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REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE

NAME AT CARLISLE

John G. Morrison

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PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1907	Self	Ponemah. Minn.	Supt. Cross Lake Ind. School.	Ind. Serv. 11 yrs. Sr. Supt. Married Edith McArthur	
1909	"	Red Lake. Minn.	Dealer Gen. M det.		
1910	NRA	"	"		
1911		"	"		

Word comes from Red Lake that the popular trader there, John G. Morrison has been elected a county commissioner for Beltrami county. In his home precinct he received 116 votes to 3 given his opponent. John is one of the progressive Indians of the state and has made good in all of his undertakings. He graduated from Carlisle in about 1894 entering the Indian Service as teacher at Oneida, Wis. Later he was transferred to Red Lake and under his supervision the Cross Lake school was organized much against the wishes of the Indians at that time. He made such a success of the school that the Indians there, all of whom are full bloods, are now enthusiastic over their school giving it loyal support. In more recent years he with Mr. Omar Gravell, a former Flandreau student, has been engaged in the general merchandise business at Red Lake where they are the proprietors of the Chippewa Trading Co., and doing an extensive business with whites and Indians of the section.

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John Morrison, Jr., a former Carlisle student, and present member of the firm of Gravelle & Morrison, Indian Traders, is a candidate for the office of County Commissioner in this district. John is a Returned Student that has made good. grad 49

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

49.

January 21, 1907

John G. Morrison  
Red 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; Edith B. McArthur*  
What is your Post Office address? *Ponemah, Minn.*  
What is your occupation? *Supt. Cross Lake Indian Boarding school, Red Lake Agency, Minn.*

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each? *Yes; Teacher for nearly 5 years; Supt for over 6 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? *I have not lived in the East since my graduation*

Your friend

*W. A. Mercer*

Major 11th Cavalry,  
Superintendent.

RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name John G. Morrison

x 1. Are you married and if so to whom? Edith E. McArthur

x 2. What is your present address? Red Lake, Minnesota

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school and dates if possible. Carlisle was the last school I attended

x 4. What is your present occupation? Salary? Dealer in General Mdse.  
Being 1/2 owner in the business my income is half of the net profit

x 5. Do you own your home? Yes

6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms? Frame with steel exterior  
6 Rooms in house

7. How much property do you possess?

Stock 1 Driving horse

We carry a rifle worth \$10000.00 in our store

Land My allotment of 160 Acres; 320 Acres acquired by purchase

Real Estate

8. Do you have money in the bank? *Yes* How much? *\$1 to \$3000 at times*

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

*5 years as Teacher; 6 years as Supt. Resigned  
to go into business for myself*

10. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? *Clerk in general  
store.*

11. Have you done anything for the betterment of your people? Write fully.

*I do not know. Unless by my example of  
trying to be a man among men they  
profited I cannot say that I have done anything  
for for them.*





Dear \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you have money in the bank? How much? \$1 to \$5000.00

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

From 1911 to 1912 I was in the Indian Service at Carlisle, Pa. I was in the position of Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

10. What other positions have you held? In what capacity? In what connection? Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life and education.



11. Have you done anything for the betterment of your people? Write fully.

I have done nothing for the betterment of my people.