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Miss Bowersox:

Please send
up the record
in this case.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR, INDIAN EMPLOYMENT
BROWNING, MONTANA

December 26, 1910.

Mr. M. Friedman, Supt.,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the beautiful picture of the school grounds and am delighted to get it--it reminds me of old times. I am also in receipt of the school catalogue and am glad to get that too--kindly accept my thanks for the two.

It has been some time since I last wrote to any one at the old place and I wish to apologize for this seeming indifference on my part--I'll promise to do better next time.

Since returning from Carlisle, I have led a queer life (if such an expression is permissible.) I have earned my \$3.50 and \$4.00 per day "sticking type" but soon quit that as I do not like to work in-doors. I have tried my luck at ranching, clerking in stores, time-keeping for 163 Indians engaged in canal construction and even tried my luck as a cow-boy but with very ^{poor} success. After leading such a life for nine years, I came to the conclusion that to be a success in the world, I

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must have more education, particularly along business lines. I immediately went to Seattle, Wash., and on the Fourth day of January, 1908, I began going to school once more.

Allow me to change the subject as it has something to do with the original subject, i. e., going to school. I attended school at Wilson's Modern Business College, Seattle, Wash.--any student who can present a High School diploma at this institution can or rather will be excused from certain academic studies, (arithmetic and grammar).

I wanted to be thorough in my studies--I wanted to get all the benefit there was to be had but through a misunderstanding, I presented my diploma, which I had received at Carlisle, nine years before. Imagine my surprise when the President of the College said, "Yes, sir, that diploma is good anywhere--you are excused from arithmetic and grammar." That remark made me feel proud of Carlisle. As I have stated, I wanted to be thorough in my studies and was particularly anxious to get plenty of arithmetic and grammar--I did not present my diploma so that I could get rid of those two studies--there was a misunderstanding of some sort on my part and it did not take me long to tell the president that I did not want to be excused from the studies.

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I went back in arithmetic as far as fractions and knowing my weakness, started all over with my grammar--I treated it like a new study.

I graduated from the bookkeeping department in July, returning to Montana in August and getting my present position in September of that year. Resigning in November, I returned to Seattle and began studying shorthand but before I could take my final examinations, I was asked by Mr. Dagenett, to resume my old position--I am here yet and am ^{glad}~~glad~~ to say that I received a promotion last July from Overseer to Asst. Supervisor.

In my examinations, (finals), in the bookkeeping department, I received the following grades, as noted on my diploma: Arithmetic, 96%; Grammar, 93%; Handwriting, 93%; Spelling, 99%; Commercial Geography, 97%; Commercial Law, 95%; Commercial Exchange, 98% and Rapid Figuring, 93%--through carelessness on my part, I beat myself out of 5% in rapid figuring. To make a long story short, I do not think that I have in any way, lowered the standards or done anything that Carlisle can be ashamed of. I put forth my best efforts as I was the only pupil there, who could boast of Indian blood in his or her veins, and I necessarily had to make a showing, not only for Carlisle but also for myself.

While studying shorthand, I attended night-school working through the day in a cigar stand and I feel safe

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in saying that I managed to put in about seven hours daily, in good, hard, conscientious study--I believe that I averaged that much each day. I always had my text books with me, even when at work. In three month's time, I was almost ready to graduate, but as I have stated before, Mr. Dagenett wanted me back in Montana and so I returned.

Just a line or two in regard my work. No doubt, you know as well as I, about what Mr. Dagenett is doing. I am his representative in this section. During the three past seasons, I have been handling about 350 or 400 Indians engaged in canal construction. I also try to secure employment for Indians at any occupation, they may wish, providing, they have the proper qualifications. After securing employment for an Indian, I still keep in touch with him and make it a point to see that he gets a "square deal," see that he is well and ^{look out for} ~~and~~ various other little things that may affect him. In other words, I am his friend.

I have no trouble with the Indians as they seem to trust me implicitly but I do have to keep moving and use more or less diplomacy in handling some of the white laborers or foremen who are working with the Indians. Once in awhile, we get a foreman who is inclined to be a little harsh or hasty. The Indians, of course, complain and after making an investigation, it is up to me

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to caution the man in such a way that I will not hurt his feelings or offend him in any way. This happens but very seldom, though. *We do not allow the whites to swear at the Indians.*

Taken as a whole, I find much enjoyment with my work. I never have any trouble and therefor, I am satisfied. The training I received at Carlisle, I have found to be of great value to me--I never could handle these Indians if it were not for that training. I know now, how to meet a man, no matter who or what he is.

