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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

Known as Irene  
Jones on rolls at  
home.

NUMBER 2896	ENGLISH NAME Rena Button	AGENCY	NATION Seneca					
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Father - Wm. Jones Versailles, N. Y.						
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX
FATHER, 2	MOTHER, 10	1/2	10	5-1/2	95-3/4	32	29	F
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL	FOR WHAT PERIOD	DATE DISCHARGED		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE				
Sept. 30, 1913	five years	July 20, 1915		Termination of leave				
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS				FROM COUNTRY			
5-1-14	Mrs. E. S. Taylor, West Chester, Pa.				6-15-15			
6-21-15	On leave							
*Readmitted Aug. 31, 1915								
9-11-15	Mrs. Wm. C. Sullivan, Mt. Holly, N. J.				1-8-16			
6-2-17	Outing N. L. J. McClellan, Cocharville				6-8-18			

Months in school before Carlisle, ..... 81

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....

Grade at date of Discharge, .....

Trade or Industry, .....

Religion, ..... Methodist



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**BRIEF.**

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**Application of**

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FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

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IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

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**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

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POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

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Date of enrollment, \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_\_

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

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# Application for Enrollment in a Nonreservation School.

(For a child not enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Carlisle Pa., of Rena Button, (Name of child.) I, Emily P. Lincoln, (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) of Iroquois P. O., State of N. Y., do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to her enrollment in said school for a period of Five years, (Not less than 3.) and also obligate and bind myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

I further say that the said child was born at Carlisle Res. on Nov. 12, 1897 (Date.) that the father, William Jones, (Name of father.) is a full Indian of the Seneca Tribe located at Carlisle Reservation Agency; that he left the tribe about \_\_\_\_\_; (Approximate date.) that the mother, Jane Button, (Name.) was a full Indian of the Seneca Tribe located at Carlisle Reservation Agency, and left the tribe about \_\_\_\_\_; (Approximate date.) that the said child was born and reared in the United States, and now actually resides therein; and that he has attended the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL—PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT, OR MISSION.	LOCATED AT—	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE.	GRADE.
<u>Thomas Indian School</u>	<u>Iroquois N. Y.</u>	<u>Jan. 16, 08</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 13.</u>	<u>Finished course</u>	

This 23rd day of August, 1913.  
Two witnesses:

Alta J. Alden

Emily P. Lincoln  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

Nina Hayward

P. O., Iroquois N. Y.

(NOTE.—Every blank in this application must be properly filled out by the applicant, in his own handwriting, if possible. The signature, whether by mark or otherwise, must be attested by two witnesses.)

## AFFIDAVIT.

I, Emily P. Lincoln, do hereby swear that the statements made in the above application are true.

Emily P. Lincoln  
(Signature of applicant.) (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of September, 1913

Ida L. Bunn Notary Public  
Eric C. 21.4

(NOTE.—This application and affidavit must be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths by the parent with whom the child is living; if the parents are dead, by the guardian or next of kin.)

# FOR NEW YORK PUPILS.

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This blank is to be filled out and signed by a former teacher of the applicant, by a school trustee, a school superintendent, or by some other person conversant with the status of the applicant's school attendance.

This is to certify that Rena Button  
has attended the Thomas Indian School at  
Iroquois, New York, from Jan. 16, 1908.  
to September 1, 1913.  
Iroquois, N. Y.  
August 23, 1913.

Emily P. Lincoln.  
(Sign here.)  
Supt.

**Certificate of Physician.**

I, A. D. Lake, a practicing physician of Gowanda, Minn.  
do hereby certify that I have carefully examined Rena Button,

the child named in this application, and find that she is in proper physical condition to attend school, and is not afflicted with tuberculosis or other disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This 27 day of August, 1913 A. D. Lake, M. D.

*Agency Physician*

**Vouchers of Disinterested Persons.**

VOUCHER No. 1.

I, Alta J. Alden, a Stenographer of Thomas Indian School, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Emily P. Lincoln who makes the foregoing application; that I believe his statements therein are true; that I am acquainted with Rena Button;

(Name of Child.)

she is known and recognized in the community in which she lives as an Indian; that in my opinion she can not receive proper and adequate schooling at home for the reason that she has graduated from the Thomas Indian School and there is no other higher school on the reservation.

