

## DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

5110

SHAW-WALKER, MUSKOGEE, MICHIGAN 47445

Threat: *Methodist*



## REMARKS

Edna was a member of  
the 7th A class at Haskell,  
from September to December,  
1916, but was not here for  
term examinations, hence  
has no credits on record.

## ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS CLASSES

Grade.....	Room.....
Agriculture.....	Geography .....
Arithmetic .....	Penmanship .....
Banking .....	Physiology .....
Bookkeeping .....	Reading.....
Business practice.....	Rapid calculation.....
Business law .....	Spelling.....
Business arith .....	Shorthand, theory .....
Civil government .....	Shorthand, dictation .....
Current events.....	Typewriting.....
Commercial geog.....	U. S. history.....
Drawing .....	Vocal music.....
English.....	Geometry.....
Algebra.....	Industrial physics.....
Shop mathematics.....	Industrial chemistry.....
Effort.....	

## DEPARTMENT

Industrial department.....
Academic .....
Report of Disciplinarian.....
Report of Matron .....

All academic and industrial grades are given in figures with 100 as a maximum. Department is given in words, as Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor.

## BOY'S INDUSTRIES

Year.....	{ Vocational Prevocational
Baking.....	Horticulture .....
Band .....	Landscape .....
Blacksmithing .....	Masonry .....
Carpentering .....	Matron's detail.....
Dairying .....	Manual training .....
Engineering .....	{ Mech. drawing..... Woodworking..... Forging.....
{ El. light wiring .....	Printing .....
{ Plumbing .....	Painting and decorat- ing .....
{ Steamfitting .....	
{ Machine work .....	
{ Firing .....	
Farming .....	Tailoring.....
Gardening .....	Shoemaking.....
Harnessmaking.....	Wagonmaking.....
Year.....	{ Vocational Prevocational

## GIRLS' INDUSTRIES

Domestic art .....	Domestic science .....
{ Model-book work .....	{ Cooking .....
{ Plain sewing .....	{ Serving.....
{ Dressmaking .....	{ Laundering.....
{ Department .....	{ Department.....
Nursing .....	Dining-room work .....
Sewing .....	Housekeeping.....
Mending .....	Laundering.....

# UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

## HASKELL INSTITUTE

LAWRENCE, KANS.

Sept. 20, , 1917

Dear Friend:

I inclose letter of your \_\_\_\_\_  
(Son, daughter, ward.)

Edna McDonald \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of pupil.)

with report for the month of \_\_\_\_\_  
191..... Please look this over carefully and keep the report for future comparison. Unless otherwise reported under "General Remarks," it should be understood that the pupil is in usual health.

Any inquiry you may wish to make in regard to this report or the general welfare of the pupil will be welcome.

Your friend,

H. B. PEAIRS,  
*Superintendent*



Standard Sept 12 1910

SEP 12 1910

Red from Jos Susan age  
One book Standard to Carole  
Dr from 990 No 64596

Edna M. Donald

YAT  
you can Sept 6<sup>th</sup>  
Susan

Whe Denny

Mr. St. Kellock  
wants to know if  
Edna McDonald can  
be sent home, etc.

Better question Mr  
St. Kellock about it  
the next time he  
come in.

C. V. Peck

Mrs. Ida Robinson

7 Landon Ave

S. D.

From letter sent July 30-18  
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Hlandreau S.D.

Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> 1918

Mr. John Francis Jr.

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:- *Edna M<sup>c</sup>Donald*

Enclosed you will find  
check to the amount of (\$5.50)  
Five dollars + fifty cents which  
will cover the amount of  
indebtedness contracted by my  
daughter.

I am so happy to know that  
she is getting along so well  
and seems so perfectly contented.



Thanking you and all for any  
kindness extended my daughter  
and also for the reprimands  
when she needs them.

With best wishes I am

Very Respectfully

Ida Robinson.

Flandreau S.D.

July 7<sup>th</sup> '18

Mrs Ewing, Matron,  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Madam:-

I have been wanting  
to write to you for some time  
but each time something  
would prevent me, from  
doing so.

Another school term has  
passed and first of all  
I want to thank you

for your kindness to my  
daughter Edna M<sup>rs</sup> Donald.

I trust that she has not  
caused you any trouble,  
for it would grieve me  
very much to know that  
she had been naughty.

and I ask you to frankly  
tell me if she has been hard  
to manage.

