Oct. 21st, 1913.

Mr. Arthur E. McFatridge,
Superintendent, The Blackfeet Agency,
Browning, Mont.

My dear Sir:

I return to you herewith the duplicate of the application you so kindly submitted me to cover the transfer to Carlisle of Fred Big Top. Our resident school physician made an examination of the young man today and has noted on the copy of the application his approval in so far as Fred's physical condition is concerned.

Very truly yours,

HEM. Superintendent.

My dear Mr. Shoemaker:

The above copy of a letter I am addressing to Superintendent McFatridge will indicate that Fred Big Top has arrived here.

Thanking you for the kind assistance you gave in arranging the same and hoping that favorable reports can be made soon, I am,

Very respectfully,

S
Supt.

Office No. 49503

United States Postoffice

GLACIER PARK, MONTANA

W. H. MEADE, Postmaster
J. F. LINDHE, Assistant

Feb. 15, 1915

Mr Mc Kean,
Disciplinary Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle Pa.

Sir;

Being under the impression that one of your late pupils had returned to school, I forwarded a number Of letters to Carlisle.

These were addressed to-

Mr Fred Big-Top,
Carlisle,
Pa.

As Mr Big-Top has returned to Glacier Park I wish to ask you to return all letters addressed as above to the Post Master at Glacier Park, Montana.

Resp.

P.M.

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March 17, 1915.

Mr. W. H. Mead,
Glacier Park, Mont.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated February 15th, addressed to Mr. McKean, comesto this office for attention. We received quite a number of letters addressed to Fred Big Top, early in the fall. These were all returned to the Postmaster in Carlisle. If they have not been returned to you, they were likely sent to the dead letter office in Washington and from there returned to their respective writers. We have received nothing lately for Mr. Big Top, but if anything should come I will have it forwarded to Glacier Park, as per your request.

Very truly yours,

SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE.

NRE:MRK

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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER	ENGLISH NAME	AGENCY	NATION
5089	Fred Big Top	Blackfoot	Piegan

BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS
		Glacier Park. Mont.

PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.
FATHER. No	MOTHER. No	full	29	6-2	189	42 1/2	38	M

ARRIVED AT SCHOOL	FOR WHAT PERIOD	DATE DISCHARGED	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
Oct. 19, 1912	Three years	May 13, 1914	Termination of leave

TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS	FROM COUNTRY
3-7-14	On leave	Returned 3-15-14
4-2-14	On leave	4-11-14
4-13-14	On leave	

THE SHAW-WALKER CO., MUSKEGON 121071

Months in school before Carlisle,

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church, Catholic

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BRIEF

Application of

Fred Big Top

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Himself

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Date of enrollment ..... 191....

Term of enrollment ..... (.....) years

Printed by Carlisle Indians. Ed. June 13—6000

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, Pennsylvania

of Fred Big Top (Name of Child); male (Sex); date of birth 1884

Piegan (Tribe).

NAME OF FATHER (Both Indian and English)	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
Eagle Feet	dead	Piegan		full
NAME OF MOTHER				
Kills in the Night	dead	Piegan		full

I, Fred Big Top, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to my enrollment in said school for a period of 3 (Not less than 3) years, and also obligate myself to abide by all 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 Ft Shaw Indian Boarding School	1893	1895		
2 ~~1896~~ Browning	1896	1898		
3 Ft Shaw, Mont	1899	1902		Sixth Grade
4				

Fred Big Top
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Browning Montana

Two Witnesses:

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find him 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 30 day of Sept., 1913

O. A. Duncan

Physician at Blackfeet 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 Fred Bigtop (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.

This 19 day of September, 1913

Arthur E. W. Patridge

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.

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NAME Fred Bigtop. Sex { Male. ~~Female.~~

Tribe { Full } Peigan State Montana Oct. 21st, 1913

Age 29. years Respiration 18 Condition of, Eyes Suspicious Trac

Height 6 ft. 2 ins. Mensuration { Insp. 42½ Exp. 38 Ears OK

Weight 189 lbs. Throat OK

Temperature 96 8/10 Vaccination Good Scar Cervical glands OK

Pulse 72 Vision Skin good.

