

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 4975-		ENGLISH NAME Geo. Silverheels			AGENCY			NATION Seneca		
BAND		INDIAN NAME			HOME ADDRESS Mother - Lillian Silverheels Sovanda, N. Y.					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED UNSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.		
FATHER, NO		MOTHER, L	7	14	5-2	100	3 1/2	27 1/2	M	
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 11, 1913		FOR WHAT PERIOD five years			DATE DISCHARGED June 24, 1915		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Termination of leave.			
TO COUNTRY		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS						FROM COUNTRY		
4-8-14		Geo. P. Webster, Dryland, Pa.						4-30-14		
4-30-14										
5-24-15		On leave.								

THE SHAW-WALKER CO., MUSKOGEE 121071

Months in school

Grade entered

Grade at date of Discharge

Trade or Industry

Church, Presbyterian

4635  
*Readmitted*

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BAND		INDIAN NAME			HOME ADDRESS Tonawanda, N. Y.				
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD full	AGE 16	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX. M	
FATHER		MOTHER		ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 4, 1915		FOR WHAT PERIOD		DATE DISCHARGED 10-10-16	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE on leave, failed to return
TO COUNTRY 5-31-16		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS On leave						FROM COUNTRY	

SHAW-WALKER, MUSKOGEE, MICHIGAN 43445

Months in school before Carlisle, .....

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....

Grade at date of Discharge, .....

Trade or Industry, .....

Church, .....

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**BRIEF.**

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**Application of**

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FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*George D. Silverheels*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

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POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

*Towanda N.Y.*

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Date of enrollment, \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_\_

Term of enrollment, *Five* ( *5* ) years

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# Application for Enrollment in a Nonreservation School.

(For a child not enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Carlisle Pa, of Lawrence Silverheels, I, Lillian Silverheels of Gowanda P. O., State of NY, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to the enrollment in said school for a period of five years, and also obligate and bind myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

I further say that the said child was born at on Cattaraugus Res on Aug 8 1898 that the father, Oliver Silverheels 1/2 Seneca Indian of the Cattaraugus Tribe located at Catt Agency; that he left the tribe about Sept about 14 yrs that the mother, Lillian Silverheels 1/2 Seneca Indian of the Cattaraugus Tribe located at Gowanda Agency, and left the tribe about in 1870; that the said child was born and reared in the United States, and now actually resides therein; and that he has attended the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL—PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT, OR MISSION.	LOCATED AT—	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE.	GRADE.
<u>Dist School on Cattaraugus Res</u>	<u>on Cattaraugus Res</u>				

This 26 day of July, 1913  
Two witnesses:

J. H. Sesnowski Lillian Silverheels  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)  
Albert K. Mentley P. O., Gowanda N.Y.

(NOTE.—Every blank in this application must be properly filled out by the applicant, in his own handwriting, if possible. The signature, whether by mark or otherwise, must be attested by two witnesses.)

## AFFIDAVIT.

I, Lillian Silverheels, do hereby swear that the statements made in the above application are true.

Lillian Silverheels  
(Signature of applicant.) (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of July, 1913

J. H. Sesnowski  
Justice of the Peace

(NOTE.—This application and affidavit must be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths by the parent with whom the child is living; if the parents are dead, by the guardian or next of kin.)

## FOR NEW YORK PUPILS.

This blank is to be filled out and signed by a former teacher of the applicant, by a school trustee, a school superintendent, or by some other person conversant with the status of the applicant's school attendance.

This is to certify that Geo. Dewey Silverheels  
has attended the Cattaraugus Indian School at  
Gowanda New York, from Sept. 1 1912  
to June 13 1913  
Gowanda N. Y.  
July 30 1913

Ella R. Crowl  
(Sign here.)

**Certificate of Physician.**

A. D. Lake, a practicing physician of Gowanda, N.Y.

, do hereby certify that I have carefully examined George D. Silverheels,

named in this application, and find that he is in proper physical condition to attend school, and is not afflicted with tuberculosis or other disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This 17 day of July, 1915

A. D. Lake, M. D.

Agency Physician

**Vouchers of Disinterested Persons.**

VOUCHER NO. 1.

I, Joseph H. Schauer, a Undertaker, of Gowanda, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Lillian Silverheels who makes the foregoing application; that I believe his statements therein are true; that I am acquainted with Geo. D. Silverheels; that he is known and recognized in the community in which he lives as an Indian; that in my opinion he can not receive proper and adequate schooling at home for the reason that Mrs Silverheels Mother is not able to send him to school

This 26 day of July, 1913

J. H. Schauer

VOUCHER NO. 2.

