

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

5600

THE SHAW-WALKER CO., MUSKOGEE, 79104

Months in school before Carlisle, 63

Grade entered at Carlisle,.....5

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church *Catholic*

Miles to school - $1\frac{1}{2}$

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 5087		ENGLISH NAME Geo. Merrill		AGENCY White Earth, Minn.		NATION Chippewa	
BAND		INDIAN NAME		HOME ADDRESS			
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD 1/2	AGE 21	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.
FATHER,		MOTHER,		SEX. M			
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Oct. 18, 1913		FOR WHAT PERIOD		DATE DISCHARGED June 30, 1916		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Time out	
TO COUNTRY		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY
5-4-14		Ran					
5-14-14		Mrs Geo. L. White, Morrisville, Pa.					9-9-14

Months in school before Carlisle.

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church,

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

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Months in school before Carlisle,

Trade entered at Co. listle.

Rate at discharge,.....

Trade or Industry,

Church, _____

Readmitted 5600 CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

No. 5082	NAME Francis Geo. Merrill	AGE. 18 21	TRIBE. Shippewa	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD. 1/2	NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY. White Earth, Minn.		
9/8/10	Months in school before enrollment here.	IN WHAT GRADE OR ROOM.	Distance to nearest public school from pupil's home.	REMARKS. (Temporarily absent, outing, deserters, on sick leave, special authorities for enrollment, etc.)			
DATE ENTERED. Oct. 18, 13	On entering here.	At date of this report.		TO COUNTRY	FROM COUNTRY	DATE DISCHARGE	
April 1914		No. 13		Ran - 5-4-14			
Sept. " 15		13		from running to entering 5-14-14	9-9-14	5-30-16	
" 1916		X					
10/5/16 Recd				MAY 30 1917		APR - 8 1918	
						Catholic	

Progress from _____, to _____, to _____.

(Date) (Date)

FIRST YEAR IN THIS SCHOOL	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.
Class or grade								
Academic standing*								
Industrial standing* (Department)								
Musical: Band standing*								
Vocal standing*								
Orchestra standing*								
Department standing*								
Physical condition								
Remarks:								

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BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

George Merrill

FOR ~~THE~~ ENROLLMENT ~~OF~~

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pa.

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

White Earth Agency, Minn.

Date of enrollment, _____, 190

Term of enrollment, _____ (_____) years.

NAME OF COLLECTING AGENT:

Position, _____

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN A NONRESERVATION SCHOOL.

(For a child enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the Government of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at _____

Carlisle, Pa.
 of George Merrill; Male; date of birth June 14, 1892;
(Name of child.) (Sex.)
Chippewa.
(Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. (Both Indian and English.)	LIVING OR DEAD.	TRIBE.	BAND.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>John Merrill.</u> <u>none.</u>	<u>Dead.</u>	<u>Chippewa.</u>	<u>Mill Lac.</u>	<u>1/2</u>
NAME OF MOTHER.				
<u>Not known</u> <u>none.</u>	<u>Dead.</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>1/2.</u>

I, George Merrill, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to _____
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)
 enrollment in said school for a period of Three years, and also obligate myself to abide by
(Not less than 3.)
 all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

I have
 The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE.	GRADE.
<u>1. Morris Mine.</u>	<u>1902.</u>	<u>1905.</u>	<u>Time expired.</u>	<u>2d.</u>
<u>2. Pipestone "</u>	<u>1905.</u>	<u>1908.</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>5th.</u>
<u>3. Beaulieu Day Schl.</u>	<u>1908.</u>	<u>1909.</u>	<u>School closed.</u>	<u>6th.</u>
<u>4. White Earth Day Schl.</u>	<u>1909.</u>	<u>1910.</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>6th.</u>

George Merrill
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) applicant.

P. O. address: _____

Two witnesses:

Blanche Hickman
Anna Belleville

White Earth Agency, Minn.
 6-870

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find him to be in proper physical condition to attend school, and not afflicted with tuberculosis or any disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This 11th day of August, 1960

Polk Richards

Physician at White Earth Agency.

CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR BONDED SUPERINTENDENT.

I hereby certify that the statements made in the foregoing application and certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are true; that the consent of Applicant was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of the said child.
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

This 13th day of August, 1960.

John R. Howard

SUPT. & SPL. DEPT. ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby certify that on _____, I made a careful examination of the physical condition of _____, the child named in the foregoing application, and found _____ to be _____
(As soon after arrival as possible.)

I therefore recommend that the said child be _____ enrolled in this school.

This _____ day of _____, 1960

School Physician.

SPECIAL NOTE.

This form must be executed in duplicate when a child is transferred from a reservation to a nonreservation school. The Superintendent of the nonreservation school will retain the original for his files, and the duplicate shall be deposited in the Agency records. The agent will then send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate as provided by law. All the blanks must be properly filled in every case.

If the information called for on any part of the blank is not known, that fact should be stated. No space should be left unfilled. Whether the parents are living or dead, their names must be given.

The person who signs the blank as consenting to the transfer should indicate his relation to the applicant by marking out the word "parent," "guardian," or "next of kin," leaving unmarked only the title appropriate to the signer.

INDORSEMENTS.

The laws relating to the transfer of Indian children from reservations and schools are as follows:

That hereafter no Indian child shall be sent from any Indian reservation to a school beyond the State or Territory in which said reservation is situated without the voluntary consent of the father or mother of such child if either of them are living, and if neither of them are living without the voluntary consent of the next of kin of such child. Such consent shall be made before the agent of the reservation, and he shall send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate that such consent has been voluntarily given before such child shall be removed from such reservation. And it shall be unlawful for any Indian agent or other employee of the Government to induce, or seek to induce, by withholding rations or by other improper means, the parents or next of kin of any Indian to consent to the removal of any Indian child beyond the limits of any reservation. (28 Stats., p. 906.)

Provided, That hereafter no Indian child shall be taken from any school in any State or Territory to a school in any other State against its will or without the written consent of its parents. (29 Stats., p. 348.)

The rules provide that—

A pupil who has been regularly enrolled in a nonreservation school must not be taken to any other nonreservation school without the consent of both Superintendents and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Superintendents will be held to strict accountability for such pupils taken to their schools.

An Indian boy or girl 18 years old and over may, without the consent of parents or others, personally sign the application form on its being changed to suit the case; but in all cases where the parents are living they should first be consulted.

This form is to be used only in transfers from reservations or Indian schools to nonreservation schools.

NAME Geo. Merrill Sex ☒ Male. ☐ Female.

Tribes { Full } Chippewa State Minnesota Dec 15, 1912

Age 20 years Respiration 18 Condition of, Eyes 0.75

Height 5 ft. 9 1/2 ins. Mensuration { Insp. 36 1/2 Ears 0.15

Weight 130 lbs. { Exp. 32 Throat 0.15

Temperature 98.6 Vaccination Good Scar Cervical glands 0.15

Pulse 72 Vision Vision Skin 0.15

Inspection good development

Palpation normal

Percussion normal

Auscultation normal

Heart normal

(Menstruation)

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father			<u>yes</u>	<u>accident</u>
Mother			<u>yes</u>	<u>—</u>
Brothers	<u>1</u>	<u>good</u>		
Sisters	<u>4</u>	<u>good</u>		

Personal history Pneumonia 4 yrs ago

Present condition good

H. H. Troling, M. D.

This form is for the record of the physical condition of pupils of boarding or nonreservation Indian schools. It should be filled in by the school physician at the time of the admission of the pupil.

Physicians in the field should use this form to record the examination of pupils for transfer to nonreservation schools. It should accompany the pupils' transfer blanks.

The reverse side is intended as a card-index case-record for use by all Service physicians.

(On _____, 19____)

[illegible]

Name Merrill, George, 5600 Age Deg. Ind. blood
Address White Earth, Minn.

