



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

NUMBER 2225	ENGLISH NAME Thomas Mani Walker	AGENCY Sisseton S. D.	NATION Sioux				
BAND Sisseton	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Rev. Jas. M. Lynd - Guardian					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD 3/4	AGE 17	HEIGHT 5-10	WEIGHT 152	FORCED INSP. 38	FORCED EXPR. 35	SEX. m
FATHER, <i>Living</i>	MOTHER, <i>Dead</i>	ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 16, 1898	FOR WHAT PERIOD 5 years	DATE DISCHARGED June 3, 1902	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Graduate		
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY	

SHAW-WALKER MUSKOGON 5478

Months in school before Carlisle, *50*.....

Grade entered at Carlisle, *6th*.....

Grade at date of Discharge, *Graduate*

Trade or Industry, *Buss. College*.....

Church, .....

Mari, Thomas, 5464 Ex Stui.  
Correspondence

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Thomas and Mari





RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name Thomas ~~Walter~~ Mami

1. Are you married and if so to whom? Ada Frouse Woodman

2. What is your present address? Jessetown, D.C.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school and dates if possible. Attended Dickinson Collegiate

Preparatory School during the years of 1902 and 1903 and finished a course but behind in one subject - I was however recommended to the Dickinson College in the fall of 1903. In 1903 I entered Law Dept. of U. of Minn.

graduated in June 1906 - also attended the academic  
4. What is your present occupation? Salary? My present occupation is the practice of law. During the past year I made about \$4000.00

5. Do you own your home? Yes

6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms? It is made of lumber, built in bungalow style and has six rooms, worth \$3000.00 without the lots which are worth \$1000.00, being six lots with a barn on same.

7. How much property do you possess? About \$12000.00

Stock \_\_\_\_\_

Land Two Hundred and forty acres of land worth about \$5000.00



Real Estate

8. Do you have money in the bank? yes How much? 1500 <sup>00</sup>

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

10. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle?

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

I have been trying to set an example for others to follow and have made an independent living.

I have always abstained from drinking intoxicants which fact I consider a great deal for the betterment of the race as well as for the white people who are my neighbors.



12. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life.

I have now a son named  
Delphin Delmas Mari, born Dec. 22,  
1909. He has been an inspiration  
to me for nobler things and has  
made the home more cheerful  
than before.



1. How many...

2. Do you have money in the bank...

3. How much is the price of...

4. Tell me anything else of interest...





Thomas Mani,  
Attorney at Law,  
Sisseton, S. D.

February 7, 1910.

Hon. M. Friedman, Supt. Carlisle School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of recent date asking for a photograph of my home has just been received. In answer to same, I regret to state that I have had no photograph taken of the home, for it was not quite finished last year and for that reason I then considered that a photograph taken would not do full justice to the place. The grounds were graded and terraced so that I could not raise a good lawn but I am confident that the ~~grounds~~<sup>they</sup> will be in fine shape this spring and I shall certainly have some photographs taken of the residence and shall then be glad to send you one for your own purpose.

Wishing you much success in your work, I am,

Yours respectfully,

Thomas Mani.

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## Carlisle Indian Candidate.

Carlisle, Pa., March 4 (Special).—Word has been received at the Indian School here that Thomas Mani, a Carlisle graduate, is the Republican candidate for District Attorney of Roberts County, South Dakota.



*copy - S.D.*

Carlisle, Pa., June 21, 1910.

Mr. Thomas Mani,  
Sisseton, S. Dak.

Dear Cousin:

We received your letter inclosing one for Sweetcorn, and have given it to him personally.

The gentleman about whom I wrote you several weeks ago was not able to go to Dakota at the time he intended on account of a change in his work here. He has about given up the trip now until fall.

No, I do not want to sell my land; this man's son wanted to rent it when the present renter was through with it. If I should ever want to sell it, you may be sure that I will let you know.

I am very glad to know that you have been so successful in your work this winter, and also glad that you were successful in getting your boys fixed up with land. It is not very probable that we will be out at Sisseton yet it is possible we might be around. Wallace has his eye on some of those ducks on the lake.

Very truly yours,

NRD-MID.

