

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

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NUMBER 2885	ENGLISH NAME Belle Peniska	AGENCY Ponca Sub.	NATION Ponca
BAND 2885	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Jacks Peniska Fattus - Nebraska, Neb.	
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT
FATHER, L	MOTHER, L	3/8	19
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL	FOR WHAT PERIOD	DATE DISCHARGED	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
Sept. 24, 1913	five years	June 11, 1917	Graduate
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS	FROM COUNTRY	
5-1-14	Mr. J. E. Harlan, West Chester, Pa.	8-27-14	
9-12-14	Miss E. D. Edgell, Downingtown, Pa.	5-29-15	

THE SWAN-WALKER CO., MILWAUKEE 124071

Months in school before Carlisle.

Grade entered at College, _____

Grade at del. of discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church. Congregational
Will attend Presbyterian

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BRIEF

Application of

Bill Teniska

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Nebraska

Date of enrollment..... 191.....

Term of enrollment..... *Five*..... (*5*) years

Application for Enrollment in a Non-Reservation 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

of John. Bell Teniska ; female ; date of birth 1904 / 1894.
(Name of Child) (Sex)
Tonca
(Tribe)

NAME OF FATHER (Both Indian and English)	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
<u>Jack Teniska</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>Tonca</u>		<u>3/4</u>
NAME OF MOTHER				
<u>Johna Teniska</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>3/4</u>

I, Bell Teniska, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to enrollment in said school for a period of five years, and also obligate myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian Schools.
(Not less than 3)

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL	DATE OF ENROLLMENT	DATE OF DISCHARGE	CAUSE	GRADE
<u>Hope S.D.</u>	<u>1906</u>			<u>first to fifth.</u>
<u>Genoa Neb.</u>	<u>1911</u>			<u>sixth & seventh</u>

Bell Teniska
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Nebraska

Two Witnesses:

Evel Thompson
Bonnie Thompson

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find her 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 18 day of Aug, 1913

W. K. Clark M.D.
Shihamak
Physician at Ponea Agency.
Sub

CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR 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 _____
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)
was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.

This 1st day of September, 19 13

Thomas L. Squire
Agent or Superintendent.

SPECIAL NOTE.

This form must be executed in duplicate when a child is transferred from a reservation to a non-reservation 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.

NOTE.—Age limits, fourteen to twenty years. Preferably fourteen to eighteen. Students must be at least one-fourth Indian, preferably full Indian. Special cases beyond the age limit will be given consideration. An industrial course only can be taken and the term reduced to three years, in exceptional cases.

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 is living, and if neither of them is 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.

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

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May 17th, 1915.

Mr. Charles E. Burton,
Superintendent, The Santee Agency,
Santee, Nebr.

My dear Sir:

I have noted the contents of your favor of the 14th instant, relative to the desire of Belle Peniska's mother that consent for Belle's marriage be withheld.

Referring further to your letter, where it is requested that Belle be returned home, this is to state that her period of enrolment at Carlisle does not terminate this year and that the parents would have to provide funds for the transportation before the girl could be allowed to leave here.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Santee, Nebraska.

May 14th 1915.

Mr. O. H. Lipps.
Supervisor in charge, Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 21, 1915
reference to Belle Peniska, I enclose herewith a
letter which I received from Ford A. Thompson, farmer
in charge of the Ponca reservation, in which it is
stated that Mrs. Peniska does not want Belle to marry
the person mentioned in your letter. It is further
stated that the parents would like to have Belle
return home, which I so recommend.

Very respectfully,

Charles E. Burton

Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agent.

Ponca Sub Agency
May 12 - 1885

Supt. Burton
Santee Mbr.

Dear Sir:-

In regard to the inclosed letter of Supt. C. H. Lips, I had a talk with Mrs. Peniska a short time ago, and she does not want Belle to marry this fellow and she would also like for her to return home.