Inspection Well developed & Nourished

Palpation OK

Percussion OK

Auscultation OK

Heart Good

(~~Menstruation~~)

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father			yes	unknown
Mother			yes.	Bled to death from Nose
Brothers	2	good	4	unknown
Sisters	1	good.	2	unknown.

Personal history does not recall any illness.

Present condition Good

Edward F. Menge, M. D.

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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.

6—1955

CASE RECORD, 5—354.

Name .....

Age ..... *Sex* { *Male.* / *Female.* } *Tribe* { *Full* / *1/* } ..... *Residence* .....

(*On* ....., *19*....)

DATE.		SYMPTOMS.				TREATMENT.	DIAGNOSIS.	REMARKS.
19....		T.	P.	R.				History, progress, and termination of the disease.

6—1955

NAME Fred Big Top. Sex { Male. ~~Female.~~

Tribe { Full / # } Piegan State Montana Sept. 30, 1913

Age 29 years Respiration Normal Condition of, Eyes Trachoma

Height 6 ft. 1 ins. Mensuration { Insp. 42 / Exp. 38 } Ears Good

Weight 197 lbs. Throat Good

Temperature 98.6 Vaccination Yes. Cervical glands Good

Pulse 64 Vision Good Skin Good

Inspection Normal

Palpation Normal

Percussion Normal

Auscultation Normal

Heart Normal

(Menstruation)

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father			yes	Don't know
Mother			yes	Bleed to death from nose.
Brothers 5	2. yes	good	three	Does not know cause.
	yes	good	died	
Sisters one	yes	good.		

Personal history Has always been healthy.

Present condition 1st Class, except trachoma.

O. A. Duncan, M. D.
Agency Physician.

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IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

April I7th.

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Mr.O.H.Lipps, Supervisor in charge,

Carlisle School, Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I arrived in Chicago safely and am a guest of the Chicago Press Club. All my white brothers were glad to see me again.

This afternoon I am going to Milwaukee, some of my friends there would like to have me come up and from there I am going to St.Paul and then on to Montana. My friend Gus Lookaround went home from here so I am alone now, but I am well taken care of by my friends.

I must say that I thank you very much for treating us so very nice at school and I shall be glad to see you again this fall and all my other Carlisle friends. Please extend my greetings and good wishes to all your friends who are with you in Carlisle Indian School.

I remain with best regards,

Your friend,

Fred Big Top.

T B Walker,
807 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis Minn.

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May 8th, 1914.

Mr. R. H. Adams,

807 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis.

My dear Sir:

I thank you for your favor of recent date, advising me that Fred Big Top was shown the Thomas B. Walker collection of Indian portraits and other masters on his visit to your city last month and that you found him an interesting visitor.

Assuring you that your courtesy is appreciated, and thanking you for the catalogues you so kindly mailed me to be placed in our school library, I am,

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

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Carlisle Indian School

Dear Sir.

With a letter of introduction from Prof H H. Cross the renowned Indian portrait-painter of Chicago Ill (303 Center St.) Mr Fred Bigtop a Blackfeet Indian from your school visited the Thomas B. Walker Art Galleries on April 26th. I found Mr Bigtop a very interesting gentleman and as he seemed to enjoy not only the gallery of 130 Indian portraits but the main galleries filled with old and modern masters, Carved jades etc equally well. I presented him with a series of catalogues. I shall long remember his visit and will take pleasure in showing the galleries to any others of your young men and women when they have occasion to pass this way. I send you under seperate cover a few catalogues. The Indian catalogue is not yet complete

R H Adams Curator

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CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

No.	Name.	Age.	Tribe.	Degree of Indian Blood.	Name of Agency and Reservation, if Enrolled; if not, Post Office of Family.
5089	Fred Big Cop	29	Pregan	Full	Blackfeet, Mont.

