose parents do not live on an Indian reservation, whose home is among white people where there are churches and schools, who are presumed to have adopted the white man's manners and customs, and are to all intents and purposes white people, are debarred from enrollment in the Government nonreservation and reservation schools. Superintendents, in all cases where doubt exists as to the degree of Indian blood of a child proposed for transfer, should fully satisfy themselves of the facts by affidavits from reliable persons, which affidavits must be kept on file at the school.

A pupil who has been regularly enrolled in a nonreservation school must not be taken to any other nonreservation school without the consent of both Superintendents and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Superintendents will be held to strict accountability for such pupils taken to their schools.

A pupil dismissed from school for cause must not be enrolled in any other school without the permission of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Full facts must be submitted with each request.

Foster M. Otto, an ex-student of Carlisle, is now living at Charlevoix, Michigan, where he is making good at his trade of tailoring. In a short time he expects to enter a large establishment, where he hopes to perfect his trade.

Foster Otto, a member of the Freshman Class, left last Monday for Sante Fe, New Mexico, where he is to take charge of the tailor shop at the Indian school there. His friends wish him success.

A letter was recently received from Foster Otto stating that he is getting along nicely with the tailor trade and that he likes the country at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Foster Otto, an Ottawa Indian from Pinconning, Mich., who completed a term at this school and learned the tailor's trade, is now employed in St. Catherine's School for Indians at Santa Fe, N. M., in the capacity of instructor in tailoring. He is making a success in his present field.

PHYSICAL RECORD,

CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL.

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 NAME OF PUPIL Otto Foster DATE 123 1908

AGE 21 YEARS } NEW } STUDENT. TRIBE Chippewa STATE Mich
 RETURNED }

DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.....

INSPECTION Good development

PALPATION Normal

PERCUSSION Normal

AUSCULTATION { RESONANCE.....
 RESP. MURMUR Normal

HEART SOUNDS.....

MENSURATION { INSP. 37 RESPIRATION 22 PULSE 78
 EXP. 30

TEMPERATURE 98.6 degs. HEIGHT 5 FT 9 IN. WEIGHT 146 LBS.

VISION 10/40 VACCINATION Recd. 1/27/08

FAMILY HISTORY:

	Living.	Condition of Health.	Dead.	Cause of death.
FATHER.....			yes	Froze
MOTHER.....			yes	?
BROTHERS {	3	good	1	?
SISTERS {			2	1 spinal meningitis 1 ?

PERSONAL HISTORY: Subject to attacks of neuralgia & stomach trouble

REMARKS:

Almira Mich

May 11th, 1909.

Sister M. Evangelist,
St. Catherine's School,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, enclosing me check for \$27.78 to apply on the amount advanced Foster Otto for his transportation to your school. Please find my receipt for the same enclosed herewith.

I am glad to know that this young man is giving such entire satisfaction and that you are so well pleased with his work, and I shall hope to have such further good reports concerning him.

Yours very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.

U. S. Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,

May 11th, 1909.

Received of Sister M. Evangelist, of the St. Catherine's School
Santa Fe, New Mex., Twenty Seven and 78/100 dollars as
part payment for an amount advanced Foster Otto for his
transportation.

\$27.78

Superintendent.

St. Catherine's Indian

Santa Fe, New Me.

May 8, 1904.

Mr. M. Friedman,

Carlisle Indian School.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a check for
\$27⁹⁸ as first installment of money
due you from Foster Otto. Will you
kindly give us a receipt?

Foster continues to give entire
satisfaction and we are much
pleased with him.

Very truly yours,

Sister M. Evangelist
Jun 12, 1904.

Record of Graduates and Returned Students,

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

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NAME *Foster Otto* *June 5* 1911.

1. Are you married and if so to whom? *Not married*

2. What is your present address? *Santa Fe, N.M. 90 Cochran School*

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? *No* Give names of schools and dates if possible *No did not attend nor graduate from any school*

4. What is your present occupation? *Tailoring, Instructor of*

5. Tell something of your present home. *Have no home, but am boarding*

6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings, or money do you have? *None to speak of*

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? *Have not. At the present I am with a private Indian School*

8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle?.....

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

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Aug. 7th, 1916.

Mr. J. R. Wise,
Superintendent, Haskell Institute,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wise:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant with reference to Foster Otto's application for enrolment at Haskell Institute I must state that in our records appears the information that the young man must now be 30 years of age. However, if consideration can be given his application no objections to his enrolment will be interposed on account of his former connection with this school.

Very respectfully,

2.

Superintendent.



HASKELL INSTITUTE
UNITED STATES INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL
LAWRENCE, KANS.

August 3, 1916.