Copy in file.



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Thomas Mani,  
Attorney at Law,  
Stasetau, S. D.

June 14, 1910.

Wallace Denny, Esq.,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Wallace:

I am enclosing you herewith a letter addressed to our friend Sweetcorn and I wish that you will hand same to him as soon as you get it. I do this to be sure of his getting the letter, for I thought perhaps something may happen so that he will not get the letter.

Cousin was telling me sometime ago that there would be a man coming out here to see her land near town and that I should assist him in locating the land. However, I have not seen any one coming from that country and I am wondering whether or not the man came and missed seeing me.

I cannot understand about the coming of that man unless you were thinking about selling the land and if that is the case, I should like to know it, for I would like to get a chance to buy the land. Will you let me know what you intend to do with your land?

I trust that you will come out here this year again and stay with me while here.

I won all my cases last term of court, two of which were hard cases but the juries acquitted my clients.

About a month ago I went to Glasgow, Mont. and selected half a section for my boys as their allotments.

With best regards to cousin and yourself from my family, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Mani



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Carlisle, Pa., August 1, 1910.

Mr. Thomas Monni,  
Sisseton, S. D.

Dear Friend:

I write you to remind you of your promise to send me a view of your home. You will remember that I wrote you several months ago asking you for this photograph for use in an article which I had prepared for the Red Man. As I stated in my letter at that time, I will be glad to pay for the photograph. I would appreciate an early attention to this matter.

With my best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

NRD-MID.

Superintendent.



Mr. Friedman

Superintendent  
Attorney at Law  
Sisseton, S.D.

December 30, 1912.

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Mr. Thomas Mani,  
Attorney at Law,  
Sisseton, S.D.

Dear friend Thomas:

Your letter was intensely interesting to me and I thank you for the information for our records here. I congratulate you most heartily upon your success.

Inclosed herewith find the clippings you wished me to return. I thank you for letting us use them.

With best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I remain,

Your friend,

LaF.  
Inc.

Superintendent.

THOMAS  
MANI



Thomas Mami,  
Attorney at Law,  
Sisseton, S. D.

December 17, 1912.

To Mrs Foster  
For news  
item -  
MFM  
Students' files

My dear Cousin:

Yours of recent date has been received and in accordance with your request, I am enclosing you herewith some clippings I have which you may return to me after you have used them. I wish to heartily thank you for your congratulations upon my victory.

I see by the paper there that our friend, Hastings Robertson, had also been elected to an office. I guess this has been a year of landslides and surprises. I am certainly proud of Hastings and also the other fellow who was elected states attorney. I am sure that they will make good and be able to discharge their duties with honor and ability.

This county has been an old county and of course it is hard for an Indian to get an office. There are about seventeen white voters to one Indian voter. You can thus see that an Indian has to be well and favorably known to stand any chance.

I have been in court room trying cases for the whole week. So far, I have not lost any case except one where the verdict went against me for one dollar. It was a damage suit for \$5000.00 and I thought that such a verdict for my client was equal to a verdict. My client was the defendant.

My plurality in the election was 795, defeating my opponent better than two to one.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New year,

Yours very sincerely,

Thomas Mami.



March 19, 1912.

Mr. Thomas Mani,

Sisseton, S. Dak.

Dear Friend:-

Word has come to me that you are a candidate for the office of States Attorney of your County, and I hasten to write to felicitate you on this fact.

Your record both at Carlisle as a student and since you have been out in the world has been such as to confirm my belief, that should you be elected, you will fill the office with credit to yourself and your race.

I have looked up your record at the school, and find that during all the years you were here, your record was a most excellent one. I have also taken the pains to keep in touch with you since you have been out practicing law, and it is a real pleasure, I assure you, to state that nothing except that which is of a most creditable nature has come concerning you.

I wish you great success in your campaign, and I feel very confident that if you are elected, which I sincerely hope will be the case, that you will grace the position with honor and with credit. With very kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

MF:SR

Superintendent.



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Thomas Mani,  
Attorney at Law,  
Sisseton, S. D.

February 17, 1910.

