

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

4401

NUMBER 2778	ENGLISH NAME Laura Merivall	AGENCY Pine Ridge, S.D.	NATION Sioux					
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS						
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.	
FATHER, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MOTHER, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12	18	129	107 1/2	34	29	F.
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 26, 1912.	FOR WHAT PERIOD Three years	DATE DISCHARGED 6-1-15	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Time out.					
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY		
4-10-13 6-4-14	J. Hazlen West Chester Pa. On leave					8-29-13 9-12-14		

THE SHAW-WALKER CO. MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN 431074

Months in school before Carlisle,.....

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....

Grade at date of Discharge,.....

Grade or Industry, .....

Church, Catholic

CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

4401

No. 2778

NAME.

AGE.

TRIBE.

DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.

NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY.

Laura Merivall

18

Sioux

1/2

Pine Ridge S. D.

DATE ENTERED.	Months in school before enrollment here.	IN WHAT GRADE OR ROOM.		Distance to nearest public school from pupil's home.	REMARKS.		
		On entering here.	At date of this report.		(Temporarily absent, outing, deserters, on sick leave, special authorities for enrollment, etc.)		
Sept. 26, '12					To COUNTRY	FROM COUNTRY	DATE DISCHARGE
Sept. 1913			No. 5			8-29-13	
April 1914.			No. 6		6-4-14 leave	9-12-14-L	6-1-15-
Sept. 14	u	u	6	u			
Sept. 15	-	-	V				

Catholic  
~ 1839 ~

Progress from \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

(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*								
Department standing*								
Physical condition								

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



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BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

*Joseph Morriste*

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*Laura Merrival*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

*Carlisle, Pa.*

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

*Pine Ridge*

Date of enrollment, *September, 1912.*, 190

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

NAME OF COLLECTING AGENT:

*Voluntary*

Position, \_\_\_\_\_



## 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 Laure Merrival (Name of child.) ; female (Sex.) ; date of birth Nov. 27, 1894

Soux  
(Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. (Both Indian and English.)	LIVING OR DEAD.	TRIBE.	BAND.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>Charles Merrival</u>	<u>dead</u>	<u>Sicux</u>	<u>Oglala</u>	<u>half</u>
NAME OF MOTHER.				
<u>Maggie Merrival</u>	<u>dead</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>half</u>

I, Joseph Morriette  
J. P. Johnson (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.), do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to her

enrollment in said school for a period of three (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.	<u>H. M. Mission</u>	<u>1904</u>	<u>1906</u>		
2.	<u>Oglala Boarding</u>	<u>1907</u>	<u>1909</u>		
3.	<u>Flandreau</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>1912</u>	<u>expiration of time</u>	<u>5th</u>
4.					

Joe Morriette  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

P. O. address: Pine Ridge,

Two witnesses:

S. D.



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 21st day of August 1912, 190

*Ed B Walker*

Physician at Indian Agency.

*Am Budge*

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 A. F. Johnson *Joseph Mariselle* was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of the said child. (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

This 21st day of August 1912, 190

*John R. Duncan*  
Agent or Superintendent.

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, I made a careful examination of the physical condition of \_\_\_\_\_, the child named in the foregoing application, and found \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_  
(As soon after arrival as possible.)

I therefore recommend that the said child be \_\_\_\_\_ enrolled in this school.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190

School Physician.

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.

If the information called for on any part of the blank is not known, that fact should be stated. No space should be left unfilled. Whether the parents are living or dead, their names must be given.

The person who signs the blank as consenting to the transfer should indicate his relation to the applicant by marking out the word "parent," "guardian," or "next of kin," leaving unmarked only the title appropriate to the signer.



## INDORSEMENTS.

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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; but in all cases where the parents are living they should first be consulted.