This 23rd day of August, 1913.

Alta J. Alden

VOUCHER No. 2.

I, Nina Hayward, an attendant of Thomas Indian School, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Emily P. Lincoln, who makes the foregoing application; that I believe his statements therein are true; that I am acquainted with Rena Button;

(Name of child.)

she is known and recognized in the community in which she lives as an Indian; and that in my opinion she cannot receive proper and adequate schooling at home for the reason that has been stated above.

This 23rd day of August, 1913.

Nina Hayward

## Certificate of School Physician.

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

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

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_\_

*School Physician.*

### INDORSEMENT.

A child showing one-sixteenth or less Indian blood, whose parents live on an Indian reservation, Indian fashion, who, if debarred from the Government schools, could not obtain an education, may be permitted in the reservation day and boarding schools, but it is preferable that it be not transferred to a nonreservation school, without permission from the Office. Children showing one-eighth or less Indian blood, whose parents do not live on an Indian reservation, whose home is among white people where there are churches and schools, who are presumed to have adopted the white man's manners and customs, and are to all intents and purposes white people, are debarred from enrollment in the Government nonreservation and reservation schools. Superintendents, in all cases where doubt exists as to the degree of Indian blood of a child proposed for transfer, should fully satisfy themselves of the facts by affidavits from reliable persons, which affidavits must be kept on file at the school.

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.

A pupil dismissed from school for cause must not be enrolled in any other school without the permission of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Full facts must be submitted with each request.



OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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Name of Student		Home Address		Tribe												TOTAL OR AVERAGE					
Age at Entrance	Date of Entrance	Shop	Locality	Days in School	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.					
15	9-30-'13				7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6					
Patron		R. R. Station		Conduct																	
Address		Grade in School		Ability																	
Recommended by		Church		Health																	
Date of Outing		Date Returned		Earnings																	
5-21-'14		22															2.00				
Mrs. Frank Morse		Marshallton, Pa.															1.9				
5-27-'14		22															"				
Mrs. J. L. Passmore		Chatham, Pa.															"				
7-27-14		6-15-15															5				
Mrs. Wm C. Sullivan		Mr. Holly, N. J.															21 17 20 20 19 4 = 101				
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9-11-'15		1-8-'16															4.00 6.				



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Sept. 30th, 1913.

Mrs. Emily P. Lincoln,  
Superintendent, The Thomas School,  
Iroquois, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Lincoln:

I take pleasure in advising that Rena Button arrived here this morning.

I will also state that Marjorie Jamison and Theresa Lay arrived here last week and that I saw them both at my office the morning after their arrival here. Their vacations seem to have been of great benefit and it is hoped both of them will have a successful year.

I will notify you when the boys mentioned in your letter of September the 27th arrive here, and if you find it convenient to co-operate further by sending us additional students the favor will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IROQUOIS, N. Y. September 27, 1913.

Mr. M. Friedman, Superintendent,  
United States Industrial School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am writing to let you know that Rena Button will leave Buffalo Monday morning at 8:30 and will arrive in Carlisle Tuesday morning. She never has travelled at all and I am sorry she could not go with Marjorie, but as her ticket was for another route they could not go together. I will have the changes written out for her and I think she will reach there all right.

Marjorie and Theresa left Buffalo yesterday morning and I suppose arrive there last night. I want to thank you for permitting Marjorie to spend the vacation with me. I certainly enjoyed having her here.

I think Chauncey will leave Buffalo either Tuesday or Wednesday morning. There are two other boys who graduated here last June who are talking of entering Carlisle and we shall do all we can to help them decide to go for I feel it is the best thing they can do.

Trusting you are nicely started with your school

I am

Sincerely yours,

*Emily C. Lincoln*  
Superintendent.

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Oct. 7th, 1915.

Mrs. Emily P. Lincoln,  
Superintendent, The Thomas School,  
Iroquois, New York.

My dear Mrs. Lincoln:

The four dollar check you transmitted with your letter of October the 2nd has been handed to our school banker and that amount will be placed to the credit of Rena Button as was requested.

This is also to advise you that Chauncey Doctor has arrived here.