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Hon. M. Friedman, Supt.,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

Yours of very recent date containing a special invitation from you to me to be present at the opening of your next commencement and to make an address to the members of Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. who are to meet in a joint meeting has been received and I desire to thank you cordially for same and the honor which you accorded me. But I regret to state that I have had no experience whatever along the lines suggested by you and fear that I am not qualified to make an address in such a gathering as suggested that will be helpful.

While I was a student at Carlisle, I attended Sunday School regularly and studied bible almost every Sunday and was highly interested in the Y. M. C. A. work but never took very prominent or active part in the last one mentioned. Then, I neglected the work to a large extent since I left school, altho I have always attended church and have been a member of a church here. But it is true that while I was a student at the University of Minnesota, I attended church alone and very little Sunday school so that now I feel quite weak in experience as far as Y. M. C. A. work is concerned.

I have however had a great deal of experience along business lines and as a practicing attorney at law and I feel that I can speak with confidence and experience along the lines of a professional career as well as those of a student life.

This being the case, I feel as though I am unable to *accept your kind* invitation for the purpose as outlined by you in your letter, although I have appreciated a great deal the great honor you have bestowed upon me and the confidence you have had in me by sending me the ~~said~~ invitation.



Thomas Mani,  
Attorney at Law,  
Staunton, S. D.

M.F.#2.

I have a growing practice here and the work I have to do from now on until spring is such that I cannot make any definite promise to attend your commencement exercises. But if I should see my way clear and nothing unexpected should develop from now until the time set, I shall probably accept your kind invitation and be present at the said exercises. However, this is ~~not~~ to mean that I will accept your invitation to make the address as suggested by you, for I do not feel strong enough to make any strong address touching the subject mentioned. I think that an alumnus who has studied to become a minister of the gospel will do much better than I and his address will be more fruitful of results than mine. It is the devotion to and the study of the subject that make the speaker strong upon the said subject so dealt with.

Again thanking you for your kind invitation, wishing you abundant success in your work, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

Thomas Mani.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

March 1, 1910.

Mr. Thomas Mani  
Sisseton, S. D.  
Dear friend:-

I have your letter of the 17th ult. in reply to my letter asking you to be present at our commencement exercises and to assist in the same by addressing a union meeting of the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. You state that you do not feel able to comply with my request for the reason that you have never taken any active part in Y.M.C.A. work.

I believe however, from what I am able to learn concerning your history since leaving Carlisle that while you may not have taken active part in the work of this association, you have lived up to the teachings in your professional life. If you are willing to come here and to tell my boys and girls how an Indian in your profession or in any profession or business, can make a success of that particular work and live fully up to the broader teachings of the Y.M.C.A., I will be glad to have you come.

Trusting that you may reconsider your previous decision, favorably for us, I am  
Very truly yours



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

February 14, 1910.

Mr. Thomas Mani  
Sisseton, S. D.

My dear Mr. Mani:-

Our twenty-second annual Commencement is to take place the week beginning March 27th and ending Friday evening April 1st. I purpose to have among other exercises, a joint meeting of the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. on the evening of the 27th of March at which meeting, I would like to have short addresses from two leading members of the Alumni of the Carlisle Indian School.

I would appreciate it if you could help out by being present at this meeting and giving one of the addresses. I learn that you were interested in the Y.M.C.A. work while at this school and in all probability, you have done some of the same kind of work among your people since. Your experience in this line of work as related particularly to the Indian and any suggestions you might have as to a better way of reaching your people through this Association, or anything along this line that would interest the pupils and guests at this Sunday evening meeting, is what I would ask you to give.

Now as to your expenses in coming to Carlisle,



Mr. Mani-2

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

I have to say that if you can get up a mixed party of not less than two new pupils for this school, I can pay your fare both ways and will be glad to take care of you while you are here. Of course, I will be glad if you could get up a larger party of pupils.

Trusting that I may have a favorable reply from you soon, I am

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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254 Is a Promising Candidate. 1912

A letter from Sisseton, S. Dak., states that Mr. Thomas Mani, an attorney of that place, is a candidate for State's attorney, and indications point to a successful issue in his campaign. In a recent murder case tried in Sisseton, Mr. Mani appeared as assistant to the State's attorney. He made the principal argument to the jury and upheld the reputation he had already established as a jury lawyer. Mr. Mani graduated from Carlisle with the Class of 1902.

