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## CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 2884	ENGLISH NAME Myrtle Peniska	AGENCY Ponca Sub.	NATION Ponca				
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Jack Peniska, Niobrara, Neb.					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD 3/8	AGE 15	HEIGHT 5' 2 1/2"	WEIGHT 137 1/2	FORCED INSP. 39	FORCED EXPR. 36	SEX. F
FATHER, L	MOTHER, L	ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 24, 1913		FOR WHAT PERIOD Five years	DATE DISCHARGED June 7, 1918	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Line out	
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY	
9-12-14	Martha Beach, Drexel Hill Pa.					9-1-15	
6-15-17	Outing - J.W. Gray, Harberth, Pa.					8-30-17	

THE SHAW-WALKER CO., MUSKOGEE 121071

Months in school before Carlisle, ..... 4

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....

Grade at date of Discharge, .....

Trade or Industry, .....

Church. Congregational

Attends Presbyterian

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CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL



No. <i>2884</i>	NAME <i>Myrtle Geniska</i>	AGE. <i>15</i>	TRIBE. <i>Ponca</i>	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD. <i>3/8</i>	NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY. <i>Ponca Sub, Neb</i>
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DATE ENTERED.	Months in school before enrollment here.	IN WHAT GRADE OR ROOM.		Distance to nearest public school from pupil's home.	REMARKS. (Temporarily absent, outing, deserters, on sick leave, special authorities for enrollment, etc.)		
		On entering here.	At date of this report.				
<i>Sep. 24, 13</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>No. 44</i>	<i>1/2</i>			
<i>April 1914</i>			<i>No. 5</i>		<i>SEP 12 1914</i>	<i>SEP 1 1915</i>	
<i>Sep. 1915</i>	-	-	<i>VI</i>	-	<i>JUN 1 8 1917</i>	<i>AUG 3 0 1917</i>	
<i>" 1916</i>	-	-	<i>VII</i>	-			
			<i>2 voc</i>				<i>JUN -7 1918</i>

*Congregational*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Myrtle Ferris's Plea for Equal  
Suffrage, given at the joint-meeting  
of the Susans and the Invincibles,  
January 18th.

Resolved, That women should be  
granted Equal Suffrage with men  
by an Amendment to the Federal  
Constitution.

Now, Judges, Women should be granted, and  
will be granted equal suffrage with men by an  
Amendment to the Federal Constitution, because  
of the following reasons: We would have a better form  
of government if women were granted equal  
suffrage with men; for, Now, Judges, men have  
always defended and minimized evil.

They have upheld one wrong after another and have  
taken the stand that it is impossible to get rid of  
them. But women have worked day and night  
against them and finally have had the satisfaction  
of seeing many of them conquered. Intemperance  
is being conquered and will be conquered much  
sooner if women are granted equal suffrage.

Now, Judges, There are good women and bad  
women, but on the whole the influence of women is  
admitted by everybody to be ennobling and  
inspiring.

Now, Judges, There is no logic or justice in

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refusing to extend equal suffrage to the women when it is given without the slightest restrictions to the commonest aliens. The women are working for the good of this country. The aliens are working for their own ends, therefore why not <sup>extend</sup> equal suffrage to women?

How. Judges, One of the reasons why the American colonies rebelled was that they had taxation without representation, and the Declaration of Independence says expressly that it is a self-evident truth that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. Yet, How. Judges the women are taxed without representation and they have to submit to a government to which they have not given their consent.

How. Judges, I shall quote in part the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Great Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." How. Judges, are we living up to the "self-evident truth of the Declaration of Independence when we do not grant equal suffrage to women although,

they are under the laws of this government?  
 The government is the loser for not granting  
 women equal suffrage for in not doing so  
 it is being indifferent to the sun obling and  
 inspiring ideas ready to be presented by  
 fifty-eight million women.

How. Judges, We are now launched in a  
 life and death war to make the world safe  
 for democracy, and shall it be written in  
 future history that we did not believe in letting  
 democracy begin in the house? That we did  
 not believe in granting women equal suffrage  
 although they make up the better half of the  
 population of our country?