Resp.
J. A. Thompson

OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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Name of Student Belle Beniska

Home Address Jack Beniska, Niobrara, Tribe Ponca

Age at Entrance	Date of Entrance	Shop	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL OR AVERAGE
19	9-24-'13		7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Patron	Locality	Days in School													
Mrs. J. F. Harlan															
Address	R. R. Station	Conduct													
West Chester, Pa.														4	4
Recommended by	Grade in School	Ability												"	"
														"	"
Grade of Home	Church	Health												"	"
														"	"
Date of Outing	Date Returned	Earnings													
5-1-'14	8-27-14														
	Wages														

Miss Eliz. D. Edge
Downingtown, Pa.

9-12-14

5-29-15

21 32 Regular study.

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ROUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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Jan. 30th, 1914.

Mr. Ford Thompson,
In Charge, The Ponca Sub-Agency,
Hicbrara, Nebr.

My dear Sir:

I send you herewith the application in duplicate
you transmitted to Belle Peniska at this school with
your letter of January the 26th. Each copy of the ap-
plication has been signed by the young lady and her
signature has been witnessed as was requested.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

HKM.

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pouca Sub Station
Aug 17 - 14Mr. Oscar B Lipp
Barlisle, Penn.
Dear sir:

Mr. Jack Peniska, father of Bell
Peniska who is staying at your place
desires that she return back to school
this winter.

Will you please inform her to this
effect

I am also taking the matter up
with the Supt. at Barlisle

Thanking you for this favor, I am

Very resp

Ford Thompson
Officer in charge.

Woburn, Mass.

Mar. 11, 1915.

C. H. Lipps, Esq.,
Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 2nd was
rec'd. and will say that
I am glad to hear about
my two girls. And glad
to hear that Belle ^{Pennsylvania} ~~intends~~
to finish her school and
then she can marry some
suitable person, but what
I want is to get her
educated first. Then I talk
to her with regards to her
further aims in life. Hoping
you will keep me

posted in their studios, works
etc. I beg to remain
your Resp.

Jack. Peniska.

REPORT OF Belle Beniskie pupil of Carlisle Indian
 School, who went Sept. 14 to live with Miss E. D. Edge
(Date) (Patron)
 of Domnington Pa., Chester,
(Post Office) (County)
Penn., Domnington Railroad Station
(State)

Conduct Excellent
 Health Excellent - Some eye trouble
 Ability Very good
 Cleanliness Excellent
 Economy Quite careful
 Situation of Room 3d floor -
 Condition of Room Very good
 Condition of Clothing Very good
 Wages \$ per week during winter.
 Are careful accounts kept by patron? Yes
 Are careful accounts kept by pupil?
 Number of days at school See remarks.
 Distance to school
 Grade or quality of school
 Name and address of teacher Miss E. D. Edge, Domnington Pa.
 Qualifications of teacher
 In what grade was pupil at Carlisle? From 11.
 In what grade is pupil at present?
 Attends what church and Sunday school? Methodist or Friends' Meeting with
 Distance to church at Cratsville - family.
 Is there a Catholic church in locality? As indicated above.
 Who compose patron's family? Miss Edge.
 What other help is employed? No other help.
 Locality of home 2 1/2 miles from town.
 Home life and environments Of the very best.
 Trade at school
 Nature of work Gen'l helper.
 Pupil's age 20 Experience Second home

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

Miss Edg's home - its advantages and environment - needs no comment. A girl who is placed in this home may indeed consider herself most fortunate.

Belle is the 67th Indian girl to be placed under the care of this noble woman. This fall on her return to Carlisle from her summer's outing in West Chester, Belle asked to be placed in Miss Edg's home and she knows she has been wonderfully helped by the associations this winter. Belle's duties are those in connection with the table, linen, and bedrooms.

Lida M. Johnston
Outing Agent.
Feb. 26, 1910.

In - June

April 21st, 1915.

My dear Miss Edge:

I thank you for your kind favor of the 19th instant, written in behalf of Belle Beniske and the important step she is contemplating.

