

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

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NUMBER 3256	ENGLISH NAME Lydia Thomas	AGENCY	NATION Ottawa
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Mrs. Esther Mc Coone, 59 Arney St., Detroit, Mich.	
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD H	AGE 15	HEIGHT
FATHER	MOTHER	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Dec. 21, 1917	FOR WHAT PERIOD	DATE DISCHARGED	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE

TO COUNTRY 5-1-18	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS G. N. Acker, West Chester, Pa.	FROM COUNTRY 8-2-18

SHAW-WALKER, MUSKOGEE, MICHIGAN. 60940

Months in school before Carlisle, .....

Grade entered at Carlisle, 4th .....

Grade at date of Discharge, .....

Trade or Industry, .....

Prob.



**Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully**

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**BRIEF.**

**Application of**

Mrs. Esther McCoonse

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Lydia

*Thomas*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

*None*

Date of enrollment

*Nov. 8*

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Term of enrollment

*Three*

(.....) years

Printed by Carlisle Indians.

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# 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 Pa

of Lydia Thomas; 15 (Sex); date of birth Jan 7, 1902  
(Name of Child) (Sex)

Ottawa  
(Tribe)

NAME OF FATHER <small>(Both Indian and English)</small>	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
<u>Peter McBoonse</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>Ottawa</u>		<u>Full Blood</u>
<u>Ester McBoonse</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>Ottawa</u>		<u>Full Blood</u>

I, Peter McBoonse, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to enrollment in said school for a period of 3 years, and also obligate myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian Schools.  
(Not less than 3)

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL	DATE OF ENROLLMENT	DATE OF DISCHARGE	CAUSE	GRADE
1				<u>4<sup>th</sup> grade</u>
2				
3				
4				

Peter McBoonse  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Algonue, Mich

Two Witnesses:

Emmalina Mist-Komow  
J. J. Paule

## 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 5 day of Nov., 1917

W. E. Bostwick M.D.

Physician at Algona Agency.

## 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 Peter Mc Coon was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 5, 1917

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.

Lydia Thomas is in good physical condition.

Carlisle Pas  
Jan - 11 - 1918  
Chas. J. Meager

# Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully

## **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 reservations, 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 reservations. (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 nonreservations 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.

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August 8, 1918.

Mr. W. A. Bender  
Ticket Agent C.V.R.R. Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Please send me two tickets to Detroit, Michigan to be used by Lydia Thomas and Iva Thomas, Monday afternoon, August 12th. Send the bill to the school to be paid from government funds. I enclose exemption certificate.

Very truly yours

Trav. Aud. in Charge.

NRD

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August 6, 1918.

Mrs. Esther McCoonse  
Algonac, Michigan  
Dear Madam:-

Your two daughters will leave Carlisle Monday afternoon August 12th for Detroit. Please meet them there.

Very truly yours

Trav. Aud. in Charge.

NRD



Algonac Mich,  
Aug. 5, 1918.

M. G. V. Paul,  
Coalis Co., Pa.

Dear Sir:—

Buy tickets to  
Detroit, Mich., and  
write me same day you  
receive my letter, &  
state when they will  
leave Coalis Co and  
when they will arrive  
in Detroit, I will be  
there to meet them.  
If possible, have them  
take a train so they  
can arrive in Detroit  
in the P. M. so as to  
make one car for Algonac.  
We take a street car  
for Algonac. Please

write a letter to Conductor  
to take care of my  
two girls so they  
make their changes &  
& transfers that  
they do not get lost,  
Buy tickets for them  
to their train will  
arrive at Michigan  
Central Dep of  
Detroit, Mich. Let us  
set the date 12<sup>th</sup> for  
them to come. It will  
suit me better & gives  
me more time to get  
your letter. Trusting  
this will be satisfactory  
to you & obliging

Very Resp.  
Esther M. Cowie  
Algonac.  
13 x 86. Mich

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December 6, 1917.

Mrs. Esther McCoense  
Box 86, Algonac, Michigan.

Dear Madam:-

*Lydia Thomas*

I am sorry that it is necessary for me to write you again before placing a ticket for your daughter., You have not yet told me from what station they wish to start. I do not know whether your girls are in Detroit or at Algonac.

We cannot furnish any half-fare tickets now.

