

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

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NUMBER	ENGLISH NAME	AGENCY	NATION
5298	Ralph Tourtillotte	Nesjit	Menominee
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS	
		Father - Chas. W. Tourtillotte, Nesjit, Wis.	
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD	AGE
2		1/4	14
FATHER	MOTHER	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
		5-4 1/2	110
		FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.
		34 1/2	32
		SEX.	
		M.	
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL	FOR WHAT PERIOD	DATE DISCHARGED	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
Oct. 10, 1914	Three years	July 3, 1915	Termination of leave
TO COUNTRY	PATRON'S NAME AND ADDRESS	FROM COUNTRY	
June 3-15	On leave.		

Months in school before Carlisle. 7 yrs.

Trade or Industry,

methodist

$\frac{1}{4}$ mi. to school

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 5290	ENGLISH NAME Ralph Tourtellotte	AGENCY Neopit	NATION Menominee
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Father - Charles W. Tourtellotte Neopit, Wis.	
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD Y	BLOOD 1/4	AGE 15	HEIGHT WEIGHT FORCED INSP. FORCED EXPR. SEX M
FATHER	MOTHER	ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 2, 1915	DATE DISCHARGED May 31, 1917
FOR WHAT PERIOD		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Graduate	
TO COUNTRY 7-3-16	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS Jos. W. Oliver, Lake Carey, Pa.		FROM COUNTRY 9-7-16

Grade entered at Carlisle,.....

Grade at date of Discharge,.....

Trade or Industry,

Church, *Methodist*

$\frac{1}{4}$ mi to school

method

(Date)

(Date)

Remarks: _____

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BRIEF.

ORIGINAL

APPLICATION OF

C. W. Tourtillott

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Ralph Tourtillott

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pa.
~~Lawrence, Kansas,~~

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Keshena (Menominee)

Date of enrollment, _____, 191

Term of enrollment, *three five* (*53*) years.

NAME OF PERSON ARRANGING FOR THE TRANSFER:

A. S. Nicholson,

Position, Superintendent.

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.
~~Lawrence, Kansas,~~

of Ralph Tourtillott male 14 age Feb. 3, 1900 date of birth;
 (Name of child.) (Sex.)
Menominee .
 (Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. (Both Indian and English.)	LIVING OR DEAD.	TRIBE.	BAND.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>Charles W. Tourtillott</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>Menominee</u>		<u>1/2</u>
NAME OF MOTHER.				
<u>Mary Tourtillott</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>White</u>		

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

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE.	GRADE.
1. <u>Public school, Shawano</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>1914</u>	<u>Removal</u>	<u>8th</u>
2. <u>Day - Neopit</u>	<u>1912</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>Removal</u>	
3.				
4.				

C. W. Tourtillott

(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

P. O. address: Neopit

Two witnesses:

James Martin
A. F. Newell

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 5th day of Sept., 1914

W. F. Pagan
Menominee Indian Mills
Physician at Neopit Wis 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 C. W. Tourtillotte,
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)
was voluntary.

(Here state whether the child lives within reach of a public school, whether the State laws permit it to enroll therein, and if it lives near the public school why it can not attend such school.)

No available public schools.

I recommend the transfer of the said child.

This 15th day of September, 1914.

Agent or Superintendent.

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

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

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

This _____ day of _____, 191 _____

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 reservation school records. The reservation superintendent should 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.)

That no Indian pupil under the age of fourteen years shall be transported at Government expense to any Indian school beyond the limits of the State or Territory in which the parents of such child reside or of the adjoining State or Territory. (35 Stat. L., 781.)

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.

ORIGINAL

NAME Ralph TourtillottSex { Male.
Female.Tribe { Full } Menominee
11/4State WisSept 22, 1914Age 14 yearsRespiration 19Condition of, Eyes NormalHeight 5 ft. 4 1/2 ins.Mensuration { Insp. 34 1/2Ears NormalWeight 110 lbs.Exp. 32Throat NormalTemperature 98.6Vaccination yesCervical glands NormalPulse 82Vision NormalSkin NormalInspection Full ChestPalpation NormalPercussion NormalAuscultation NormalHeart Normal(Menstruation) ✓

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father	<u>57</u>	<u>Good</u>		
Mother	<u>38</u>	<u>Good</u>		
Brothers <u>1</u>			<u>one week</u>	<u>I don't know</u>
Sisters <u>2</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>weeks</u>	<u>I don't know</u>

Personal history, measles, chicken pox -Present condition goodW. F. Pagan, 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.