I, Wm Eaton, a Shoe Merchant, of Gowanda, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Lillian Silverheels who makes the foregoing application; that I believe his statements therein are true; that I am acquainted with George D. Silverheels; that he is known and recognized in the community in which he lives as an Indian; and that in my opinion he cannot receive proper and adequate schooling at home for the reason that Mrs Silverheels mother is not able to send him to school

This 26 day of July, 1913

Wm Eaton

## Certificate of School Physician.

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

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

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*School Physician.*

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### INDORSEMENT.

A child showing one-sixteenth or less Indian blood, whose parents live on an Indian reservation, Indian fashion, who, if debarred from the Government schools, could not obtain an education, may be permitted in the reservation day and boarding schools, but it is preferable that it be not transferred to a nonreservation school, without permission from the Office. Children showing one-eighth or less Indian blood, whose parents do not live on an Indian reservation, whose home is among white people where there are churches and schools, who are presumed to have adopted the white man's manners and customs, and are to all intents and purposes white people, are debarred from enrollment in the Government nonreservation and reservation schools. Superintendents, in all cases where doubt exists as to the degree of Indian blood of a child proposed for transfer, should fully satisfy themselves of the facts by affidavits from reliable persons, which affidavits must be kept on file at the school.

A pupil who has been regularly enrolled in a nonreservation school must not be taken to any other non-reservation 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.

A pupil dismissed from school for cause must not be enrolled in any other school without the permission of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Full facts must be submitted with each request.

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CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL ✓

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					New York		
4975	George Silverheels	14	Seneca	Full			
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.)		
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Sep. 19/13			Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>		4-8-14	4-30-14	~~~~~
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July 20th, 1914.

Geo. Silverheels

Mrs. Lillian Silverheels,  
Gowanda, New York.

My dear Madam:

I return to you herewith the papers you transmitted to me with your letter of July the 14th, duly executed as was requested.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Gowanda N.Y.

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1914

D. H. Lipps

Dear Sir

will you please to fill  
out these blanks &  
return as soon as  
possible & oblige

Respectfully  
Lillian Silverhult

Gowanda  
N.Y.

Cart. Co.

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Geo. Silverheels

Oct. 22nd, 1914.

Mrs. Lillian Silverheels,  
Gowanda, N. Y.

My dear Madam:

I return to you herewith the pension papers  
you transmitted to me with your favor of October the  
6th. The papers have been executed as was requested by  
you.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

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Gowanda N.Y.  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1914

Mr. A. H. Lipps  
please find twenty  
five cents in money  
order to pay for filling  
out three blanks  
for George's pension  
and oblige  
and return to  
Mrs Lillian Silverhead  
Gowanda  
N.Y.

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

Date of report April 30 1915

Name of child George Silverheels Age 14 Grade 3-a

Home post office Gowanda New York

Tribes Seneca Degree of Indian blood Full blood

How many acres of land do you own none Location none

What is the annual income from your land

Do you have any other income  Pension How much I do not know

Is your father living no

Father's name Olevey Silverheels

Home post office Uxwing, New York

Tribes Seneca Degree of Indian blood Full blood

Is he a citizen I do not know

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 no

If so, how much

Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property no

Is your mother living yes

Mother's name Gillian Silverheels

Home post office Gowanda New York

Tribes Sabekwood Degree of Indian blood Full blood

Is she a citizen no

How much land does your mother own no any Allotment No

What is its estimated value

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

Does she have any other income *no*

If so, how much.....

Does your mother pay taxes on her land or on personal property  *no.*

With whom do you make your home *Mother*

How many rooms in the house *5.*

How many live in the house *4*

How far is your home from nearest public school *1/4 mile*

Why do you not attend that school *I don't know*

How many teachers employed there *Ten teachers*

How many grades maintained ~~First grade~~ ~~Kindergarten~~ *Eight to High* *Eight grades*

How many months of school each year *10*

Did you ever attend a public school *Yes*

If so, how long *6 months* Where *Gowanda*

How many brothers of school age have you *One*

How many sisters of school age have you *Two*

Are they in school *Yes.*

Where *Thomas Indian School.*

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.

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September, 5, 1913.

Mrs. L. Silverheels,

Gowanda, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

I have noted what you reported in your letter of September 4th, and I am again asking the Penna. Railroad Co. to arrange so that transportation will be furnished you at Gowanda by the Erie Company's Agent. Our files contain the information that the order was placed on August 15th, but the request has probably been overlooked.

Hoping that the matter can now be arranged satisfactorily, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKM-GIL

Superintendent.

Gowanda N.Y.