In regard myself, will say that I am a married man now, having been married about six months and as a result, I am not as wild as I used to be. Prior to my marriage, I had been in the habit of running around the country and as a result I never had any money saved up. Believe me, I was no "booze fighter" then and neither am I now. I am the same as ever in some respects, I still love my books and try to go hunting and fishing as often as I can get away. During the past season, I managed to kill the following: 1 elk, 1 Mountain Goat; 2 deer and a dandy silver-tip bear. We caught all the trout we wanted.

This reservation is to be thrown open within the next two or three years--all the Indians have received their allotments and are waiting now to have their allotments approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

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Regarding former Carlisle students, it pleases me to state that the majority of them are doing well. We have one or two here who could do better and I believe they will. As far as the rest are concerned, Carlisle need not be ashamed of them--they are a credit to the school.

In closing, I wish to assure you that I certainly do appreciate what Carlisle has done for me and is doing for the rest of the Indian race. My best wishes are with you always.

Thanking you for your kind remembrance and wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Stuart I. Hazlett.
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N. B.--I am just in receipt of a telegram from Mr. Dagenett, requesting that I report to Denver to work in the office for a month or six weeks. I will probably leave here on or about the third day in January.--SIH.

Name Hazlett, S. L. 5369 Age Deg. Ind. blood
Address Browning, Montana.

Information from Date 191
State Agency Tribe

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Mr Schaal -

If we can be
sure of the form
& substance of the
old diploma we
should grant his
request.

In that case we
could get Miss Butler
& Capt. Stangley to
sign here. I should
clearly state that it is a

renewal or 2nd copy.

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

[illegible]

Months in school before Carlisle,

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,.....

Trade or Industry,

Church.

RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name Stuart Hazlett 1991. Are you married and if so to whom? No2. What is your present address? 408 Pike St, Seattle, Wash. or Browning, Mont.
(permanent)

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school

and dates if possible. Graduate of the Bookkeeping department ofWilson's Modern Business College, Seattle - Classof 1908. Am taking a shorthand and type-writing course in the same institution, being theonly Indian there.

4. What is your present occupation? Salary?

5. Do you own your home?

6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms?

7. How much property do you possess?

Stock Do not know for certain. The hard winter
of 1907-08 knocked me rather hard.

Land

Real Estate

8. Do you have money in the bank? *Yes* How much? *Not worth mentioning*
9. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? *Yes, but*
never for any length of time, as every position
I have held has been of a temporary nature.
Was employed as (Overseer) Indian Labor at the
Blackfoot Agency, Mont, last fall under Chas. C. Seger
10. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? *Have been roadman*
and acting timekeeper on another Government
Irrigation Project. Have worked some at
my trade (printing) but did not like it. Have
been "punching cows" and ranching mostly.
11. Have you done anything for the betterment of your people? Write fully. *This is hard*
to answer as I can say both "Yes" and "No" and
still be telling the truth. I have tried at
all times to do something for their betterment
— have made suggestions to my superiors in regard
to their hours of work, pay, classification of houses
& etc. There is nothing to show though
that I have been of any material assistance
to my people although I have tried and shall
keep it up as I intend to enter the Indian
Service as soon as I complete my shorthand
course here in Seattle.

12. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life. Since leaving Carthage, I do not know if I would be called a success or not — I hardly call it fair to classify myself as a failure. I have enjoyed both prosperity and poverty and am still alive and ready to take what comes as I never get discouraged. If the mountain will not come to me, well, I'll go to the mountain. I intend to make a success of life as I have plenty of ambition. Because I have been downed is no sign that I am a failure.



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Name

Stuart I. Hazlett

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

Tribe

Blackfoot (Pagan)

Present Address

Browning, Mont.

Former Address

Present Occupation

Ranching

Remarks:

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Department of the Interior.



Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

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Name

January 5, 1914

Stuart I. Hazlett

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

Tribe

Blackfoot (Pigeon)

Present Address

Browning, Mont.

Former Address

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation

Ranching.

Remarks:

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Department of the Interior.



Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

Pennsylvania

REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE

NAME AT CARLISLE

Stuart Hazlett

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PRESENT NAME

| DATE | INFORMATION THROUGH | ADDRESS | OCCUPATION | ITEMS OF INTEREST | GRADE |
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| 1907 | Self. | Browning, Mont. | Cattle Raising | | |
| 1909 | " | 408 Pike St. Seattle, Wash. | Student in Business Sch. employ | | |
| 1910 | C. Dagenette | Browning, Mont. | Overseer Ind. | | |
| 1911 | " | " | " | | |
| 1913 | Self | " | Ranching | | |

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR, INDIAN EMPLOYMENT
BROWNING, MONTANA

March 26, 1911.