This form is to be used only in transfers from reservations or Indian schools to nonreservation schools.



no. 4401

NAME Laura Merival

Sex  Male  Female

Tribes ~~Sioux~~ Sioux State South Dakota Sept 27, 1912

Age 18 years Respiration \_\_\_\_\_ Condition of Eyes 0/c

Height 5 ft. 2 ins. Mensuration { Insp. 34 Ears 0/c

Weight 107 1/4 lbs. { Exp. 29 Throat \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature 98.2 Vaccination yes Cervical glands \_\_\_\_\_

Pulse \_\_\_\_\_ Vision \_\_\_\_\_ Skin \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection not well developed

Palpation normal

Percussion normal

Auscultation normal

Heart normal

(Menstruation) regular

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father			yes	ears & cataract
Mother			yes	congestion.
Brothers	}		}	
Sisters				

Personal history none

Present condition good

H. B. Fraley, 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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~~Female~~Tribe {~~Fort~~  
1/4}

Sioux

State

South Dakota

Sept 27, 1912

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Auscultation

normal

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normal

(Menstruation)

regular

## FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father			yes	Heart + cataract
Mother			yes.	confinement
Brothers	none		none	
Sisters	none		none	

Personal history

none

Present condition

good

H. B. Frahm, M. D.

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May 10th, 1915.

Rev. A. P. Johnson,

Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota.

My dear Sir:

When Laura Merrivall was seen at this office this morning relative to the completing of arrangements for her to join the party of home-going girls on June the 1st, she stated that she desires to go to the home of her aunt, Mrs. Mollie Vlandre, at Vetat, South Dakota.

Will you please let me hear from you whether it meets with your approval to have her go to the Rosebud Reservation as she desires to do?

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

(Copy to Superintendent Brennan)

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Febr. 23rd, 1915.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Edward S. Stewart,  
Examiner of Inheritance, Pine Ridge Agcy.,  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith Laura Merrivall's affidavit to the effect that she is the only living child of Charles C. Merrivall, deceased Pine Ridge Sioux allottee No. 50, as was requested in your favor of January the 20th.

The notice of hearing you transmitted with your letter was served on Laura Merrivall as soon as it was received here.

Very respectfully,  
Supervisor in Charge,  
Indian School.

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.





DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pine Ridge, South Dakota,  
January 20, 1915.

Superintendent O. H. Lipps,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a notice of hearing to determine the heirs of Charles C. Merrival, deceased Pine Ridge Sioux allottee No. 50, to be served on Laura Merrival, daughter of the decedent, who is a student at your school, the hearing to be held on the 22nd day of February, 1915.

On the 22nd day of February, I would thank you to call her into your office and procure some testimony from her relative to her relationship to the decedent, Charles C. Merrival, and forward the same to me.

Very respectfully,

*Edward S. Stewart*

Examiner of Inheritance.

JJP.  
encls.

*only child*



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Rev. A. F. Johnson.

May 2nd, 1914.

I will state further that I would not object to  
Laura's going here for the summer vacation months, if the  
Rev. A. F. Johnson,  
Pine Ridge, South Dakota,  
required that such could be provided for her transportation.

My dear Sir:

The letter you addressed to me on April the 27th,  
regarding the condition of Laura Merivale's health, was re-  
ferred to our School Physician with a request that he make  
a definite report. I submit below for your information the  
doctor's statement:

"Laura Merivale is not in a condition that  
merits any anxiety. I looked her over carefully  
and can find no signs of serious disorder. There  
is a slight loss of weight which is more apparent  
than real as her clothing is necessarily of light-  
er weight now than during the winter. This loss  
is only four pounds, and may be looked upon as  
normal at this time of the year. Laura gives  
every indication of being very homesick."

I have also been advised that from October to March,  
inclusive, Laura's weight has been as follows:

October	--	109-1/2
November	--	111-1/2
December	--	111
January	--	115
February	--	111
March	--	109

-2- Rev. A. F. Johnson.

I will state further that I would not object to Laura's going home for the summer vacation months, if the required amount could be provided for her transportation. However, I feel safe in saying that the condition of her health does not make such action imperative and that she can continue with her work here without injuring her health.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Copy to Superintendent Brennan.

*A. F. Johnson*



JOHNSON  
MISSIONARY

Pine Ridge, So. Dak., April 27th, 1914

Supt. C.H. Lipps,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Sir:-

Will you kindly let us know of the general physical condition, in regard to her health, of Laura Merrivall?

We would like very much, if the School Physician could make a thorough examination of her case and let us hear from you at an early date.

We would especially like to know the record of her weights during the past year, and to hear if it is decreasing.

She has been very unhappy of late, and has been begging to be allowed to come home. Her parents are both dead, and she has neither brothers nor sisters. But if it is a beginning of a decline of health that is causing this uneasiness, we would like to see her excused.