Information from	Date	191
State	Agency	Tribe

POSITIONS FOR WHICH LISTED. SUITABILITY IN ORDER NAMED.

1.	2.
3.	4.

Remarks: No recent data - May, 1914.

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

May 24, 1917, 191

This certifies that George Merrill

(Name of student.)

has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School

(Name of school.)

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.

GRADE.

RATING.

English4th Voc.95General Exercises95Field Crops86Plant Diseases87Insects and Insecticides86Rural Economics81Engineering88

Effort _____

Department _____

DETAILS SERVED.

LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.

RATING.

and is or is not eligible to pursue work in the _____ grade, academic; and
(Cancel one.)

_____ grade or year vocational.

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*Superintendent.**Principal.*

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 (Cancel one.)
 _____ grade or year vocational.

NAME, _____

George Merrill

|TRIBE.

Tribe. *Chippewa*

PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

DATE ENROLLED.

Sept. 8, 1910

TERM.

Three years

AGE.

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HOME ADDRESS

White Earth, Minn.

DATE OF RECORD

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

DORMITORY.

OUTING

SPECIAL REMARKS.

ROOM
NO.

Scholarship

Conduct.

Shop.

Ability.

Conduct.

Room
No.

Neatness

Conduct,

Ability.

Conduct

Jan. 11
July 9/11
Dec. 11

7

V. G.

Yes

Trab

27

g.

NO.

7

July 9/11

5

Q.

Dec. '11

7.

eg.

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Dec. 3rd, 1914.

Mrs. Nellie Merrill McIntosh,

Mahnomen, Minn.

My dear Madam:

I have received your letter of November the 20th, in which you inquire so anxiously relative to a report that was made by your brother, George Merrill, that he is here this year on trial. First of all let me assure you that George is doing very well and that he and several other boys have been selected from among all our boys to assist the Principal Teacher in supervising the janitor work at our Academic Building and with such other work as can be given him in that Department.

George ran away from Carlisle on May the 4th of this year and went to an Outing home where he had formerly been located. Ten days later he was seen by our Boys' Outing Agent and then agreed to abide by the regular school and Outing rules. Later in the summer permission was given him to attend a special school in the city of Philadelphia. When he returned to Carlisle at the opening of school I had a talk with him in my office and told him that he is old enough to decide for himself

-2- Mrs. Nellie Merrill McIntosh.

whether he wants to get the best possible benefit from his time in school. I also told him that this year no time would be wasted on boys who did not show by their attitude that they want to be helped. George evidently took it to mean that he was on trial because of his misconduct earlier in the year, and it is well that he did, because he has made as satisfactory a record as was the splendid one he made during the time of his first period of enrolment at Carlisle.

It is a pleasure to convey so favorable a report to you regarding your brother and it is hoped he will continue to make good use of his time.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Maharomen, Minn.

Nov. 20, 1914.

Mr. O. H. Lipps.

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir.

I received a letter from my brother Geo. Merrill in which he states that he was readmitted to your school this year on trial, he does not explain why and so I am writing to you for further information.

I ~~will~~ indeed, ^{be} surprised to hear that Geo. has broken any rules of the school as he has always been a good boy around here.

Of course the boy was left

orphan when he was 11
years old and has had no
one but me to advise and
bring him up and as I am
only 3 years his senior I
couldn't be expected to do
as an older & more ex-
perienced person would but
have certainly tried my best.

I sent him there because
I have been to your school
and know what it is.

Please talk to him & see
what can be done. I would
not want him to have
the stigma of a boy expelled
from school as that has
ruined many a boy's start
in life.

would let me hear from
you.

This is my first letter
to the school since I left
there and am sorry it
should contain the subject
that is painful to me.

Wishing you & your
school success,

Remains

your friend,

Mrs. Jas. McIntosh

(ms) Nellie Merrill.