Correspondence I had with the father of the young lady indicated that he is anxious to have her continue with her school work, but noting that she has not made any great progress during all the time she has been enrolled at Carlisle I am writing to the Superintendent of the School at the father's home to find out what action would seem advisable. I shall not object to Belle's release from Carlisle for the purpose of getting married at any time I can be assured that she has made a wise choice and that her father approves of the young man.

Assuring you that your interest in the young lady is appreciated and again thanking you for all the kindnesses you have extended to the young people in whom we here at Carlisle have been interested, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Downing

Mr Oscar L. Lipps

Dear friend,

I am writing at
The request of Belle Penick
and wish to present a case of

Before Belle came to Carlisle she
had been a year in 7th grade at
Genoa. She was placed in the same
grade at Carlisle but failed to
pass at the end of that year.
She has gone over the same work
for the third time since she came ^{here}
and though she has done her

best she thinks, and so do I,
That except in Arithmetic, she is
not yet able to take the Examination.
She will be 21 in August.

For two years she has been engaged
to Frank Blackbird, an Omaha

According to Belle, he is a most
excellent young man; quiet, temperate
and a member of the Presbyterian
Church. He is an orphan, lives
with his grandparents. Is well
provided with this world's goods.
Owns 320 acres of land.

Naturally he does not want to
wait an indefinite time for his
wife. He has been to see the
father Jacob Penick, a Ponca, who

told The young man he had no objections to the marriage but Belle was under the care of Mr. Lipps and he had no right to take her from The school,

It is a case where we need to step warily, and of course must learn what is The young man's character from some one beside his lady love, as we all know That "Rose is blind",

If Belle's estimate is correct, This would be a most suitable connection, and considering her mental capacity it does not seem worth while to spend much more time in school.

She is a good girl. What The young people would like is, that Belle should go home

This summer and be married.

We lay the matter before your superior
judgment. — Respectfully

Elizabeth D. Edge.

I enclose a note to Belle from Mr Lord
Thompson. agent for the Poncas. Her
father does not read or write

April 21st, 1915.

Mr. Charles E. Burton,
Superintendent, The Santee Agency,
Santee, Nebr.

My dear Sir:

Some time ago I was in correspondence with Mr. Jack Peniska relative to the desire of his daughter Belle to marry a young man to whom she had become engaged before she was enrolled at Carlisle. It was stated at that time by Mr. Peniska that he is anxious to have Belle finish her course at Carlisle before she returns home.

It has now been reported to me in a letter written in Belle's behalf that she has failed to advance in her school work beyond the Grade in which she was enrolled at Genoa before she came to Carlisle. Evidently she may have reached the limit of her development in purely academic work and now desires to know definitely whether she may not be allowed to return home in order that she can be married.

Will you kindly let me hear from you regarding the matter, so that Belle can be advised what her father's wishes in the matter are and in order that she can be properly advised further in connection with the important duties

-2- Mr. Charles E. Burton, Superintendent.

she is contemplating and planning to assume?

The young lady will be 21 years of age in August and the young man in the case is Frank Blackbird, an Omaha Indian.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

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Nov. 3rd, 1915.

Mr. Charles E. Burton,
Superintendent, U. S. Indian Agency,
Santee, Nebr.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo,
this is to advise that Myrtle and Belle Peniska are
the only Ponca pupils we have enrolled here at this
time from any other point than the Ponca reservation
in Oklahoma.

At the present time we do not have any Santee
pupils enrolled.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Santee, Nebraska.

October 29th.1915.

Supt. Indian School,

Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly send me a list of all the Santee and
Ponca children enrolled in your school.

Thanking you, I am

Charles E. Burton

Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agent.

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March 6th, 1916.

Belle

Mr. Jack Peniska,

Niobrara, Nebraska.

My dear Sir:

When your girls were seen at this office today in regard to the report that is contained in your letter of the 3rd instant to the effect that you have not heard from them for some time, they stated that when they heard from you the last time you were visiting in Oklahoma and they did not know your address there. They claim they have written to their mother since they received the money from you that is mentioned in your letter.

