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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER	ENGLISH NAME	AGENCY	NATION
2884	Myrtle Peniska	Ponca Sub.	Ponca

BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS
		Father Jack Peniska, Niobrara, Neb.

PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.
FATHER. L	MOTHER. L	3/8	15	5' 2 1/2"	137 1/2	39	36	F

ARRIVED AT SCHOOL	FOR WHAT PERIOD	DATE DISCHARGED	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
Sept. 24, 1913	Five years	June 7, 1918	Time out

TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS	FROM COUNTRY
9-12-14	Martha Beach, Drexel Hill Pa.	9-1-15
6-15-17	Outing - G.W. Gray, Narberth, Pa.	8-30-17

THE SHAW-WALKER CO., MUSKEGON 121071

Months in school before Carlisle, [redacted]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.	Name	Age.	Tribe.	Degree of Indian Blood.	Name of Agency and Reservation, if Enrolled; if not, Post Office of Family.
2884	Myrtle Geniska	15	Ponca	3/8	Ponca Sub, Nebr

Date Entered.	Months in school before enrollment here.	In What Grade or Room. On entering here.	In What Grade or Room. At date of this report.	Distance to nearest public school from pupil's home.	Remarks. (Temporarily absent, outing, deserters, on sick leave, special authorities for enrollment, etc.) To Country	From Country	Date Discharged
Sep. 24, 13	50		No. 4 V	1/2			
April 1914			No. 5		SEP 12 1914	SEP 1 1915	
Sep. 1915	—	—	VI	—	JUN 16 1917	AUG 30 1917	
" 1916	—	—	VII	—			
			2 voc				JUN - 7 1918
						Congregational	

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Progress from _____ (Date) _____, to _____ (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*								
Deportment ____ standing*								
Physical condition								

Remarks: _____

"Y & E" ~1640~

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.

Hon. 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, Hon. 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.

Hon. 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.

Hon. Judges, There is no logic or justice in

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 extend equal suffrage to women?

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

Hon. 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." Hon. 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 ennobling and inspiring ideas ready to be presented by fifty-eight million women.

Hon. 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 home? That we did not believe in granting women equal suffrage although they make up the better half of the population of our country?

Hon. Judges, It is unfair an 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.

Hon. 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

Application of

Jack Peniska

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Myrtle Peniska

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Ponca

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

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

Printed by Carlisle Indians. Ed. June 13—6000

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 (Name of Child); female (Sex); date of birth 1899

Ponca (Tribe).

NAME OF FATHER (Both Indian and English)	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
Jack Peniska	living	Ponca		3/4
NAME OF MOTHER				
Jenna Peniska	living	Ponca		3/4

I, Jack Peniska, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to enrollment in said school for a period of 5 (Not less than 3) years, and also obligate myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian Schools.

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

	NAME OF SCHOOL	DATE OF ENROLLMENT	DATE OF DISCHARGE	CAUSE	GRADE
1	Hope S. D.	1908			1 5 Third
2	Genoa Nebr.	1911			3 4 5
3					
4					

his

Jack Peniska

(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

mark

P. O. Address: Niobrara Nebr.

Two Witnesses:

Ford Thompson

Chas Walton

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. K. Clark M.D.

Physician at Agency.

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

This 5th day of Sept, 1913

F. E. McIntyre

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.

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

Conduct Excellent.

Health Excellent.

Ability Fair

Cleanliness Personally untidy; needs training O' 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. 21st.

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 - 7th Gr.

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 occasionaly. Washwoman helps occasionally.

Locality of home Beautiful Suburban home.

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 country-mother had been paying Myrtle $1.00 per week during school attendance so 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 - NRD

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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 .....

Deportment .....

Details Served.	Length of Time in Each.	Rating.

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

Second ~~grade~~ XXXX year vocational.

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Superintendent.

Principal.

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Cooking		82
Sewing		83

Effort

Deportment

Details Served.	Length of Time in Each.	Rating.

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

John Francis Jr. *Superintendent.*

C. M. Blair *Principal.*

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OUTING RECORD — CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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Name of Student Myrtle Peniska — Home Address Jack Peniska, Niobrara, Neb. — Tribe Ponca

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

Patron Miss Martha Beach — Locality

Address Drexel Hill, Pa. — R. R. Station

Recommended by — Grade in School

Grade of Home — Church

Date of Outing 9-12-14 — Date Returned Jr. 1-2-15 — Wages

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL OR AVERAGE
Days in School									9/9	22	21	18	
Conduct									G	G	Ex	Ex	
Ability									Jr	G	G	Jr.	
Health									Ex	G	G	V.G	
Earnings									4.	4.	4		

R. G. Simpson
Drexel Hill. Pa.

19½ Sore eyes

Ex	G	Ex.	G	G	G	
7.	Fair	G	G	G	G	
G	Eyes.	G.	G	G	G	
		8.	6	6	6	

1-2-'15 — 9-1-15

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OUTING RECORD — CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Name of Student **Home Address** **Tribe**

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

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Niobrara Nebr.
June 1 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 Peniska

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

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Date of report .....

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 14th 1914 - April 1st 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:

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.)

Subjects—Academic and Vocational.	Grade.	Rating.
English	2nd Yr. Voc.	89
Arithmetic	"	68
Soils	"	82
U. S. History	"	88
General Exercises	"	87
General Average	"	84

Effort

Deportment

Details Served.	Length of Time in Each.	Rating.
Cooking		89
Sewing		83

and is ~~XXXXXX~~ eligible to pursue work in the Third Year Vocational grade, academic; and
(Cancel one.)

grade or year vocational

John Francis Jr
Superintendent.

Chas Blair
Principal.

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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

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.

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HANDISE
ULTRY
DUCE

NIOBRARA, NEBRASKA

Feb 27-1915

Supt.
Carlisle. Penn.

Dear Sir.

I wrote my daughter ~~Bertha~~ 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. Peniska.

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NIOBRARA, NEBRASKA

Belle wrote me and said that she was going to get married. I sent her there 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.

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

Niobrara, Nebr
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 Penishka

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 J Peniska

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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.