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Name Pierce, Bemus, Age Deg. Ind. blood

Address Irving, New York.

Information from State Agency Tribe Date 191

POSITIONS FOR WHICH LISTED. SUITABILITY IN ORDER NAMED.

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Remarks: Living on his farm. Dec. 1913.

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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.
 DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT.

NUMBER	ENGLISH NAME	AGENCY	NATION				
1225	Bennet Pierce	New York	Seneca				
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS					
		Jacob Pierce					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.
FATHER: <i>Living</i>	MOTHER: <i>Living</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>m</i>
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL	FOR WHAT PERIOD	DATE DISCHARGED	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE				
<i>Nov. 3. 1890</i>	<i>Five Years</i>	<i>Aug. 15. 1895</i>	<i>Employee.</i>				
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY	
<i>Apr. 2, 92</i>	<i>E. Seabrook Gettysburg Pa</i>					<i>Sep. 9, 92</i>	
<i>" 15, 93</i>	<i>W. Williams Newtown "</i>					<i>" 14, 93</i>	

KIMM-WALKER MUSKOGON 5178

Months in school before Carlisle,

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church,

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Irving N. Y.
July 25th 1911,

Moses Friedman Supt.
Indian School
Carlisle Pa.

My dear Friend:-

Your letter of
the 13th inst has been
received. In regards to
the movement on foot
to exclude the New York
Indians from the Carlisle

Indian School or other
United States Government
Schools, If a law
should pass to that
effect, the New York
Indians would be
one of the most back-
ward tribes among
the Indians ten years
hence.

Carlisle and Hampton
have given the New
York Indian his Education
and trade, by which

he can stand side by side with his white neighbors.

I live on the Indian

Reservation and from what I know, and see of the young Indians that have never been to Carlisle, or other Government schools, do not know of any trade by which he can support himself or family - The day

Schools do not teach
him any trade, and
only an elementary
Academic instructions
are given.

Very few learn
all that is being
taught in day schools.
The parents do not
compel nor encourage
their children to attend
school regularly, and
just as soon ~~as~~ the children

attain the ages of fifteen
and sixteen years.

The school is not thought
of any more, what is
the result? a youth
with no trade - love
to loaf around the
saloons or street corners.

The girls with practically
no instruction on house
keeping - of course
there are a few ambitious
youths who have advanced
their day school -

Education to higher
Institutions - only a very
few can furnish the
means by which
they can give their
children such training
as Carlisle or Hampton
can give.

Not only in trade
~~and~~ education would
the New York Indian
be deprived, should the
Government Institutions
shut its doors against

them, but in Christianity
as well as a great many
of the New York Indians
are unchristian.

If you wish, I can
give you several names
of return of Carlisle Students
that are holding successful
positions in different parts
of the United States at
present. Had it not
been for Carlisle, I would
not have known through
out the Athletic world

as I am to-day and those
are some of the chances
the Carlisle gives to her
Pupils; I have coached
the Foot Ball Team at one
of the best Colleges in
Ohio State for three years
and one year at a University
in New York, and I am
engaged this year to
coach one of the prominent
High Schools in Buffalo,
and I have coached
in several Indian
Schools. Places I

would not ^{have} been
qualified to fill had
I never been a Carlisle
student.

I sincerely hope
the New York Indian
will never be excluded
from the Government
schools as long as
such schools exist. for
his own good and
for the good of the

future generation of
the New York tribes.

Very Sincerely,
Benno Pierce.

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Supern. O. H. Lipps
Carlisle Indⁿ School

My dear Mr. Lipps-

Benus Pierce one of the
sturdiest most famous and largest experien-
ced among Carlises Football products and
graduates asks me to commend him to
you as Mr. Wainers successor. He has been
coaching widely since leaving Carlisle and
stands among the foremost of those who
at the school and since exerted wide
influence for his race and Carlisle for
clean manly living.

I recommended him to your careful
consideration.

Sincerely yours
R. B. Pratt

Seneca, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL
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March 21, 1910.

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Mr. Benus Pierce
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Dear friend:--

It has often been said that students at various schools who have made any special reputation as athletes, never amount to much after leaving school. To show that this statement is not true as far as the students of Carlisle are concerned, I have prepared an article, to be illustrated, on the splendid success of some of our prominent graduates and ex-students who while at Carlisle were conspicuous in athletics.

This article, I propose to publish in the Red Man, our school magazine and afterwards in pamphlet form for general distribution. The article is now ready and I am waiting for some suitable photographs to illustrate it.