We want to try to do the right thing for your school, and also for the poor orphan, and will await your reply with much interest.

Yours very sincerely,

*A. J. Johnson*

Sept. 14th, 1914.

Mr. John R. Brennan,  
Superintendent, The Pine Ridge Agency,  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

My dear Sir:

I have to advise you that not one of the applications which was handed to me this morning by Laura Merri-  
vall is satisfactorily filled out. They are being re-  
turned here with so that your approval can be noted there-  
on and so that you can file with the applications your  
recommendation in regard to the three students who are  
to be enrolled for their first term at Carlisle. It  
should have been arranged for a physician to examine Jos.  
Old Shield before he was sent on, and in all cases the  
physician who examines students who desire to be trans-  
ferred to Carlisle should note his findings on "case rec-  
ord" blank "5-354".

Trusting that completed applications will be re-  
quired by you before the students mentioned in our ex-  
change of telegrams last week will be sent on, I remain,

Very respectfully,

Encls.

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.



Pine Ridge  
South Dak.

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Sept. 4th, 1914.

Miss Laura Merrivall,

Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

My Dear Friend:

Replying to your letter of recent date, this is to state that I had transportation placed for your use at Rushville on Saturday, August the 29th. The ticket should be ready for use by this time and it is hoped you will not have to lose much time from your studies. School opened on Tuesday, the 1st of September.

Regarding the enrolment of your five year old cousin, this is to state that so young a girl cannot be admitted here. She could not be given the care she should have and so it will be better for you to have her placed in some school nearer your home where other smaller children are enrolled.

Hoping that we shall see you here soon, I remain,

Your friend,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Pine Ridge  
South Dak.

J. Lipps.  
Carlisle, Pa.

I would like for you to send  
my ticket about the fifteenth  
of Sept. as I want to return  
by then. Also I would like  
to know if I can bring a little  
cousin of mine she is five  
years old I would like to know  
if she can just come for  
only one year if she come  
I'll pay her way coming  
and going as she is not  
old enough yet to sign  
for a full term so I would  
like to hear about this  
as soon as possible.

I will now conclude my



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at wishes to all  
your pupil.

Luna Merriam.

November 24, 1915.

Mrs. Wm. Patton,  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

My dear Laura:

I thank you very much for remembering me with an invitation to your wedding. I wish for you a most happy and prosperous life.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Very respectfully,

OHL:SR

Superintendent.



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You are cordially invited to attend the wedding

of

Mr. William Patton

and

Miss Laura Mervin

at

Holy Rosary Mission

November Fifteenth, Nineteen hundred and fifteen

dinner at Pine Ridge Hotel

1:30 O'clock

Six o'clock

dance at Dewing, 7:30 P. M.

Although you are many miles away you are  
remembered by one of the "Carlisle girls".



REV. A. F. JOHNSON  
DISTRICT MISSIONARY

Pine Ridge, So. Dak.,... Jan. ... 18, ..... 1913..

The Supt. Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir :-

I would like to have you kindly arrange, as far as possible, to let Laura Marrivall have the use of money I have sent her, but now on deposit to her credit. She has plenty of money: is delicate, and the pleasure in the use of her money will create conditions in her make up that will help to lengthen her years.

All her family are gone, both parents, and all her brothers and sisters. Her father died of heart trouble, and she sometimes shows the same symptoms.

As she has no home I am in hopes she will find home-like surroundings in your school. Perhaps you know what a dreadful place an Indian Agency is for a young orphan like Laura, so she is quite a problem to those concerned.

~~May I also suggest that in arrainging for her surrer vacation, that in her case, you give special consideration to the matter of climatic surroundings.~~

Wishing great successto to your school,

yours very sincerely,

A. F. Johnson,

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REPORT OF Laura Messerale pupil of Carlisle Indian School, who went April 10 to live with Mrs. J. Harlan of Pa., West Chester Railroad Station

Conduct ex.

Health good

Ability very well

Cleanliness good

Economy "

Situation of Room 3

Condition of Room very neat

Condition of Clothing good

Wages \$2 per wk

Are careful accounts kept by patron? yes

Are careful accounts kept by pupil? "

Number of days at school

Distance to school

Grade or quality of school

Name and address of teacher

Qualifications of teacher

In what grade was pupil at Carlisle?