How. Judges, It is unfair and un-American  
 that the fifty-eight million women of this country  
 should have to obey the laws - many of which  
 affect them seriously - when they have no part  
 in the making of those laws.

How. Judges! The time is now at hand when  
 women should be granted and will be granted  
 the equal right in making the laws for this  
 great democracy, It shall then truthfully  
 be a government of the people, by the people  
 and for the people.

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**BRIEF**

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Application of

*Jack Teriska*

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*Myrtle Teriska*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

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NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

*Ponca*

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

Term of enrollment..... ( *5* ) years

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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 Penn.

of Myrtle Peniska female, date of birth 1899  
(Name of Child) (Sex)  
Ponca  
(Tribe)

NAME OF FATHER <small>(Both Indian and English)</small>	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
<u>Jack Peniska</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>Ponca</u>		<u>3/4</u>
<u>Mrs Peniska</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>Ponca</u>		<u>3/4</u>

I, Jack Peniska, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to enrollment in said school for a period of 5 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
<u>Hope S. O.</u>	<u>1908</u>			<u>1 to third</u>
<u>Genoa Neb.</u>	<u>1911</u>			<u>3 to 5</u>
3				
4				

Jack Peniska his  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)  
 P. O. Nebraska Nebr. mark

Two Witnesses:  
Ford Thompson  
Chas Water

**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 4 day of Sept, 1913

W. H. Clark M.D.

Physician at \_\_\_\_\_ Agency.

Indian School

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

This 5th day of Sept, 1913

[Signature]

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.**

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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 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.

REPORT OF Myrtle Peniska pupil of Carlisle Indian  
 School, who went <sup>transferred</sup> Jan. 2 - 1915 to live with Mrs. R. G. Simpson  
 (Date) (Patron)  
 of Drexel Hill Pa.,  
 (Post Office) (County)  
Penn., Drexel Hill <sup>Proley</sup> Railroad Station  
 (State)

Conduct Excellent

Health Excellent

Ability Fair

Cleanliness Personally untidy; needs training of very much.

Economy Fair ideas

Situation of Room 2d floor; well heated and lighted

Condition of Room Fair

Condition of Clothing Fair

Wages See other side

Are careful accounts kept by patron? Yes

Are careful accounts kept by pupil? Mrs. Simpson helps Myrtle to keep account.

Number of days at school Regular in attendance. Began Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

Distance to school Short distance - Tardy 4 times

Grade or quality of school Graded School

Name and address of teacher Miss McCandless Drexel Hill Public School Pa.

Qualifications of teacher

In what grade was pupil at Carlisle?

In what grade is pupil at present? Doing well in school - 7<sup>th</sup> yr.

Attends what church and Sunday school? Baptist

Distance to church About 4 squares.

Is there a Catholic church in locality? Not convenient

Who compose patron's family? Mr. & Mrs. Simpson and 2 little girls.

What other help is employed? Outside help by the day occasionally Washwoman

Locality of home Beautiful suburban home. Laffer occasionally.

Home life and environments Christian home and influences of highest type.

Trade at school

Nature of work Girl helper

Pupil's age 16 Experience First

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

Miss Beach, Myrtle's former nurse-mother had been paying Myrtle \$1.00 per week during school attendance. Mrs. Simpson continued the \$1.00 per week after Myrtle was transferred to her although Mrs. Simpson says Myrtle is really not worth that amount as far as actual service. But she has a most excellent disposition, never resents correction and is most helpful and kind to the little girls. She entertains them with beautiful nature stories and Mrs. Simpson says Myrtle has a remarkable "pure mind" and she is glad to have her with her children.

Personally Myrtle is rather untidy. Mrs. Simpson hopes to overcome this to some degree.

L. M. Johnston, Acting Agent.

Stay-  
J. M. P. S.

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

May 24, 1917, 191

This certifies that Myrtle Peniska (Name of student.)

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

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
English	1st Voc.	84
General Exercises		88
Arithmetic		73
Industrial Geography		89
Agricultural Botany		91
Cooking		82
Sewing		83

Effort

Department

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.

and is ~~not~~ eligible to pursue work in the Second Year Vocational grade, academic; and (Cancel one.)

