

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

4519

NUMBER 2872	ENGLISH NAME Muryel Springer	AGENCY Macy, Neb.	NATION Omaha	
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Father - Wm. F. Springer. Walthill, Neb.		
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
FATHER, L	MOTHER, L	1/2	13	5-3
			135-1/4	37
			32	7
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 15, 1913	FOR WHAT PERIOD Three years	DATE DISCHARGED June 6, 1916	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Office request	
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS			FROM COUNTRY
5-29-15	C. Leon Lapp, Malvern, Pa.			9-1-15
this young lady is to be re-leased in June of 1916.				

THE SHAW-WALKER CO., MUSKOGEE 121071

Months in school before Carlisle.

Grade entered at Carlisle.

Grade at date of Discharge.

Trade or Industry.

Church, Methodist

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BRIEF

Application of

William F. Sprunger

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Meryl Sprunger

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

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

Term of enrollment *Three* (*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

of Meryl Sprunger; Perma; date of birth March 4, 1900
(Name of Child) (Sex)
Quaha
(Tribe)

NAME OF FATHER (Both Indian and English)	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
<u>William F.</u>				
NAME OF MOTHER				
<u>Grace E.</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>Quaha</u>		<u>3/4</u>
	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>1/8</u>

I, _____, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to
 enrollment in said school for a period of three years, and also obligate myself to abide by all
(Not less than 3)
 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>Public</u>				<u>Fifth</u>
2	<u>Genoa</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>1912</u>		
3					
4					

William F. Sprunger
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Wacchi

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 13 day of Sept, 1913

E. E. Hart M.D.
Physician at Opahe Agency.
Walthill Neb.

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 _____
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)
was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.

This _____ day of _____, 19 _____

John S. Spear
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.

Received
Matthias
Neb.
July 19 1840-

Dear Murel. Rec'd your letter
last night: and you don't know
how grieved it makes us feel
to know what a time you are
having at school. I can't under-
stand why you are having
~~such a time~~ whether it
your fault or some one else's
fault. Evelyn and Alice got along
so nicely there. always had
good reports especially in
conduct.

Now Murel don't you think
it is a good deal your own

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fault: I under stand you have
gotten mixed up with a lot
of unruly girls that have
a good deal of influence over
you and they think it is smart
to act that way. Meryl in
all the years that I went to
a Government school I never
had one bad mark and
you don't know how proud
I would be of you to hear
those kind of reports of
you. We had very very strict
matrons at our school too. It
is so much nicer to get
the confidence of a matron

than not to mind what they
say. You know at those schools
they have to have so many
rules, little and big and
if they would allow a few
girls to break them there
would be no discipline
in the school. I know I have
always been thankful for
all the discipline I got
at school.

I know it must be very hard
for you to be under so strict
a matron you may think
she is worse to you than
any one else. But Meryl,
why don't you just try and

do just what the school requires
of you and give up the
girls you have been chumming
with and find new friends
in the school, and you will
find out you will have
more privileges and friends
among your teachers
and all.

I am going to write to the
matron and find out what
this horrible is all about:
Papa is also going to write
to Supt. Lippis. I don't under-
stand about this whipping
the girls and locking them

I don't understand why
 The Capt or Mr Meyers don't
 write us a personal letter
 about our children and
 tell us these things if
 they are not doing well
 at school.

Now Meryl you just try
 this plan. Don't never
 say any thing back.

To your mother treat her
 just as nice as you can.
 mind all the rules, even
 being in your room.

These are the little things
that count in having friends
and making a good school
and you will see what a
difference it will make in
you and how much better
time you will have.

I know that the Supt. would
not think of expelling girls
there if they will only try.