Both the girls have been well and getting along very nicely with their work and as they have been requested not to delay about writing you also you should hear direct from them in a very few days that they are equally as well as is reported above.

Thanking you for your inquiry, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

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Superiority,
Individuality
and Class
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Young Men

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Niobrara, Nebr.

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Niobrara. Nebraska.
March 3rd 1916.

Supertendent.

Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle. Pa.,

Dear Sir:-

About a month or so ago, I wrote a letter to each of my daughters, Belle and Myrtle Peniska, both at your shhool, and also I sent them a little spending money, and up to the present time, I have not heard from them. I wish you would let me know how they are, and also tell them to write me, as soon as they can, as we are somewhat worried about not hearing from them. Thanking you in advance for this favor.

I beg to remain Very Resp.

Jack Peniska.

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

Date of report.....
Name of child Belle Peniska Age 20 yrs. Grade Seventh
Home post office Nebraska Nebraska
Tribe Ponca Degree of Indian blood half breed
How many acres of land do you own I have no land Location.....
What is the annual income from your land I don't have any income
Do you have any other income no How much.....
Is your father living yes
Father's name Jacob Peniska
Home post office Nebraska Nebraska
Tribe Ponca Degree of Indian blood Full blood Indian
Is he a citizen I don't know
How much land does he own I don't know Allotment No. I don't know
What is its estimated value I don't know
What is the annual income from his land I don't know
Does he have any other income I don't know
If so, how much I don't know
Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property yes
Is your mother living yes
Mother's name Jennie Peniska
Home post office Nebraska Nebraska
Tribe Ponca Degree of Indian blood 1/4 Indian
Is she a citizen I don't know
How much land does your mother own I don't know Allotment No.....
What is its estimated value I don't know

What is the annual income from her land *I dont know.*
Does she have any other income *I dont know.*
If so, how much *I dont know*
Does your mother pay taxes on her land or on personal property *no*
With whom do you make your home *Why? with my father & Mother*
How many rooms in the house *6 or 5*
How many live in the house *I dont know.*
How far is your home from the nearest public school *about 1/2 miles - is a day school*
Why do you not attend that school *Just because I didnt want to.*

How many teachers employed there *I dont know*
How many grades maintained *I dont know.*
How many months of school each year *I dont know*
Did you ever attend a public school *No*
If so, how long *No* Where *No*
How many brothers of school age have you *one*
How many sisters of school age have you *one*
Are they in school *Certainly they are in school.*
Where *Genoa Nebraska*

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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May 28, 1917.

Dr. Chas. M. Buchanan, Supt.,
Indian School,
Tulalip, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Belle Peniska who is an applicant for an assistants position in your school has been given her diploma and is now ready to go to you at any time you designate. We have allowed her to read your letter relative to your requirements and she thinks that she will be able to do as you wish.

As the school will be able to pay her transportation only to her home in Nebraska I have taken up the matter of her transportation beyond that point with the Commissioner and may be able to furnish her transportation from the funds for graduates taking positions in the Indian Service.

As soon as I hear from you I shall make arrangements for Belle to go to you.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

May 28, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

One of our graduates, Belle Peniska,
has been promised an assistants position in Dr.
Buchanan's School at Tulalip, Washington.

I write to know if it will be possible
for the Office to furnish transportation from
Carlisle to Tulalip from the funds for graduates
of the non-reservation schools going to take
positions in the Indian Service.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Tulalip Indian Agency,
Tulalip, Washington,
May 11th, 1917.

Supt. John Francis Jr.,
United States Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear sir:

I have your kind letter of the 30th ultimo relative to the placing of Belle Peniska in an assistant's position here at Tulalip and would be glad to give her the opportunity.

