

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

4299

NUMBER 5351		ENGLISH NAME Gilbert Reville		AGENCY Sisseton		NATION Sioux			
BAND		INDIAN NAME		HOME ADDRESS Peever, S.D.					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD 7/16	AGE 17	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX. M	
FATHER		MOTHER		ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Nov. 5, 1914		FOR WHAT PERIOD		DATE DISCHARGED July 27, 1915	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Termination of leave.
TO COUNTRY 6-27-15		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS Unleave						FROM COUNTRY	

SHAW-WALKER, MUSKOGEE, MICHIGAN. 43445

Months in school before Carlisle, ... 95

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church, Episcopal

1/4 mi. to public school

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February 9, 1915.

Mr. Meyer:-

I believe these papers had better all be filed
up there.

Yours

Gilbert Penville

February 6, 1915.

Mr. Lipps:-

Will you please advise me just what agreement was reached between yourself and Gilbert about a week ago when he went up to you with my note stating that he wished to "work all day" the rest of the current school year? Was it arranged between you that he should drop academic studies now and begin them again next September?

Respectfully,

Mr. DeStuff - It will be all right to send your letter. Gilbert was given his option, I believe, of going to school $\frac{1}{2}$ day, or of working all day and he choose the latter -

DeStuff
DST

Huff:

Please note
copy of letter here
with which was
addressed to
Mrs. Renville
on Monday.

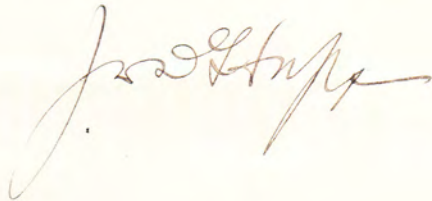
Mr. Tapps asked me
to return to you
your letter to
Mrs. Renville.
Huffman

February 5, 1915.

Mr. Lipps:-

Here is something which you ought to see before it is forwarded, lest any part of it should disagree with something written by you upon the same subject. Perhaps it would be better for you to take the matter of this reply entirely out of my hands and work the attached draft of letter over into a letter from yourself. It is hardly official courtesy upon my part to be communicating over your head with the outside world.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "J. R. Lipps". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

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Peever, S. Dak. 1/29/15

Mr. O. Lippo -
Dear Sir

Febr. 1st, 1915.

Mrs. S. H. Renville,
Peever, South Dakota.

My dear Madam:

After I had received your letter of January the 29th, relative to the reported difficulty between Mr. Mann of this school and your son Gilbert, I was informed that the privilege of going to school was denied your son because he had gone to town at night without permission. Instead of working in the printing office all day as he would have you believe he was working on the rock-pile with other boys under punishment.

However, before your letter was received here arrangements had already been made for Gilbert to start all over again by going to school as usual with his class and working at his trade in the printing office on alternate half days.

Assuring you anew that boys here are given every opportunity to make as good use of their time as they care to make of it and that I am glad I have had this chance to state that Gilbert's absence from school was due altogether to a breach of discipline outside of the Academic Department, I am,

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

(Copy to Superintendent Mossman)

Prever, S. Dak. 1/29/15.

Mr. W. O. Lipps -

Dear Sir. -

Word has reached me that Gilbert is not attending school, but working in the Print-shop instead. He has had some misunderstanding with Mr. Mann, no doubt, and I should appreciate it very much if you can get Gilbert back at his studies - as he was a Senior ^{and} had planned on attending Conway Hall after he finishes there.

He went to Carlisle to fit himself for something, ^{and}, I am afraid he has become discouraged. I understand that Mr. Mann is studying law at night, ^{and}, of course he would not

patience with his pupils
 he should have. However,
 not know who is to blame -
 and will leave that for you to
 find out, if you will. Mr. Mann,
 I understand, has had trouble with
 other boys too, who are out of school.
 Will you kindly talk to Gilbert and
 the other boys also who have been
 barred from school, and, let me
 hear from you? As we are very
 anxious to have Gilbert continue
 his school work and finish this
 year. Awaiting your convenience,

I am,

Respectfully Yours,

Mrs. S. H. Reville.

Peever, S. Dak.

CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

February 5, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Renville:-

Mrs. Foster has handed me your letter of January 29th, suggesting that I make reply. You say you understand that Gilbert has been barred from school through some trouble with Mr. Mann. Gilbert has not been barred from school at all. In the first place, he entered this school November 5 - two whole months after the school year had opened; and by coming so late, it was very questionable whether or not he could catch up with the senior class. I took his word for it that he had finished first year high school at Peever, and assigned him to our senior class. Since that time, I have had reason for further investigation relative to the work he did in Peever and I am even now awaiting replies to certain letters of inquiry I have sent out.

