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BRIEF

Application of

Joseph Bird.

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Letitia Bird.

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Sisseton Agency S. D.

Date of enrollment..... 191 *3*

Term of enrollment..... *3* (*3*) years

Application for Enrollment in a Non-Reservation 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 Leticia Bird. ; female ; date of birth Aug 3rd 1895
(Name of Child) (Sex)
Sioux
(Tribe)

| NAME OF FATHER <small>(Both Indian and English)</small> | Living or Dead | TRIBE | BAND | DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Joseph Bird</u> | <u>Living</u> | <u>Sioux</u> | <u>Sisseton & Wahpeton</u> | <u>1/2</u> |
| <u>Susan Bird.</u> | <u>"</u> | <u>"</u> | <u>"</u> | <u>Full</u> |

I, Joseph Bird father, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to my daughter enrollment in said school for a period of five 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 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>1 Good Will</u> | | | <u>To be transferred</u> | <u>6th</u> |
| <u>2 Mission. S.D.</u> | <u>1904</u> | <u>1907</u> | | |
| <u>3 Flanoreau</u> | | | | |
| <u>4 Indian School.</u> | <u>1908</u> | <u>1912</u> | <u>Expiration of term</u> | <u>Graduated</u> |

Joseph Bird
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Wilmot, So. Dak.

Two Witnesses:

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PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find her 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 27 day of Sept, 1913

W. O. Cannon, M. D.
Physician at Assistant Agency.

CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR 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 Joseph Bird
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)
was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.

This 29 day of Sept, 1913

J. E. Allen
Agent or Superintendent.

SPECIAL NOTE.

This form must be executed in duplicate when a child is transferred from a reservation to a non-reservation 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 is living, and if neither of them is 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.

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| NUMBER 2903 | ENGLISH NAME Letitia Bird | AGENCY Sisseton | NATION Sioux | | | | |
| BAND | INDIAN NAME | HOME ADDRESS Father - Joseph Bird, Wilmont, S. D. | | | | | |
| PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD | BLOOD 3/4 | AGE 18 | HEIGHT 5-2 1/2 | WEIGHT 97 1/4 | FORCED INSP. 32 1/2 | FORCED EXPR. 30 | SEX. 7 |
| FATHER, 2 | MOTHER, 2 | ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Oct. 2, 1913 | | FOR WHAT PERIOD Five years | DATE DISCHARGED 5-9-14 | CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Termination of leave | |
| TO COUNTRY 4-9-14 | PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS In leave | | | | | FROM COUNTRY | |

Months in school before Carlisle,

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church, *Presbyterian*

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NAME *Letitia Bird*
 Sex Male Female
 Tribe ^{Full} *Siouy* State *South Dakota* Oct 2, 193
 Age *18* years Respiration *22* Condition of, Eyes *Good*
 Height *5* ft. *2 1/2* ins. Ears *OK*
 Weight *97 1/4* lbs. Mensuration { Insp. *32 1/2*
 Exp. *30* Throat *OK*
 Temperature *98.2* Vaccination _____ Cervical glands *OK*
 Pulse *80* Vision _____ Skin *OK*
 Inspection *OK*
 Palpation *OK*
 Percussion *OK*
 Auscultation *OK*
 Heart *Good*
 (Menstruation) *Regular*

FAMILY HISTORY.

| | LIVING. | CONDITION OF HEALTH. | DEAD. | CAUSE OF DEATH. |
|-------------------|------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Father | <i>Yes</i> | <i>Yes</i> | | |
| Mother | <i>Yes</i> | <i>Yes</i> | | |
| Brothers <i>6</i> | <i>Yes</i> | | | |
| Sisters <i>4</i> | | | | |

Personal history *measles, Whooping cough.*
 Present condition *Good*

Edward F. Menger, M. D.

This form is for the record of the physical condition of pupils of boarding or nonreservation Indian schools. It should be filled in by the school physician at the time of the admission of the pupil.

Physicians in the field should use this form to record the examination of pupils for transfer to nonreservation schools. It should accompany the pupils' transfer blanks.

The reverse side is intended as a card-index case-record for use by all Service physicians.

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Febr. 25th, 1914.

Mr. Joseph Bird,

R. F. D. 3, Wilmot, So. Dak.

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in reporting to you, in reply to your inquiry of February the 19th, that your daughter Letitia is not in poor health and that the climate here has not affected her in any way.

For your further information I submit below a copy of a statement that was issued this afternoon by our School Physician:

"I find by the records that Letitia Bird was in the Hospital in October last suffering with nothing more serious than a headache. She told me this morning that she was feeling well."

