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

NUMBER 824		ENGLISH NAME Martha Van Wert			AGENCY White Earth			NATION Chippewa		
BAND		INDIAN NAME			HOME ADDRESS Jas. E. Van Wert					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD 1/4	AGE 16	HEIGHT 53 1/2	WEIGHT 104	FORCED INSP. 32	FORCED EXPR. 28 1/2	SEX. F.		
FATHER, <i>Living</i>	MOTHER, <i>Dead</i>	ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Aug. 27, 1892			FOR WHAT PERIOD 5 years.	DATE DISCHARGED June 26, 1894		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Dismissed physically		
TO COUNTRY		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS						FROM COUNTRY		

Months in school before Carlisle.

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,.....

Trade or Industry.

Church.

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Record of Graduates and Returned Students,

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

2358

July 19

1912

(17)

NAME Martha Van Wert

1. Are you married and if so to whom? yes was to Joseph Belcourt & To Albert O. Thompson *But he left me so I was left alone with my son now 2 years old*

2. What is your present address? Lynchburg, Virginia

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? yes Give names of schools and dates if possible To Pipestone, Minn. 1895 was transferred to Hampton Va. in 1897

4. What is your present occupation? Housekeeping

5. Tell something of your present home Have a pleasant home the pride of which is my little son 3 years old.

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

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? Have been in the Indian Service once as cook at the Ponoma Indian School Red Lake Mission in 1903 but had to resign on account of ill health.

(Over)

please do not publish

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

Housekeeping

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

My dear friend and school father
Just a few lines to
you as you told me to write and tell
you that I now open to you what I have been
keeping back all these years.

I have been married twice and each
time have had bad luck with my both
husbands as they were both called away by
their maker and now I am left alone with
my baby boy who is three years old and I
have to work hard for my living I would
like to get a place in the service where I
could keep my little one by me and do
surely intreat you to help me to secure
one for me.

My first husband was taken away from me
the day my baby was born on Mar. 10 1909
and I lived alone until April 8. 1911 when
I was married to Albert O. Thorson and
was with me only 2 months when
taken from me.

Hoping to hear an encourage
I am respectfully,
Martha O. Thorson

July 27, 1912.

Mrs. Martha Van Wert,
Lengby, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

I was sorry to read in your record of your misfortune in losing your husband, and that you are now alone with the care of an infant child.

I would suggest that you write a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., making application for a blank which it will be necessary for you to fill out in order to obtain a position in the Indian Service. The Commissioner will then refer the matter to me, and I will be pleased to give you a recommendation.

I am having your name put on the complimentary list for THE ARROW.

Very sincerely yours,

MF:SR

Superintendent.

Department of the Interior.



Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

Pennsylvania

6-3305

2058 Jan 5, 1914

Name *Martha Lambert Thorson*
(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribes *Chippewa*

Present Address *White Earth Minn*

Former Address *Sengby Minn*
(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation *nurse in private*

Remarks: *crossed family.*
Patient an old lady suffering with
palsy

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Dec. 14th, 1914.

Mrs. Martha Van Wert Thorson,
Lengby, Minn.

My dear Friend:

I was pleased to receive your letter of recent date and to learn that you are well. It is always gratifying to know that a former student of this school is getting along satisfactorily and you have my best wishes for continued good health and prosperity.

Having noted in your letter that you desire to secure an appointment to a position in the Indian School Service it is my suggestion that you write to Mr. Chas. E. Dagenett, the Supervisor of Indian Employment, at Washington, D. C. He will give your request his attention and will advise you what other steps are necessary to be considered for appointment. I will probably then be called on to recommend you, which I will be pleased to do in so far as your record at Carlisle is concerned.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor *M* in Charge.

Fosston Minn
Dec 1914

My dear School Father:-

As it has been a long time since I have written you I thought it time that I was doing my duty in writing to you letting you know how I am getting along.

As for health I am in the best of health.

I should like to have you help me in securing a position in the Indian Service as I am out of employment and I am unable to secure work as there is no work around here.

It is a pleasure to me every time
I go to the post office and find
the little Arrow there as it is just
like getting a letter from my old
school.

Wishing you a

Merry Xmas

A Happy ^{and} New Year

I am as ever your grateful
school daughter

Mrs Martha (Van Wert) Thorne

I wrote this letter at Fosston
but my address is at
Lengby Minn.

REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE

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NAME AT CARLISLE

Martha Van Wert

PRESENT NAME

Mrs. Bellecourt Thorson

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
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1910

Bemidje, Minn.

Housewife

1914 Self

White Earth, "

Nurse in private.