Date Entered.	Months in school before enrollment here.	In What Grade Or Room. On entering here.	At date of this report.	Distance to nearest public school from pupil's home.	Remarks. (Temporarily absent, outing, deserters, on sick leave, special authorities for enrollment, etc.) To Country	From Country	Date Discharged
Oct. 19, 13	54			20			
April 1914			Not		3-7-14	On Leave	
					3-16-14	Returned	
					4-2-14	On Leave	
					4-11-14	Ret'd	
					4-13-14	On Leave	5-13-14
							No Chance

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Progress from _____ (Date), _____, to _____ (Date), _____

First Year in This School	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Class or grade								
Academic _____ standing*								
Industrial _____ standing* (Department)								
Musical: Band _____ standing*								
Vocal _____ standing*								
Orchestra _____ standing*								
Deportment _____ standing*								
Physical condition								

Remarks: _____

"Y & E" ~1640~

"Y AND E" ROCH.

REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE 4259

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NAME AT CARLISLE Fred Big Top.

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE

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The Manchester
255 W 108th St

Mr M. Friedman
Supt Carlisle School
Carlisle Penna.

Dear Sir, - Last summer when I was traveling through Glacier Park I became interested in the Blackfeet Indians. And when I knew Fred Big Top one of your pupils intended going to the Carlisle School, I invited him to spend the Xmas holidays with me and my family, thinking it would give him an opportunity to know

what a home of refinement
stands for and to meet
cultured men and women.
We should like very much
to have him if it does not
interfere with any of your plans
or the school's regulations.
Will you kindly have him
let me know what time he
will arrive here, that we
may meet him at the station.
I wish very much to visit
Carlisle some time next
Spring to meet you - the teachers
and see the school. Wishing you
and those in your charge
A Merry Christmas - I am
New York Dec 15th 1913 Cordially yours
(Mrs) Ella D Perkins

December 16, 1913.

Hon. John C. Karel,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of December thirteenth, and note with interest and pleasure the interest which you take in one of the Blackfeet Indians you met in Glacier Park by the name of Fred Big Top, who is now enrolled at this school to master the blacksmithing trade, and get an elementary education.

I shall be glad to extend leave of absence to Fred to visit you and his friends in Milwaukee over the holidays, but the Government makes absolutely no provision looking to the payment of transportation and incidental expenses involved in such a trip. If there is some means of providing the transportation, I shall arrange for his coming.

On account of his age, it was necessary for Fred to pay his transportation to Carlisle, and, while I am not sure, I rather think that the officials of the Great Northern Railway through their agent, Mr. Shoemaker, provided this transportation. Possibly this same Company could arrange some way of assisting him again on a trip such as is suggested in your letter. I shall cooperate in any way I can. I regret that the Government makes no provision for supplying transportation for such purposes.

Very sincerely yours,

MT:SR

Superintendent.

CHAMBERS
DIVISION)
KAUL, JUDGE
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

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MILWAUKEE, December 13th, 1913.

M.Friedman, Esq.,
Supt. of Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:-

Quite a number of Milwaukeeans who formed the acquaintance of Fred Bigtop while visiting at Glacier Park last summer thought that perhaps it would be agreeable to you to permit your ward to visit Milwaukee during the holidays.

We have been informed that the government is always willing that the Indian boys who are striving for an education should be given every possible encouragement, and that where respectable people of communities are willing to receive them into their homes and help make their lives more cheerful they cooperate to that end.

If the government pays the railway fare and you are satisfied that Fred Bigtop should be permitted to spend his vacation in Milwaukee I will give you my personal assurance that hospitality will be extended to him by some of our most respected citizens, and that he will not be thrown into any temptations.

Aside from the fact that my family is willing he should be our guest one of our prominent attorneys of Indian descent, William J.Kershaw, has also expressed a desire to act the part of host.