The letter also states that the crops in that section are looking fine and there is every indication that the yield will exceed all past records.



## Keoke Gets Five Years.

The attorneys of Jake Keoke had asked for an arrest of judgment of one month, that they might consider the proposition of an appeal. This was overruled by the court and Keoke, whose behavior throughout the trial won for him many partisans, starts at once on his long term at Ft. Leavenworth, which good behavior may reduce to three and one half years.

Thomas Mani, the Sisseton Indian attorney, who acted as assistant counsel in defending Keoke, left last night for his home in Sisseton, the last of the defending attorneys. Knowing as he did the ways of an Indian, and being a fluent speaker, Mani was an important factor in the defense of the prisoner. Many consider his argument to the jury in the closing hours of the case, one of the best made. Attorney Mani is a graduate of the Minnesota university law department, and has been practicing in Sisseton since his admittance to the bar.—Aberdeen News.

Supt. Michael very interesting.

Sisseton, Feb. 13.—Thomas Mani of Sisseton is a candidate for the republican nomination for state's attorney in Roberts county. Mr. Mani can base his candidacy, for one thing, upon the fact that his Americanism cannot be questioned in any particular. He is a full-blooded Indian, son of a noted chief. Mr. Mani also is a lawyer of much ability, and frequently appears in federal court cases in Aberdeen, where Indians are involved in litigation.

The government will soon distribute a nice bunch

Indians on Pine Ridge res.



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Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 10, 1910.

Mr. Thomas Mani,  
Sisseton, S. D.

Dear Friend:

Replying to your letter relative to the photograph of your home which I have asked for, I have to say that while I would like to have it to use this fall, if it is impossible for you to get it for me, I suppose I must wait. I will be glad to get it any time you are ready to send it to me.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

NRD-MID.

Superintendent.



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*Thomas Mami,*  
Attorney at Law,  
Staeton, S. D.

August 6, 1910.

Hon. M. Friedman, Supt. Carlisle School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Sir---,

I have yours of recent date with reference to your request made last year for a photograph of my home. I regret to state that I have not had any photographs taken for the reason that I have not been able to raise a good lawn. My lawn last year was frozen out during the winter and consequently I had to reseed it this spring and of course the grass is not thick and heavy enough to present a good appearance for the grounds. However, I think I shall be able to get a good bed of grass this fall and then I shall certainly have some photographs take of my place and shall be very glad indeed to comply with your kind request of last year. If you do not have to have a photograph desired before next spring, I am sure I shall be able to get good ones taken next spring.

My home is one of the best here except that I have had ~~had~~ luck with the lawn ever since the home was built. The grounds had to be graded and consequently I have had to raise the grass and I fear that a ~~good~~ <sup>poor</sup> lawn will ~~add~~ <sup>detract</sup> the beauty of the place. Of course I want to have the home appear at its best.

I wish that you will let me know just about when a photograph is desired and I shall act accordingly.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

*Thomas Mami*



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THOMAS MANI  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
SISSETON, SO. DAK.

March 29, 1912.

Hon. M. Friedman, Supt.,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Your kind letter of recent date with reference to my candidacy in this county for the office of state's attorney has been received and I hasten to thank you heartily for the high esteem and confidence and words of encouragement expressed therein. I assure you that it is certainly encouraging and gratifying to know that some one had looked over my record both while I was a student at your school and since I have been out in the world, and found such record excellent. If it should be my good fortune to be elected to the high and distinguished office to which I aspire, it shall ever be my best effort to justify the confidence and esteem in which I have been held by you and my friends.

Nothing good has ever been attained without struggle and in case of success, I am sure it will be mine after a strenuous campaign. Indeed, I have two opponents in the field and I certainly expect to have a hard fight. However, I have made many friends in this county and what is more but numerous well-satisfied clients who have already assured me that they would stand by me to the end. In fact, I believe my chances are getting better every day and I am sure I shall, at least, not be ashamed of the many votes I shall surely get.