Please let me hear from you at once. I will then have a ticket placed for your older girl.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Detroit, Mich  
Dec. 3, 1917,

Mr. John Francis,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir

My two girls  
will be ready next Monday  
to start for Carlisle, Pa.  
week from to-day. I wish  
you can arrange it so they  
won't make no more charge  
than is necessary. If  
possible, if they can take  
a train clear through to  
Harrisburg, Pa. I was told  
the train leave here at the  
Union Depot at noon, never  
thought to ask on what  
route. I will drop a card on  
over. Please write a letter  
to the Conductor to look  
after my two girls Lydia &  
Ira Thomas see they make  
proper changes or not to

get lost send the letter  
enclosed with Lydia's  
~~ticket~~ ticket. Will  
my daughter I can go on  
full fare or half. It me  
to be indian pupils  
go at half fare. If such  
a thing can you please  
arrange it for me & oblige  
Respt.  
Mrs. Esther McCombs

P.S.

Please address your letter  
to Algona, Mich  
Box 84  
as I will be there on a  
short visit over Sunday.

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December 15, 1917.

Mrs. Esther McCoense  
59 Avery Ave.,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:-

Our local ticket agent will arrange to place a ticket for the use of Lydia Thomas with the ticket agent of the Michigan Central Railroad in Detroit. This ticket will be placed to your order. You can get Iva's ticket routed the same way.

If you can afford it, the best way to get your girls to Carlisle would be to place them on the Washington sleeper leaving the Michigan Central Station at 8:20 P.M. They will not need to change cars until they get to Harrisburg and they will arrive there in good time the following afternoon. A lower berth to accommodate both girls will cost you \$3.50. You can get an upper berth for \$2.80. In order to get a berth, you must make application at once and have it reserved for you.

Very truly yours

NRD

Superintendent.

December 15, 1917.

To the Conductor  
Michigan Central Railroad  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

The bearers Lydia and Iva Thomas are Indian girls on their way to enter the Indian School at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Will you please assist them in making any necessary changes and in other ways take care of them. They are not accustomed to travel alone. Anything you can do to help them along, will be much appreciated by their mother and by me.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Detroit, Mich.

Dec. 12, 1917.

Francis  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

My two girls  
are to start from Detroit,  
Mich. from the Union Depot.  
There will be two changes  
Pittsburg, Pa. & Harrisburg,  
Pa. I want you to write a  
letter to the Conductor so  
my oldest girl can show it  
so they dont make any  
trips take changing cars.  
They've done very little  
traveling alone. Station  
Union Depot. Am back to  
Detroit, Mich. Trusting  
this will be satisfactory.  
Let us set the date 20. Dec.  
1917, for their departure for  
Carlisle, Pa. & oblige.

Respt. Mrs. Esther McLoose.  
Cever.



My husband & I mostly take  
out train from this station  
Union Depot, as it is  
near for us.

Please address  
59, Avery Ave.  
Detroit.  
Mich

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December 31, 1917.

Mr. W. A. Bender  
Ticket Agent C.V.R.R.  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith Exemption Certificate to be sent in with your report regarding the ticket Detroit, Michigan to Carlisle, Pa. ordered for the use of Lydia Thomas, an Indian pupil.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

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January 12, 1918.

Mrs. Esther McCoonse  
418 Grand River Ave.,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:--

I have your letter inquiring about the health of your two girls, Lydia and Iva. I have had our school physician examine the two girls thoroughly and the following is his report,--

"I have this day re-examined Lydia Thomas and find her very much improved. When she came she had a bad cold and slight temperature both of which have disappeared. Her weight on admission was 90 lbs and today it is 92½. She says she feels good and likes the school.

Iva is in good physical condition but at present is recovering from a stye."

I hope you will not worry about your girls. We will watch them carefully and try to take good care of them.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Detroit, Mich

Jan. 5, 1918.

M. John Francis  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Since my two daughters Lydia + Ira Thomas have entered Carlisle Indian School as pupils + have been examined by your doctor. Lydia wrote me Ira passed her examination but she did not pass. Please write + tell me at your earliest convenience what your Dr. say about her health. I can send her a bottle of Cod Liver oil to build up her system. she never was sick unless cause from a cold. Anything I can do for her I will gladly do it.

Later on I will send  
money & two Iru to  
music lessons. Both  
girls weighed at the  
Michigan Central Dept.  
by dropping a penny  
each Lydia weighed  
93 lbs Iru 92 lbs &  
I 173 lbs now she says  
she weighs 90 lbs.

Trusting Lydia will be  
looked after & given a  
medical attention if  
doctor says she is not  
well & let the dr. ex-  
plain what cause her  
to fall when picked  
up by some girls she  
was not able to move  
when returning from  
church Sunday. Please  
write soon & oblige.