Gilbert was badly behind in algebra; and in order that he and another boy who came late might catch up, Mr. Mann, the teacher of algebra, consented at my request to give an hour of his own time every evening for a month to giving them special instruction. This was Mr. Mann's own time and he was under no obligation whatsoever to give it. The fact that Mr. Mann gave that time was for the sole purpose of accommodating Gilbert and this other boy. Gilbert did not make satisfactory progress in algebra and at the end of the month of special instruction he seemed no farther along than when he had begun. Mr. Mann then told him that he would spend no further time in giving him special instruction of evenings. It may be that Mr. Mann was somewhat peevish about it, but I hardly feel like reproving him in any case, since he was giving this time without any obligation to do so other than a laudable desire to see the boys get on. I might mention, too, that during a portion of this time, while Gilbert was taking special instruction in algebra from Mr. Mann, he (Gilbert) was under punishment at quarters for general disobedience of school regulations. This kept him out of academic classes for something more than a week and put him farther behind than ever before.

In view of all this, it became very evident some little time ago that Gilbert could not possibly

graduate next May with the present senior class. I told him so the other day when he came to re-enter school after finishing his term of punishment. He then asked that he be permitted to "work all day" from now until the next school year opens, at which time he could begin square with his class. I told him he would have to settle that matter with the head of the school, Mr. Lipps. I have not seen Gilbert in the academic classes since then, and I understand that he is working all day at his trade.

Now, Mrs. Renville, I have told you the whole story, just as the facts are. As to Mr. Mann's being somewhat impatient with his pupils, I will not say that that is not the case. I have had a suspicion that perhaps he might be more patient than he is. But I do not believe that that is either here or there in this case. The fact, as I see it, is that for some reason or other Gilbert never overcame the handicap of coming in two months late. He might get through all right in history and English, but I don't think any teacher could get him to catch up with his class in mathematics.

Another thing is that I seriously doubt the advisability of issuing certificates of graduation to students who have been with us less than a full year of time. There is something more than mere progress in studies. A student must get something of the spirit of the school before he should be entitled to become a CARLISLE GRADUATE. I doubt if Gilbert has caught the proper spirit. His trouble at quarters recently would seem to indicate that he has not, or else that he has come under the untoward influence of somebody.

Believe me, Mrs. Renville, everything that I have written in the foregoing pages is written with the very kindest of spirit. I have confined myself to setting forth the facts as I see them, for I believe that is what you want to get at.

Very sincerely yours,

Principal, Academic Department.

Mrs. S. H. Renville,
Box 132, Peever, South Dakota.

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S. Dak.



Mrs. E. Foster,
Carlisle,
cp Ind. School. Penn.

Mr. De Hoff - I think you
ought to see this letter - I want
to answer it as soon as possible.

Respectfully
E. H. Johnson.

Peever, S. Dak.

Jan. 29th 1915.

Dear Mrs. Foster. -

I understand that Gilbert has been barred from school through some trouble with Mr. Mann. I do hope he is back by this time, as we are very anxious to have him remain a senior - and I do not think the Print shop will do him much good.

Will you kindly see what can be done toward getting Gilbert back in school - as I am under the impression that Gilbert is not wholly to blame. It seems Mr. Mann is trying to study law and teach at the same time - and, consequently cannot be expected to have the required patience with pupils. He scolds if they do not answer questions that they have

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ever had before. So, while I do not exonerate Gilbert from blame - I think there is some blame on Mr. Mann's side, as he has had trouble with several boys, I understand. Please do not think I am trying to find fault with Mr. Mann, in particular - but, he may bear investigation?

Kindly let me hear from you regarding the trouble. I think Gilbert will tell you. I wrote Mr. Lipps. Thanking you for your kindly interest in Gilbert, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

R. Renville,

(Mrs. S. H.)

Robert Renville

Supt. C. W. Lippert
Carlisle Indian School
Carlisle, Penna.

Oct. 15th, 1914.

Mrs. S. H. Renville,
Peever, South Dakota.

My dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of October the 12th, this is to advise you that there should be ample time to arrange for the transfer to Carlisle of your sixteen year old son by the time David Peever is ready to return to this school the latter part of this month, providing, of course the boy is eligible for enrolment and it is decided by Superintendent Mossman that there are good and sufficient reasons why he should be taken out of the public High School at your home and transferred to Carlisle where the Government will have to assume the responsibility of educating and caring for him.

I enclose herewith a blank upon which the application for enrolment may be brought to the Superintendent's attention and just as soon as I am advised definitely what action is recommended by Mr. Mossman such other arrangements as are required will be made.

Very respectfully,

Supervisor in Charge.

HKM.

(Copy to Superintendent Mossman)

Peever, S. Dak. 10/12/14.

Supt. O. W. Lipps,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear Sir. - We have a boy
a little over sixteen years of age
who would like to go to Carlisle.
He has been attending high school
here ^{and} this would have been his
second year in high school.

He wants to go to Carlisle with
David Peever, who returns there about
the 28th of this month.

Would it be possible for you to
have the ticket for transportation
at this depot before that date?

Kindly let me hear from you
regarding Gilbert going to Carlisle.
He is a brother of Florence ^{and} Germaine
Renville, who graduated from Carlisle
this spring. Awaiting your con-
venience, I am, Respectfully Yours,
(Mrs. S. N.) P. Renville.