In what grade is pupil at present?

Attends what church and Sunday school? yes

Distance to church

Is there a Catholic church in locality?

Who compose patron's family? h + wife

What other help is employed? none

Locality of home

Home life and environments

Trade at school

Nature of work gen. house

Pupil's age 19 Experience good



Any general statement or wishes of patron or pupils, together with Agent's estimate of place, people, and pupil:

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OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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Name of Student *Laura Merrivale* Home Address *Pine Ridge, S.D.* Tribe *Sioux*

Age at Entrance	Date of Entrance	Shop	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL OR AVERAGE
<i>18</i>	<i>9-26-'12</i>		<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	
Patron	Locality		Days in School												
<i>Dr. J. Harlan</i>															
Address	R. R. Station		Conduct												
<i>West Chester, Pa.</i>			<i>E</i>												
Recommended by	Grade in School		Ability												
			<i>2.5</i>												
Grade of Home	Church		Health												
			<i>5</i>												
Date of Outing	Date Returned	Wages	Earnings												
<i>4-10-'13</i>	<i>8-29-'13</i>		<i>6.</i>												







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May 23rd, 1914.

Rev. A. F. Johnson,

Pine Ridge Agency, S. D.

Dear Sir:

Referring further to our correspondence of recent date, regarding the return home of Laura Merivale, this is to advise that she will leave here on Thursday, June the 4th.

Transportation to Rushville will be procured for her use.

Very truly yours,

H.M.

Supervisor in Charge.



REV. A. F. JOHNSON

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May 19th, 1914.

Pine Ridge, So. Dak., May 19, 1914

Rev. A. F. Johnson,  
Pine Ridge Agency, So. Dak.

My dear Sir:

The amount of \$75.00 you transmitted to me with your favor of May the 14th has been placed to the credit of Laura Merivale and it will be used to provide transportation for her visit with you during the summer vacation months.

Since the date your letter reached me I have received Superintendent Brennan's approval of your request for Laura's return home, and in compliance with your wishes this is to advise that she will leave here with the other girls who are entitled to return home this year on June the 8th.

Very respectfully,

H.M.

Supervisor in Charge.

Copy to Superintendent Brennan.

*Laura Merivale*  
*A. F. Johnson*

JOHNSON  
MISSIONARY

Pine Ridge, So. Dak., May 14.....1914..

Sup. A. H. Lipps  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir :-

Replying to yours May 2 - Laura Marnivill  
I send you check for \$75<sup>00</sup>  
Please give her the balance in cash from  
the necessary deposit for her to  
come home for vacation and  
let us hear from you, when  
we are to look for her arrival.

You will receive tomorrow a letter  
from Supt. Brennan

Yours very truly,

A. F. Johnson

Missionary



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

May 19th, 1914.

Pine Ridge, S. D.

May 16, 1914.

Mr. John R. Brennan,  
Superintendent, Pine Ridge Agency,  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

My dear Sir:

I have noted the recommendation contained in your letter of May the 16th, and although I too would prefer to see Laura Merivale remain in school, it will probably be best to let her spend the vacation months with the family of the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

I submit herewith for your information a copy of the letter that has just been addressed to Mr. Johnson.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

HKM.

Very respectfully,  
Supervisor in Charge.

*John R. Brennan*  
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pine Ridge, S.D.,

May 16, 1914.

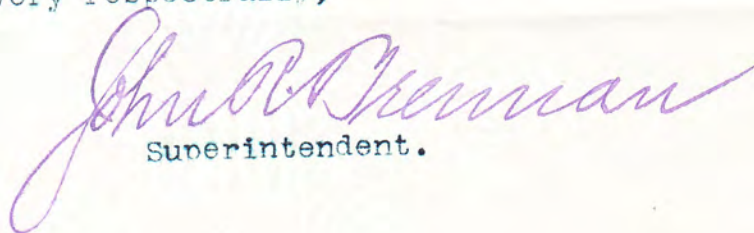
Mr. O. H. Lipps,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I will recommend that Laura Merrivall be allowed to come home for the summer vacation. I understand her guardian will send her money enough for both ways.

While we would prefer her to stay if voluntary on her part, it is thought best to let her come if she prefers. Her father and mother both died rather young, and she has probably not inherited a very rugged constitution.