Very Respt  
Detroit Mrs. Esther McCourse  
Mich 418 Grand River Ave.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Carlisle Pa.

January 11th 1918.

Mr. John Francis, Jr. Supt.

Dear Sir;

Have this day re-examined Lydia Thomas and find her very much improved. When she came she had a bad cold and slight temperature both of which have disappeared, her weight on admission was 90 lbs and to-day it is  $92\frac{1}{2}$  she says she feels good and likes the school.

Iva Thomas is in good physical condition but at present is recovering from a stye.

Yours respectfully,

*Edward A. Menger M.D.*

INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER DECLARATION OF POLICY

Elimination of Ineligible Pupils from the Government Indian Schools.—In many of our boarding schools Indian children are being educated at Government expense whose parents are amply able to pay for their education and have public school facilities at or near their homes. Such children shall not hereafter be enrolled in Government Indian schools supported by gratuity appropriations, except on payment of actual per capita cost and transportation.

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FOR ENROLLMENT AT CARLISLE SCHOOL.

Date Nov 3<sup>th</sup> 1917

Name of prospective student Lydia Thomas Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Algonac Michigan U. S.  
Tribe \_\_\_\_\_ Degree of Indian blood \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Fourth Grade  
How many acres do you own? \_\_\_\_\_  
How much income do you receive from it annually? \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of income from other sources \_\_\_\_\_  
Distance you live from nearest public school \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do you not attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do you want to come to Carlisle? For better education

Father's name Peter McCoonse (Step-father)  
Address Algonac Michigan U. S.  
Tribe Ottawa Degree of Indian blood Full blood

How much land has he? \_\_\_\_\_

What is his annual income from all sources? \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name Ester McCoonse  
Address Algonac Michigan U. S.  
Tribe \_\_\_\_\_ Degree of Indian blood \_\_\_\_\_

Is she alive? Yes How much land has she? \_\_\_\_\_

What is her approximate income from it all sources? \_\_\_\_\_

How many brothers and sisters have you? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Lydia Thomas.

I believe the answers given are correct.

Superintendent.

INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER DECLARATION OF POLICY

Elimination of caste discrimination is the Government's policy. In order to give the children of untouchable parents the same educational facilities as those of other children, the Government has decided to provide for the children of untouchable parents the same educational facilities as those of other children. The Government is prepared to provide for the children of untouchable parents the same educational facilities as those of other children.

YOUR EMPLOYMENT AT GARLISH SCHOOL

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Name of prospective student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many acres do you own? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How much income do you receive from it annually? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount of income from other sources: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distance you live from nearest public school: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why do you not attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why do you want to come to Garlish? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How much land has he? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How much annual income from his land? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How much land has he? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How much annual income from his land? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many brothers and sisters have you? \_\_\_\_\_

I believe the answers given are correct.

Supervisor



July 25, 1918

Mrs. Esther McCoonse,  
Algonoc, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Your letter inquiring about the health of your daughter Lydia was referred to our physician, Dr. Menger, and the following is his statement regarding her.

"I have no record of Lydia Thomas being sick in the hospital since she has been here. She is now on the outing and her health record is good. Lately however she has been troubled with sore eyes but nothing of a serious nature."

I have had not word from her outing patron saying that she is not well.

As you may have heard, our school is to be closed and your daughter will likely be transferred to some other school unless you want her at home.

Very truly yours,



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

July 24th 1918.

Mrs Denny;

I have no record of Lydia Thomas being sick in the hospital since she has been here. She is now on the outing and her health record is good. Lately however she has been troubled with sore eyes but nothing of a serious nature.

Respectfully yours,

*Edw. J. Menger.*

Phonograph  
N.Y.C.

Algonac Mich.

July 18, 1918

Mr. John Francis

Dear Sir:—

Please find out the particulars about my daughter Lydia Thomas what did the Dr. pronounce was the matter with her. If any thing serious I would be glad she be sent home at once. If she has money enough saved she can pay her own way back if she is short I can send enough to make out the price of ticket

her case is very serious  
I understand & she  
needs a care & atten-  
tion. Regret such a  
thing has happened  
Please see to her case  
at once & oblige

Very Respect.

Esther McCombe

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July 30, 1918

Mrs. Esther McCoonse,  
Algonac, Michigan

Dear Madam:

I have your letter relative to the return home of your daughter Lydia, and have to advise that I will sent both girls to you as soon as Lydia returns from her outing home. I have sent for her to return today.

Very truly yours,

D-E

Trav. Aud. in Charge

Algonac, Mich  
July 26, 1918.