Assuring you that I would be pleased to enroll additional students who have formerly been connected with your school, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

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IROQUOIS, N. Y.

October 2, 1913.

Mr. M. Friedman, Superintendent,  
U. S. Industrial School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am writing to let you know that Chauncey will leave Buffalo to-morrow morning at 8:30. It has been impossible for me to get him started any sooner and intended writing you, but have been extremely busy.

I am enclosing my check for \$4.00 for Rena Button. I told her I would do this and that she could come to you if she was in need of money.

If I can do anything more toward sending additional students to Carlisle, I shall be very happy to do so.

With best wishes for you and your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Emily V. Lincoln*  
Superintendent.

EPL-AJA

*Meyer*  
*W. P. H.*

REPORT OF Berg Sutton pupil of Carlisle Indian School, who went <sup>transferred</sup> July 1914 (Date) to live with Mrs. Thos L. Passmore (Patron) of Chatham (Post Office), Chester (County), Penn. (State), Chatham Railroad Station

Conduct Excellent  
 Health Good - Cataracts improving. Had a very bad case - offensive odor.  
 Ability Fair - Rather easy going. Possibly due to catarhal condition.  
 Cleanliness Very clean personally.  
 Economy Not at all extravagant.  
 Situation of Room 2d floor. Very large - well heated & lighted.  
 Condition of Room Very good  
 Condition of Clothing Very good.  
 Wages In school.  
 Are careful accounts kept by patron? yes.  
 Are careful accounts kept by pupil?  
 Number of days at school Has not missed a day.  
 Distance to school 1/2 mile.  
 Grade or quality of school graded County school - 2 rooms in school.  
 Name and address of teacher  
 Qualifications of teacher  
 In what grade was pupil at Carlisle? Sophomore - Room 12.  
 In what grade is pupil at present? 8th grade - last grade in school.  
 Attends what church and Sunday school? attends Friends Meeting with family.  
 Distance to church 3 miles.  
 Is there a Catholic church in locality? not in immediate vicinity.  
 Who compose patron's family? Mr. & Mrs. Passmore, 3 children, and Mrs. P's mother  
 What other help is employed? Washing & ironing sent out.  
 Locality of home Farm.  
 Home life and environments Very very helpful; an excellent home.  
 Trade at school.  
 Nature of work sew's helper  
 Pupil's age 16 Experience First at Carlisle

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

Rena has improved very much in health since she has been out. She will have to return this fall, (1915) as she is now in the highest grade in the school at Chatham. She has had excellent reports every month.

Stay -  
JRD

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May 26th, 1915.

Miss Cora S. Jones,

Box 4, Versailles, New York.

My dear Friend:

I have just learned from Mrs. Denny and Miss Johnston, who are in charge of the girls at outing homes, that Rena Button is in a very much improved condition as a result of the very careful treatment that has been given her. Because of the fact that she is so much stronger no plans have been made for her return here and it is believed that she can continue with the work at her outing home to her benefit, and that her return home should not be effected on account of the condition of her health. However, if you desire to have her come to you for any other reason I shall give your request further consideration.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

Versailles N.Y.

May 15. 1915.

O. H. Lypps Supt.

Indian School.

Carlisle Penna.

Dear Sir:

I write to call your attention to the interest of Rena Button now in Chatham Pa.

She expects to return to the school in June. is not in good health. the nature of her ailment being catarrh of the stomach, which if neglected may run her into consumption.

I feel it my duty to care for the child and if a cure

can be affected it can better  
be done at home. The girl  
makes her home with me when  
not in school. She has worked  
out long enough I think to  
be able to pay her own way  
home. For approval and for  
further information please apply  
to Mrs Emily P. Lincoln Supt.  
of Iroquois Indian School, N.Y.  
Trusting you may regard  
my wishes favorably.

I am Yours very Respectfully.  
Lora S. Jones  
Leahide Class '96.

P.S. Address given above  
P.O. box 4.

Ms. Miss Jones

Miss Miss

Madam

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June 19th, 1915.

Miss Cora I. Jones,  
Versailles, New York.

