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San Francisco Calif.

Jan. 16th 1913

Mr M. Friedman

Cortis Indian School,

my Dear School Father,

Your welcome letter and post card
was gladly received. many a thanks for
your kindness I felt as if I had heard
from home. the only xmas and new year
present I received so it was highly
appreciated thanking you again and
Wishing you and all a happy new year
and many of them,

Well Dear School Father
 I did not know you were there yet
 you were there when I left for home
 in 1908. If you remember miss A. M.
 Biles and I made a trip to my home
 in New Mex. you gave me the pass and
 she payed my way back east. Yes?
 It is true I was at Carlisle Indian
 School a year but the rest of my
 time I spent in the country - but
 under the rules of the School
 I was with A. M. Biles all the
 time I went to her place in April
 6th, 1899 stayed til 1909, then I
 got married.

in 1907. I graduated from the New London
 High School all that can be prove by
 A. M. Biles and Geo. R. Chambers of
 Harrisburg I went to Carlisle
 while Major R. H. Pratt and miss
 Ely were there.
 I been trying to get my Indian
 rights if I am intitle to any my
 mother always told me I belong
 to the Pueblo's tribe she said that
 her grand mother was full blooded
 and those people from the white
 house cannot believe me they
 keep telling me that I can not
 prove my tribe and would not
 do any thing to help me get a

position because I married to a white
 men while I was at Carlisle I saved
 three hundred dallars, my Husband
 is very honest and thought every
 body was the same so he happend
 to get in a deal with a real state
 men and lost all our money and now
 we are broke and no position
 we are even with hardly any cloth
 and any thing to eat we have
 two little boys one three years
 the other nine mo, old even the
 common labor is so escarse cannot
 get much to do only a day now
 and then,

I even stated my case to the
White house and fail to help
me out not even let me have
a cent nor employment of any
kind neither for me nor husband
they tell me I can do nothing
on account of the children that
are so small, that my husband
is a white man and Physically
able to support me, that has
nothing to do with bad
luck that is apt to happen
to the best of men and anybody

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I do not see why we can
 have a little help some way
 even for the sake of the little
 one's. Can you kindly help
 us in any way of getting
 employment may be you can
 place my husband at some
 thing? I did not think they
 had such heartless men
 in the white house.

Dear School Father please help
 us out in getting appointment,
 if you do so we will be very
 grateful to you

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I have very good husband
 he is not laizy nor drink nor uses
 Tabaco in any way.

Hope to hear from you again
 be for long.

I am yours truly

Ex student from Carlisle

Mrs Leo. R. Gasser,

San Francisco, Calif.

Gen. Del.

January 21, 1913.

Mrs. Leo R. Gasser,
Gen. Delivery, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Friend:-

I have your letter of January sixteenth, and was exceedingly sorry to hear of your misfortune in losing your money. I am also sorry to know that your husband does not have regular work. I am interested in our returned students and graduates and want them all to get along prosperously and happily. If your husband is sober and industrious, I do not think there would be any difficulty in him getting a position in the Service, and I would, therefore, suggest that either you or he write to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., making application for a position. There are a number of places where a man who is strong and willing, as well as industrious, could find work in the Indian Service, and I have no doubt but what there are places not far from San Francisco.

In writing to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, do not hesitate to give him the entire circumstances regarding this matter. It will probably be necessary for your husband to fill out a blank stating his qualifications and other facts concerning his life.

Sincerely your friend,

Name

MR. & MRS. LEO GASSER,

2903 Age

Deg. Ind. blood

Address

226 East 3d st., Salida, Colorado.

Information from

Date

1910

State

Agency

Tribe

POSITIONS FOR WHICH LISTED. SUITABILITY IN ORDER NAMED.

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|----|--------------------|----|--|
| 1. | Laborer, Chauffeur | 2. | |
| 3. | Asst. Matron. | 4. | |

Remarks:

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August 21st, 1914.

Mrs. Leo R. Gasser,

1507 E. 20th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Madam:

I have noted the information you conveyed in the letter you addressed to this school on August the 15th, and I will take this opportunity to assure you that I will gladly do what I can to assist you in securing the position for appointment to which you have qualified by examination.

It is my suggestion that in your correspondence with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington you mention the fact that you were formerly a student at Carlisle. I will then have an opportunity to give a brief statement concerning your record at this school and such other information as may be on file here regarding your training.