5-14-14

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OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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Chippewa

Name of Student

George Merrill

Home Address

White Earth, Minn.

Tribe

Age at Entrance

18

Date of Entrance

7-8-'10

Shop

JAN. FEB. MAR. APR. MAY JUNE JULY AUG. SEPT. OCT. NOV. DEC. TOTAL OR AVERAGE

Patron

Locality

Days in School

Address

R. R. Station

Conduct

Recommended by

Grade in School

Ability

Grade of Home

Church

Health

Date of Outing

4-6-'11

Date Returned

9-1-'11

Wages

Earnings

y y y
y y y
y y y
8.26 71. 11.

y y
y y
y y
11. 11.

y y y
y y y
y y y
15. 15. 15.

y y
y y
y y
15. 15.

y
y
y
16.00

Mrs. Jos. L. White
Morrisville, Pa.

4-9-'12

8-31-'12

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Name of Student *George Merrill*

Home Address

Tribe *Chippewa*

Age at Entrance	Date of Entrance	Shop	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL OR AVERAGE
Patron		Locality	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<i>Mrs. Geo. L. White,</i>															
Address		R. R. Station													
<i>Morrisville, Pa.</i>															
Recommended by		Grade in School													
Grade of Home		Church													
Date of Outing <i>5-2-'14</i>	Date Returned <i>left 7-17-14</i>	Wages	<i>said he would attend Trades School in Phila. Did not hear 8.00 from him until he returned to school Sept. 3-1914. Do not know where he was.</i>												

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REPORT OF George Merrie pupil of Carlisle Indian
School, who went 4/9/1912 to live with Mrs. Geo. L. White
(Date) (Patron)
of Morrisville, Bucks,
(Post Office) (County)
P., Morrisville Railroad Station
(State)

Conduct Excellent
Health Good
Ability Good
Cleanliness Very Good
Economy Good
Situation of Room Second floor
Condition of Room Very Good
Condition of Clothing Good but for shoes
Wages \$15 per month
Are careful accounts kept by patron? yes
Are careful accounts kept by pupil? yes
Number of days at school Attended at Carlisle
Distance to school -----
Grade or quality of school Indian School
Name and address of teacher -----
Qualifications of teacher -----
In what grade was pupil at Carlisle? Freshman
In what grade is pupil at present? "
Attends what church and Sunday school? Catholic
Distance to church Two miles
Is there a Catholic church in locality? yes
Who compose patron's family? Mother and son
What other help is employed? Two hired men
Locality of home Near Morrisville
Home life and environments Good
Trade at school None
Nature of work Farm
Pupil's age 19 Experience Very Good

Any general statement or wishes of patron or pupils, together with Agent's estimate of place, people, and pupil:

Geo. wishes to return to school in September. He has done very good work in his country home.

I recommend that his wages be raised from fifteen to seventeen dollars per month.

July 31, 1912

W. S. Dickey
B. Agent.

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July 2nd, 1913.

Mr. George Merrill,
Beaulieu, Minn.,

Dear George,

I have your letter of the 23rd, and I am enclosing
herewith check for 34.79 closing your account.

Your friend,

W.H.M.

Superintendent,

Beaulieu Minn.

June 23, 1913

Mr. M. Friedman,
Carlisle, Pa.
Dear Sir,

I arrived safely
home last week and
am now working
on the farm.

I would like
to have my money
sent to me as
soon as possible
To close with, I

Am well and enjoying
home life.

Trusting to receive
an early reply. I am,

Your Friend
George Merrill.

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Oct. 14th, 1913.

Mr. George Merrill,

Beaulieu, Minnesota.

My dear Friend:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of October the 11th, I submit below a list of the Grade marks you were given when you were promoted to the 9th Grade:

Arithmetic	8.5
English	9
Geography	7.7
History	8.9
Spelling	8.7
Physiology	9.0

Conduct -- Very good.

Hoping that this information will enable you to begin your school work without delay and that you will have a successful year, I remain,

Very truly your friend,

Superintendent.