I want you to be a good
girl and come back with
a good education and
reputation. There is nothing
at all for a young girl in

Walthill. Joe. Lamson is going
there this fall. Muryl if you
wanted you to come home
ever so bad we couldn't
get the money just now.
Times are very hard this
summer out. Rose Evelyn
is going to get a little rent
the first of August and
send you and William some.
Mab. & Evelyn are going to make
you a couple of dresses and
Evelyn is going to get you some
shoes and send them to
you in a short time.
Dapa has been sick for about

Six weeks now & isent-able to-
git-out and make any money.
just yet. Be good to Papa William
and Tell him to write to me.
Papa will write and see if he
cant find you a nice country
home the rest of the summer
Where they will be nice
to you Evelyn never gets
through talking about Mrs Ba-
rough her Country Mother-
I wish you could go and
stay with her until school
takes up. Alice is out-
to Brownaggs. & Evelyn is

over 5 tables. They don't know
just what they are going to do -
this fall. You be a good girl
and Papa said he would
let you and William come
home next summer and
spend your vacation. Why
didn't you go out in that
country this spring you
would have had so much
recreation and would
have learnt so many
nice things.

Now Mum! Papa will

write to Supt. Tipps and you
be a good girl and make good
and you will be all right.
You dont want to come home
why it would be a terrible
disgrace to be expelled
from school. And you so
young only ~~14~~ years old.
Papa will find out where
the trouble lies.

Write to me and ans
this letter as soon as you
get it and Tell me you are
just going to buy your very best
with love from all from Mamma.

What are Mr Meyers initials.
and what does he do at -
The school.

Harvey K. Meyer

Clerk.

July 30th, 1914.

Mr. W. F. Springer,
Walthill, Nebraska.

My dear Sir:

It is to be regretted if the information that was conveyed to you in my letters of June 15th and July 21st left any room for a misunderstanding, so I can only state again that every possible effort has been made to gain the confidence of your daughter and to win from her a real desire to keep from harm. She has selected for her companions only those girls whose records have been had, which statement can be corroborated by your daughters Eveleyn and Alice, whose conduct was always exemplary here, and who were urged by some of their friends here to speak to Meryl about the danger of associating with such girls.

In the different departments to which she was detailed it required constant watching to keep her from giving more attention to clandestine talks and meetings with boys than to her work, and always when spoken to about the danger of such actions she resented it and claimed that she was unjustly treated.

-2- Mr. W. F. Springer, Walthill, Mo.

She has had to be changed from one department to another and from one room to another in the quarters because she could never be depended on to use judiciously any of the privileges that were allowed her. Many of these changes had to be made because Meryl was at all times using every advantage possible to get into communication with or to get a sight of the boys when at work in the several departments or at leisure on the school campus. It was for her own protection that she has been closely watched.

Mrs. Ewing, formerly Matron at the Genoa School, is now in charge of the girls at Carlisle, but Meryl had already made so unsatisfactory a record long before Mrs. Ewing came here that under no circumstances could she be allowed to go to an Outing home, as was requested by your daughters Evelyn and Alice.

Knowing enough about you to feel that you would want me to make a special effort to protect your daughter I have spent a great deal of time talking to Meryl and urging her to give up her bad companions, so that she would have a chance to do better, but in spite of all promises made me she has persisted in her determination to make as unsatisfactory a record as possible, and fearing that serious harm will come to her if

1- Mr. W. F. Springer.

she is not restrained I have already come to you with my request for co-operation.

As I have kept in the closest personal touch with Meryl I am justified in saying that nothing more can be done for her here and I hope to hear soon just when she shall be sent home. The cost of transportation from Carlisle to Walthill was \$27.72 during the month of June, and if any change of fare will go into effect in August there should be but a very few cents difference between the two fares.

Very truly yours,

HCM.

Supervisor in Charge.

(Copy to Superintendent Young)

July 29, 1914.