Age Sex { Male.
Female. } Tribe { Full
1/ } Residence

(On, 19....)

6—1957

NAME: Ralph Tourtillotte

AGE: 17

SEX: Male

TRIBE: Menominee

DEGREE OF BLOOD: $\frac{1}{2}$

GRADUATED: Special Course

COURSE PURSUED: Engineer

HEALTH: Good

HOW PERSONAL FUNDS ARE HANDLED:

Careful in soending money.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

He is the son of Charles William and Mary Ann Kruegar Tourtillotte. Home is at Lily, Wis. Both parents have a fair education. He worked on e year on a farm before coming to Carlisle. Since coming here he has worked in carpenter shop, engineering shop, masonry, painting, etc. He wishes to continue his education in some High School.

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September 18, 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 the Government schools, being declared competent.

In accordance with these directions I have the honor to report that Ralph Tourtillott, a $\frac{1}{4}$ blood Menominee Indian, 17 years of age, passed his examinations and on May 24, 1917 was graduated from this school in Engineer, in accordance with the Special course of study.

Ralph is the son of Charles William and Mary Ann Kruegar Tourtillott of Lily, Wisconsin. Both parents have a fair education. He worked on a farm a year before coming to Carlisle. Since coming here he has worked in the carpenter shop, engineering shop, masonry, painting, etc. He wishes to continue his education in some High School.

Principal Blair and Director of Mechanic Arts Bradley reports that Ralph is a bright boy who learns easily, not especially studious but fairly steady in application; he needs to be where there is plenty of competition in order to develop as he should. He is not as ambitious as he might be nor as several other members of the graduating class. Still he has aspirations and longings to be something more than an ordinary workingman. He is thinking of electrical engineering, or of the forestry service. He is like to the average white boy in his attitude toward things in general.

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He has spent one year in the plumbing shop here. He is quite young and needs advise although he has the making of an excellent man in him.

~~Ralph~~ in in good health, and is careful about spending money.

I think he will be amply able to maintain his own affairs, when he becomes of age. Any information concerning any property owned by him has not been obtained.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

March 2nd, 1915.

Mr. C. W. Tourtillotte,

Neopit, Wis.

My dear Mr. Tourtillotte:

When Superintendent Nicholson brought your son Ralph to Carlisle in October he requested me to have him enrolled in our Engineer's Department where he would have a chance to gain experience in electrical work. However, at that time the Department was already overcrowded with older young men who were physically stronger than your son to do the heavier work in that Department. Accordingly, Ralph was detailed to the wood-working shop where he has been working ever since. He is making good use of his time and is gaining experience which will be of use to him when, at a later date, he does take up the work in his chosen trade.

In view of the fact that Ralph is too young to do very heavy work and he is now interested in his trade I believe nothing could be gained by making a change at this time. Your request will be kept in mind, however, and it is hoped that before the opening of the next school year an opportunity can be given Ralph in the Engineer's Department.

-2- Mr. C. W. Tourtillotte, Neopit, Wis.

Assuring you that I will be pleased to hear from you at any time about the work you desire to have your son do and so that I can co-operate with you to give him the chance you want him to have, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

(Copy to Superintendent Nicholson)

Neopit Wis Feb 14-1915

O. H. Lipps Supt.

Carlisle Indian School
Carlisle Pa

Dear Friend: I would like to ask you
whether or not, it could be arranged so that
my son Ralph could be put in the Electrical
Department, as that is the trade which I think
would suit him best. as we talked about
it before he left for Carlisle if you can
do any thing for him, it will be very much
appreciated by Ralph and myself.

Thanking you for any thing you can do for
Ralph. I am your friend

O. H. Tourtellotte

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May 24th, 1915.

Mr. C. W. Tourtillotte,

Neopit, Wis.

My dear Sir:

Your son Ralph has come to me stating that you desire to have him at home for the summer vacation months and has placed on deposit an amount of \$25.00 to pay for his transportation.

I shall not object to Ralph's going home, but before the arrangements desired by you can be made there must be filed with me a formal request for his leave on the blank enclosed herewith, properly approved by Superintendent Nicholson. You will note that a sufficient amount to pay for return transportation is to be placed on deposit when a student is to go home for a vacation.

The boys who are to go to their homes this year are to leave Carlisle on June the 3rd and if you want Ralph to leave at the same time prompt action in the matter must be taken.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

VACATION REQUEST FOR PUPIL.