Supt. O. H. Lipps,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps:

In connection with the enclosed copy of a letter to Foster Otto at Bay City, Michigan, regarding enrollment at Haskell, I am writing to inquire whether you have released him from Carlisle and whether, in your judgment, he should have the privilege of further schooling extended him at government expense, or, any facts pertaining to his record there, in case you do not feel he should return to Carlisle, will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

J. C. M. M. M.
Superintendent.

JRW*EP-encls.

Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas.

August 3, 1916.

Foster Otto,

606 Adams Street,

Bay City, Michigan.

My Friend:

I have your letter of the first instant stating that you would like to enter Haskell this fall and requesting that blanks be sent you for making application. I note you say you have graduated from the Mount Pleasant School and also that you have been attendance at the Carlisle School. Under existing rules, pupils must continue in the school where they have been attending until they complete some course, and, unless you have finished your work at Carlisle, I believe you would be required to return there. However, I am enclosing the blanks as requested in order to save time, and, if you will have these carefully filled out, we will let you know promptly what we can do.

Your Friend,

(Signed) J. R. WISE,

Superintendent.

JRW*EP-encls.

✓ CC to Supt. Lipps,
Carlisle, Pa.

Perry Iowa
Oct. 12, 1916

O. H. Lipps Supt.
Carlisle Indian School
Carlisle,
Pa.

Sir:

I have been informed thro a very reliable person in the Indian Service. You have in your school offered to young Indians who are reliable, ambitious and who are willing to make a name for themselves and also to their race. A course of automobile construction, covering six months period, also given preferences has to where they desire to work whether in Detroit or Toledo.

I hold a certificate issued from Carlisle spring 1909, for proficiency in tailoring

during my experience as a tailor I have made money when it was to be made and very glad to get a chance to make my expenses five months of the year.

As you shall notice from looking over letters from the Supt of Haskell Institute, I applied admission to his school but turned down on account of my age, which is 30 years. I had one object for trying to get in and this is, to take the commercial course offered there. By specializing on such I thought I would increase my usefulness and financial earnings also.

One thought that has been foremost in my mind since the refusal was to work and save enough money to take me thro the Sweedney Auto School of Kansas City, Mo; the tuition is fifty dollars for six week instruction

Thro this letter I ask if it is possible for me to be enroll in your special course of automobile construction. If so I shall be ever so thankful and do all in my power to promote the good works the school has done for the Indian race as a whole. Understand, I do not ask for admission just to get out of making my living for a period of six months, but, is in real earnest with desire to make myself a useful man in the community I live in. To be able to own a garage and be independent of any one. If what I have said in this counts for nought I have done my best to tell you how bad I like to be enrolled in your automobile course.

Then I shall take another way to get some better kind of work. I like better then the present

trade I am trying to make my
living.

I have no money to pay my fare
to Carlisle at the present as it took
all what little I had to come here
from the southwest.

Hoping to hear from you soon
I remain

Poster Otto

1309 Willis Ave.

P.S. If you like to see the letter from
the person mentioned elsewhere in this
letter I shall be glad to forward same.

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October 14, 1916.

Mr. Foster Otto,
1309 Willis Ave.,
Perry, Iowa.

Dear Friend:

Replying to your letter of Oct. 12th, I have to advise that we will probably not have another class to send to the Ford Automobile factory before next summer. We have a number of students here on the waiting list and I could not give you any definite assurance that you would be selected as one of the next party to go to the Ford factory even if you were a student here. It would depend on your conduct and the way you take hold. I am sending you herewith a marked copy of the Arrow which will give you an idea of what is required of a fellow desiring to enter one of the big industrial plants under our outing system and if after reading this you are still interested you might write me again.

Sincerely yours,

L/B

Superintendent.

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NAME.

TRIBE.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

Foster Otto

Ottawa

DATE ENROLLED.

TERM.

AGE.

HOME ADDRESS.

Sept. 16, 1908.

Five Years

23

Jos. Peters,
Ponconing, Mich.

DATE OF RECORD

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

DORMITORY.

OUTING

SPECIAL REMARKS.

ROOM NO.

Scholarship

Conduct.

Shop.

Ability.

Conduct.

Room No.

Neatness

Conduct.

Ability.

Conduct.

Jan. 09
July 09

Sailor

Ex

Ex

209

Good

Fair

Deserter

Name Ott, Foster M. *1214* Age Deg. Ind. blood
Address Charlevoix, Michigan.

Information from Date June 1914 191

State Agency Tribe

POSITIONS FOR WHICH LISTED. SUITABILITY IN ORDER NAMED.

- 1. 2.
- 3. 4.

Remarks: Making good at his trade of tailoring.

Otto, Foster ex sup. 1214

Employment for Sister M. Evangelist 1032

Correspondence from 1500