My dear Madam:

In compliance with the request you renewed in your letter of June the 7th it was arranged at once to have Rena Button return here from her outing home. It is now being arranged so that she can leave here on Monday evening of next week for your home at Versailles. Transportation for her passage to Lawton will be provided for her use and she should arrive there on the first Erie train that leaves Buffalo after 7.30 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, June the 22nd.

Hoping that I shall hear from you when the girl has arrived at your home, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Mrs. Lincoln.)

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Rena is in now  
not to go home.

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M.R.D.

Versailles, N.Y.

June 7, 1915.

O. K. Lipps Supt.  
Indian School  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir,

In regard to a previous letter asking the return of Rena Button, you promised to reconsider the matter should I write again. I have talked it over with Mrs Lincoln of the Thomas School, who approves my plans, and has directed me to write you again. We believe since the child has been pinned down to some institution from babyhood not knowing a mother's or father's care, and has worked out a whole year faithfully just now, a change would brace her up for some more years where disappointment would make her life seem so hard. She promises to pay her fare home if necessary, and Mrs Lincoln will see about her going back in the fall. I am Yours very Respectfully.  
Cora I Jones.

To the Hon. Secy of the Navy  
Washington  
1868

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
John D. [Name]

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June 19th, 1915.

Mrs. Ewing:

Rena Button is to leave for her home on train at 8.22 on Monday evening, June the 21st. You will please have her reported "on leave".

Very respectfully,

KKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Mr. Kirk.)

Department of the Interior.

The SuperintendentUnited States Indian SchoolCarlislePennsylvania

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June, 24, 1915

Dear Mr. Lipps:

I arrived home

safely. I hope I shall be able to return in better health.

Hoping that you will have a pleasant vacation, I remain  
as ever

yours sincerely,  
Rena Button

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Statement of wages and  
expenditures of  
Rena Button.

Bal. from winter	\$ 4.60
wages for April	7.00
" " May-	7.00
" " " 1/2 June	3.50
	<u>22.10</u>

Expenditures -

Expend. for May.	\$ 1.30
" " June	5.00
	<u>\$ 6.30</u>

Bal. due \$15.80

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July 28th, 1915.

Mrs. Cora I. Jones,  
Versailles, New York.

My dear Madam:

I have received your letter of the 26th instant and have noted therein that you are anxious to have Rena Button return to Carlisle in order that the privilege can again be given her to continue with her education while she is in one of our Outing homes.

In reply to your letter I must state that it will be a difficult matter to find a patron who is willing to give Rena the extra care she should have to keep her in as good condition as she was in Mrs. Passmore's home. The latter was entirely willing to keep Rena in her home and to do for her whatever was required and with that in view you were advised in the spring that Rena should not be taken away from that home. To be frank with you Rena is not the desirable pupil she should be in so far as the condition of her health is concerned and I am willing to take her back only because she is in need of help that can probably not be given her elsewhere. It must be understood, however, that if she does re-

--2-- Mrs. Cora I. Jones, Versailles, N. Y.

turn here assurance cannot be given you that a patron can be found who is willing to take Rena into her home.

While everything possible will be done for the girl it can only be regretted that the suggestions made by Superintendent Lipps last spring were not heeded.

Very respectfully,

HGM.

Acting Superintendent.

(Copy to Mrs. Lincoln.)



Versailles, N.Y.

July 26, 1915

Dear H. Lipps Supt.

Indian School, Carlisle Penna.

Kind friend;

By request of Mrs Emily Lincoln I am writing you in regard to the girl I have in my charge.

Rena Button has a certificate of graduation from Chatham Grammar School and pass to High School some where in Pennsylvania.

It is the wish of all who are interested in the girl, that she return to Carlisle and under the Outing System complete her education. It is preferable that she should be sent to some Quaker family if possible.

She is a very bright girl and worthy of your attention, and there is no child I know of more in need of your assistance. Hoping you will send her ticket or money as soon as possible to Mrs Lincoln as it will take some time to make arrangements, and to get her settled.

I want to add further that she does not wish to stay at Leaside any longer than will be necessary. on account of the cataract that she has. Please see that the Doctors and nurses do what they can for her. At her age and under the circumstances it is hard for her to bear her life among so many. She has no one to look to for support, but Leaside. Thanking you in advance for future kindness to this Child I remain

Yours very Respectfully.