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1913

Mr. Friedmann

I have been looking for Geo. W. Silverheels pass for about three weeks, as you stated in your letter at that time.

for me to see at the Erie Depot, but it has been so long the Agent told me to write to you to see if you have sent it. for it has not come so please let me know & oblige

Wm. L. Silverheels

Gowanda N.Y.



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Mr. L.  
Dear

April 29th, 1914.

Mrs. Lillian Silverheels,

Box 305, Gowanda, New York.

Madam:

I return to you herewith a properly executed deposition of two witnesses to the effect that George D. Silverheels, who is referred to in the Pension Voucher to which the deposition is attached, is now residing at the home of Mr. Geo. D. Webster at Ivyland, Pennsylvania.

George was given permission to go to Mr. Webster's home for the summer vacation months and is under the full control of this school.

Very respectfully,

Encls.

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Apr. 22 - 1914

Dear Sir: I send this voucher  
on to have you see that  
it is filled out right for  
my son Geo. S. Silvershill  
as I do not know where  
he is since he left your  
school. I have not heard  
from him, & do not  
know his address.

Hoping to have it returned  
as soon as you can  
& oblige. Mrs Lillian Silvershill

Rowanda  
N.Y.

Geo. S. Webster  
Weyland, Va.

Box 304

March 24th, 1915.

Mrs. Lillian O. Silverheels,  
Box 681, Gowanda, New York.

Dear Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, with which you forwarded a formal application for leave of absence for your two sons, George and Lawrence, from May 24th to September the 30th of this year. There was also enclosed with your letter a Money Order for \$36.00 which is to be used to pay for the return transportation of your sons.

In reply I must state that our work for the school year is to begin before the 30th of September and that it should be understood that the boys will return in time to begin their studies on the first day of school. You can be notified near the close of the vacation period when the boys should be here.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Gowanda N.Y.

Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1915-

Mr C. H. Lipps

I have filled out the blank  
& am enclosing you the  
twenty six - dollars - as you  
requested. & if the enclose  
blank is not filled out  
right please let me know  
& oblige & would like  
a receipt of this money  
so I can have some  
thing to show for it  
as I have to show receipts  
of all money they use  
hoping to hear from you

Yours Respect Lillian Q Silverhills  
Gowanda N.Y. Box 681

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Aug. 25th, 1915.

Mr. Geo. Silverheels,

Box 681, Goranda, New York.

My dear Friend:

I thank you for your letter of the 23rd instant, in which you state that Harold Parker desires to be enrolled at Carlisle for the work of the coming school year. It is noted, however, that the boy is but fourteen years of age.

Believing that very few boys as young as fourteen can carry the work that has been outlined for the year it is being required that applicants must be at least sixteen years of age for enrolment except in very special cases where more than the required academic work has been done.

Under the circumstances permission cannot be given Harold Parker to enroll here.

Very truly yours,

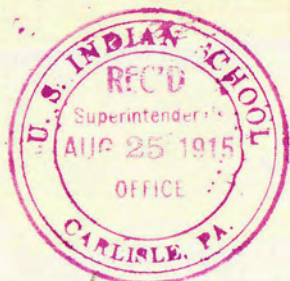
HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

*Handwritten signature and date: 22 1915*

Howland, N. Y.  
August 23 1915

Mr. J. D. DeLuff,  
acting supt.



Dear Sir,

There is a boy out  
here by the name of  
Harold Parker, who likes  
very much to go to  
Carlisle this fall.

He has passed the  
4th grade and is read for  
the fifth. So if you can  
send the application papers  
for him to go he is just  
fourteen years old.

Trusting to hear from  
you soon

Geo. Belverhills,  
Box 681.

Howland,

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May 4th, 1916.

George

Mrs. Lillian C. Silverheels,  
Gowanda, N. Y.

My dear Madam:

I have received your letter of the 26th ultimo and have noted the statement of your physician you enclosed therewith for my information. There seems to be no question about your need of your boy's services, but I am pleased to note in your letter that you will try to do without him until the close of school.

Referring further to your letter I must state that the deposit of round trip railroad fare for students going home on leave is required by the regulations, but if you find that you cannot well spare the total amount that will be needed to insure your son's return to school send what will be needed to pay his fare home and let me have further explanation on which the making of an exception in his case can be based.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.



Apr 26 - 1916

Mr. DeHuff

Gowanda N.Y.

Acting Supt.

Dear Sir

in answer to your letter dated Apr 21<sup>st</sup> 1916 will say that I had my physician write you a letter which I enclose with this & I feel as though I must wait until the school closes so as not to bother about his studies & will try my best to get along until then. & about the money could you not let me pay one way at a time as I am very hard up we have had so much sickness & when he goes <sup>back</sup> in the fall I then will have his fare ready or are you so afraid of me that you cannot trust me? I always do as I say hoping to hear from you soon

Lillian C. Silverhills  
Gowanda N.Y.