HKM.

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were, when
was promoted to
ninth grade:

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Conduct V. Good

Oct. 14, 12

Very respectfully
John W. Johnson

Beaulieu, Minn.

Oct. 11, 1913.

Mr. M. Friedman,
Carlisle Pa.,

Dear Sir,

I am required
by the School Board of
Indian Education to
furnish credentials of
my school work the past
year, and if possible
my last examination.

I have lost a month
already in my studies
and don't want to
lose another, I wish
that you would forward
such credentials as

possible,
may you in
ance, I remain.
Very Truly Yours,
George Merrill.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

Oct. 14th, 1913.

*Returned
unclaimed
Jan. 20, 1914.
Hester
Hester now enrolled here*

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M. Friedman
Superintendent.

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INFORMATION REGARDING RETURNED STUDENTS

PART 1

REPORT BY NONRESERVATION SUPERINTENDENT OR RESERVATION SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL, Carlisle, Pa., June, 1913

Name, George Merrill; Sex, M.; Age, 21; Deg. Indian Blood, 1/2

Belongs: State, Minn.; Agency, White Earth; Tribe, Chippewa

Home address, whose care, etc., White Earth Agency, Minn.

Grade in school, 8; health, Good; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 143

Number months instruction given pupil in each school department, including music, 27 in
academic dept. Played in band.

Course completed, _____; years in this school, 3

Years spent in other schools and names of schools, Morris, 1902-5; Pipestone, 1905-8,
Beauchen, Day, 1908-9; White Earth Boarding, 1909-10.

Character and disposition, Good

Recommended for what positions, suitability in order named: 1. Junior Plumber

2. _____; 3. _____; 4. _____

Remarks: Good record in school

_____, Supt.

PART 2

REPORT BY RESERVATION SUPERINTENDENT

AGENCY, _____, 1913

Date pupil returned from school, _____; employed since return as follows:

Are home and local conditions favorable? _____

Should he receive assistance to find employment? _____

At what employment do you think he would do best? _____

Remarks: _____

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THIS BLANK

1. The report of nonreservation school Superintendent should be made at the time or a little before the pupil leaves school, whether at the end of the school year or during the school year, provided the pupil is 18 years of age or over, or younger, if for any special reason the pupil is quitting school permanently. As soon as this report is received, or at least very soon after the pupil returns home, the Supervisor of Indian Employment will correspond with the returned student for the purpose of getting more in personal touch with him and finding out something about his wishes, etc. His answer will be attached to and filed as part of this report.

2. Health, height, and weight of returned students are sometimes very important in placing them properly; height and weight could be approximated very satisfactorily, though from the pupil records now in use all information called for in part 1 of this blank can readily be obtained and be definite.

3. The State, agency, and tribe are important, and where the pupil is not attached to any agency this fact should be stated and the Superintendent should give all available information as to the home and local conditions surrounding the pupil.

4. Where the outgoing pupil has passed the civil-service examination for any position, this fact should always be noted, giving position for which examination was taken.

5. It should be remembered that the Supervisor of Indian Employment can but seldom have a personal acquaintance with the outgoing student, and that he must depend on the information furnished in this report for his basis of action in behalf of the pupil.

6. The degree of Indian blood should always be given, as this fact largely determines how much effort will be made on behalf of any particular returned student; qualifications being equal, or nearly so, the preference will be given to those having the greatest degree of Indian blood.

7. This report should be forwarded promptly to the Supervisor of Indian Employment, Indian Office, Washington, D. C.

8. Reports on students from reservation schools should be made only as to those who leave the schools at 18 years of age, or older, and who will probably not go away to school.

9. If part 1 of this report is made out by the principal of a reservation school, the reservation Superintendent should supply information called for in part 2 if the principal is not informed as to home surroundings and local conditions. Such information is essential to a proper understanding of the difficulties and needs of the pupil.