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We, the undersigned, respectfully request that leave of absence be granted

Ralph Tourtellotte

from _____ to _____ to
enable him to visit his home. We hereby agree to pay all expenses, including round-trip railroad fares, sleeping-car fares, meals, lodging, stage fares, telegraph and telephone messages, and other incidental expenses connected with the visit. We further agree that said pupil shall be returned to the U.S. Indian school on or before the last day of the leave of absence. Caulis, Pa.
We further agree to deposit with the superintendent of the school sufficient money to defray all expenses to be incurred, and should the pupils, or any one of them, fail to return to school at such time as may be agreed upon by the parents or guardian and the superintendent of the school in which the pupils are enrolled, the amount of money remaining with the superintendent, necessary to the return transportation of the pupil or pupils so neglecting to return, shall be forfeited to the Government; provided, however, that in all cases where it can be shown that there were justifiable reasons for the failure of the return of the pupil the forfeiture of the funds shall not take place.

If the pupil neglecting to return is from a reservation, the superintendent of the reservation shall certify to the reasons for the nonreturn of the pupil or pupils. If a pupil's home is not on a reservation, then the certificate of some reputable, disinterested citizen of the community may be requested as to the reasons for the nonreturn of the pupil or pupils.

E. W. Tourtellotte

Father.

May A. Tourtellotte *not at home*

Mother.

approved

A. J. Johnson

Guardian.

Date: May 28/15

NOTE TO DISBURSING OFFICERS.—All receipts under this agreement must be accounted for officially as Individual Indian Money. However, any forfeitures must be transferred to Miscellaneous Receipts, Class I, and deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the United States.

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June 3rd, 1915.

Mr. C. W. Tourtillott,

Neopit, Wis.

My dear Sir:

It is being arranged so that your son Ralph can join the party of boys who are to leave here this evening for their homes. Transportation for his passage only to Shawano can be procured for his use but he will have sufficient cash to pay for his transportation from that point to Neopit.

Regretting that this notification could not be sent to you several days ago but trusting that neither Ralph nor you will be inconvenienced by the unavoidable delay, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Nicholson.)

NEOPIT MERCANTILE COMPANY

C. A. TOURTILLOTT, Manager

Neopit, Wis., May 28-18-

Dr. T. Lippert Supt
Carlisle
Pa.

Dear Sir, Am Enclosing vacation request
for Ralph signed and approved by Art. Nicholson. Supt
Am very anxious to have Ralph home to help
in Restaurant during hot months.

Trusting that we ^{may} see Ralph home soon

I am Yours Truly

C. A. Tourtillotte

As I have not the the money to spare for the return
trip just ^{now} Mr. Nicholson said it would be all right
as I would be better able to spare money when it is
time for him to return to school as we are interested
in obtaining an Education for him.

I have a daughter Graduating from The Ounro high school
this June

Yours
C. A. T.

Department of the Interior.

The SuperintendentUnited States Indian SchoolCarlislePennsylvania

6-3305

Chi. Ill.
June 4 70

Dear Friend:

I arrived here
safe and sound
at about five
o'clock. I am
feeling well and
having a good
time. I will get
home to-morrow.
Your friend
R. F. T. Tillotson

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Aug. 6th, 1915.

Mr. Ralph Tourtillotte,

Neopit, Wis.

My dear Friend:

This is to notify you that the regular work for the school year is to begin on September the 7th and that it is hoped you can be here by that time to begin your studies.

If any assistance can be given from this end to complete arrangements for your return please let me hear from you.

Hoping you can report that the summer months have been pleasant and profitable for you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

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Nesbit, Wisconsin,
Aug. 25, 1915.

Mr. Mc Huff,
Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.,

Dear Friend:

Having received
your letter some time ago I
must now take time to answer.
I have had a very fine time this
summer and I am expecting
to return to Carlisle the
first of September. I will surely
be there in time to report for
school. Well there isn't much
news around here now so I will
close.

Your young friend,
R. G. Fairbottle

August 25, 1916.

Chaplain Springer
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr. Springer:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Ralph Tourtilette relative to the ~~book~~ which you loaned him and which he has not yet returned to you. He says that he left the camp in such a hurry that he forgot to return the book to you but left it on his cot. He thinks that Lawrence Wood would know something about it. If he does not know where the book is and you cannot find it, he will be willing to pay for another one for you. Will you please let him know if you cannot find the book and also the price of a new one. Ralph will be back to the school September 8th.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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Lake Carey Pa.