Under the circumstances there is no necessity for Letitia's return home, and no reason why she should not continue with her school work.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Hilmot, S. Dak,
Febr 19-1914

Supt U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:-

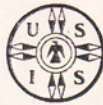
I am going to write a few lines to you in regards of my daughter Letitia Bird who is now attending the Carlisle School. She wrote to me lately and I understood her that the Alenate dont agree with her and she is in poor health since she enroll there and I think it better for her to return home. I was you call her up in the office and speak

concerning this
letter and please notify
me if she is better for her
to return home, and I can
make arrange with my
agent. I will pay her
transportation back home.

I am Truly Yours

Joseph Bird

Rfd. #3. Wilmot,
So. Dak.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

Feb. 25th. 1914.

Mr. Meyer: I find by the records that Letitia Bird was in the hospital in October last suffering with nothing more serious than a headache. She told me this morning that she was feeling well. Mary Cogswell was in the hospital from October to December with rheumatism. She is apparently in good health at this writing. Nothing about either of these girls suggests their removal at this time.

Respectfully,

Walter Ruedter M. D.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Sisseton Indian Agency,
Sisseton, South Dakota,

April 31, 1914.

O. S. Lipps, Supervisor in charge,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Joseph Bird is in the Office and asked me to send you \$70.00 so that Lettia Bird can come home. Her mother has been sick for four weeks and is not improving, and I would request that you let her come home, if possible.

I also wish to send hearty good wishes and kind regards, and wish you many years of usefulness in the cause, and only wish that I had more years to give to this work.

Very respectfully,

S. C. Allen
Supt. & S. D. Agt.

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April 9th, 1914.

Mr. Joseph Bird,

R. F. D. 3, Wilmet, So. Dak.

My dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of April the 4th and the recommendation by Superintendent Allen, it has been arranged for your daughter Letitia to leave here this evening with Germaine and Florence Neville for your home. You will be notified by wire tonight that Letitia should arrive at Wilmet on Saturday evening.

From the amount of \$70.00 that was deposited by you thru Superintendent Allen the sum of \$7.00 has been given to Letitia with which to pay for her incidental expenses enroute.

Hoping that she can give the assistance at home that is now anticipated and that you will notify me after she has arrived at home, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKH.

Supervisor in Charge.

Copy to Superintendent Allen.

Almat, So. Dak,
April 4th 1914.

H. Lipps, Supervisor in Charge,
U.S. Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I will write you
a few lines today and let
you know that Letitia Bird's
mother is failing in health
and she want to have her
daughter to return home soon
as possible and I have this
matter up with my agent
yesterday and I place her
transportation thro. Agent Allen,
and I would like her to be
home before 15th of this month
because we are so busy with
our spring farm and we have

not any cook that we do our own cooking, and we need her more than you do at school.

I hope you will favor us and let her return home for her vacation, and I will send her back to Carlisle in time for another school year.

Let me hear from you soon
I am

Yours Truly,
Joseph Bird,

Wilmet,
So. Dak.

R. F. D. # 3.

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August 21st, 1914.

Miss Letitia Bird,

Wilmot, South Dakota.

My dear Friend:

In order that you can return to Carlisle to resume your studies on the opening day of school, September the 1st, it is being arranged so that transportation will be made available at Wilmot for your use. The ticket should be ready within a very few days after the receipt of this letter and it is hoped you can come on to take up your work with your classmates on the date specified.

Assuring you that I will be pleased to hear you spent a pleasant summer vacation at your home, I remain,

Your friend,

HCM.

Supervisor in Charge.

(Copy to Superintendent Mossman)

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October 3, 1914.

Miss Letitia Bird,
Wilmot, S. D.

My dear Friend:

I have your letter of September 29th, stating that your health has not been good during the past summer, and that you have decided not to return to Carlisle. I regret exceedingly that you are so unfortunate, and I hope your illness is nothing more than a temporary matter, and that you will soon be able to resume your studies as you have planned.

I am enclosing herewith my check in the sum of \$33.19, the same being the amount deposited here by you for your return transportation to Carlisle.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Very respectfully,

OHL:SR

Supervisor in Charge.

Wilmot

So. Dak.

Sept. 29, 1914.

O. H. Lipps,

Carlisle Pa.

Dear friend:

I'll write a few lines in regards of my schooling this year. I have been sick this past summer, and I am in a very poor condition, my sickness being mostly Liver & Stomache trouble, the month of July I was sick in bed most of the time, but I was not

in a serious condition
at times.

My mother is not
very well either, and
for her sake I have
decided not to return to
Carlisle this year, I am
taking treatments, and
if I gain a physical
condition I have decided
to attend a business
School in North Dakota,
and I would gladly
ask if I could have the
money, that I left there
for my schooling purpose,
North Dakota is just a
State north, and I would

rather be near home.
of course I will miss
my associates at Carlisle.
I intend to take up
Domestic Science &
Art also which is \$ 30.00
for three months, now
the money that I left
there I think is about
\$ 30.00 and I would be
so please if you return
it to me before the 12th
of next month.

Respectfully
Letitia Bird.