I am writing this to ask  
you if you can possibly  
allow her to take nurse-

training as that has alwa  
been her ambition and I  
am very anxious to have  
her specialize in some thing  
that she feels she is adapt  
to, or give her a trial any  
way. I will be very grateful  
to you if you will grant  
me this favor, and will be  
glad to hear from you  
regarding this.

Wishing you success and  
good health. I am

Very Sincerely

(Mrs) Ida Robinson

Flandreau S. D.

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December 31, 1917.

Mrs. Ida Robinson  
Flandreau, S. D.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 17th inst and enclosing one which you had received from your daughter Edna McDonald. Mr. Duran the disciplinarian knows the contents of both letters and will have a talk with the two boys who are annoying Edna. You can rest assured that he will handle the case in such a way that Edna need not be annoyed by them any more.

We will do the best we can for Edna but you know that a mistake such as hers, is very hard to live down.

I am returning your daughter's letter to you.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD-Inc.



Flandreau S. D.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1917

Mr. Francis Supt.

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Friend:-

I am very sorry that I must again trouble you with a little of my trouble. I am enclosing my daughter Edna's letter which will explain for itself. Edna is trying so hard to redeem herself from the mistake which she made at Haskell and if she is behaving herself I think it would be a sin to let two boys or any other person slander and discourage her, especially when I know those two boys and they have no room to talk about any body. I beg of you as only a mother can to try to



protest her, of course I realize the fact that a girl once makes a mis-step it is awfully hard to ever eradicate it. but through your and Mrs Ewing influence I am sure that any slander can be avoided.

There was a case of that kind here only of worse nature but through the matron's influence it was all kept quiet and the girl reformed and is now making an excellent record.

Therefore I will ask you to please look into this matter and kindly advise me how my girl is doing.

With my best wishes I am  
Very Respectfully,

Ida Robinson

August 16, 1917.

Mr. Edwin Schanandore  
Flandreau, S. D.

My dear Mr. Schanandore:-

I have your letter of the 12th inst relative to the enrolment of Mrs. Robinson's daughter and have to advise that this matter was brought to my attention several days ago by Mr. Pearce and I have written him that I am willing to give this girl a trial at this school if she will do her part and improve upon her past conduct.

After her application has been submitted to me, I will arrange to place a ticket for her.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD



HASKELL INSTITUTE  
UNITED STATES INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL  
LAWRENCE, KANS.

July 30, 1917.

Mrs. Ida Robinson,  
Flandreau, S. Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 26th, I have to advise you that I received a letter a few days ago from Superintendent Peirce in which he stated that you desired to enroll your daughter, Edna, at Carlisle. I wrote to Mr. Peirce and said that I had no objection. I believe it will be best for her to go to another school and make a new start.

I trust that she will do well there.

Respectfully,

*K. B. Peairs*  
Superintendent.

HBP-JT

Handman, South Dakota.

8/12, 1917.

John Francis,  
Carlisle,  
Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Ida Robinson of this school, wishes to send her daughter to Carlisle. The girl is about 15 or 16 years old. She was at Haskell last year, and I understand that she did not get along very well at Haskell, but I do not know just what was her trouble there. If you care to take the girl, she is ready to start any time.

Yours respectfully,  
Edwin Schamandore.



August 14, 1917.

Mr. Charles F. Pierce  
Superintendent Indian School  
Flandreau, S. D.

My dear Mr. Pierce:-

Upon my return from a two weeks' vacation, I find your letter dated July 28th, this letter bearing upon the case of Edna McDonald.

I have considered the matter of her enrolment here and have decided to give her a trial if she will pledge herself to behave. We have a very good class of girls here now, most of them anxious to learn and make something of themselves and I dislike to bring among them a girl with Edna's history but acting upon your recommendation and Mr. Peairs', I am willing to give her a try-out.

Will you have her father submit the required application for enrolment here and secure her release from the Haskell Institute? Upon receipt of the application with the release, I will have a ticket placed at Flandreau for her use.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

FLANDREAU, S. D.

July 28, 1917.

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and -  
it if not.*  
Supt. J. B. Francis,

Carlisle, Mass.