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I trust that in offering to give Fred Bigtop a little holiday pleasure that we are not violating your school rules for our only object is to show an interest in those whom we believe should be encouraged in their aspirations to better their conditions.

Sincerely yours,

Jno C. Kare

JCK/W

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Dec. 31st, 1913.

Mrs. Ella D. Perkins,

255 West 108th St., New York City.

Madam:

This is to report to you that Fred Big Top returned to school last evening. I saw him soon after his arrival here and he stated that he had a most delightful visit in your home.

I thank you for having made it possible for Fred to spend his Christmas vacation in New York City, and for your kind personal wishes for the coming year.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

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Dec. 23rd, 1913.

Mrs. Ella D. Perkins,
255 West 108th Street, New York City.

Fred Big Top will arrive ~~xxx~~ Union Station, New York, at 4.45 Wednesday afternoon.

Night message

POSTAL LINES

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FRIEDMAN

Meyer

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March 4, 1914.

Mr. Fred Big Top,
Hotel McAlpin,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

Your letter of March second has been received. I am glad to know that you arrived in New York safely and I hope you will be successful in securing the services of a good specialist to treat your eyes.

We are all getting along nicely at Carlisle, and I shall be very glad to welcome you back when you return.

Very sincerely yours,

OHL:SR

Superivsor in Charge.

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April 28, 1914.

Mr. Fred Big Top,
Browning, Mont.

My dear Fred:

I hope you have reached home by this time all right and that you are getting ready for business. I take this opportunity to remind you that you owe our bank account here the sum of $10.00, also John Running Wolf informs me that he loaned you $5.00, and he says that he needs this money. You cannot afford to delay this matter, and so I will ask you to please send me $15.00 right away in order to clear up your indebtedness here. It looks pretty bad for a fellow to go away owing such amounts, and I hope you will see the importance of attending to the matter immediately.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Your friend,

OHL:SR

Supervisor in Charge.

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July 29th, 1914.

Mr. Fred Big Top,

Browning, Montana.

My dear Friend:

I thank you for your letter of July the 25th, informing me that you are planning to return to Carlisle in time to take up the next year's work and that four young men of your acquaintance desire to come with you.

As there will be room here to accomodate them I would be pleased to have them fill out applications for their enrolment, so that Superintendent McFatridge can then consider the applications and can let me know what further action is to be taken. The blanks I enclose herewith may be handed to your friends.

Transportation is provided from Government funds for all eligible students who have not yet reached the age of twenty-one years, but those who are twenty-one or more years of age will have to provide transportation from their own funds. Superintendent McFatridge can give you such ad-

-2- Mr. Fred Big Top, Browning, Montana.

ditional information as may be desired regarding transportation for your friends.

Assuring you that I shall gladly do what I can to be of further assistance to you and your friends, I am,

Very truly yours,

Encls.

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

(Copy to ~~Superintendent Carlisle~~)

feet Indian Reservation
Browning, Montana
July 25. 1914.

Supervisor in Charge Carlisle school.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter received some time ago. I shall be glad to do all I can for your friends and kind friends at Carlisle school. My uncle I wish kindly let me know that four of the government will pay their transportation and I shall be glad to bring them to Carlisle school. We are getting along nicely on happy hunting ground. I hope to see you soon. With very kindest wishes from my folks, believe me

Sincerely yours

Fred Big Top
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Blackfeet Indian Reservation
Browning, Montana
July 25. 1914.

Mr. O. H. Lipps,
Supervisor in Charge Carlisle school.
Dear Sir:

I shall write to day and seem like next winter will soon be here and will be at Carlisle. I shall be very glad to see you again and all my kind friends in Carlisle Indian school. Mr. Lipps I wish you kindly let me know that four boys here wont to go Carlisle school. If the government will pay them transportation and I shall be glad to bring them to Carlisle school. We are getting along nicely in happy hunting ground. I hope to see you soon, with very kindest wishes from my folks, believe me

Sincerely yours

Fred Big Top.
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