Second ~~year~~ grade or year vocational.

6-4659 Superintendent. Principal.

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Second ~~year~~ year vocational.

James H. ... Superintendent.

... Principal.

OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL 309

Name of Student *Myrtle Peniska* Home Address *Jack Peniska, Nistrara, Neb.* Tribe *Ponca*

Age at Entrance *15* Date of Entrance *9-24-13* Shop

Patron *Miss Marsha Beach* Locality Days in School

Address *Drexel Hill, Pa.* R. R. Station Conduct

Recommended by Grade in School Ability

Grade of Home Church Health

Date of Outing *9-12-14* Date Returned *Dr. 1-2-15* Wages Earnings

JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL OR AVERAGE
								<i>2/19</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>18</i>	
								<i>Ex</i>	<i>Ex</i>	<i>Ex</i>	<i>Ex</i>	
								<i>Fr</i>	<i>Ex</i>	<i>Fr.</i>		
								<i>Ex</i>	<i>Ex</i>	<i>Ex</i>	<i>Ex</i>	
								<i>4.</i>	<i>4.</i>	<i>4</i>		

*P. G. Simpson*  
*Drexel Hill, Pa.*

*19 1/2 Sore eyes*  
*Ex Ex Ex Ex Ex*  
*7. Fair Ex Ex Ex*  
*Ex Eyes Ex Ex Ex*  
*5. 6 6 6*

*1-2-'15 - 9-1-15*



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Niokara Neb.

June 11 1917.

Dear Friend:

I shall be glad to have my daughter Myrtle come home and I shall meet her at date you say she will reach here. I am sure she will come back to school to finish.

With best wishes

Your friend,  
Jack Penick



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

Date of report.....

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Name of child *Myrtle Peniska* Age *15* Grade *Seventh*

Home post office *Niobrara Nebraska*

Tribe *Ponca* Degree of Indian blood *Fourth*

How many acres of land do you own *none* Location.....

What is the annual income from your land *none*

Do you have any other income *No* How much.....

Is your father living *yes*

Father's name *Jack Peniska*

Home post office *Niobrara Nebraska,*

Tribe *Ponca* Degree of Indian blood *Do not know*

Is he a citizen *No*

How much land does he own *320 acres* Allotment No. *Do not know*

What is its estimated value *Do not know*

What is the annual income from his land *Do not know*

Does he have any other income *Do not know*

If so, how much.....

Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property *no*

Is your mother living *yes*

Mother's name *Jennie Peniska*

Home post office *Niobrara Nebraska*

Tribe *Ponca* Degree of Indian blood *Do not know*

Is she a citizen *No*

How much land does your mother own *160 acres* Allotment No. *Do not know*

What is its estimated value *Do not know*

What is the annual income from her land... *Do not know*

Does she have any other income... *Do not know*

If so, how much.....

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

With whom do you make your home... *With my father and mother*

How many rooms in the house... *eight*

How many live in the house... *Six*

How far is your home from the nearest public school... *Two miles*

Why do you not attend that school... *Because they did not carry the branches in which I wanted to study*

How many teachers employed there... *Do not know*

How many grades maintained... *eight*

How many months of school each year... *eight and half months*

Did you ever attend a public school... *None before I came here. yes*

If so, how long... *September 14<sup>th</sup> 1914 - April 1<sup>st</sup> 1915* Where... *Upper Darby Pa.*

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

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

Are they in school... *yes*

Where... *a brother and sister at Genoa Nebraska and sister at Carlisle Pa.*

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

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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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CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

June 14, 1918, 191

This certifies that Myrtle Peniska (Name of student.) has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School (Name of school.)

Table with columns: SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL, GRADE, RATING. Rows include English (2nd Yr. Voc., 89), Arithmetic (88), Soils (82), U. S. History (88), General Exercises (87), and General Average (84).

Effort

Department

Table with columns: DETAILS SERVED, LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH, RATING. Rows include Cooking (89) and Sewing (83).

and is ~~not~~ eligible to pursue work in the Third Year Vocational grade, academic; and

grade or year vocational

Handwritten signature of Superintendent

Superintendent.

Handwritten signature of Principal

Principal.