Dear Mr. Francis;

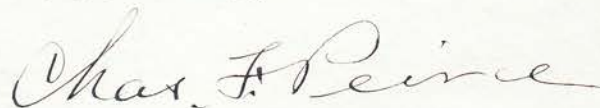
We have a girl here at Flandreau named Edna Mc Donald who is the step-daughter of our school carpenter . She has been in this school for a number of years and was transferred last year to Haskell. Down there she got into some difficulty which was a love affair and finally ran away with one of the most prominent of the Haskell students, going to the home of her grandparents in Oklahoma. It appears that Superintendent Wise made little or no effort to return her and she remained with her grandparents in Oklahoma for some months, returning here this summer. She is still young only about 16 years of age and desired to go to school again. I took the matter up with Superintendent Peairs and he states that he thinks it inadvisable to return her to Haskell and also states "She is still young and if she shows an earnest desire to take advantages of the opportunities offered by the Government, I believe she should be given another chance and if the Indian Office approves there will be no objection" to her transfer to Carlisle."

I do not think the girl was particularly bad, but believe that owing to the loose conditions that existed at Haskell

at that time, that she simply took advantage of the opportunity and got away. I should like very much to see the girl in some good school and as Carlisle is farther away than the other schools, I believe it advisable to send her there.

Her mother was a Wheelock and a sister of Dennison Wheelock a graduate of Carlisle. She is now married for the second time to a Mr. Robinson who is the school carpenter here. Mr. Robinson's mother also lives close by the school in a little cottage, and when so many of the families are here, the presence of the girl is a source of a lack of harmony in their home. I believe it is for the interest of all that the girl should get away to school and hope that you will be able to take her at Carlisle.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chas. F. Peirce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Superintendent.

Superintendent.

CFP/ CS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

FLANDREAU, S. D. September 5, 1917

Supt. John Francis, Jr.,

Carlisle, Penna.

Dear Mr. Francis:

I am returning herewith the information required under the Declaration of Policy forwarded to me for Edna McDonald. I will state that Edna and her mother both say that Edna is enrolled as a Wichita and she was credited to that tribe for enrollment at Flandreau School. However, the father is a Delaware and her mother an Oneida.

The mother is separated from Edna's father and married Stephen Robinson, our school carpenter and both the step-father and mother are employed at the school. However the step-father has an aged mother depending on him mostly for her support and they are not able to support and send Edna to the public school in town.

Edna will start to Carlisle as soon as her ticket reaches here as per your order to the general agent of the C. M. & St. Paul Railway at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

*Chas. F. Peirce,*  
Superintendent.

*W.H.H.*

H/P.



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July 12, 1918.

Mrs. Ida Robinson  
Flandreau, S. D.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter to Mrs. Ewing concerning your daughter Edna McDonald, has been referred to this office for reply.

We have considered the matter of your daughter being allowed to take the nurse's training course given here and believe that it would not be advisable yet for Edna to go into the hospital. If it is her desire to take this course, we will be glad to give her the opportunity after she has been at the school longer and has in every way proven herself worthy of this privilege.

Edna is still young and there is plenty of time ahead for her to take up this work after she is older. Mrs. Ewing reports that she has had no great difficulties with your daughter this year but she is at times a little hard to control, as you know, and it takes tact and patience to help her along. The girls we are placing in our hospital now are girls who are trust-worthy and responsible in every way. I fear Edna would not measure up to the standard so feel it best to deny her request at this time.

Very truly yours

Trav. Aud. in Charge.