Hoping that I can be of service to you soon, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

education I received while
under the Carlisle care.

I hope to hear from you soon
Yours truly

Mrs. Leo R. Gasser

1507 E. 20th St.

Los Angeles
California

Los Angeles. Calif.

Aug 15th 1914

Mr. M. Friedman

Dear School Father.

It has been so long since I heard
from you. That to day I take the
pleasure of dropping you a few lines.
Now I am trying to get a position
on the civil service for a Teacher
of housekeeping have taken the
examination. but seems that they
doubt me being a citizen of the
United States. of course I was very
small when I left home but I know

that I was born in Lords New Mexico
San Juan Co. and my mother's
mother was half pueblo indian
also. Father had some indian blood
Now I thought that if you please
and can help me in writing to them
and assist me in getting this
position I be very thankful to you
as you did when I was trying to
be a matron or darning teacher
but there was no vacancy at
that time. I am one of the Carlisle
girls went there in 1888 but in 1899
April 6th. Went out in the country
but still remain under the rules
of the School and used to visit

the School once a year till 1908
They granted me a pass to go home
to my mother. also in 1907 I
graduated from the New London
Pa. high School. My name
then was Felicitia Romero
But now I am married that has
change it. I'll be very glad
to hear how they are making
out at the School I still have
the worm feeling for the dear
old Carlisle that should be
our cry. hope you be able to
assist me this time again
and I be able to have good success
I like to make some use of my

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San Francisco Calif.

Dec. 23. 1912

Sup. of Carlisle Indian School

Dear Sir:

I am an ex student

of the Carlisle School

I was taken there by Mrs D. Breen from Fort Lewis Colo. Indian School in 1898 which I was enrolled in at Carlisle School I was under the rules till 1908 I spent the most of my time in the country I graduate from the High School in 1907. Now I am married. And I been trying to find my Indian rights which I belong to the pueblo tribe I also have applied for a position

But so far have failed to any
success - been trying for over
a year now the Washington
men advise me to send these
papers to you.

I would like to have
an appointment as ination or
assistant ination in the

Laundry. I be very grateful
to, if you be of some assistants
to me in getting an appointment

I am yours truly

Mrs Leo R. Gesser

use to be Felicity Romero

San Francisco

California
Gen. Del.

December 31, 1912.

Mrs. Leo. R. Gasser,
General Delivery,
Sanfrancisco, California.

Dear friend Felicita:

Your letter dated the 23rd instant, inclosing an application to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for a position in the Indian Service as Laundress or Cook, has been received, and I am this day sending a letter to the Commissioner recommending your appointment. I hope you may soon receive the position you desire.

Our records show that you were at Carlisle only one year. Please advise me if the information we have on file in this office is correct. I shall be glad to hear from you again soon.

Wishing you health, prosperity and happiness throughout this coming year, I remain,

Your friend,

LeP.

Superintendent.

Education-Employees
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Appointment.

NOV 18 1912

Mrs. Leo R. Gasser,
Denver, Colorado.

Madam:

The Office has received your Indian applicant blank for appointment as matron or "darning teacher" in the Indian Service.

Before you would be eligible for appointment as matron or seamstress paying a salary of more than \$300 a year it would be necessary for you to pass a noncompetitive matron or seamstress examination. However, Indians are eligible for appointment as laundress or cook without examination.

If you wish to try the examination, inform the Office to that effect, saying the character of position you wish, when the Civil Service Commission will be asked to grant it to take place at Denver under the direction of the postmaster.

Your Indian applicant blank is returned herewith in order that you may fill out the unanswered questions, giving your own signature and not that of your husband.

When writing the Office you should always use

your own name in order to avoid a discrepancy in filing the papers in your case.

Your attention is invited to your answer for question No. 1 wherein you give your christian name and surname as "Catholic Felicita Romero." The answer you should give is "Felicita R. Gasser" and not the particular religious denomination to which you belong. You should refer to your maiden name, that is, your name before you were married, in order that the proper connection may be made with your record as a student of the Carlisle School.

After you have completed the blank you should forward it to the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, who will place his recommendation thereon.

Respectfully
(Signed) F. H. Abbott.

11-GHC-15

Acting Commissioner.

Carbon to Carlisle.

December 31, 1912.