March 2nd, 1915.

Mr. Jack Peniska,  
Niobrara, Nebraska.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of February the 27th, this is to advise you that our Girls' Outing Agent saw both your daughters at their Outing homes last week and she has reported that they are well and getting along very satisfactorily.

Myrtle is in the home of Mrs. R. G. Simpson at Drexel Hill, Pa., one of our very best patrons and a lady who is actively interested in doing the best possible for the girls who are entrusted to her care. In this connection I must explain that Myrtle's monthly home letter was sent in early in February, but as it was not accompanied by the usual report card the letter was inadvertently held here too. I now enclose it herewith.

Belle is in the home of Miss E. D. Edge at Downingtown, Pa., with another girl from this school. Miss Edge has an old country house and is a remarkable woman in every respect. She takes a personal interest in the girls she has with her, and has had for years, so that Belle could not be any more

-2- Mr. Jack Peniska, Niobrara, Nebraska.

fortunate than to live in the home of Miss Edge and to be under her influence.

Miss Edge spoke to our Outing Agent about Belle's engagement to be married, but it is claimed by the latter that the young man lives at Niobrara and that she is anxious to complete her studies here before she takes up the more serious responsibilities.

Assuring you that I will be pleased to have you write to me at any time about your daughters, so that we can work together to do the best for them, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

POST OFFICE  
PARADISE  
COUNTRY  
NEBRASKA

NIORARA, NEBRASKA

Febr 27-1916-

upt.  
Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:

I wrote my daughter ~~Belle~~  
Myrtle some time ago, and have not  
rec'd an answer. Is she at the school,  
if not, what is her address? please  
answer and let me know, as I am some  
what worried over her.

Resp. Jack Periska.

FRANCO  
MERCHANDISE  
COUNTRY  
POLICE

NIORARA. NEBRASKA

Belle wrote me and said that she  
was going to get married. I sent her these  
to accomplish in her studies and work also.  
So I wish you would see that she finishes  
her term, and also get that marrying  
out of her head. Thanking you in advance.

Remain  
J. P.

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July 30, 1918

Miss Myrtle Peniska,  
Niobrara, Nebraska

Dear Myrtle:

As the Carlisle School as a school for Indians, will be closed September 1st we will not be able to consider the enrollment of any more pupils.

I am sorry that we will not be able to give a Carlisle diploma to one who has worked so faithfully as you have to get one. We are transferring our pupils to the large schools in the West the last of next month, and I would advise that you get in touch with the Superintendent of one of the large schools so that you can continue your school. Mr. Blair, as well as several of our Carlisle employees, are being transferred to the Chilocco School.

Very truly yours,

D-E

Trav. Aud. in Charge





Malverna, N. H.  
July. 23, 1918.

Supt. John Francis Jr.  
Carlisle. Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I shall write you  
a letter in regards as  
to securing applications  
for my youngest brother  
Joseph Peniska


He has heard so  
much about Carlisle  
and its wonderful  
opportunities that now  
his greatest wish  
and desire is to be  
a Carlisle student.

Although I am only



A year older than  
he, I feel, since having  
spent five years at  
Carlisle, that I can use  
my influence in helping  
him in the right path  
while the beginning is  
yet new.

It is my dearest  
wish to get him away  
from present surroundings  
before he is influenced  
by anyone. For although  
this is a pretty fair  
play, it is by no means  
a place wherein he can  
make something of himself.  
I shall return to  
Carlisle this Fall to resume



my studies in junior  
class and I shall feel  
very grateful to you  
always if you will  
allow my brother to  
return with me.

I am asking this  
because I wish future  
happiness for my  
Seventeen year old  
brother and I also  
ask it because I  
love him dearly  
and wish him to  
to obtain the Carlisle  
education which will  
make him a more  
efficient and worthwhile  
citizen. Myrtle of Penick

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June 22nd, 1915,

Mr. R. G. Simpson,  
Drexel Hill, Penna.

Dear Sir,

Please have Myrtle Peniska sign the enclosed check of 2.75 in favor of Dr. Boyer and return the same to me to pay her dentist bill.

Respectfully,

W.H.M.

Supervisor in charge.