

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

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SHAW-WALKER, MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN. 43445

Months in school before Carlisle,..... 36

Church... Catholic

5 mi. to public school

No. 5355

11-27-14

Cath.

Progress from

FIRST YEAR IN THIS SCHOOL

Class or grade

Academic-----standing*

Industrial_____standing*
(Department)

Musical: Band....standing*

Vocal.....standing*

Orchestra-----standing*-----

Department.....standing*

Physical condition.....

Remarks: _____

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

CARLISLE SCHOOL

8-7-15

Mr. Meyer -

Pls note & return.

for

Mr. De Huff:

Such a letter
does my heart
good. I trust
you are having
a copy made
to mail to his
Supt. so that
it will go on
file.

Respectfully,

copy sent Meyer

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going to do next at any time. You have shown yourself unreliable and indisposed to conform to the rules and regulations governing a school of this sort. August 7, 1915.
the usual story of a boy of your age concerning how you had been held back and were now waking up to a realization that you had missed, and as soon as the ice melted in the spring and we need you for a little heavy work in the barn and forget all of the good opinion we had formed about you.

Ben Bearchild,

c/o J. H. McGillis,
Burgettstown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August fourth, addressed to Mr. Gehringer, was passed over to me at my request in order that I might make reply.

You say that you wish to come back to the school on the first of September, but that since you are a jail breaker and a runaway you thought you would first ask for permission to come. I would say that the most thoughtful thing you have done in a long time is to ask permission to come back before actually coming.

I recall that one day last fall, Mr. Griffiths brought you down to my office at the academic building and gave me a line of very favorable talk concerning you and what you wanted to do. He said you were a worthy young man, that you had not had a fair chance to secure an education, and that he hoped that everything possible might be done in order to enable you to make up for lost time. He said he felt sure that you were in dead earnest and that you were an excellent addition to our student body.

It was not so very long after that that I began to hear things concerning your conduct at quarters. In spite of the confidence Mr. Griffiths reposed in you, you seemed to have had trouble with Mr. Shambaugh, your instructor in blacksmithing, and you refused to obey his orders and instructions. For this he had to take you over to Mr. Gehringer for disciplinary purposes; then, later on, you disobeyed Mr. Gehringer, and for your disobedience he took you to task and gave you your choice between working in the boiler house and going to the guard house. You chose the guard house, and then broke jail and ran away.

Acting Superintendent.

Now, do you think you are the sort of young man we care to waste any time on in this school? I don't think that any expenditure of effort to make a man out of you would be justified. We have no way of knowing what you are

Ben Bearchild,....#3.

going to do next at any time. You have shown yourself unreliable and indisposed to conform to the rules and regulations governing a school of this sort. You came here with the usual story of a boy of your age concerning how you had been held back and were now waking up to a realization of the things that you had missed, and as soon as the ice begins to melt in the spring and we need you for a little heavy work, you leave us in the lurch and forfeit all of the good opinion we had formed about you.

I am inclined to think that the reason why you are trying to get back to Carlisle now is that you see that winter is coming on, and the old school with its comfortable beds and its plentiful supply of beefsteak and potatoes is a pretty good place to winter over. If you were to come back we could expect nothing else of you than that you might make some little pretence of studying during the winter months and that as soon as the birds begin to sing again, you would make your get-away, the same as you did last spring, and leave us in the lurch again. In other words, I don't believe you have any definite purpose in mind, excepting to shift along and make of the Government the goat to bear the brunt of your shiftlessness.

Mr. Lipps will return to Carlisle about the first of September. I am going to leave this matter for him to decide. I don't know what he will say, but I can assure you that I am going to recommend strongly against your readmission.

My best counsel and advice to you would be to try to get a job where you can work all through the winter. You are big enough and old enough now that you ought to be making your own way. If you could get employment somewhere where there is a night school, the best thing for you to do would be for you to work all day and go to school in the evening. I think a little experience of this sort would do you more good than to be in a place like Carlisle where things come too easy.

Respectfully,

JDD:SR

Acting Superintendent.

Burgittstown.
Pa.

8-4-15.

Mr. Garinger.

Dear Sir:

I am coming back to the
school on the first of Sept.
To attend school.

Being that I am a jail breaker
and a runaway I thought
that I would notifig you first
befor I come back.

I did not brake out of jail for
meanness. I had never been
in jail in my life untile then
and I did not like it.