I want a photograph of your home and family, and a part of your farm if this can be done. Will you please have some photographs taken and send them to me, un-mounted with bill for same and I will be glad to send you check to cover cost of the photographs.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

CARLISLE, PA.

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MRS. N. R. DENNY, CLERK.

March 21, 1910.

Mr. Bemus Pierce
Irving, N. Y.

Pierce, Bernus 1647 Ex-stu.
Correspondence

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November 16, 1914.

Mr. Bemus Pierce,
Irving, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November thirteenth, I have to advise that when the time comes to consider the employment of a football coach for next season, your application will be given careful consideration.

Very respectfully,

OHL:SR

Supervisor in Charge.

July 28, 1911.

Mr. Bemus Pierce,

Irving, N. Y.

My dear friend Bemus:-

I thank you for your letter of July twenty-fifth, concerning the matter of excluding New York Indians from the Carlisle School. Your letter is a valuable one and is well written.

Although I have no definite information, it is my belief at this time that the Government will not issue an order debarring New York Indians from the Carlisle School.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

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CARLISLE, PENNA..

December 1, 1914.

Mr. O. H. Lipps, Supervisor in Charge,
United States Indian School,
Carlisle, Penna.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

I have received a number of letters here lately from Carlisle graduates in regard to our foot ball team and also some of our ex-football men have written in regard to a future coach for the team.

I am enclosing herewith carbon of my reply to Mr. Bemus Pierce who made a great record as a player at Carlisle and later had experience as a coach.

I think I am voicing the sentiment of the very large majority, if not all of the Carlisle alumni, when I say that they prefer to have the Carlisle team handled by Carlisle graduates. Certainly the record made by the Carlisle team this year would warrant giving Carlisle graduates an opportunity to show what they can do with the team.

I shall be at Carlisle Friday and Saturday of this week and should like to talk this matter over with you so that I may be in a position to answer those who write me in regard to this matter in a way that will harmonize with what ever plan you may have in regard to the matter.

Very truly yours,

Chas E. Dagenett.

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Ch. L. D.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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December 1, 1914.

Mr. Bonus Pierce,
Irving, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

I have your letter of November 24th in regard to a coach for the Carlisle foot ball team.

Your record both as a player and in coaching certainly entitles you to consideration in the selection of a coach. I do not know as yet what plan has been decided upon but personally I should certainly favor a system of graduate coaches for our team and I have received a number of letters from graduates and every one indicates the same preference. Supervisor Lipps, who is at present in charge of Carlisle, I presume will decide on the matter of a coach for the Carlisle team and I would suggest that you write him direct.

I shall be in Carlisle Friday and Saturday of this week and shall speak to him about you.

With sincere personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

CED-LP

Bemus Pierce, captain of the football team in 1896, a Seneca Indian, who is known as one of the largest and strongest men who has played on a Carlisle team, is now living on his own farm at Irving, in New York State. He is married to a Carlisle girl, has several children, and is a successful farmer; he spends part of each year as football coach at a well-known university.

M. FRIEDMAN, SUPERINTENDENT.



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UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

CARLISLE, PA.

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Irving N. Y.
Nov. 13^d '74

Mr. Lipps Supt. -
Indian School, Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir: -

I understand that
Mr. Warner is leaving
Carlisle, if the report is true,
will you consider my name
for a coach for the Carlisle team?
I had the place once and
I made good as you can
see by looking up the record

we win that year from
Pennsylvania and Minnesota
and held down Harvard to
6-0 if I remember right, you may
inquire in town those that
know me that I made a
winning team that year I
coached, every one expected
that I would return the
next year, but Major Mercer
was strongly in favor of
placing a white man,
where an Indian could
do as good work, I have
since been making a success
with a college team in Ohio

I was ^{there} three years but for
lack of funds I was not
hired longer.

When I coached the Indian
school at Riverside California
Warner's team met my team
in Los Angeles defeating them
and my material was not
as good as he had.

I feel confident that I
can do as good work as
Warner for I have done
it. I feel that Carlisle
owe me the favor for I
help her make her game in

the Foot Ball world, I
spent eight years in the
team, Gen. Pratt could
tell you more about my
Foot Ball career. If you
should give me the
position I am only within
1 hours ride to Chautauqua
Inst. where I can take a
course in Athletics during
the summer, I hope you
will consider my request

sincerely,

Bemis Pierce,

Bemus Pierce, captain of Carnisle's famous football team of 1896, owns a fine farm at Irving, N. Y., but manages to spend part of each year as football coach at one of the Eastern universities.

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