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Name Caswell, Benjamin

Age

Deg. Ind. blood

Address Cass Lake, Minn.

Information from Is Teacher, Cass Lake

Date 7-10-1913<sup>191</sup>

State

Agency

Tribe

POSITIONS FOR WHICH LISTED. SUITABILITY IN ORDER NAMED.

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Remarks:

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Re-admitted

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.  
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT.

NUMBER 1392	ENGLISH NAME Benjamin Caswell	AGENCY White Earth	NATION Chippewa	
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Megaence		
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD Full	AGE 23	HEIGHT 5-6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	WEIGHT 150
FATHER: <i>Living</i>	MOTHER: <i>Dead</i>	FORCED INSP. 38	FORCED EXPR. 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	SEX. m
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Aug 27, 1892	FOR WHAT PERIOD 5 years	DATE DISCHARGED June 10, 1895	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Graduate	
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS			FROM COUNTRY

SHAW-WALKER · MUSKOGON 5478

Months in school before Carlisle, .....

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....

Grade at date of Discharge, .....

Trade or Industry, .....

Church, .....

**CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.**  
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT.

NUMBER <i>1023</i>	ENGLISH NAME <i>Benj. Caswell</i>	AGENCY <i>White Earth</i>	NATION <i>Chippewa</i>
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS <i>Me gajence</i>	
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT
FATHER, <i>Dead</i>	MOTHER, <i>Living</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>"</i>
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL <i>Sept. 9, 1889</i>	FOR WHAT PERIOD <i>5 years.</i>	DATE DISCHARGED <i>Feb 24, 1892</i>	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE <i>Grad. '92</i>
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS		FROM COUNTRY
<i>May 16, 90</i>	<i>M. White Tullytown Bucks Co. Pa</i>		<i>Sep. 10, 90</i>

SHAW-WALKER MUSKOGON 5178

Months in school before Carlisle, *55*

Grade entered at Carlisle, *7<sup>th</sup>*

Grade at date of Discharge, *Grad.*

Trade or Industry, *Asst in boiler room*

Church, .....





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Cass Lake school girls

Ages 12 - 15 years

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Benj. Caswell

Robert & Oliver Caswell's  
bed room.







Beny Caswell

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Margaret Caswell's  
bedroom



O. Caswell





Benj. Caswell  
& family





Two pages of sheet music are open on the piano. The text is illegible due to the image quality.

CASS LAKE



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Parlor of  
Benjamin Bowditch's ~~residence~~ residence







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Dining room

Benj. Caswell's residence



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RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name Benjamin Caswell '92

1. Are you married and if so to whom? Yes, Leila Cornelius, Class 96, Carlisle.

2. What is your present address? Cass Lake, Minnesota.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school and dates if possible. While at Carlisle, attended Dickinson College Prep. School, was a member of the senior Class (95) when I left Carlisle.

4. What is your present occupation? Salary? Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agt. \$860.00 per annum.

5. Do you own your home? Yes.

6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms? Frame, 8 rooms, heated by hot water system, lighted by electricity.

7. How much property do you possess?

Stock 1 pony, 1 dog, 1 cat, all pets of my children.

Value \$75, \$15, \$.50 total \$90.50 and Gasoline boat, bob sleigh, cutter paid \$570.00

Land 320 Acres (Allotment 160 acres, purchased 160 acres.)

value \$2,400.00 \$2,600.00 = \$5,000.



Real Estate house and two lots worth \$2,500.00, furniture \$1,500.00

8. Do you have money in the bank? Yes. How much? About \$1,700.00

9. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? Yes.

Can not give exact dates but approximately it is as follows;-	{	Assistant Teacher	1	year
		Teacher	4	years - 3 Mos.
		Prin. Teacher in charge	5	" 6 "
		Supt.	1	"
		Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agt.	1	"
			<u>12</u>	" 9 Mos.

10. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? My first dollar earned, for after leaving Carlisle, was cleaning a house, then worked on a farm for \$20.00 per month. Again, helped <sup>scale</sup> trespass cutting of pine received \$2.00 per day. This leaves about 3 or 4 weeks leisure between the breaks.

11. Have you done anything for the betterment of your people? Write fully. Yes, if my above record can be recognized as such.



12. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life. Wanted to join the navy at the beginning of war with Spain, but failed to get the consent of my father. Married May 29, 1899. A daughter born June 18, 1900, a son Dec. 20, 1901, another son July 4, 1905.

I have learn to use coffee, tea and tobacco (smoking) since leaving the Carlisle School, otherwise I have lived as near of its teaching as I have been <sup>able</sup> to do and knowing that actions are louder than words, I have hoped my neighbors, those who <sup>would</sup> get any benefit of my modes of life, might do likewise.







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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

March 21, 1910.

Benjamin Caswell  
~~Benjamin Caswell~~  
Cass Lake, Minn.  
Dear friend:-

It has often been said that students at various schools who have made any special reputation as athletes, never amount to much after leaving school. To show that this statement is not true as far as the students of Carlisle are concerned, I have prepared an article, to be illustrated, on the splendid success of some of our prominent graduates and ex-students who while at Carlisle were conspicuous in athletics.

This article, I propose to publish in the Red Man, our school magazine and afterwards in pamphlet form for general distribution. The article is now ready and I am waiting for some suitable photographs to illustrate it.

I want a photograph of your home also a panoramic view of the buildings composing your school plant. Please have these photographs taken at your earliest convenience and send them, unmounted, to me with bill and I will send you check to cover cost. I have a post card picture of your home but it is too small for my purpose. Make these new pictures a little larger.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.



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

January 21, 1907

*Benj. Caswell*  
*Cass Lake, Minn*

Dear friend;-

Please oblige by answering the questions below accurately and promptly and return this paper to me in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Are you married and if so to whom? *Yes, Leila Cornelius*  
What is your Post Office address? *Cass Lake, Minn.*  
What is your occupation? *Principal Teacher in Charge,*  
*Cass Lake Indian School.*

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each? *Asst Teacher 1 year, Teacher 4½ years*  
*and Principal Teacher in charge 5½ years.*

Have you lived in the East any part of the time since your graduation and if so, where, how long and what positions did you fill? *No.*

Your friend

*W. A. Mercer*

Major 11th Cavalry,  
Superintendent.

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December 23rd , 1912.

Name Benjamin Caswell

(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribe Chippewa

Present Address Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Former Address Cass Lake, Minnesota.

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation "Overseer on Timber Matters"

Remarks: Well, contented, at peace with all  
good people.

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Department of the Interior.



*Mr. M. Friedman*

*Supt. U. S. Indian School*

*Carlisle*

*Pennsylvania*

The first football captain at Carlisle was Benjamin Caswell, a Chipewa from Minnesota, in 1892. Today he is superintendent of the government's Indian school at Cass Lake, Minn.; he owns real estate and property valued at \$9,000 and has a bank account.





DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

Many will remember Benjamin Caswell, a Chippewa from Minnesota, who was graduated in 1892, and who ran 100 yards in ten seconds; he has the distinction of being the first football captain at the school. He is now superintendent of the government Indian school at Cass Lake, Minn. He has been in the government service eleven years, and has made a splendid record. He owns his own home, an eight-room house, which is heated by hot water and lighted by electricity. He married Lelia Cornelius, a Carlisle graduate, and has three children. In a letter, he says: "My first dollar

earned leaving Carlisle was for cleaning a house, and then I worked on a farm at \$20 a month." He now owns real estate and property valued at \$9,000, and has a large bank account.



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Carlisle, Pa., June 1, 1910.

Mr. Benj. Caswell,  
Casa Lake, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I inclose herewith a check for \$4.50 to pay you for the photographs of your home and family sent to me some day ago. I thank you very much for your interest in this matter and for your help in getting the photographs desired.

Very truly yours,

NRD-MLD.

Superintendent.



NAME AT CARLISLE

Benjamin Caswell.

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1907	Self -	Cass Lake, Minn.	Prin. Fr. in charge Ind. School Supt. 7 Spl. Div. Agt \$860 a year.	Teacher in the Ind. Service 11 years. married Leila Corbelius #96 own 8-room home.	Ex.
1909	"	"	"	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	"	"	"	"	"
1912	"	"	"Overseer on Timber Matters"	"	"