10. When part 1 is made out by a nonreservation Superintendent, this blank will be sent by the Supervisor of Indian Employment to the Superintendent of the reservation where the outgoing student belongs. He should fill out part 2 and return the blank as promptly as possible, for practically nothing can be done until the information called for in part 2 is supplied.

Information under the heading "Employed since return as follows," will be valuable only in cases where the pupil has been home for some time.

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June 7, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 28, 1917, in which you direct attention to that paragraph of the Declaration of Policy in the Administration of Indian Affairs which refers to Indian students over 21 years of age and who have completed the full course of instruction in the Government schools, being declared competent.

In accordance with these directions I have the honor to report that George Merrill, a $\frac{1}{2}$ blood Chippewa Indian, 24 years of age, was graduated from Carlisle, having passed his examination, on May 24, 1917.

Superintendent Hinton of the White Earth Agency reports that this Indian has no Individual Indian Money at his agency. He reports that he has one allotment described as the NW/4 of NW/4, Section 15, Township 145, Range 39 W 5th P.M. and the SW/4 of SW/4, Section 16, Township 141, Range 39 W 5th P.M., which he owns in fee simple. This land is covered with brush and small timber; is a

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sandy loam and valued at \$300.

He also has the original allotment No.4335 the E/2 of NE/4, Section 7, Township 144, Range 41 W. 5th P.M., containing 80 acres. This was prairie land with black loam soil and would be valued at this time at \$3200. An examination of the Mahanomen County records on May 10, 1917, did not show that the title to this land was clear in the allottee and he has either sold or mortgaged this allotment under the act of June 21, 1906.

Principal Blair reports that George Merrill has considerable ability and is one of the most advanced students graduated this year. He considers him above the average in comprehension and ability to adjust himself to circumstances. He has not been altogether dependable yet after he has had a larger experience he may adjust himself in that regard. Most of the time he tries to do what is right.

Mr. Roy H. Bradley, Director of Mechanic Arts, reports that George has been very satisfactory. He is sure that he has the ability and moral stamina to make his way in the world.

George Merrill is most assuredly of the type of Indian ~~under~~ under the Declaration of Policy should have all restrictions upon his personal property removed. He is fully competent to manage his own affairs and should stand or fall by his own successes or failure.

Apparently no legal steps are necessary to be taken in this young man's case, unless it is deemed

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advisable to issue him a certificate of competency.
If this is deemed proper George Merrill should most
certainly receive such a certificate.

The papers are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING COMPETENCY
OF GEORGE MERRILL A GRADUATE OF
CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL.

(See report dated 6/7/17)

NAME: George Merrill
AGE: 24
SEX: Male
TRIBE: Chippewa
DEGREE OF BLOOD: $\frac{1}{2}$
GRADUATED: Tentative Course of Study
COURSE PURSUED: Engineering
HEALTH: Good
HOW PERSONAL FUNDS HANDLED: Quite careful of his funds. Not a free spender.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

He is the sone of John and Nadum Merrill. They are both dead. They lived at Mahnomen, Minnesota. His father was a foreman in a mill and completed the sixth grade in school. His mother never went to school but was able to read and write. He has 80 acres of land, 40 acres of which is in timber and 40 acres under cultivation. The two 40-acres pieces are 25 miles apart. He has done much farm work at home, at Pipestone, at Carlisle. Before coming to Carlisle he has worked in carpentry, painting, farming and firing. Since coming to Carlisle he has worked as follows: carpentry - three years; farming - two years; plumbing, - steamfitting, machine work, firing, and some electrical work. He wishes to become an expert machinist. He is at the Ford Factory now.

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May 26th, 1916.

Mrs. James McIntosh,
Mahnomen, Minnesota.

My dear Madam:

Your son, George Merrill, desires to return home with James Holstein and as the latter has been given special permission to leave before the regular party of home-going boys is to start it will be arranged so that George can leave here with James on Tuesday evening of next week, May the 30th. A ticket for his use to Mahnomen will be provided.