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Academic.	Grade or year.	Rating.	Boys' courses.	Year or course.	Rating.	Girls' courses.	Year or course.	Rating.
Arithmetic.....	7	83	AGRICULTURAL.			HOME ECONOMY.		
Civics.....		—	Dairying.....			Domestic science:		
Current events.....			Farming.....			Care of the house		
Drawing.....			Fruit growing.....			Cooking and serving.....		
English.....		98	Gardening.....			Making menus and estimat- ing cost.....		
Geography.....		90	Poultry raising.....			Laundering.....		
Literary society work			Stock raising.....			Kitchen gar- dening.....		
Nature study and home gardening.....		90	INDUSTRIAL.			Poultry raising.		
Penmanship.....		89	Blacksmithing.....			Care of milk and making butter.....		
Physiology and hy- giene.....		99	Carpentering.....			Domestic art:		
Reading.....		100	Engineering:			Plain sewing.....		
Spelling.....		88	Electric-light wiring.....			Dressmaking.....		
U. S. history.....		99	Firing.....			Embroidery and lace mak- ing.....		
			Forging.....			Weaving.....		
Effort.....			Machine work.....			Millinery.....		
Department.....		100	Plumbing.....			Buying and house- hold accounts.....		
			Steamfitting.....			Detail:		
SPECIAL SUBJECTS.			Masonry.....			Cooking.....		
			Mechanical drawing			Dining room.....		
			Painting and dec- orating.....			Laundering.....		89
			Printing.....			Mending.....		
			Shoe and harness making.....			Nursing.....		
			Tailoring.....			Sewing.....		
			Wagon making.....			Matron's.....		
			Woodworking.....			Effort.....		
			Detail:			Department.....		90
			Baking.....					
			Blacksmithing.....			MUSIC.		
			Carpentering.....			Vocal.....		
			Cooking.....			Instrumental.....		
			Farming.....			(Instrument.)		
			Dairying.....					
			Engineering.....			MISCELLANEOUS.		
			Gardening.....			Physical and mili- tary training (hours per week).		
			Masonry.....					
			Printing.....					
			Shoe and har- ness making.....					
			Tailoring.....					
			Effort.....					
			Department.....					

"Excellent" is equivalent to 95 per cent or above; "Very good," 85 per cent to 95 per cent; "Good," 75 per cent to 85 per cent; "Fair," 70 per cent to 75 per cent; "Poor," below 70 per cent.



## REMARKS.

## UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

*Hlandreau Indian*  
(Name of school.)

*Hlandreau, S. D.*  
(Post-office address.)

Dear Friend: *June 1, 1916.*

I inclose letter of your *daughter*  
(Son, daughter, ward.)

*Eduard Mc Donald.*  
(Name of pupil.)

with report for the month of *May*  
*1916*. Please look these over carefully  
and keep the report for future comparison.  
Unless otherwise reported under "General  
Remarks," it should be understood that  
the pupil is in usual health.

Any inquiry you may wish to make in  
regard to this report or the general welfare  
of the pupil will be welcomed.

Your friend,

*Chas. F. Prince*

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BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

Mrs. Ida Robinson

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Edna McDonald

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pa.

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Flandreau

Date of enrollment, August 27, 1917

Term of enrollment, Five ( 5 ) years.

NAME OF PERSON ARRANGING FOR THE TRANSFER:

Position, \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

FLANDREAU, S. D. August 27, 1917


Supt. John B. Francis,

Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Mr. Francis:

I am herewith transmitting the application for the enrollment of Edna McDonald, daughter of Mrs. Robinson, wife of our school carpenter. I am recommending that the girl be sent elsewhere for the reason that her presence here is not conducive to perfect harmony in the Robinson family. Mr. Robinson's mother lives a short distance from the school and her presence was at times unbearable to his wife and again the presence of Edna who is a daughter by Mrs. Robinson's first husband is not conducive to the best of feelings at times. I believe that sending the girl away where she will be under strict discipline would be the making of her and also create a better feeling here. For this reason I trust that you will be able to accept it.

Very respectfully,

  
Superintendent.

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Ed.-Schools  
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Mrs. Ida Robinson,

SEP -1 1917

Flandreau, South Dakota.

My Friend:

In reply to your letter of July 27, 1917, requesting that your daughter Edna McDonald be permitted to attend Carlisle School, you are advised that I have made inquiry concerning her expulsion from Haskell Institute. Her conduct was not good and it was thought best not to allow her to return to Haskell. However, in view of the fact that she is only 14 years old now an exception will be made in her case, and authority for her enrollment at Carlisle, as requested, will be granted, provided the Superintendent can accommodate her and is willing to receive her.

You should make formal application on the enclosed blanks and forward them to Carlisle School for consideration.

Your friend,

*(Signed) E. B. Meritt*

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Assistant Commissioner.

Carbon to Carlisle School.

# 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.

## FOR ENROLLMENT AT CARLISLE SCHOOL.

Date September 5, 1917

Name of prospective student Edna McDonald Age 14

Address Flandreau, S. Dak.

Tribe Wichita Degree of Indian blood 3/4

Grade Seventh

How many acres do you own? None

How much income do you receive from it annually? None

Amount of income from other sources About \$25 per year from my mother.

Distance you live from nearest public school 1 mile

Why do you not attend? Parents are unable to support and send me.