Very respectfully,

  
Superintendent.

J.J.D.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

May 2nd., 1914.

Mr. Meyer-Laura Merrival is not in a condition that merits any anxiety. I looked her over carefully and can find no signs of serious disorder. There is a slight loss of weight which is more apparent than real as her clothing is necessarily of lighter weight now than during the Winter. This loss is only four pounds, and may be looked upon as normal at this time of the year. Laura gives every indication of being very homesick.

Yours respectfully,

Walter Rindstaff M. D.

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Miss Laura  
South Dakota  
Aug. 25, 1914.

August 29th, 1914.

Miss Laura Merrivall,  
Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

My dear Friend:

I was pleased to receive your letter of August the 25th and to learn that you are anxious to return to Carlisle to resume your studies. In order that you can do so I am having transportation placed at Puschville for your use, and the ticket should be available within several days after the receipt of this letter.

I do not intend to send any one from this school this year to bring students from the Pine Ridge Reservation, so if any of your friends desire to come with you they should submit their applications for enrolment to Superintendent Brennan for his consideration and approval. The blanks I enclose herewith may be handed to those boys and girls who are interested.

Hoping that a number of other young people will return to Carlisle with you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HCM.

Supervisor in Charge.

(Copy to Superintendent Brennan)



Pine Ridge  
South Dakota  
Aug. 25. 1914.

Lipp  
artistic Indian School  
Penna.

Dear friend,

I will take a little  
of my time and write a  
letter and let you know that  
I am certainly enjoying  
my summer vacation.

I am well and doing  
fine at home. we are having  
cold weather already.

I am trying to get  
some boys and girls to come  
back with me.

Is there any baby  
coming after students?

I am busy working all

Time.

now conclude my  
best wishes to all.

of our pupil.

Laura Merriwell.



Pine Ridge, S. D.,

November 13, 1914.

Mr. O. H. Meece,

Supervisor in Charge,

Carlisle, Pa.;

November 16th, 1914.

Mr. J. J. Duncan,

Day School Inspector, and a money order for \$4.00 for

Laura Merriv Pine Ridge S.D. for travelling expenses.

Dear Sir,

Very respectfully,

I have your favor of the 13th, enclosing money  
order for \$4.00 in favor of Laura Merrivall, which will  
be handed her as desired.

Respectfully,

W.H.M.

Supervisor in charge.

Pine Ridge, S. D.,

November 13, 1914.

Mr. O. H. Lipps,

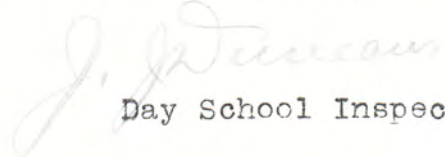
Supervisor in Charge,

Carlisle, Pa.;

Sir:

Enclosed please find a money order for \$4.00 for  
Laura Merrivale, reimbursement for travelling expenses.

Very respectfully,



Day School Inspector.

JJD/M



-3- Rev. A. F. Johnson, Pine Ridge, S. D.

Dec. 23rd, 1914.

convenienced awaiting it, I am, with the compliments of the season,

Rev. A. F. Johnson,

Very truly yours,

Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

My dear Sir:

Supervisor in Charge.

Replying to the letter you addressed to Mr. Meyer at this school on November the 30th, this is to advise that when Laura Merrival was finally seen at this office in regard to the matter mentioned in your letter she claimed that she expended most of the amount of sixty dollars she secured from you for clothes and other necessary articles. From it she had to pay stage fare for herself from Pine Ridge Agency to Rushville and the amount it cost to have her trunk transported over that same distance.

After her arrival here she was reimbursed for an amount of \$2.70 she had expended for meals enroute. Stage fare for the students who came to Carlisle with her seemed to be due to Mr. Duncan and the check for the amount was sent to him. Laura stated that Mr. Duncan returned an amount of \$4.00 to her.

Regretting that this reply to your letter has been so long delayed, but with the hope that you have not been in-

JOHNSON  
MISSIONARY

Pine Ridge, So. Dak., Nov 30 1914

My Dear Mr Meyer :-

Thank you very much for  
your School Calendar ~~has~~ received.

I am quite interested in the financial  
affairs of Laura Merrivel and will  
thank you very much if you could  
let me know if she received a  
refund from your School Treasury  
because of the ~~low~~ class of pupils she  
brought to the School.