Dear Mother,

I understand  
Carlisle Indian  
School has be turned  
over as a Hospital for  
Soldiers. What are they  
going to do with the  
pupils transfer them  
to another school or  
send them home. I also  
no record of Supt.  
Frank's joined the  
Army is it correct.  
Is it true my daughter  
has disgrace herself  
as a bad disease  
she claims she had

it over a year. I e  
her before she went  
away to school if  
there was any thing  
wrong with her she  
said no. I wrote to  
Supt. Francis about  
her case & have her  
sent home at once  
not knowing he had  
left Carlisle. If she  
has not enough  
money to get home I  
can make up the  
amount to buy a  
ticket. she claims  
she has save some  
her earnings. Please  
let me hear from you  
soon Resp-

Ether M. Coore  
Box 86. Algonac. Mich.

M. J. J. J.

Algona, Mich.

July 25, 1879.

M. John Francis  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:—

Is it correct  
Carlisle Indian School  
has been closed & turned  
over to Hospital for  
Soldiers? If all the  
pupils be transferred  
to another school or  
sent home. If any  
change made I would be  
glad to have her sent  
to Mt. Pleasant, Mich  
I can remain in  
school or sent home, &  
Lydia can be sent home  
as she has disgraced her  
self, which I did not



know I will send her  
to Hospital for Care  
& treatment if not  
too late. Please let me  
know the facts  
contained in this letter  
& oblige.

Very Respt.

Esther McCourse

P. S.

Please see to Lydia's  
Case at once & report  
or there be no  
hopes for her if  
the disease is  
contracted in her  
system. she claims  
she had this disease  
over a year.

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July 29, 1918

Mrs. G. Norman Acker,  
West Chester, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Lydia Thomas' mother has requested her immediate return home, and it seems advisable to comply with her request. Will you please return Lydia to Carlisle upon receipt of this letter, letting me know on what train to expect her here.

I am sorry to have to give you such a short notice but since our school has to be closed the 1st of September, there are many things we have to do on short notice. You can send me what balance is due Lydia by check the same day she leaves you.

Very truly yours,

D-E

Trav. Aud. in Charge

Lydia Thomas

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August 3, 1913.

Mrs. Esther McCoonse  
Algonac, Michigan.

Dear Madam:- I am not able to get a railroad to Algonac Michigan. Please let me know if it will suit you to meet your two daughters at Detroit, Michigan or at Chesterfield. I can get tickets to either of these two points.

Very truly yours

Trav. Aud. in Charge.

NRD

Mrs. Ewing. Lydia will be in this evening sometime. She and her sister Iva, can start for home tomorrow Friday Aug. 2nd. She is the girl whose mother wrote, she was diseased. N.R.D.

WINDCREST FARM

~~West~~ CHESTER SPRINGS

PENNSYLVANIA

R. D. No. 2

1918

31 July, 1918.

The Superintendent U. S. Indian School  
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear Sir -

Am sending Lydia Thomas back to Carlisle on the 2.35 P.M. train from Whitford to-morrow, August first. Under separate cover I am mailing her report and the money due Lydia.

Very truly yours,

(msg. n.) Ella B. Acker.

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Carlisle, Pa. August 22, 1918.

Miss Lydia Thomas  
Box 86  
Algenac, Michigan.

Dear Lydia,

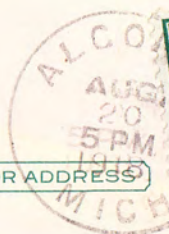
Complying with your request, I enclose  
herewith a check for \$17.00, this being the amount  
due you as outing wages.

Very truly yours

Trav. Aud. in Charge.

BRD

Inclosure



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Lenny,  
Carlisle,  
Pa.  
n School.

Alcona, Mich.  
August 20, 1918

Mrs. Lenny:  
Will the  
\$17.00 be sent to  
me what I got  
in the country  
Please let me  
know.

Very truly  
Lydia Thomas,  
Alcona,  
Box 86 Mich.

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

June 14, 1918.

This certifies that Lydia Thomas (Name of student.)

has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School (Name of school.)

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
English, Oral	Third	94
Reading	"	89
Spelling	"	99
Written Language	"	89
Music & Civics	"	82
Arithmetic	"	98
Writing	"	80
Drawing	"	80
General Average	"	91

Effort

Department

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.
Industrial		71

and is ~~not~~ eligible to pursue work in the Fourth grade, academic; and grade or year vocational

John Sturges Superintendent.

Chas Blair Principal.