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

Sir:

Replying to "Inclosure 27016", Application for
Laundress or Cook of Mrs. Leo R. Gasser, enrolled at Carlisle
as Felicita Romero, I have to say that our records show that
she was here only one year. If Mrs. Gasser is capable of
filling either the position of Laundress or Cook, I would
recommend that she be given a chance in the Indian Service.

Very respectfully,

LAF.
Inc.

Superintendent.

Education-Employees

B C H

Appointment.

Salida Romero

DEC 16 1912

Salida Romero

Mrs. Leo Gasser,

Salida, Colorado.

Madam:

Supervisor Dagenett has referred your application for appointment as matron in the Indian Service to this Office for consideration.

Several weeks ago the Office received a similar application from you giving your address as Denver. You were written fully under date of November 18, concerning the requirements. At the same time your blank was returned in order that you could fill out the unanswered questions, giving your proper signature, and you were told to return it to this Office through the Superintendent of the Carlisle School in order that his recommendation could be placed thereon. A copy of the letter referred to is inclosed herewith.

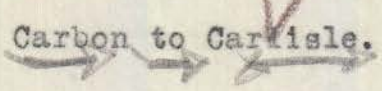
Respectfully,

(Signature) Abbott

Acting Commissioner.

12-GHC-11

Carbon to Carlisle.



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Collin

Denver Colo
May 15th. 1939

Mr. Paul L. Fickinger

no answer
necessary
or.

Dear Sir.

The answer to my letter
has been gladly received I surly
Thank you for your kind attention
That was all the information I desire
to know if there was any records
file some one had said they had
been destroyed I thought that
was not the way Uncle Sam did
business.

Also know that some Indians are being
help through their Indian blood.

So if I am intidal of some help I would
be very greatful of course I am in some
need now as I am to old to work I am
able but they do not want give work to
a person past 45 yrs of age I have a husband
but he also been out of work for three year
he is 65 yrs. he is a white man but was
not borne in U.S. A. he come to this state
when only 8 yrs. of age. So I do hope I am
not imposing or doing something out of the way

again I thank you with much
appreciation for I was very anxious
to know my Carlisle records
were on file to prove I am an American
Born in U.S.A. which I am happy
I am with many thanks
yours truly

Mrs F. R. Gasser

REC'D OFFICE
MAY 4 - 1939
COM'R INDIAN AFFAIRS

Dender bald
May 1st 1939



Mr. John Callen

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly please tell me, what they did with the Carlisle Pa Indian School Records when they turned it to a military school? In 1917 or 1918 I attended that school when Major R. H. Pratt was the Superintendent of the school in the year of 1898 till 1907 I would like to know if there were any records kept from the Carlisle school.

If so I would be very grateful to you or someone who knows to kindly let me know my name at that time was Felicity Romero, from the Fort Lewis bald Indian School.

While at Carlisle I spend the summers out in the country a place called New London Pa. with a family name Biles. With many thanks to you for information

my name now is Mrs F. R. Gasser.

I remain hoping to get on considered
some how or some way
with many thanks and God's Blessings
yours truly.

Mrs F. R. Gasser.
38 Lipon St
Denver Colo.

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MAY 10 1939

Mrs. F. R. Gasser,
38 Lipan Street,
Denver, Colorado.

*v. d. Loo
Carlisle*

Dear Mrs. Gasser:

We have your letter of May 1, asking what disposition was made of the Carlisle Indian school records when Carlisle was returned to the War Department for the purpose of rehabilitating soldiers, in 1918.

When Carlisle was closed, the old records were transferred to this Office. They are now on file here. In many instances these old files are incomplete and we have difficulty in locating desired information; however, among them there is a file for you which shows your attendance at the Carlisle school. Certain other information and correspondence is contained in the file. You do not tell us just what information you want.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) PAUL L. FICKINGER

Paul L. Fickinger,
Associate Director of Education

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Initialing Copy for File

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September 27, 1939

Memorandum to Statistics:

Attached is a letter dated September 7 from Mr. Louis C. Mueller, Chief Special Officer, at Denver, regarding the desire of Mrs. F. E. Gasser to establish her Indian blood.

The Carlisle file for Mrs. Gasser, formerly Felicita Romero, ^{is attached} Her application for enrollment at Carlisle Indian School shows that the date of her birth was March 7, 1888, and that she was a Pueblo Indian. It further shows that her father was a full blood Pueblo and her mother a one-half degree Pueblo Indian. Her father's name was Andres Romero and her mother's name was Salume Romero.