Also did she receive it, or has it been  
placed to her credit acct?

She drew heavily on me just as she was  
leaving, to have funds for those who went with  
her, and Mr Daneau told me these amounts  
would be refunded.

Yours very truly,

A. F. Johnson

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pine Ridge Indian Agency

April 22nd, 1915.

Pine Ridge, S. D.  
April 7, 1915.

Mr. John E. Brennan,  
Supt., The Pine Ridge Agency,  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

Mr. Oscar H. Lippe,  
My dear Sir:  
Superintendent.

There is being returned to you herewith the lease, in quadruplicate, which was transmitted to me with your letter of the 7th instant for Laura Merrivall's attention. The papers have been signed and otherwise executed as was requested.

Very respectfully,

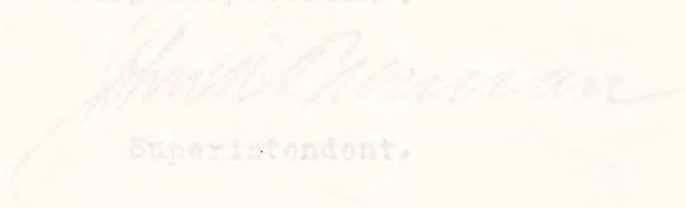
Laura sign on the third page on line marked "lessor", before a notary public and return to me.

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

The lease is for a period of one year commencing April 1, 1915.

Very respectfully,



HHS-4 enclos.

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pine Ridge, S. D.,

April 27, 1915.

Mr. O. H. Lipps,  
Supervisor in Charge,  
Carlisle, Pa.;

Sir:

I wish you would give me an account of what was paid Laura Merrivall for taking the party of pupils to Carlisle.

I knew at the time she had plenty of money to meet her own expenses, and Mary Chief was given \$25.00 by her father at Rushville in my presence, and the other Chief girl no doubt had enough: so I fixed up vouchers for her until they could get away from Rushville on the train; and instructed her how to make out the vouchers, and told her to collect from the other pupils by the way.

I understood she wrote back that she did not get what was coming to her. I would like to know how it stands so I can explain to her guardian.

Very respectfully,

*J. J. Duncan*  
Day School Inspector.

JJD/M



Dakota Indian Mission

REV. A. F. JOHNSON  
DISTRICT MISSIONARY

Pine Ridge, So. Dak., ..... May 26 1915

Sept. W. H. Lipp  
Carlisle Pa.

My dear Sir :-

Yours May 18<sup>th</sup> - Laura Merriwell's  
request to go to Velal. duly received.

Its a trying problem.

Today the decision seems to get a  
majority vote to allow her to go  
there. Cody, Neb. is the depot.

I trust you can notify Mrs Valandry to meet  
Laura at Cody

Yours very truly

A. F. Johnson

6/4/20. Tetat Ldg

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Mr. Adipps,  
Dear Sir:

Lana Merrivall  
arrived here alright -  
and likes the place fine.  
She arrived in Cody the  
evening of the third

Yours Resp,  
Mrs Peter Isabella,  
Tetat Ldg,  
Bennett Co.



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# INFORMATION REGARDING RETURNED STUDENTS

## PART 1

### REPORT BY NONRESERVATION SUPERINTENDENT OR RESERVATION SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL, Carlisle, Pa., July 1, 1915., 191

Name, Merrivall, Laura; Sex, F; Age, 20; Deg. Indian Blood, 1/2  
 Belongs: State, So. Dak.; Agency, Pine Ridge; Tribe, Sioux  
 Home address, whose care, etc., C/o Alex. Merrivall, Pine Ridge, So. Dak.  
 Grade in school, V; health, fair to good; height, 5'2"; weight, 105  
 Number months instruction given pupil in each school department, including music, General house-  
work 17; outing 3; laundering 9.  
 Course completed, None; years in this school, 2-2/3  
 Years spent in other schools and names of schools, No data

Character and disposition, Very satisfactory

Recommended for what positions, suitability in order named: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_; 3. \_\_\_\_\_; 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Supt.