I did not intend to run away
untile after I broke jail I
went right up to my room
and stayed there untile after
supper, and whil I was in
my room I thought over the
matter I was sorry that I
broke jail.

I thought I would get an
awful punishment so
I left that night after the
chapel services,

please answer this letter
so I will know if you
have any objections.

I have been working at my
trade all summer.

I do not use intoxicating
liquors of any kind.

Nether do I use tobacco
in any form
Very truly

Ben Bearchild.

Burgettstown

Pa.
to J. H. Mc Gillis.

NAME Ben Bear Child Sex ☒ Male. ☐ Female.

Tribes ☒ Full Blackfeet State Mont. Date Nov-27, 1918

Age 19 years Respiration 18 Condition of, Eyes Negative

Height 5 ft. 8 1/2 ins. Mensuration { Insp. 39

Weight 139 1/2 lbs. { Exp. 35 Ears Negative

Temperature 97.8 Vaccination Good scar Throat Negative

Pulse 66 Vision " Cervical glands "

Inspection " Skin "

Palpation Negative

Percussion "

Auscultation "

Heart "

(Menstruation) "

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father			yes	injury
Mother			"	Killed
Brothers	3			
Sisters	2			

Personal history never sick, general good health

Present condition Good

Walter Prudden, 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.

Name _____

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

(On _____, 19____)

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April 26th, 1915.

Mr. C. L. Ellis,
Superintendent, Blackfeet Agency,
Browning, Mont.

My dear Sir:

I regret that I must report to you that Ben Bearchild broke out of the guard-house a week ago and that he is now a deserter. He took with him a base ball suit and upon his arrival at home I would thank you to notify me.

Ben should be required to pay for the suit and it is desired that your co-operation in the matter be extended.

Ben was sent to Carlisle late in the fall and it was represented that he had been carefully selected for transfer.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Copy to Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Columbus N. M.

11-5-15

Mr. O. H. Lipps, Superintendent
Carlisle Indian Vocational School
Dear Sir,

In regards to My leaving
Carlisle last spring in April.
During What time I was going to
school at Carlisle I was getting
along nicely untill I got in with
bad Company, I did not want every
body to know that because I was
getting along nicely so I left for
my home in Montana.

After I reached home I seen My Mistake
but did not want to go back on account
of leaving on Misconduct.
So I determined to enlist in the U.S.
army so as to make a man of My
self because I will have to stay there
and behave like a man ought to.
What I want to know is Wheather I
owe you or Wheather you owe me
I paid My railroad fare and expenses
from Carlisle to Browning Montana

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Yours Truly

Ben Bearchild

Troop, Q. 13th Cavalry

Columbus

New Mexico,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Blackfeet Agency, June 3rd, 1915.

Browning, Montana, May 1, 1915.

Supervisor O. J. Lipps,
Mr. C. L. Ellis,
Superintendent, Blackfeet Agency,
Browning, Mont.

Dear Mr. Ellis:

My dear Mr. Lipps:

Referring to the report that Ben Bearchild took
with him when he deserted from Carlisle a baseball suit,
I now take pleasure in stating that the suit has been
located and that Ben need not be held responsible for
its value.

Thanking you for the assurance of co-operation con-
tained in your favor of May the 1st, I remain,

Very truly yours,

C. Lewis
Superintendent.

WKM.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Blackfeet Agency,

Browning, Montana, May 1, 1915.

Supervisor O. H. Lipps,

United States Indian School,

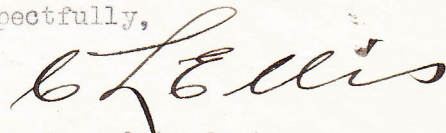
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

I have your letter of April 26th, reporting that Ben Bearchild broke out of the guard-house a short time ago, and that he is now a deserter; also that he took with him a base ball suit.

I will keep on the look out for Ben and should I be able to locate him, he will be made to pay for the base ball suit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Lewis".

Superintendent.

PH

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Aug. 26th, 1915.

Mr. Charles L. Ellis,
Superintendent, Blackfeet Agency,
Browning, Mont.

My dear Sir:

I am having transmitted herewith for your information a copy of a letter I addressed to Ben Bear-child, who was sent here from the Blackfeet Agency in November of 1914.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

Benj. Gearchild

PRESENT NAME