THOMAS MANI  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
SISSETON, SO. DAK.

I certainly desire to make you and the school a visit some day . Perhaps, I should have done so long ago but I have not been satisfied with what I had ~~had~~ attained. There is always something to attain beyond the actual and do not desire to return to the old school without feeling that I had gained or attained something worthy of my efforts. However, should I be elected state's attorney of this large county, I shall certainly make an effort next year to attend your commencement exercises.

With best wishes to you in your great undertaking to which you have been called, and to the out-going graduating class of 1912, and with many thanks again for your words of encouragement, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

Thomas Mani







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

January 21, 1907

Thomas ~~Ward~~ Mami  
Sisseton, S. D.

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? *Ada Louise Woodman*  
What is your Post Office address? *Sisseton, S. D.*  
What is your occupation? *Practice of law.*

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each? *No.*

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.



M. Friedman-

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THOMAS MANI  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
SISSETON, SOUTH DAKOTA

This may interest you.

W. R. Denny.

June 15, 1912-

Dear Cousin -

Your has just been received and I note what you say therein.

I am happy to inform you that success crowned my efforts. I got 815 votes - Johnson, 745 and McKenna 690. I carried Sisseton 2-1 against either one of them. I received 136 votes here while both of my opponents got 138. This indicates what my own city thought of me.

My cut appeared in Mpls. Journal this week - the June 15th issue.

Of course, it is possible that some one may run in the fall election as independent candidate and defeat me but that seems



almost impossible.

We just had a murder case tried here in which I appeared as assistant to the states attorney. I made the principal argument to the jury and upheld my reputation already established as a jury lawyer. I spoke fully three hours.

The crops are looking fine and there is every indication that the ~~profits~~ <sup>yield</sup> will exceed every record in the past. This being the case, I feel that there will be no difficulty in selling your land. I shall make further efforts at once as I now have more time at leisure.

With very best wishes -  
Yours sincerely  
Thomas Mann



June 24, 1912.

Mr. Thomas Mani,  
Sisseton, S. Dak.

Dear Mr. Mani:-

I have been very much interested to hear of your remarkable success in the campaign which is now going on in your county for States Attorney. I feel very confident and somehow have felt confident from the beginning that you would obtain the nomination and the election. I hope that this prophecy will be fulfilled. Your many friends who are graduates and returned students of Carlisle or employees in the service, will be most glad to hear of your good fortune, which after all is the fortune brought about by hard work and persistent endeavor.

Very sincerely yours,

MF:SR

Superintendent.



THOMAS MANI,

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Attorney  
at Law

PRACTICE IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS.

SISSETON, S. D.

February 1, 1909.

Hon. Moses Friedman, Supt.,  
Carlisle Indian School,

Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

Please find enclosed herewith, in accordance with your request made in your recent letter to me, a blank containing a list of questions and their answers made by me. I regret to state that the compliance of your request was somewhat delayed but trust that it will not be too late for you to use same for the purposes for which you asked them.

I have at present no picture of myself and family and for that reason I am unable to enclose you one but trust that some day I may have the pleasure of sending you one.

Hoping that my answers will have the desired effect, wishing you success in your work, I am,

Yours respectfully,

Thomas Mani



EDGAR M. BENNETT,  
LAWYER.  
PRACTICES IN ALL COURTS, STATE  
AND FEDERAL.

Thos. Walker

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SISETON, S. D., March 27, 1907.

Major W. A. Mercer,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Major:

In answer to yours of the 8th inst., I am sorry to say that I cannot supply the information desired, for I am about the only graduate of that school that is here but may say that my brother John, an ex-student, has been a good representative of that school and making a good use of his time.

Hoping that John Rogers is doing well in athletics and school, wishing you success, I am,

Yours respectfully,

Thomas Mani.



# REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE

NAME AT CARLISLE

Thomas Walker

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PRESENT NAME

Thomas Mann

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
907	Ref.	Lisleton, S.D.	Law.	grad. Minnesota Univ. Law Sch. 1906. own 6 room house - own 6 lots re worth \$12,000	Ex.
909	"	"	"		Ex.
911		"	Lawyer.	Very successful	