Mr. M. Friedman, Supt.,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst., has been received and in reply thereto would say that at a meeting of the Indian Council, yesterday, it was decided to send a delegation to Washington on tribal affairs and that Robert Hamilton and myself were chosen unanimously to go as ^{members} ~~part~~ of the delegation. The other members are Chief Little Dog and Oliver Sanderville.

I do not know just when we will leave but I think it will probably be about the 3d or 4th of next month.

Before closing I wish to state that although it will not be possible for me to attend the commencement exercises yet I will try to visit the old place while on this trip.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Stuart I. Hazlett.
Asst. Supervisor.

408 Pike st., Seattle, Wash.,

January 26, 1908.

Mr. Moses Friedman,
Supt. Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the blank you sent me some time ago to be filled out. I have tried to fill it out to the best of my ability and hope that it will be satisfactory. I have led such a queer life since leaving Carlisle that it is almost impossible to tell whether I am a success or failure. I look on the sunny side of life though and hope eventually to be called a success.

At the present time, I am taking a shorthand course in a local business college--I graduated from the bookkeeping department of this same institution last year. I intend to use my business training as a lever or stepping-stone to success.

Hoping that I have answered all your questions in a satisfactory manner, I am,

Yours truly,

Stuart I. Hazlett

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

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January 21, 1907

Stuart Hazlett
Choteau Mont.

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?

No

What is your Post Office address?

Browning, Mont.

What is your occupation?

Cattle raising

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each?

Yes (Irregular labor) Rodman
& acting timekeeper on the Cut Bank Irrigation
canal (Blackfoot Reservation) From May
'till October 1905

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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Miss Robertson
to Mr. Schaal

Answered

Referred to Files

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March 25, 1907.Major W. A. Murar,
Carlisle, Penna.
Dear sir:

In reply to your letter of recent date, would say that, at the present time there are only two Carlisle graduates in this locality besides myself. They are Malcolm W. Clarke, (Blackfoot) who is engaged in the live-stock industry and Clarence Butler, (Coeur-d'Alene), who, at the present time, is the engineer at the Government school on Cut Bank creek, Blackfoot reservation. He is not married but Clarke married Ella J. Hamilton, (a sister of Joseph and Robert Hamilton,) some five or six years ago.

By the way, do you think you can

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give me a copy of my diploma. I
lost the original, some way or other
— just how, I do not know. I
want another and want it bad —
can't you help me out? You see,
if I can get one, I can get Prof. Baker
Dress, General Pratt, Miss Cutler and
Mr. Standing to sign it, so that it
will be an exact copy of the original.
I am enjoying good health
and am getting along nicely.

With the best of wishes to all
and hoping to hear from you soon, I
am, as ever,

Yours very truly
Stuart I. Hazlett.

N. B. — Kindly give my regards to the
Standards — I think of them always.
Stuart.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR, INDIAN EMPLOYMENT
DENVER, ~~COLORADO~~

Browning, Mont.,
March 8, 1911.

Mr. M. Friedman,
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear sir;

I am just in receipt of your
kind invitation to attend the
Commencement exercises at
Carlisle.

I do not know if I can
be there or not but will let
you know definitely at a later
date.

In all probability a delegation of Blackfoot Indians will be going to Washington soon and a great many of the Indians have asked me to go as a member of the delegation (providing the Commissioner will give permission to send a delegation) I am not making any efforts and personally do not care to go but if the members of my tribe, want me as a delegate, I will consider it my duty to go.

If I am chosen and a delegation is sent to Washington, I assure you that I will make every effort to be at the school for your exercises. — I want to be there.

Just a line in regard this delegation, ^{of} From what I can hear, there will be but two delegates chosen and it seems to be the consensus of opinion that Robt. Hamilton and myself, both Carlisle students, will be chosen to represent the tribe.

Permission has been
from the Commissioner,
that a delegation be allowed
go to Washington. Every
of course, depends on his answer.

As soon as I can hear
anything definite, I will write
you.

As I am not at all an-
xious to go to Washington, I would
ask that my name be not mentioned
as a proposed member of the dele-
gation. You can treat the rest
of the information as news if you
wish.

With best wishes, I remain
yours very truly

Stuart I. Hazlett.