I trust you will kindly caution her before she comes that we are quite strict as to the behavior, general demeanor and personal example afforded by our employees to our children. The last incumbent in the position was a Carlisle girl (Lucy Lane) who had to leave because she did not heed these very important things. Even before Miss Lane came we had another Carlisle girl (Myrtle Thomas) and this girl though a very capable one had to leave because she led two young Indian fellow-employees astray. Now both of these girls to whom I refer had undoubted capacity to do the work but did not have sufficiently strong characters, high ideals and habits of self-control, -- and all of these are of the utmost possible importance in a work whose very foundation should be character and its up-building.

I believe that words of caution before leaving there will assist and emphasize such as we may give here.

I am glad indeed to know that Miss Peniska has had such a good school record for behavior. We hope she will enable us to speak just as highly of her. We shall be glad to have her as soon as she can come and would appreciate it if you could and would apprise us of the approximate date at which she can report here for duty.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles W. Buchanan,
Supt. etc.

Will you please see Belle Peniska about this

Respectfully

N R Denny

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Tulalip Indian Agency,

Tulalip, Washington,

April 12th, 1917.

Hon. O. H. Lipps,

Supervisor of Indian Schools,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

You will doubtless recall writing me about Mary Welch and asking that we bear her in mind if we had a vacancy in the position of Indian assistant. We will have a vacancy May 1st in the position of baker (Indian assistant), \$300, and should be glad to have her if you can send her to us.

after comm - grad.

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Buchanan,
Supt. etc.

Mrs. Denny:

I am a little afraid of the Puget Sound climate for Mary. Belle Peniska should be all right for this place. What do you think? Expect to be up there in a few days.

CW

April 30, 1917.

Dr. Charles M. Buchanan
Superintendent Indian Agency
Tulalip, Washington

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to Mr. Lipps relative to a vacancy in the position of Indian assistant in your school, has been referred to me by him. Mary Welch, the young lady we had in view for this position has not been very well the last year and it is thought that the climate there would not agree with her so we have not presented your offer to her at all. We have another girl graduating next month who could do your work very nicely. This girl is Belle Peniska, a Ponca from Nebraska, 22 years of age. She has been at Carlisle four years and her conduct during that time has been above reproach. She has had considerable experience in doing assistant's work here, having taken charge of the girls working in the Students' dining room and in filling the hospital's cook's place for two summers. She is also a good seamstress. Belle wishes to be considered an applicant for the opening you have. Will you please let me know if you would be willing to give her a trial. She does not want to leave here until after her graduation May 26th.

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Mr. Charles M. Buchanan-

Mr. Lipps when he was here last week talked with Belle about the work which would be required of her in your school. He believes that she could do very nicely the work you would require of her.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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June 5, 1917.

Dr. Chas. M. Buchanan, Supt.,
Indian School,
Tulalip, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that our
school physician recommends that Belle Peniska
be returned to her home in Nebraska on account
of her health.

Belle does not look very well just
now and I believe it for her best welfare that
she take the doctors advice and go to her home
where she can get thoroughly rested during the
summer.

I am sorry to have to change my
plans regarding Belle but the change has been
brought about by conditions which we could not
control.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

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Belle Peniska.

Tulalip Indian Agency,
Tulalip, Washington,
June 2nd, 1917.

Supt. John Francis Jr.,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo relative to an assistant's position for Miss Belle Peniska, one of this year's graduates from Carlisle School and in reply would state that we shall be glad to have her just as soon as she can come -- the sooner the better. I am glad that, in advance of her coming, you acquainted her with the contents of my letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles W. Buchanan,
Supt. etc.

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June 6, 1917.

Mr. Jacob Peniska
Niebrara, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:-

Your daughter Belle, having completed the prescribed course at this school is entitled to go home at government expense and I have arranged for her to leave Carlisle for Niebrara, Monday evening June 11th. Please arrange to meet her upon her arrival at Niebrara.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

File

Santee, Nebraska,

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July 21, 1917

Superintendent John Francis, Jr.,
Carlisle, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Francis:

Referring to your letter dated
July 17th to Belle Peniska, I beg to inform you that
she has no allotment on this reservation, and no
other property to my knowledge. Her character is
good, and I have never heard of anything against
her in any way.