Lena T. Jones

P.S. In reply address Mrs Emily P. Lincoln

Troquois.

N.Y.

July 28th, 1915.

Mrs. Emily P. Lincoln,  
Superintendent, Thomas Indian School,  
Iroquois, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Lincoln:

I thank you for your letter of the 27th instant advising that you can arrange to keep Rena Button at the Thomas School until it is time for her to return to Carlisle.

Referring further to your letter you are advised that there is on deposit here a sufficient amount of money to pay for Rena's return transportation and there is being placed at Collins, subject to an order from your office, a ticket for her use. It is presumed that the ticket will remain available until September 1st if you believe it advisable to keep the girl until that time.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter that has just been addressed to Mrs. Jones.

Very respectfully,

-Encl.-

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.



T. P. LINCOLN  
SUPERINTENDENT

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IROQUOIS, N. Y. July 27, 1915.

Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,  
Supt., U. S. Indian Industrial School,  
Carlisle, Pa.



Dear Mr. Lipps:-

I am writing you in regard to Rena Button, a young lady who is spending her vacation with Mrs. Cora I. Jones. Mrs. Jones came down to see me in regard to her and wanted to know if I would not keep her here until she returned to Carlisle. She said Rena would not do as she wanted her to and thought she was being influenced by some of the neighbors. She is very solicitous about Rena and did not want her to remain with her if she would not do as she wanted her to. She is here at the School and seems very happy. She told me that she would like to stay until the last of August or the first of September. As far as I am concerned I am willing that she should stay here until that time.

I understood from Mrs. Jones and Rena that Rena was to pay her fare back to Carlisle and that she had money to her credit at the School for that purpose. If it is satisfactory to you to let her remain here for a few weeks, upon receiving a ticket for her return I will see that she gets started back.

Trusting that it will be satisfactory to you to let her remain here a little time, I am

Very truly yours,

*Emily P. Lincoln*  
Superintendent.

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Sept. 7th, 1915.

Mrs. Emily P. Lincoln,  
Superintendent, Thomas Indian School,  
Iroquois, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Lincoln:

This is to notify you that Rena Button arrived here last week.

Regretting that this report of her safe arrival has been so long delayed and assuring you that your co-operation in her behalf is appreciated, I remain,

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.



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IROQUOIS, N. Y.

August 30, 1915.



Mr. O. H. Lipps, Superintendent,  
United States Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Lipps:

I am writing to let you know that Rena  
Button will leave here on Wednesday, the first of September.

This, I trust, will be agreeable to you and  
I hope she reaches there safely.

Very truly yours,

*Emily P. Lincoln*

AJA

Superintendent



Versailles, N. Y.  
Dec. 1, 1915.

Oscar H. Lipps.

I write to explain matters regarding Rena Button who is in Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

At the age of eighteen the girl has passed out of my charge. She has an aunt Miss Florence Button who lives near Collins Station.

If at any time she wishes to call the girl home, or if on account of poor health, it becomes necessary to send her back to the Reservation.

I can no longer keep her from going back to her own people, whatever the conditions may be.

It would be best for all concerned that this girl be kept from writing letters to any one but through Mrs. Lincoln as there is sure to be more mischief if she keeps it up. We have done our best for her with a family of four children of our own, and do not want her to leave school if it can possibly be helped. Hoping you may consider my letter seriously I wish to remain

Yours very Respectfully  
Cora Snyder Jones  
(Class 96)  
Carlisle.

P.S. I further request that a copy of this letter be returned to Mrs. Lincoln, on your approval.  
C. J.

It seems that the girl has written to her aunt that I had "abused" her while home this passed summer. On account of this report, Florence Button hired a man to beat my husband knocking him almost senseless. (He is supposed to be the girls father) For this reason and her helpless orphan condition I had agreed to keep watch of her until she should come of age. She was disobedient and disagreeable while here, wanting to have her own way, so I simply turned her over to the Supt of the Thomas School, Mrs. Emily P. Lincoln. This she calls "abuse" I did it for the child's protection. I felt that I could no longer control her, now so near eighteen

December 13, 1915.

Mrs. Cora Snyder Jones  
Versailles, New York.

