

2903

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

NUMBER 1362	ENGLISH NAME Felicitas Romero	AGENCY	NATION Pueblo		
BAND Largo	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Jose V Lujan, Blanca, N. Mex			
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD Living	BLOOD	AGE 15	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.
FATHER, Living	MOTHER, Living				FORCED EXPR. 7
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Oct. 10 '07 - Signed for 1 yr. June 24, 1898	FOR WHAT PERIOD 5 years	DATE DISCHARGED 6-26-08	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Time out		
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS			FROM COUNTRY	
Apr. 6, '99	Anna M. Biles, New London, Pa			9-14-'03	
Oct. 8, '03	" " " Keltor, Chester Co., Pa.			April 2-07	
Apr 4, '07	" " " " do.				
10-2-07	Annie Biles, New London, Pa.				

Months in school before Carlisle, 29

Grade entered at Carlisle, 3rd

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church, Catholic

Conduct



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San Francisco Calif.

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 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 tribe she said that her grand mother was full blooded and those people from the white house can not believe me they keep telling me that I can not pose 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 scarce cannot  
get much to do only a day now  
and then,

sted "

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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  
 ones. 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, we be very  
 grateful to you

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I have very good husband  
 he is not laigy 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,

MF:SR

Superintendent.

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.

- |    |                    |    |
|----|--------------------|----|
| 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.

Los Angeles. Calif.

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 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 barbie  
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 use 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 Felicity 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 warm 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

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

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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. A. 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 petition

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 Felicita 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,

LeF.

Superintendent.

Education-Employees  
B C H

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,

*Abbott*  
Acting Commissioner.

12-GHC-11

Carbon to Carlisle.

file in  
Carbide 2903  
N.

Collis

Denver Colo  
May 15<sup>th</sup>. 1939

Mr. Paul L. Frickinger

no answer  
necessary  
at.

Dear Sir.

The answer to my letter  
has been gladly received I surely  
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 grateful 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  
apriciation 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

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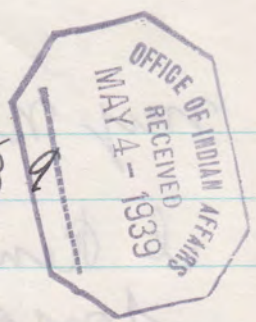
REC'D OFFICE

MAY 4 - 1939

COM'R. INDIAN AFFAIRS

Dender bald

May 1st 1939



Mr. John Callier

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 Felicitia Romers, from the Fort Towles 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 Lip on St  
Denver Colo.

Ed. Adm.  
Carlisle2903

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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

Ed. Adm.  
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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. R. Gasser to establish her Indian blood.

The Carlisle file for Mrs. Gasser, formerly Felicita Romero. Her <sup>is attached</sup> 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.

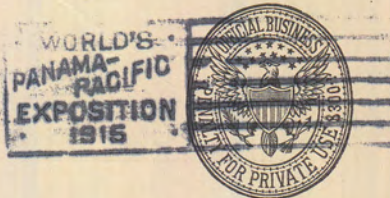
G. A. Collins  
Administrative Assistant  
Education Division

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

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Department of the Interior



*Mr. M. Friedman*

*Supt. U. S. Indian School*

*Carlisle*

*Pennsylvania*

6-3305

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Jan. 16. <sup>th</sup>, 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  
a&g*

# 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>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 the rules and regulations for Indian schools.  
(Not less than 3.)

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.

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## 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.

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## 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

NAME AT CARLISLE

Felicita Romero

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.			