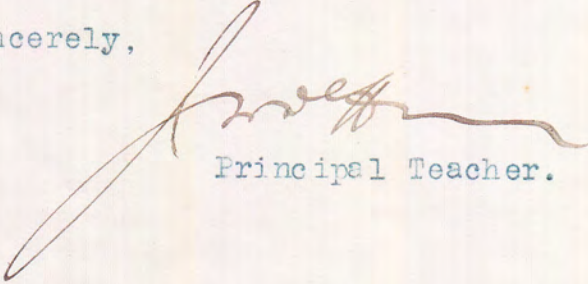
Mrs. Ewing:-

Merl Springer entered Carlisle Indian School September 16, 1913. Assigned to Miss Hagan's room. Her record in studies has been satisfactory and she was promoted March 31, 1914, to Miss Case's room. Miss Hagan seemed to have some trouble with her at first, but later everything seemed to clear up. However, in quarters, it seemed to work just the other way. Merl couldn't be good in two places. Following is record of her marks in conduct.

September, 1913:	Conduct	quarters,	good;	in school,	fair.
October,	"	"	fair;	"	fair.
November,	"	"	fair;	"	very good
December,	"	"	fair;	"	excellent
January, 1914:	"	"	fair;	"	very good.
February,	"	"	good;	"	very good
March,	"	"	(no record)	"	very good
April,	"	"	good	"	good
May,	"	"	fair	"	fair

For the months September - March, the marks in "Conduct in school" were given by Miss Hagan. For the months April-May, by Miss Case.

Sincerely,


Principal Teacher.

jdd/-

Walthill, Nebr., July 27, 1914.

J. H. Lipps, Supt.
Carlisle, Pa.
Dear Sir:--

Replying to yours dated June 15th and also to the additional letter dated July 21st will say I have been ill for several weeks and your letter comes as a severe shock to me.

Quoting from your letter "it has now come to the point where it will not be fair to give her any more of the care and attention that would be better appreciated if given to other girls I desire to know what you can do to co-operate with me."

It would seem that you must have been very deeply exasperated to dictate a letter like this, and I wonder if you mean to say in this letter that her friends and parents would not appreciate the care and attention if given to other girls, or do you mean to imply that Muryl does not appreciate what is done for her? Your statements would be less likely to give offense if more carefully worded, and I trust that no personal offense to Muryl's family or friends is meant in your letter as the statement itself is bad enough to be said about my daughter, as she is appreciative of kindness, and I cannot understand what could have come over the girl that she is giving trouble. She was always mischievous but I can possibly fail to understand what other trouble she might be giving you.

Quoting again from your letter "If you do not want to assume the responsibility of caring for her at your home I will have to take steps to have her confined to some reform institution where they are equipped to take care of girls in any other way."

Sir, did you ever write to me before about her? Have you ever asked me a solitary question concerning her or made a statement before that her conduct was not perfectly endorsed by your faculty?

Certainly you must have been simply mad when you made that statement. What right have you to assume that there might be a question about my assuming the care and responsibility of my daughter, sir? I would certainly be inhuman were I disposed to reject any proposal to assume the responsibility of my own child.

May I ask if the same matron who at one time had charge of the Genoa school is not now matron of the Carlisle school? If so, I can furnish a number of complaints from other girls about the sourness and tyranny of her disposition, and the fault might rest with her. Muryl is a girl who will hardly find it agreeable to comply with the strictest of discipline unless she likes the person in authority, and it has occurred to me that the trouble might rest here.

Please bear in mind that there is no doubt of my co-operating with you in connection with any movement for the improvement of my daughter under almost any reasonable conditions and any suggestions made by you will promptly receive consideration.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience and greatly oblige,

Sincerely Yours,

Kindly state amount required to send Muryl here.

W. J. Springer.

Nov. 10th, 1915.

Mr. Axel Johnson,
Superintendent, The Omaha Agency,
Macy, Nebraska.

My dear Sir:

It has been directed by the Office at Washington that steps be taken at once to have a number of the young people now enrolled at Carlisle cared for in other schools because it is believed that they are not in need of Government aid to enable them to continue with their education. Among the number selected are William and Maryel Springer.

Will you please get into communication with the parents of the young people as soon as convenient and then advise me how we here can cooperate to carry out the directions of the Office?

Very respectfully,

HEM.

Acting Superintendent.