This information does not coincide in all respects to that contained in Mr. Mueller's letter. Will you please advise Mrs. Gasser what your records show as to her Indian blood? Enrollment at Carlisle or any other Indian school many years ago can not be accepted as conclusive proof as to the degree of Indian blood.

G. A. Collins
Administrative Assistant
Education Division

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This letter was answered by P.W.B., Placement and is filed in Leo Gasser's application file in Placement.

Department of the Interior


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 PACIFIC
 EXPOSITION
 1915

Mr. M. Friedman
Supt. U. S. Indian School
Carlisle
Pennsylvania

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Jan. 16. ^{th.}, 1913
 Name Felicita Romero now Mrs Leo R. Gasser.
 (Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

 Tribe Pueblo Indian

 Present Address San Francisco California

 Former Address Denver Colorado,
 (Address from which we heard from you last.)

 Present Occupation House keeping,

 Remarks: Hope to hear from you again
at an early date.

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BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

Felicita Romero

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

herself

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Date of enrollment, *Oct 10 1907*, 190

Term of enrollment, *one* (*1*) years.

NAME OF COLLECTING AGENT:

Position,

*Entd on card
10-11-07
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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN A NONRESERVATION SCHOOL

(For a child enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the Government of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Carlisle, Pa.,

of Felicita Romero ; Female; date of birth March 7, 1888 ;
(Name of child.) (Sex)
Pueblo
(Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. <small>(Both Indian and English.)</small>	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>Andres Romero</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Pueblo</u>		<u>Full</u>
<u>Salome Romero</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>1/2</u>

I, Felicita Romero , do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to _____
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

enrollment in said school for a period of one (1) years, and also obligate myself to abide by all
(Not less than 3.)
the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE.	GRADE.
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Oct 10 - 1907

Felicita Romero
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

P. O. address: Blanco

Two witnesses:

A. C. School
Lucy Coulow.

New Mexico

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find..... to be in proper physical condition to attend school, and not afflicted with tuberculosis or any disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This..... day of....., 190

Physician at..... Agency.

CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR BONDED SUPERINTENDENT.

I hereby certify that the statements made in the foregoing application and certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are true; that the consent of.....
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)
was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of the said child.

This..... day of....., 190

Agent or Superintendent.

SPECIAL NOTE.

This form must be executed in duplicate when a child is transferred from a reservation to a nonreservation school. The Superintendent of the nonreservation school will retain the original for his files, and the duplicate shall be deposited in the Agency records. The agent will then send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate as provided by law. All the blanks must be properly filled in every case.

NOTE

Age limits, fourteen to twenty years. Preferably fourteen to eighteen. Students must be at least one-fourth Indian, preferably full Indian. Special cases beyond the age limit will be given consideration. An industrial course only can be taken and the term reduced to three years, in exceptional cases.

INDORSEMENTS

The laws relating to the transfer of Indian children from reservations and schools are as follows:

That hereafter no Indian child shall be sent from any Indian reservation to a school beyond the State or Territory in which said reservation is situated without the voluntary consent of the father or mother of such child if either of them are living, and if neither of them are living without the voluntary consent of the next of kin of such child. Such consent shall be made before the agent of the reservation, and he shall send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate that such consent has been voluntarily given before such child shall be removed from such reservation. And it shall be unlawful for any Indian agent or other employee of the Government to induce, or seek to induce, by withholding rations or by other improper means, the parents or next of kin of any Indian to consent to the removal of any Indian child beyond the limits of any reservation. (28 Stats., p. 906.)

Provided, That hereafter no Indian child shall be taken from any school in any State or Territory to a school in any other State against its will or without the written consent of its parents. (29 Stats., p. 348.)

The rules provide that—

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.

An Indian boy or girl 18 years old and over may, without the consent of parents or others, personally sign the application form on its being changed to suit the case.

This form is to be used only in transfers from reservations or Indian schools to nonreservation schools.

REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE

2903

Felicita Romero

NAME AT CARLISLE

PRESENT NAME

Mrs. Leo Gasser

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1910	Self	Denver, Colo.	Housewife		
1913	"	San Francisco Cal. 1507 E. 20th St.	"		
1914		Los Angeles, Calif.			