Box 651

## BOARD OF HEALTH

VILLAGE OF GOWANDA

GOWANDA, N. Y.

April 26

Supt Carlisle Indian School  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir -

Mrs Lillian Silvrbeels has just handed me your letter under date of April 21<sup>st</sup>. In regard to a statement from her physician I try to say that Mrs Silvrbeels' health and the health of her mother is such that it seems necessary for the boy to return to her. She is however very reluctant to call him home at this time of the school year, and is going to try to get along without him until the close of school. If she does send for him before that time you may be sure that it is very necessary.

Sincerely yours  
Herman W Johnson

BOARD OF HEALTH

VILLAGE OF COWAYDA

COWAYDA, N. Y.  
April 25

My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the matter of the health of the village of Cowayda, and in reply to inform you that the Board of Health has taken the same under consideration and has decided to refer the same to the Village Board for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. [Name]

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

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April 21st, 1916.

Mrs. Lillian O. Silverheels,  
Box 681, Gowanda, New York.

My dear Madam:

Your letter of the 19th instant has been received here and it is noted therein that you should have your son George at home without delay. I should prefer to have George remain here this summer, but if our records in the case can be completed by a definite statement from your physician which would justify giving your request favorable consideration it will be arranged as you desire.

A sufficient amount to pay for George's return transportation would have to be placed on deposit here and the blank I enclose would have to be filled out and returned here.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

Gowanda. W. M.  
Apr 19<sup>th</sup> - 1916

Mr. O. H. Lipps

I write you a few lines just to ask you if you could let George D. Silverheels come home for the summer. I would not ask you but I am very much in need of him right away. if you could let him come, I am just about dragging my self along I have the grippe so the Doctor says & I just feel I ought to have a little rest, & cannot get no help that I could hire, I have three of them sick I have to take care of my mother who has the cancer is very low, & My sister that takes care of her is in bed with the grippe also my little girl has the same thing & it keeps me busy & wish to have him come to do my errands

for me & also the work. I have  
no telephone so that I have to go  
to town for every thing & I am now  
all in. so I thought if you just  
as soon let him come home at  
once. I will send the money  
for his transport as soon as I  
hear from you & will send him back  
in the fall when school commences  
hoping to hear from you at once  
as I am in hopes you will let him  
come <sup>as</sup> I need him very much.  
or I would not send for him. but I  
cannot hire any one around here  
every body is working in factories

Yours Resp

Lillian O. Silverheels  
Gowanda

Box 681

N.Y.

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# VACATION REQUEST FOR PUPIL.

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that leave of absence be granted Gen. W.

Silverheels

from June 7, 1916, to Sept. 17, 1916 to enable him to visit his home. We hereby agree to pay all expenses, including

round-trip railroad fares, sleeping-car fares, meals, lodging, stage fares, telegraph and telephone messages, and other incidental expenses connected with the visit. We further agree that said pupil shall be returned to the Carlisle Indian school on or before the last day of the leave of absence.

We further agree to deposit with the superintendent of the school sufficient money to defray all expenses to be incurred, and should the pupils, or any one of them, fail to return to school at such time as may be agreed upon by the parents or guardian and the superintendent of the school in which the pupils are enrolled, the amount of money remaining with the superintendent, necessary to the return transportation of the pupil or pupils so neglecting to return, shall be forfeited to the Government; provided, however, that in all cases where it can be shown that there were justifiable reasons for the failure of the return of the pupil the forfeiture of the funds shall not take place.

If the pupil neglecting to return is from a reservation, the superintendent of the reservation shall certify to the reasons for the nonreturn of the pupil or pupils. If a pupil's home is not on a reservation, then the certificate of some reputable, disinterested citizen of the community may be requested as to the reasons for the nonreturn of the pupil or pupils.

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Leah  
Father.

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Lillian Silverheels  
Mother.

Date: Apr 26 - 1916  
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Guardian.

NOTE TO DISBURSING OFFICERS.—All receipts under this agreement must be accounted for officially as Individual Indian Money. However, any forfeitures must be transferred to Miscellaneous Receipts, Class I, and deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the United States.

May 31st, 1916.

Mrs. Lillian Silverheels,  
Gowanda, New York.

My dear Madam:

In accordance with your telegraphic request of the 29th instant it is being arranged so that your son George can leave here this evening for your home. The ticket you made available for his use will be provided and he states he has a sufficient amount of cash to pay for incidental expenses enroute.

Will you please let me hear from you when George has arrived at your home?

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.