Dear Madam:--

Your letter referring to Rena Button has been received and I thank you for the information contained therein. Rena is now under the outing at Mount Holly, New Jersey, living with Mr. Williams Sullivan, the principal of the schools of that town. She seems to be getting along very well.

Her term at Carlisle does not expire until 1918. If at any time, it becomes necessary to use the information which you have given about her, I will do so.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours

Acting Superintendent.

NRD

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December 20th, 1915.

Wm. C. Sullivan,

Mt. Holly, N.J.

Dear Sir,

There is enclosed herewith check for 56 cents which you will please hand to Rena Button. The check being small she need not return it for her bank account. You can cash it for her and let her have the money.

Respectfully,

W.H.M.

Superintendent.

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Febr. 5th, 1916.

Mrs. Emily P. Lincoln,  
Superintendent, Thomas Indian School,  
Iroquois, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Lincoln:

Some time ago Rena Button had to be taken to a hospital from her Outing home on account of an acute condition of the catarrh with which she has been afflicted for several years. The physicians there recommended that she should not be kept in a home where there are children and so her return to school here was effected. Rena has been given treatment in our school hospital and her condition has improved, as is further indicated in the copy below of our physician's report:

"Rena Button is doing nicely, having gained in both weight and general well being. I recommend that she be sent home."

In view of the fact that Rena's return home is recommended and her experiences last summer were not at all as pleasant as they should be in a home, I desire to be advised just what can be done for the girl.

-2- Mrs. Emily P. Lincoln, Superintendent.

Assuring you that any help you can give in the matter  
I take the liberty to refer to you will be appreciated, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

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Febr. 15th, 1916.

Mrs. Emily P. Lincoln,  
Supt., The Thomas Indian School,  
Iroquois, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Lincoln:

When your letter of the 9th instant regarding the necessity for the release from this school of Rena Button was referred to our school physician he stated that he recommended her return home because he believed that she would be placed in more favorable surroundings there. However, as there is further indication that very little or no care at all would be given her it has finally been decided that we will keep her here just as much longer as she is not a positive menace to the health of other students.

I thank you for your cooperation in the matter and it is hoped that an improvement in Rena's condition can be reported just as soon as the weather is again more favorable.

Very truly yours,

H.M.

Superintendent.

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P. LINCOLN  
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF NEW YORK  
THOMAS INDIAN SCHOOL  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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  - William F. Woodward, Sec'y.  
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  - Edward G. Zeller,  
Buffalo
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Buffalo
  - William C. Hoag,  
Salamanca
  - Walter S. Kennedy,  
Gowanda
  - Frank Mt. Pleasant,  
Niagara Falls

IROQUOIS, N. Y.                      February 9, 1916.

Mr. S. E. Lipps,  
Superintendent, United States Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 5th in regard to Rena Buttons returning home received. In reply I would like to ask if it is on account of her health that her return home is recommended. I was in hopes she would be able to remain at Carlisle for two or three years at least for the poor girl has no one to look after her excepting this step-mother who volunteered to take her last summer and we learned from last summers experience that they could not get along. Her father never has had the charge of her at all. She was placed in this Institution by her mother who has since died.

I feel very sorry for the girl and do not know what to advise for I am afraid if she were to return to her father's home now after the experience of last summer that it might result disastrously for Rena. Her father does not seem to think it is up to him to exercise any authority over <sup>her</sup> and this makes it very hard for her step-mother. I imagine perhaps her catarrhal condition makes her rather unhappy and anxious to leave school. Am I right? Does she want to return home? If this is the case as long as her condition is improving and if you are willing to allow her to remain there perhaps that

Mr. C. H. L. #2

sensitiveness about her condition might wear away as her health improves. However, if it still seems best for her to return home perhaps it would be <sup>wise</sup> to write her father, Mr. Wm. Jones, Versailles, N. Y., or if you prefer to have me go and see him I will do so.

Hoping she may be able to remain with you for a time longer, for I feel that this would be a great advantage to the girl, I remain

Very respectfully,

*Emily T. Lincoln*  
Superintendent.