Yours truly,

W E Burton

Supt.

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June 14, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th inst. relative to paying the transportation to the Tulalip School for one of our graduate pupils who had been promised an assistants position there, I have to advise that since my letter dated May 28, 1917, this young lady, Belle Peniska, has gone to her home and for the present has given up the plan of taking the position named.

This decision was made because of her health which was not good, so for the present there will be no need to call upon the Office for any funds to pay her transportation.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

FOLLOWING:

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

JUN -8 1917

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,
Supt., Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

In reply to your letter of May 28, asking as to payment of transportation to Tulalip School for one of your graduate pupils who has been promised an assistant's position there, you are advised that an allotment from the \$5,000 provided for placing Indian youth in remunerative employment will be considered to cover the traveling expenses of Miss Peniska to Tulalip provided she receives the appointment.

As to whether transportation will be allowed in similar cases, you are requested to advise in regard to the probable number of students who may receive positions and the amount which may be required for the purpose.

The appointee in each instance should reimburse the government to the amount of transportation expenses where the salary is sufficient to do so.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Merrill
Assistant Commissioner.

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July 27, 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 who have completed the course of instruction in Government schools, being declared competent.

In accordance with these directions I have the honor to report that Belle Peniska, a 3/8 blood Ponca Indian, 22 years of age, passed her examinations and on May 24, 1917, was graduated from this school in domestic science in accordance with the tentative course of study.

Mr. John F. De Janette, Clerk in Charge of the Ponca Agency, Oklahoma, advises me that they have no person by the name of Belle Peniska enrolled under that jurisdiction, but suggest that she may be a Nebraska Ponca.

Superintendent Burton of the Santee Agency reports that Belle has no allotment on his reservation and no other property to his knowledge. He reports that her character is good and he has never heard anything against her in any way.

Mrs. Matilda G. Ewing, matron, reports that Miss Peniska is one of our best and most reliable girls and a good Christian. She has good health generally, but at the last went home in a very rundown condition. Mrs. Ewing considers her kind and generous in her judgement of other's welfare. She has many noble qualities, is loyal and true to her trust.

Principal Blair reports that Belle is

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a lovable girl with considerable strength of character. She is not strong in academic work but she is considered a fine cook. Her strongest instincts are for home-making. In all things pertaining to household affairs she has initiative. She takes responsibility and is conscientious in always trying to do her best. She is neat and particular about her personal appearance and is sensible and modest in taste.

Apparently Miss Peniska has no property under the control of the Government. Her future must be dependent upon the man she marries. I would recommend that any money in reasonable amount be turned over to her without restrictions. The removal of her restrictions upon land, however, should she acquire any in the future, should depend somewhat upon the type of man she marries, or sufficient time should be given her to find herself.

The papers are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

August 30, 1917.

Miss Belle Peniska, 619
Niobrara, Nebr.

Dear Belle:

A few days ago I had a telegram from Miss Molly Gaither, Superintendent of the Springfield, S.D. School, asking me to recommend two Carlisle girls one to act as cook and the other as laundress in her school, the salary of each position paying \$460 per annum.

I immediately wired back asking Miss Gaither to get into communication with you. I think this is an excellent opportunity for you to get into the Service. Miss Gaither was an employee at Carlisle for many years, first as teacher and then as outing agent. She is a woman of lovely character and splendid ability and I know that you could not have a better superintendent to work for your first year.

I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity. Trusting that you have had a pleasant vacation and have thoroughly regained your health, I am

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

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

TELEGRAM

Springfield, S. D. 191
August 24, 1917. M

Sent to Superintendent Francis,
Carlisle, Pa.

In need of cook and laundress, salary each position
\$460 per annum. Enrollment 60 girls. Can you recommend
two good, capable Carlisle girls to fill these positions
to report for duty September first? Please wire. Letter
follows.

Gaither, Supt.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT { DAY
NIGHT } RATE—PAID

Charge. Pd. W.U.