## PART 2

### REPORT BY RESERVATION SUPERINTENDENT

AGENCY, \_\_\_\_\_, 191

Date pupil returned from school, \_\_\_\_\_; employed since return as follows:

Are home and local conditions favorable? \_\_\_\_\_

Should he receive assistance to find employment? \_\_\_\_\_

At what employment do you think he would do best? \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Supt.



## SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THIS BLANK

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1. The report of nonreservation school Superintendent should be made at the time or a little before the pupil leaves school, whether at the end of the school year or during the school year, provided the pupil is 18 years of age or over, or younger, if for any special reason the pupil is quitting school permanently. As soon as this report is received, or at least very soon after the pupil returns home, the Supervisor of Indian Employment will correspond with the returned student for the purpose of getting more in personal touch with him and finding out something about his wishes, etc. His answer will be attached to and filed as part of this report.

2. Health, height, and weight of returned students are sometimes very important in placing them properly; height and weight could be approximated very satisfactorily, though from the pupil records now in use all information called for in part 1 of this blank can readily be obtained and be definite.

3. The State, agency, and tribe are important, and where the pupil is not attached to any agency this fact should be stated and the Superintendent should give all available information as to the home and local conditions surrounding the pupil.

4. Where the outgoing pupil has passed the civil-service examination for any position, this fact should always be noted, giving position for which examination was taken.

5. It should be remembered that the Supervisor of Indian Employment can but seldom have a personal acquaintance with the outgoing student, and that he must depend on the information furnished in this report for his basis of action in behalf of the pupil.

6. The degree of Indian blood should always be given, as this fact largely determines how much effort will be made on behalf of any particular returned student; qualifications being equal, or nearly so, the preference will be given to those having the greatest degree of Indian blood.

7. This report should be forwarded promptly to the Supervisor of Indian Employment, Indian Office, Washington, D. C.

8. Reports on students from reservation schools should be made only as to those who leave the schools at 18 years of age, or older, and who will probably not go away to school.

9. If part 1 of this report is made out by the principal of a reservation school, the reservation Superintendent should supply information called for in part 2 if the principal is not informed as to home surroundings and local conditions. Such information is essential to a proper understanding of the difficulties and needs of the pupil.

10. When part 1 is made out by a nonreservation Superintendent, this blank will be sent by the Supervisor of Indian Employment to the Superintendent of the reservation where the outgoing student belongs. He should fill out part 2 and return the blank as promptly as possible, for practically nothing can be done until the information called for in part 2 is supplied.

Information under the heading "Employed since return as follows," will be valuable only in cases where the pupil has been home for some time.



Information regarding pupils to test eligibility and whether in need of Federal aid.

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Date of report April. 26, 1915

Name of child Laura Merriwell Age 18 Grade 5 f

Home post office Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Tribe Sioux Degree of Indian blood 1/2 degree

How many acres of land do you own 160 acres Location Pine Ridge S.D.

What is the annual income from your land The income is sixty dollars a year.

Do you have any other income no How much

Is your father living no

Father's name

Home post office

Tribe Degree of Indian blood

Is he a citizen

How much land does he own Allotment No

What is its estimated value

What is the annual income from his land

Does he have any other income

If so, how much

Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property

Is your mother living no

Mother's name

Home post office

Tribe Degree of Indian blood

Is she a citizen

How much land does your mother own Allotment No

What is its estimated value

What is the annual income from her land .....

Does she have any other income .....

If so, how much .....

Does your mother pay taxes on her land or on personal property .....

With whom do you make your home .....

How many rooms in the house .....

How many live in the house .....

How far is your home from nearest public school .....

Why do you not attend that school .....

How many teachers employed there .....

How many grades maintained .....

How many months of school each year .....

Did you ever attend a public school .....

If so, how long .....

Where .....

How many brothers of school age have you .....

How many sisters of school age have you .....

Are they in school .....

Where .....

Remarks and recommendations of superintendent with reference to eligibility and need of Federal aid:

Superintendent.

NOTE.—One of these blanks should be filled out by each pupil at Government boarding schools, preferably with the assistance of the superintendent or some one designated to act as his representative. If the superintendent is of opinion from the information given that the pupil is entitled to enrollment he should so indicate by signing the blank in the proper place and filing in the individual pupil's folder. In the case of pupils concerning whose eligibility or need of Government aid there is some doubt, superintendents should make proper remarks and recommendations in the space indicated and forward the form to the Indian Office for consideration.