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

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Name of child Bena Button Age 16 Date of report May 7, 1915 Grade 8th  
Home post office Versailles N. Y.  
Tribe Seneca Degree of Indian blood \_\_\_\_\_  
How many acres of land do you own Not any 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 William Jones  
Home post office Versailles N. Y.  
Tribe Seneca Degree of Indian blood \_\_\_\_\_  
Is he a citizen No

How much land does he own \_\_\_\_\_ Allotment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
What is its estimated value Owne some land; dont know the amt.  
What is the annual income from his land \_\_\_\_\_  
Does he have any other income \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, how much \_\_\_\_\_

Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property No  
Is your mother living No  
Mother's name Jane Button  
Home post office \_\_\_\_\_  
Tribe Seneca Degree of Indian blood \_\_\_\_\_  
Is she a citizen \_\_\_\_\_  
How much land does your mother own \_\_\_\_\_ 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 *William Jones*

How many rooms in the house *Five*

How many live in the house *Six; when at home*

How far is your home from the nearest public school *1/4 of mile to district sch. Seven miles to High Sch.*

Why do you not attend that school *It was too far from home*

How many teachers employed there *One at the district school*

How many grades maintained *Eight*

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

Did you ever attend a public school *Yes*

If so, how long *Twenty weeks* Where *Chatham, Pa*

How many brothers of school age have you *One*

How many sisters of school age have you *Two*

Are they in school *Yes*

Where *Ingham N.Y.*

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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January 8, 1917.

Mr. G. H. Ansley  
Superintendent New York Agency  
Salamanca, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed letter addressed to Irene Jones was opened by Eva Jones for whom we thought it might be meant. Eva thinks the letter is not meant for her but she is not sure. Will you please let me know if it is not meant for a girl whom we call Rena Button? If so, return the papers and I will have Rena sign as you desire.

Very truly yours

Chief Clerk in Charge.

NRD

Inclosures.

January 13, 1917.

Mr. G. H. Ansley,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the application for Tribal Payment Shares, signed by Irene Jones, know as Rena Button here.

I fear that Rena has again made an error in filling out the papers, but I am sending them to you thinking that perhaps you can get them through. If not, please send me other papers and I will have one of the clerks attend to the matter personally.

Very truly yours,

D/R

Chief Clerk in Charge.

Enc.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

NEW YORK AGENCY

Salamanca, N. Y., April 11, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith Indian warrant No. 7563, dated April 6, 1917, payable to the order of Irene Jones for \$97.38.

Irene Jones is enrolled in your school under the name of Rena Button. Application for this money was made some time ago.

Respectfully yours,

*G. H. Hussey*  
Special Agent.

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April 16, 1917

Mr. G. H. Anseley, Special Agent,  
New York Agency,  
Salamanca, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the  
11th instant enclosing warrant No. 7563 pay-  
able to the order of Irene Jones for \$97.38.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

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W. O. Curing.

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Rever. Father,

has not her coat finished  
and must stay to  
complete the and  
make her skirt - It had  
faded out of my mind  
that she was going out.

Respy  
P. O. C.

Mrs. Ewing.

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July 9, 1917.

Mrs. H. L. J. McClellan  
Cochranville, Pa.

Dear Madam:-

I enclose herewith two application blanks for the signature of Rena Button as one of the heirs of her mother, Jane Button, who died July 23, 1911.

Mr. G. H. Ansley, Special Agent New York Agency, Salamanca, New York who sends the blanks to me has the following instructions for Rena,-

"She has to her credit around \$60 and her funeral expenses amounted to \$30. The balance will be divided among her heirs, consisting of Rena Button, Dennie Crouse, Alta Button, Leona Crouse and Leland John.

Please have her sign on the lines indicated by lead pencil cross, and then have two witnesses identify her by signing their names on the back and certify to the same before a Notary Public who has a seal."

Please assist Rena in getting the papers properly signed and return both to me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours

Superintendent'

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

NEW YORK AGENCY

Salamanca, N. Y., July 3, 1917

The Superintendent,

United States Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith application blanks for Rena Button to sign as one of the heirs of her mother, Jane Button, who died July 23, 1911.

She has to her credit around \$60, and her funeral expenses amounted to \$30. The balance will be divided among her heirs, consisting of Rena Button, Dennie Crouse, Alta Button, Leona Crouse and Leland John. Please have her sign on the lines indicated by lead pencil cross, and then have two witnesses identify her by signing their names on the back and certify to the same before a Notary Public who has a seal.