As George has made good use of his time here I hope it will be arranged so that he can return to resume his studies on the opening day of school on September.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Hinton.)

Information regarding pupils to test eligibility and whether in need of Federal aid.

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Date of report April 26, 1915

Name of child George F. Merrill, Age 21, Grade Eighth A

Home post office Mahanomen, Minnesota

Tribe Chippewa Degree of Indian blood One half

How many acres of land do you own Eighty acres Location White

Earth Reservation, Mahanomen, Minn.

What is the annual income from your land. Nothing, \$ 0.00

Do you have any other income Annual paymt. How much 5.45 \$ 5.45

Is your father living. Yes

Father's name John Merrill

Home post office

Tribe Chippewa Degree of Indian blood One half

Is he a citizen. Yes

How much land does he own. None Allotment No.

What is its estimated value.

What is the annual income from his land. Nothing

Does he have any other income.

If so, how much.

Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property.

Is your mother living. No

Mother's name Lizzie Merrill

Home post office

Tribe Chippewa Degree of Indian blood One half

Is she a citizen. Not remember.

How much land does your mother own. None Allotment No.

What is its estimated value.

What is the annual income from her land.....
Does she have any other income.....
If so, how much.....
Does your mother pay taxes on her land or on personal property.....
With whom do you make your home..... *Sister*
How many rooms in the house..... *5*
How many live in the house..... *Four, (4)*
How far is your home from the nearest public school..... *Four fourth mile.*
Why do you not attend that school..... *Was not built before coming here.*
How many teachers employed there..... *don't know*
How many grades maintained..... *Regular high school course.*
How many months of school each year..... *Nine I guess*
Did you ever attend a public school..... *yes.*
If so, how long..... *1 year* Where..... *Lilly Plains,*
How many brothers of school age have you..... *one.*
How many sisters of school age have you..... *none.*
Are they in school..... *no.*
Where..... *—*

Remarks and recommendations of superintendent with reference to eligibility and need of Federal aid:

Superintendent.

NOTE.—One of these blanks should be filled out by each pupil at Government boarding schools, preferably with the assistance of the superintendent or some one designated to act as his representative. If the superintendent is of opinion from the information given that the pupil is entitled to enrollment he should so indicate by signing the blank in the proper place and filing in the individual pupil's folder. In the case of pupils concerning whose eligibility or need of Government aid there is some doubt, superintendents should make proper remarks and recommendations in the space indicated and forward the form to the Indian Office for consideration.

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TRADE RECORD, CARLISLE.

JUL 1 1910

JAN 1 1911

Jan. 1, 19..... to June 30, 19.....

PUPIL

TRADE

ABILITY

CONDUCT

REMARKS

INSTRUCTOR

Les Merrill

Carpenter

Hand

Good

no experience

John P. Burr

August 31, 1917.

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Mr. George Merrill,
92 La Belle Ave.,
Highland Park,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear George;

Mr. Rodman Wanamaker offers a scholarship to the Mercersburg Academy and to be followed by a complete college course at Princeton.

Your name has been suggested to me as one of our graduates who might take the best advantage of such an opportunity if it was given him.

If you feel that you would like to endeavor to procure this scholarship, which would cover practically all expenses but your railroad fare and clothing while in school, I suggest that you fill out the blank which I am enclosing and send it to Mr. William Mann Irvine, Head Master, The Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa., at once. Please advise me of anything you may do.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

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Mr. George Merrill,

FEB -2 1918

(Through Supt. Carlisle School).

My dear Mr. Merrill:

I am sending you the inclosed certificate of competency. I wish to congratulate you upon having taken up a course of practical training at the Ford factory. If, as I understand, you wish to become an expert machinist, you have made a wise choice and a good beginning. I am pleased with your record and have high expectations for your future. I note that the restrictions are removed from your land and trust that you will exercise care and prudent judgment regarding the use of your allotment, keeping in mind that productive land is always a safe investment and one almost sure to increase in value.