REPORT OF Myrl Springer pupil of Carlisle Indian
 School, who went May 29-15 to live with Mrs. Lon Lapp
(Date) (Patron)
 of Mahers, Pa., Chestn,
(Post Office) (County)
Pa., Mahers Railroad Station
(State)

Conduct Excellent
 Health Excellent
 Ability Has good ability
 Cleanliness Seems clean and not careless
 Economy Is learning
 Situation of Room 3rd floor
 Condition of Room Very good
 Condition of Clothing Very good
 Wages 15 per mo. Will increase to 6 and 7
 Are careful accounts kept by patron? Yes
 Are careful accounts kept by pupil?
 Number of days at school Left Carlisle at close of school for summer
 Distance to school About 2 squares
 Grade or quality of school Graded 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? Presbyterian
 Distance to church Short distance
 Is there a Catholic church in locality? No
 Who compose patron's family? Mrs. & Mrs. Lapp - 2 little girls
 What other help is employed? Washing sent out
 Locality of home Small - suburban town
 Home life and environments New patron - Very good
 Trade at school
 Nature of work Girl helper
 Pupil's age Experience First

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

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~ 1639 ~

(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: _____

Mrs. Ewing:

Sorry I had
to keep the
girls so long.
Hope it will
not inconv-

venience you

Respectfully,
Weyer

OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Name of Student		Home Address		Tribe												TOTAL OR AVERAGE	
Age at Entrance	Date of Entrance	Shop	Locality	Days in School	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	
13	9-15-13																
Patron		R. R. Station		Conduct													
Address		Grade in School		Ability													
Recommended by		Church		Health													
Grade of Home		Wages		Earnings													
Date of Outing		Date Returned															

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Dec. 14th, 1915.

Mr. Axel Johnson,
Superintendent, The Omaha Agency,
Macy, Nebr.

My dear Sir:

As authority has been granted to retain at Carlisle until the close of this school year the young people who are believed to be ineligible for further Federal aid to continue with their education, you may inform Mr. Springer that his children, Muryl and William, will not be returned home until after the close of this year's work.

I am pleased that such a favorable reply to your favor of the 17th ultimo can be addressed to you, and at a later date further cooperation will gladly be extended as may be required.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

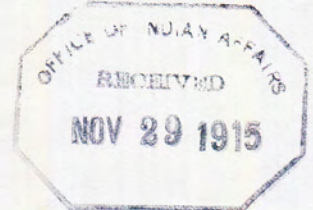
Acting Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

OMAHA AGENCY, MACY, NEBRASKA.

NOVEMBER 17, 1915.



Supt O. H. Lippe,
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 10, 1915, in regard to the decision of the Office at Washington to discontinue the education of William and Meryle Springer at governmental expense.

I talked the matter over with Mr. Springer yesterday and he requested me to ask you, if it would be possible for you to retain these young people to the end of the present school year as it would be difficult to adjust them to new conditions at the present time since the school year has progressed so far.

Thanking you for anything you may do in the matter,
I remain,

Very respectfully,

A. E. Johnson

Superintendent.

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June 15th, 1914.

Mr. W. F. Springer,
Walthill, Nebraska.

My dear Sir:

I regret very much to advise that your daughter Muryl has caused more or less trouble during all the time she has been at Carlisle, and as it has now come to the point where it will not be fair to give her any more of the care and attention that would be better appreciated if given to other girls I desire to know what you can do to co-operate with me.

She cannot be kept here any longer, and if you can take care of her at home she will be sent to you upon receipt of the amount required to pay for her transportation and other expenses. If you do not want to assume the responsibility of caring for her at your home I will have to take steps to have her confined to some reform institution where they are equipped to take care of girls who cannot be reached in any other way.

Will you please let me hear from you without delay regarding this matter, because Muryl has become so trouble-

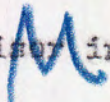
-2- Mr. W. F. Springer, Walthill, Mohr.

some that she is a menace to other girls who have to associate with her and because no more time can be taken from what belongs to other girls in giving her the special care she requires to be kept within bounds?

I am bringing this request to you because there is nothing else left to do.