August 21, 1916.

Superintendent O. H. Lipps

Indian School

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps:

I received
your letter informing
me about Chaplain
Springer's book some
time ago and as I did
not have time to answer
it at once I forgot about
it.

I will state now
that the book was left
on my cot in camp.

I came away in a great hurry and consequently the book was forgotten.

If you would speak to Mr. Ashbrook or tell Chaplain Springer to speak to Lawrence Wood, I think he would get information concerning the book. If it cannot be located I shall be willing to pay the damages.

I hope to be back to school by the first of September as I do not

wish to lose any time
in the classroom.

Yours respectfully
Ralph Tourtellotte

OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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Name of Student

Ralph Tourtilotte

Home Address

C.W. Tourtilotte, Neopit, Wis.

Tribe

Menominee

Age at Entrance

14

Date of Entrance

10-10-14

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

7-3-16

Date Returned

9-8-16

Wages

Earnings

g Ex
g Ex
Ex Ex
13 ⁵³/₁₅

OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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 Ralph Tourtillotte Age 10 Grade 8-a

Home post office Neopit, Wisconsin.

Tribe Menominee Degree of Indian blood 1-4

How many acres of land do you own do not know Location _____

What is the annual income from your land _____

Do you have any other income no How much _____

Is your father living yes.

Father's name Mr. Charles William Tourtillotte.

Home post office Neopit, Wisconsin.

Tribe Menominee. Degree of Indian blood 1-2

Is he a citizen yes.

How much land does he own do not know Allotment No. _____

What is its estimated value _____

What is the annual income from his land _____

Does he have any other income Store - General - restaurant.

If so, how much do not know.

Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property do not know

Is your mother living yes.

Mother's name Mary A. Rueger - Tourtillotte.

Home post office Neopit, Wisconsin.

Tribe White Degree of Indian blood _____

Is she a citizen do not know

How much land does your mother own do not know Allotment No. _____

What is its estimated value _____

What is the annual income from her land.....

Does she have any other income. *No.*

If so, how much.....

Does your mother pay taxes on her land or on personal property. *Do not know*

With whom do you make your home. *Mother and Father*

How many rooms in the house. *8 or nine*

How many live in the house. *Five*

How far is your home from the nearest public school. *twenty-two miles*

Why do you not attend that school. *Because my folks cannot afford it. Have a sister in Hi-school.*

How many teachers employed there. *Eight or nine*

How many grades maintained. *Eight and there is also a high school in same town with 7 teachers*

How many months of school each year. *Nine.*

Did you ever attend a public school. *Yes.*

If so, how long. *Six years*

Where. *Low Sch. Neopit, Shawano
Omro, Bass Lake, Kopenick*

How many brothers of school age have you. *None*

How many sisters of school age have you. *one*

Are they in school. *yes.*

Where. *Omro*

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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March 2, 1917.

Mr. C. W. Tourtillotte,
Harrison Wis.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter asking that your son Ralph be allowed to go home for the summer months so that he might assist you in your work. I have no objections to Ralph doing this after his school work is completed here which will be about June 1st. You understand that his fare both ways should be deposited with me.

I enclose herewith a vacation request for pupil which you and Mrs. Tourtillotte can sign and return to me.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Chief Clerk in Charge.

Enc.

Harrison Nis Feb 28th 1917

Mr. O. H. Lepps

Carlisle Pa

Dear Sir: Would it possible for you to
let Ralph come home when he gets through
with his Examinations. From June ²¹ through
the summer months we are kept very busy,
and if Ralph could be at home he would be
a great deal of help to his Mother and myself
of course I don't want him to miss any of his studies
to get home. Trusting this will meet with
your approval. I am Yours Truly

O. H. Vontellotte

Lily
Nis

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June 12, 1917.

Mr. Ralph Tourtillotte,
Lily, Wis.

Dear Ralph:

I have received your letter of June 7th and wish to thank you for your courtesy in writing me. I note what you are doing and the fact that you are beginning to appreciate what you really learned while at school.

I am very glad that you feel the way you do. The big thing I wish to impress upon you, however, is the determination to do for yourself. Don't depend upon others; don't wait for the Government to do things for you. Decide what you are going to do and keep after it. Remember you cannot accomplish everything in a day, week, month or year, but everlastingly pounding after the thing you want will finally get it for you.