Respectfully yours,

  
Special Agent.

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July 17, 1917.

George H. Ansley, Supt.,  
New York Indian Agency,  
Salamanca, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the  
application in duplicate for the shares  
in tribal payments made by C. C. Early  
to the heirs of Jane Button, deceased  
July 23, 1911.

This blank has been properly  
signed by Rena Button according to your  
instructions.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

NAME: Rena Button  
AGE: 18  
SEX: Female  
TRIBE: Seneca  $\frac{1}{2}$   
HEALTH: Fair, not robust  
GRADUATED: Tentative Course  
COURSE PURSUED: Home Economics  
HOW PERSONAL FUNDS ARE HANDLED:

Careful in spending money

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

She is the daughter of Mr. William Jones and Miss Jane Button, Home is at Versailles, New York. Father is a farmer . Mother is dead. Both parents finished grammar school . She has worked in all industrial departments at Carlisle. Wants to go through school under the Outing, High School,

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September 20, 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 Rena Button, a  $\frac{1}{2}$  blood Seneca Indian, 18 years of age, passed her examinations and on May 24, 1917 was graduated from this school in Home Economics, in accordance with the tentative course of study.

Rena is the daughter of William Jones and Jane Button, her home is at Versailles, New York. Her father is a farmer. Her mother is dead. Both parents finished grammar school. She has worked in all the industrial departments at Carlisle. Wants to go through school under the Outing, High School.

Principal Blair reports that Rena is a bright girl. She is pleasant, reliable and well liked by her classmates. She is extremely modest and affaces herself as much as possible. She is of the type that has to be discovered as she will not reveal herself without considerable encouragement.

Matilda G. Ewing reports that Rena is willing to take advice and a general good girl. She is a good example to the school, and if in good health would make a good capable assistant.

Rena is not in very good health. She is careful in spending money.

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As a Rena is a New York Indian, the government has never exercised jurisdiction over her property. I will therefore recommend if practicable a certificate of competency be issued to her.

very truly yours,

Superintendent.

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NAME Rena Botton Sex { Male. Female. }  
Tribe { ~~Seneca~~ Seneca } State New York act 2, 1913

Age 15 years Respiration 18 Condition of, Eyes OK  
Height 5 ft. 1 1/2 ins. Mensuration { Insp. 32 Ears OK  
Weight 95 3/4 lbs. { Exp. 29 Throat OK  
Temperature 99 Vaccination 10-13 Cervical glands OK  
Pulse 68 Vision good Skin OK  
Inspection OK  
Palpation OK  
Percussion OK

Auscultation OK  
Heart good  
(Menstruation) Regular

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father	yes	good		
Mother			yes	unknown
Brothers <u>2</u>	yes	"		
Sisters <u>2</u>	yes	"	none	

Personal history measles chicken pox

Present condition good.

Edward F. Wenger, 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. 6-195E



From  
Salammanca, N.Y.  
Agency  
George H. Anselmy.

November 1, 1917.

Mrs. H. L. J. McClellan  
Cochranville, Pa.

Dear Madam:-

Please have Rena Button endorse the enclosed check for \$6.01 and return it to me to be placed to her bank account here.

This is money received from Mr. Ansley, Special Disbursing Agent of the New York Agency.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD-Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

NEW YORK AGENCY

Salamanca, N. Y., November 12, 1917

Miss Rena Sutton,

c/o The Superintendent, U. S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

I enclose herewith United States Treasury warrant  
No. 4398, dated November 7, 1917, payable to your order for  
\$6.00, representing your share as heir in the estate of  
Jane Sutton, deceased.

Respectfully yours,

OR. 568

*G. H. Husley*  
Special Agent.

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Cochranville, Pa.,  
Nov. 18, 1917.

Dear Mr. Francis:

I am sending you a check which Mr. Ausley sent me. I have already endorsed it and would like to have it placed with the rest of my bank account.

I am getting along nicely in school; in fact, I am getting along better than I expected. I am in the Junior Class and my studies are Algebra, Latin, Agriculture, English History and Rhetoric.

Our class had a meeting not long ago and I was elected secretary which rather surprised me.

I am,

Very truly yours,  
Anna Buttow