Very truly yours,

HOM.

Supervisor  in Charge.

Copy to Superintendent Spear.

July 21st, 1914.

My dear Mr. Springer:

The foregoing letter was written more than a month ago but was withheld from the mail because I decided after it was written that I would give your daughter another chance to fulfill the promises she made me to make better use of her opportunities.

I have now decided, after all efforts to reach her/ have been exhausted, that she does not want to improve in her conduct and that something else has to be done.

I would thank you to let me hear from you without delay regarding the matter, so that I can co-operate with you in doing what is decided best for Meryl.

Very truly yours,

HOM.

Supervisor  in Charge.

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Wathell, Nebr.

July 10, 1915.

Supt Lefips -

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter will state that on account of a delay of some money we have coming we are not able to send the money until after the 17 or 18 of this month.

I want to send Muriel a little more than her fair home so she can have a few things. I would like to have

her own
to start-home

Very respectfully,
Mrs H. F. Spritzer.

P.S. Please give her
instructions about-
traveling.

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Macy, Nebr.
Aug. 8, 1914.

Dear Mr. Lipps.

Your letter was received and as Papa is sick I will answer it for him. He will send the money for Myrtle's transportation as soon as he is able to be up again which will be in a very few days. So she can get started some time next week.

I have been away visiting most of the time since I returned from Carlisle and I was very sorry to learn of Myrtle's conduct.

ried to make a
card and I think
as far as I know.

Meryl was always a
good girl at home and
I sincerely hope she will
be when she gets home this
time. as she is only fourteen,
she has time to learn and
I shall do all in my power
to help her.

We will get her transport-
ation there by next week
I hope this will be satisfactory
with you.

Respectfully,

Evelyn Springer

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May 15th, 1916.

Mr. Wm. F. Springer,
Walthill, Nebraska.

My dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that to comply with the instructions that were issued earlier this school year by the Indian Office at Washington it is being arranged so that your son and daughter can leave here with our home-going parties in June. Maryel will leave with the girls on the evening of the 6th of June and William will leave on the 7th and tickets for their use to Walthill will be provided.

Hoping you can arrange to meet your children at Walthill and that you will have them continue with their school work next year, I am,

Very truly yours.

EKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Johnson.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Aug. 3rd, 1916.

Mr. Axel Johnson,
Superintendent, The Omaha Agency,
Nacy, Nebraska.

My dear Sir:

If you will please refer to the letter that was addressed to you on November 10th of 1915 you will note that William and Muryel Springer had to be returned home at the request of the Office at Washington after it had been decided that they are not eligible for enrolment at any Government school. Under the circumstances I must state in reply to your favor of the 31st ultimo with reference to their release from Carlisle in order that they can be transferred to the Haskell Institute that the same objections would apply as operated to effect their removal from Carlisle.

When William and Muryel had their transportation home paid by the Government in June of this year they were released and if the Office will now consent to reconsider the matter no objections to their admittance to Haskell Institute will be interposed.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Wise.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Omaha Agency, Macy, Nebraska

July 31, 1916

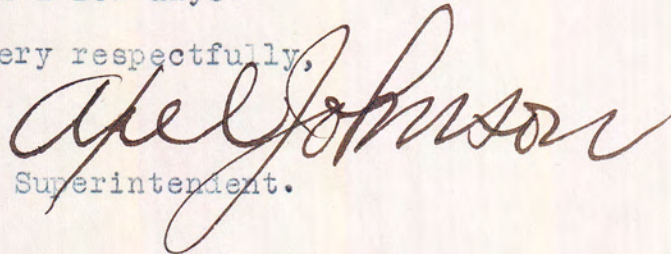
Supt. O. H. Lipps,
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

Mr. William F. Springer has applied for the enrollment of Myrle and William Springer at the Haskell Indian School. Superintendent Wise is inclined, I believe, to accept them just so you release them. Will you kindly send me a letter releasing them from Carlisle.

We will send the Cox money in a few days.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

AJ-EWS