By
(Name of Telegraph Company.)

Cook - D. Pemiska

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CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

May 24, 1917, 191

This certifies that Belle Peniska
(Name of student.)has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School
(Name of school.)

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.

GRADE.

RATING.

English	4th Voc.	87
General Exercises		87
Child Study		80
Plant Diseases		83
Insects and Insecticides		88
Household Chemistry		74
Cooking		86
Sewing		91

Effort

Depoartment

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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Effort _____

Deportment _____

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.

TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

Insert "day" or "night" in blank below for rate.

In lower left-hand corner show if paid for in cash or to be charged. If latter, insert name of Office or Officer to which bill for charges should be sent.

See full instructions on reverse hereof.

TO TELEGRAPH MANAGER.

This message is OFFICIAL BUSINESS of the U. S. and should be sent "PAID" at Government rate named below.

Do not accept typewritten or stamped signatures. "COLLECT" messages should not be sent by Indian Office employees on official business.

If tolls are not paid in cash by sender, or collected from his local Office, forward original message with your monthly report, for collection by your Auditor.

TO AUDITOR OF TELEGRAPH CO.

If message was sent "Paid, Charge," bill on Government voucher form to Office named in lower left-hand corner and attach original messages in support of your bill.

If message was marked, "Paid in cash by Sender," your charges will be refused by Government Auditor.

Receiver's No.—	Time Filed—	Paid <u>Collect</u> Word <u>Day</u> Government rate—Toll, \$
		(Day or night.)
Sent by—	Western Union	Telegraph Co. Carlisle, Pa. August 25, 1917.
(Name of company.)		(Place.) (Date.)
To	Gaither, Superintendent	From John Francis, Jr
Springfield, S. D.		(Print or typewrite name of sender.)
		Superintendent
		(Title of sender.)

for cook

Recommend highly Peniska ~~for cook~~ graduate this year's class. Address Niobrara, Nebraska.

Will consider further position laundress.

Springfield School, SD.

Charge: (If not paid in cash, insert name of office to which bill should be presented for payment.)

PAID By SENDER.
(Insert "In cash," if so paid.)

Appropriation:

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE HEREOF.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1916.

METHOD OF SENDING AND PAYING FOR TELEGRAMS.

ORDER No. 5.

TO ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE INDIAN SERVICE:

In lieu of Circular 1056, the following instructions in regard to sending and paying for telegrams, are hereby promulgated, to be effective on and after April 1, 1916:

1. HOW SENT.

No telegram on which the charges are to be paid by the Government, either directly or by way of reimbursement, shall be sent "collect" unless sent by a person not in the Service. See 3 (b).

- (a) **Indian Office.**—Messages sent by Government officers or employees to or from the Indian Office shall be marked in the lower left-hand corner, thus: "Official Business, Government day (or night) rate. Paid, charge Indian Office."
- (b) **Field Offices.**—Messages sent to or from any field office, which properly pertain to its jurisdiction, shall be marked in a similar manner: "Official Business, Government day (or night) rate. Paid, charge —, (giving name of the person or office to which bill should be presented for payment)."
- (c) **Traveling employees.**—All other messages sent by employees who are under the jurisdiction of a field supervising office, whether sent direct to that office or otherwise, shall be marked thus: "Official Business, Government day (or night) rate. Paid, charge —, (give name of the person or office to which the bill should be presented for payment)."

All other messages sent by employees who are *not* under the jurisdiction of any field supervising office shall be paid for in cash at the time the message is filed with the company for transmission, and the message shall be marked thus: "Official Business, Government day (or night) rate. Paid in cash by sender." In all such cases a copy of the message, showing that the original was marked "Paid in cash by sender," must be retained by the traveler and filed with his voucher on which reimbursement is requested.

2. METHOD OF PREPARATION.

- (a) **Rates.**—Each message must be marked by the sender so as to show whether it is sent at day or night Government rates. Night rates are cheaper, and should be used when too much delay is not occasioned thereby.