Sincerely yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

Lily, Wis.,
June 7, '17.

Mr. John Francis Jr.,
Indian Vocational School
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Superintendant:

I must apologize for not writting sooner.

I arrived home Saturday morning. Everything has been running nicely except the weather. It has rained nearly every day and is rather cold. I

Tuesday I went to Shawano and drilled with the Neopit Rifle Club, and I must say that they were certainly "BUM". They have drilled for three years and yet they drill like men who have trained for three or four weeks. It is not their fault entirely, because they do not have a competent instructor.

Shawano has raised a company of National Guards and it will leave for training camp on the 15th of this month. The war spirit out here is very much the same as it is out east. Once in awhile someone says something in favor of Germany but one who says such things does not last very long.

I am glad to say that I have made use of some of my knowledge gained at Carlisle, already. I see no reason for not using more of it soon. I see now how much I really ~~lear~~ learned while at school.

I must close now hoping to be remembered to all.

Yours respectfully,

Ralph Tourtellotte.

August 31, 1917.

Mr. Ralph Bourtilotte 652
Keshena, Wis.

Dear Friend:

Replying further to your letter regarding the scholarship at Mercersburg and Princeton. It is such a splendid opportunity that I feel I should write you further.

All the money you will need will be your traveling expenses to Mercersburg and expenses for clothing from time to time which you ought to be able to earn out of school time. Of course they would not want you to accept the scholarship and then after a year or two find that family conditions compel you to withdraw from school. If you can possibly arrange it you should do so.

I am sending you a blank which, if after further thought you feel you can accept the scholarship, if you can get it, should be filled out and sent to Mr. William Mann Irvine, Head Master, The Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Penna. Please advise me also what you do.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

THE MERCERSBURG ACADEMY
MERCERSBURG, PENNA.

WILLIAM MANN IRVINE, PH. D., LL. D.,
HEAD MASTER

August 29,
1917

Superintendent John Francis, Jr.,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Superintendent Francis:

I thank you heartily for your letter of recent date in which you write us a copy of the letter written to you by Ralph Tourtillotte. We are getting into touch with one or two other Indian boys but it will do no harm on your part to urge Ralph to the limit. I shall look forward with great pleasure to hearing of the results which you obtain.

Ralph will not need much money beyond his expenses for clothing and travel. Mr. Wanamaker pays his tuition, also charges for books and other extras that are absolutely necessary. I imagine that his clothing would cost him approximately fifty dollars a year after he has ^{been} outfitted for the first. This is a marvellous opportunity and if the boy can possibly accept the same, I hope that he will send his blank filled out in the regular order. We do not want him, however, to accept the use of the scholarship and then after a year or two find out that family conditions compel him to withdraw from school. That would be a calamity and would be very provoking to Mr. Wanamaker.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, and hoping that you will be able to hear from Ralph something of a definite nature very soon, I am,

Most cordially yours,

W. M. Irvine

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August 27, 1917.

William M. Irvine, Head Master,
Mercersburg Academy,
Mercersburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Irvine:

I am just in receipt of the
following letter from Ralph Tourtillotte:

Supt. Francis,
Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Friend: No words that I
command are strong enough to
express my appreciation for
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Before passing Ralph by I would
like the opportunity of again putting the
matter up to him with a definite estimate
of the actual expense which he personally
would have to meet. Ralph should be quite
able to help himself somewhat after he gets
a start. Could you give me such an estimate?

Possibly the ill health of his
father may be the determining factor.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

Lily, Wisconsin.

Aug. 24, 1917.

Supt. Francis
Indian School
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Friend: No words that I command are strong enough to express my appreciation for the splendid offer which you gave me.

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I haven't enough money to put me through school and my father's health is not very good.

Yours respectfully,

THE MERCERSBURG ACADEMY
MERCERSBURG, PENNA.

WILLIAM MANN IRVINE, PH. D., LL. D.,
HEAD MASTER

August 23,
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Supt. John Francis, Jr.,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Superintendent Francis:

I thank you heartily for your kind letter of recent date in which you nominate two Indian boys as candidates for the vacant Wanamaker Scholarship. I hope that they will send their credentials very soon. What you tell us about the boys is very interesting indeed.

I trust that everything is going well with you and that you will be able to visit Mercersburg before long. It will give us great pleasure to welcome you.