Why do you want to come to Carlisle? To obtain education which I am unable to secure any other way.

Father's name Donald Mc. Donald.

Address Ashdown, Ark.

Tribe Delaware. Degree of Indian blood 1/2

How much land has he? None

What is his annual income from all sources? Unknown.

Mother's name Ida Robinson

Address Flandreau, S. D.

Tribe Oneida Degree of Indian blood Full

Is she alive? Yes How much land has she? None

What is her approximate income from it all sources? None from land. Salary \$300 per year.

How many brothers and sisters have you? None.

Signed Edna Mc Donald

I believe the answers given are correct.

Chas. J. Peirce,  
Superintendent.

*W.A.H.*



# Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co.

## Office of Commercial Agent

818 Chestnut Street

GEO. J. LINCOLN  
General Agent

Telephones:  
Bell, Walnut 151  
Keystone, Main 97

Philadelphia, Pa., September 15th, 1917

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Mr. John Francis, Jr.

Supt., U.S. Indian School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter August 31st.

In compliance with your request we are pleased to advise that Edna McDonald was furnished on 12th inst. with one way ticket, Flandreau, S.D. to Carlisle, Pa., Form G T O No. 64896 routed CM&StP to Chicago, Penna. RR to Harrisburg and Cumberland Valley R.R., value \$30.60, and attached is passenger's receipt for the transportation.

Will you please arrange for settlement, and oblige,

Yours truly,

*Geo. J. Lincoln*  
General Agent

Gov't

Edna McDowell

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Glandreau S. D.

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> '17

Mr. John Francis Supt.  
Carlisle Pa.

Kind Friend:

Your letter received and contents noted. First, of all I must thank you for the word of encouragement regarding my daughter Edna and I trust that she will do her part. Only a mother can tell the terrible anxiety over a child's welfare and since I feel that she will receive fair treatment I feel about 20 years younger. I am enclosing her report at the close of 7<sup>th</sup> grade and I hope she can take her up 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year. Edna speaks in the highest terms of the school and employees. With best wishes I am  
Very Respectfully  
Ida Wheelock Robinson.

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February 18, 1918.

Mrs. Ida Robinson  
Indian School, Flandreau, S.D.

Dear Madam:-

I have three bills for glasses and repairs  
on glasses against Edna McDonald which she tells me are  
to be sent to you. The bills are itemized as follow:

Oct. 4, 1917-1 pr. glasses, Edna McDonald	- - - - -	\$2.50
Dec. 17, 1917-Repairs, glasses belonging to Alice		
Roulette, broken by Edna	- - - - -	1.60
Jan. 14, 1918-Repairs Edna's glasses	- - - - -	1.40
Total		5.50

If you will send the check for the above  
amount made payable to me as superintendent, I will  
pay the bills.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 12, 1918.

Mrs. Ida Robinson  
Flandreau, S.D.

Dear Ma'am:-

Your daughter Edna McDonald will leave  
Carlisle Wednesday evening August 14th for Flandreau.  
She will be due there about Saturday. Please have her  
met upon her arrival.

Very truly yours

Trav. Aud. in Charge.

NRD



Flandreau S. D.

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 1918

Mr. G. V. Peel Act. Supt

Ind. School Carlisle Pa.

Dear Friend:-

Your letter received and contents noted and in reply will say that I have decided to send my girl to the Public School and so just as soon as convenient I will be glad to have Edna McDonald sent home. If I understand correctly they are to be sent home at Government expense.

With my closing thought I want to thank the faculty of the school for their efforts and work toward caring for my daughter and educating her. I wish them all success in what ever they may do.

Very Sincerely

Ida Robinson.



Edna McDonald 396 Flandreau S.D.  
Aug - 14 - 1918

Mr. C. V. Peel

Act. Supt. Indian School Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Not having any reply to my letter I will write again.

I was informed that I would be asked as to my choice of school I would want my girl transferred to, but as I have already informed you of my intention of sending her to a Public school I suppose it was not necessary.

I have been very anxiously waiting for her to come home as I will need to fit her out in clothing if she goes to town school and I also have a place for her to work until school commences thereby earn her own books, which I am required to provide, As she is not going to be enrolled at the Flandreau Ind. School I don't think it is necessary to hold her there until the transferred pupils come. I trust that this will meet with your approval and let me know if she can come right away.

Respectfully Ida Robinson