2. METHOD OF PREPARATION—Continued.

- (b) **Signature.**—Each telegram must be signed in sender's own handwriting. Typewritten or stamped signatures must not be used. Telegrams phoned to sending station of company must be confirmed by written message prepared and signed as herein directed.
- (c) **Address.**—Official telegrams sent to the Secretary of the Interior, or to the head of any bureau thereof, or to any other person in the Department whose official position is of sufficient prominence to insure proper delivery of the message at Washington, D. C., over the lines of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Cable Companies, should be addressed "Washington" only, the letters "D. C." being eliminated. ("Departmental Order November 20, 1915.)
- (d) No duplicates should be furnished to the receiving office of the company, except to support lost messages, when ordered by the Indian Office, in accordance with paragraph 6 hereof.
- (e) **Appropriation.**—On each copy of the message give name of the appropriation chargeable with the toll.
- (f) **Form.**—When practicable use prescribed forms, making original and four copies, and disposing of the copies as marked thereon. Additional copies may be made as desired. If not practicable to use prescribed form, keep copy of the message and mail omitted forms as soon as practicable.

3. MANNER OF PAYMENT.

- (a) Vouchers of telegraph companies, when submitted for payment, must be supported by the originals of all telegrams filed by officers or employees of the Indian Service, after April 1, 1916.
- (b) Messages sent "collect" to a Government office or officer, by a person not in the Interior Department, may be paid for on presentation of a copy of the received message. However, the Government reserves the privilege of having such messages marked: "Paid, charge —, (giving the name of the person or office to which the bill should be presented for payment)," and in such cases it will be the duty of the telegraph company to present the original message in support of its bill. Field officers are advised to instruct correspondents to so mark messages which are to be paid for by the Government.

CATO SELLS,
Commissioner.

Approved, March 20, 1916.
BO SWEENEY,
Assistant Secretary.

Belle Peniska went to her home in June, was employed as assistant in the Springfield, South Dakota Indian School until her health failed, a few months ago. Is now at her home. Miss Gaither reports her a good employee.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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Mr. John Francis, Jr.,

MAY -2 1918

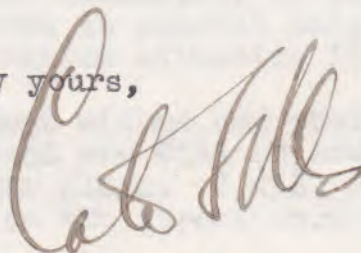
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My dear Mr. Francis:

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Sincerely yours,



Commissioner.

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IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

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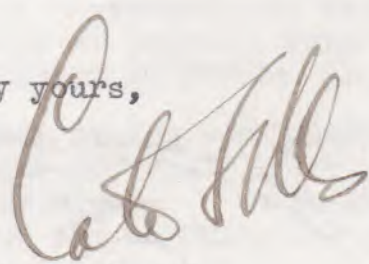
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FROM
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

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Miss Belle Peniska,

MAY -2 1918

(Through Supt. Carlisle School.)

My dear Miss Peniska:

I send you the inclosed certificate of educational competency, feeling that you have earned such a recognition. I am pleased with some of the things said about you, one of which is that you are conscientious and always try to do your best. That trait of character will go far towards bringing success to anyone, and it is needed just as much in one calling as another. I note also that you incline to the duties of home-making, which is commendable, because there is nothing in the world that helps more to make people happy and progressive than well-ordered, efficient and refined house-keeping. These conditions are the purifying and elevating influence of all community life. High-minded, sweet-tempered home-keepers are the bringers of strength and virtue to social welfare. Hold fast to your highest ideals; they will be among your best friends in any work you do. Should you acquire any land hereafter, be careful in its management, and feel free to consult this Bureau, if you desire, about any matter affecting it.

I give you my best wishes and would like you to write me a year hence and tell me how you are doing and something of your plans. I will also ask for a report about you from the Superintendent at Carlisle.

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(Signed) Cato Sells

Commissioner.

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