With kindest regards and assurances of esteem, believe me,

Most cordially yours,

W. M. Irvine

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August 22, 1917.

Mr. William M. Irvine, Head Master,
The Mercersburg Academy,
Mercersburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Irvine:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 16, 1917 in which you request me to recommend a first class Indian boy who would be an appropriate beneficiary for a scholarship to be given by Mr. Rodman W. Wanamaker at Mercersburg and at Princeton.

Ralph Tourtillotte was a member of our graduating class last year. He comes from Neopit, Wis., and is a bright, reliable lad 18 years of age. I have this day telegraphed him to advise me if he would accept ~~this~~ scholarship if you would give it to him. It is necessary for me to do this because I am not sure of what plans the lad has made for his future. If he cannot accept this splendid opportunity I think I shall suggest Francis Ojibway.

The information on the application for admission will be given just as soon as I can determine whether the candidate will accept. Some of our Indian boys are rather strange at times and would not jump at a wonderful opportunity of this kind as the average white boy would.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of our Year Book. You will find a picture of Ralph at the top of page 17. You will note that he does not show his Indian blood to a great extent. Francis Ojibway's picture is found at the top of page 19. There are other splendid fellows in the class, but many of them have enlisted or have taken up the Ford course. Often times, too, they lack in mental ability to pursue a course as outlined.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

JF/S

THE MERCERSBURG ACADEMY
MERCERSBURG, PENNA.

WILLIAM MANN IRVINE, Ph.D., LL.D.,
HEAD MASTER

O.H.Lipps, Supervisor in Charge,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

August 16,
1917

Dear Superintendent:

As you probably know, Mr. Rodman W. Wanamaker of Philadelphia is educating several Indian boys at Mercersburg with the idea of having them prepared to take a course at Princeton University. Mr. Charles W. McGilberry of Hartshorne, Oklahoma, a member of the Choctaw Tribe, has been a student with us during the past three years and has had the use of a Wanamaker scholarship. Mr. McGilberry has passed his examinations for entrance to Princeton and had expected to be enrolled in that University this fall. He has been drafted and, in all probability, will enter the army within the next few weeks. This means that his course at Princeton will be deferred until the close of the war.

Mr. Wanamaker wishes me to select another Indian boy to take the place of Mr. McGilberry during the next year or two. If this new candidate makes a good record, Mr. Wanamaker will gladly support him not only through Mercersburg but also through Princeton. We already have three Indian boys selected for the coming year but we should like to have the fourth boy enter Mercersburg at the opening of our fall term on Wednesday, September 19. The time is short. Can you recommend a first class Indian boy who would like to be a beneficiary on this scholarship? We want a boy of excellent character and first class mental ability. It is Mr. Wanamaker's idea that these boys shall finish their education and then return to our western country where they can be of service to the people of their own tribes. Mr. Wanamaker believes that Indian boys are bright enough to take advantage of a higher education and his purpose in sending these boys to Mercersburg and Princeton is to prove his belief.

Please send full credentials and best records of each candidate. Also fill out enclosed blank for boy you may nominate.

Trusting that you will immediately nominate to us any Indian boys whom you think would fill this position to the satisfaction of everybody concerned, and hoping to hear from you immediately, I am, with best wishes,

Most sincerely yours,

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W. M. Irvine

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Sily, Wis.,
Sept. 11, 1917.

Supt. Francis Jr.,
Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your
letter of the 3rd of August
I will say that for the
reason concerning family
conditions I cannot
readily accept the
very fine opportunity
which is offered me.

To be frank, I do not
think very strongly about
going to college.

Next spring I expect to join the navy, for obvious reasons, and that is another reason for not being able to accept your generous offer. In my estimation there are others far more worthy to accept such an offer.

At present I am working on the State Aid, that is fixing roads. Wages are \$2.50 a day. This winter I expect to scale logs.

Very respectfully yours
Ralph Tourtellott

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

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May 24, 1917, 191

This certifies that Ralph Tourtillotte

(Name of student.)

has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School

(Name of school.)

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.

GRADE.

RATING.

English4th Voc.91General Exercises93Field Crops85Plant Diseases84Insects and Insecticides89Rural Economics79Arithmetic88Engineering1st Voc.82

Effort

Deportment

DETAILS SERVED.

LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.

RATING.

and is or is not eligible to pursue work in the _____ grade, academic; and

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_____ grade or year vocational.

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NAME AT CARLISLE

Ralph Tomtilotte

PRESENT NAME