I believe you are going to make your way successfully, and should like you to write me one year from now and tell me about your year's work and your plans and prospects for the future. I shall be glad to hear from you, and shall request your school and reservation Superintendents to report also at that time regarding your progress.

Should you hereafter desire to apply under applicable laws for a patent in fee or for the removal of any restrictions on land allotted to you, the inclosed certificate will show that you are educationally qualified to make free use of your property, and, in the absence of later information or developments to the contrary, will be so recognized if submitted to me for consideration in connection with the action then to be determined.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

FEB -2 1918

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,

Supt. Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

As indicated in the inclosed copy of my letter of this date to one of your graduates, George Merrill, I shall be pleased to receive from you a year hence any information you may have or can conveniently obtain as to the progress of this graduate in the way of self-support and successful occupation.

Sincerely yours,



Commissioner.

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February 18, 1918.

Mr. George W. Merrill
40 Pasadena Ave., Highland Park
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear George:- Complying with your request contained in letter dated February 15, 1918, I enclose herewith a check from your account for \$25.40, made payable to the Northern Assurance Company of Michigan.

Very truly yours

NRD-Inc.

Superintendent.

40 Pasadena, Highland Park,
Detroit, Mich.
Feb. 15, 1918.

Mr. John Francis Jr.,
Carlisle, Penna.,
Dear Sir;

It has become necessary for me
to draw from your savings account
at Carlisle the sum of (\$25.00)
Twenty five Dollars and Forty cents to pay
the premium due Feb. 13rd.

I have paid \$25.00 on the policy already
but owing to the frequent lay-offs I'm
unable to do it at present.

If in check form please make it
payable to the Northern Assurance
Company of Michigan.

Thanking you in advance I am

Very truly yours,

George F. Merrill.

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P.S. Enclosed is the notice. Please
return it in reply.

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April 8, 1918.

Mr. A. B. Winter
Educational Dept. Ford Motor Co.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:-

I have your letter saying that George
Werrill has completed the Students' Course and
requesting a check for the balance due him on
our books. Complying with this request, I en-
close herewith a check for \$257.61 which is the
full amount due him.

Will you please let us know where George
expects to go now so we may keep in touch with
him.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Inc.

Ford Motor Company

JOHN FORD, President.
OSCAR B. FORD, Vice Pres. & Secretary.
F. L. KLINGSMITH, Vice Pres. & Treas.

Automobile Manufacturers

Detroit, U.S.A.

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,
U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

4-3-18

Dear Sir:

ALL STATEMENTS OR AGREEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER ARE CONTINGENT ON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS, FIRES, OR ANY OTHER CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL AND ALL CONTRACTS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SIGNATURE OF A DULY AUTHORIZED EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THIS COMPANY. CLERICAL ERRORS SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

G. F. Merrill has completed his student's course and it
will be in order if you will kindly favor with his balance due at
your institution.

Yours truly,

FORD MOTOR COMPANY,
Dep't of Education.

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By *asidint*

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HENRY FORD, PRESIDENT
EDEL B. FORD, VICE PRES. & SECRETARY
F. L. KLINGSMITH VICE PRES. & TREAS

Ford Motor Company

Detroit, Mich.

Mr. John Francis Jr.
U S Indian School
Carlisle
Pa

April 11, 1918

ALL STATEMENTS OR AGREEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER ARE CONTINGENT ON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS, FIRES, OR ANY OTHER CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL AND ALL CONTRACTS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SIGNATURE OF A DULY AUTHORIZED EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THIS COMPANY. CLERICAL ERRORS SUBJECT TO CORRECTION

Dear Sir:

Wish to acknowledge receipt of your check payable to George Merrill, which has been promptly turned over to him. For the present at least, Mr. Merrill will remain in the services of the Company, as he will be transferred to other work in the factory.

Yours very truly,

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
Dept. of Education

By- *aswint*

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Merrill, George

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Mother-Mrs. Jno. B. Pemberton

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