

**Thomas Miles**

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March  
Eleventh,  
1918

Mr. Horace J. Johnson, Supt.,  
Sac and Fox Indian School,  
Stroud, Oklahoma

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 4, 1918  
regarding the present status of Thomas C. Miles.

In response you are informed that Thomas Miles is  
carried on our rolls as a deserter. He left this  
school to avoid punishment for a deliberate vio-  
lation of the rules. Tommy was very smitten with  
the daughter of an employee. The offense with  
which he was charged was: Absent from the dormitory  
after taps, it being his third offense.

I have never felt that Tommy was a bad or vicious  
boy, he was rather a foolish and headstrong boy  
and, as he put it, we were forcing him all the time  
to toe the chalk line, and Tommy preferred to run  
away within three months of his diploma rather than  
toe the said chalk line. Tommy is perfectly cap-  
able of managing his own affairs if he gets down to  
business and cuts out his foolishness. He has  
been at Carlisle for six years and has received  
practically all the training which the school can  
give.

Tommy is 20 years of age, still young, and for his  
own good, I do not believe that he should be per-  
mitted through his desertion to kick the educational  
efforts of the Government, in his behalf in the last  
six years, in the face, and then turn right around  
and procure his share of the Tribal Trust Funds. I

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would recommend, therefore, that the payment of his share of the Tribal Trust funds be withheld for a period of six months or a year, otherwise he would be receiving exactly the same benefits that go to the graduates of this institution who have been well behaved during their term of enrollment.

Sincerely yours,

JF-E

Superintendent

CC for Commissioner



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Desertion  
report.

## UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Sac and Fox Indian School,  
Stroud, Oklahoma, Mar. 4, 1918.

Thomas C Miles.

Mr. John Francis,  
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Francis:

It is reported here of even date herewith that Thomas C. Miles, who has recently been reported by you as proposed for graduation from the Carlisle Indian School, deserted from that institution some time in February.

He came to the office here on February 25th and made an application for his share of the tribal trust funds, representing to us that he was to be graduated from Carlisle this year after he was given a number of credits, the source of which he did not explain, and also stated that he had made application for a position as ship carpenter at some eastern port, to which place he was soon to return from here.

In accordance with his wish the application was forwarded to the Indian Office and having his and your statement at hand that he was to be graduated from Carlisle it was recommended that the Office at Washington allow his funds for use and reported that he was a graduate of Carlisle as of this year.

I am wiring the Office today to withhold action on his application until such time as it can be determined whether

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or not the young man has deserted from school.

Please advise me in the matter and send a copy  
of your letter to the Office at Washington.

Very Respectfully,

*Horace J. Johnson*

Superintendent.

MJ

CC for Indian Office.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Sac and Fox Indian School,  
Stroud, Okla. Feb. 20, 1918.

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

Dear sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11th concerning Thomas Miles and have to advise that our records show that Thomas Miles was born July 19, 1896. He has no property under this jurisdiction. Neither land nor money. He does however, have an interest in the tribal trust funds. His interest at this time amounts to about \$980. His father and mother both had allotments under this jurisdiction. Both have had patents in fee issued to them and I believe both still retain their land.\* The father and mother are both fairly well educated Indians. The father, I believe is a graduate of Hampton. He also is a graduate of some medical school though he does not practice medicine. The boy's parents do not affiliate with the Indians in any of their Indian doings but live just about as the average white people

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throughout the country live. So far as this office is concerned, it believes that Thomas C. Miles should be declared competent when he graduates from school and that he should have his share of the tribal trust funds given him. No doubt this will be done when he makes proper application therefor.

Very truly yours,

*Horace J. Johnson*

Supt. & S. D. A.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Sac and Fox Indian School,  
Stroud, Okla. May 20, 1915.

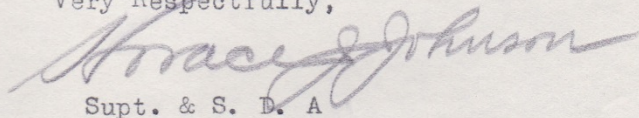
O. H. Lipps,  
Supervisor in Charge,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith check number  
1544 drawn on the Treasurer of the United States  
in favor of Thomas C Miles for \$20.75 which is  
his annuity money.

Please deliver this check to him and advise  
him that it is to be used in accordance with the  
Regulations governing the use of pupil money.

Very Respectfully,



Supt. & S. D. A

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Check encl.



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Concerning  
Tribal Trust  
Funds of  
Thomas C. Miles.

Sac and Fox Indian School,  
Stroud, Okla. March. 16, 1918.

Commissioner Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to ask the attention of the Office to my letter of February 25th, transmitting the application of Thomas C. Miles for his share of the Tribal Trust Funds, also to my telegram of March 4th, asking that action upon this application be withheld until further notice. I have now to ask the attention of the Office to a letter written by John Francis Jr., Superintendent of Carlisle Indian School, at which place Miles has been in attendance, dated March 11, 1918, a carbon copy of which was furnished your Office by Superintendent Francis, with the information that I concur in the recommendation of Superintendent Francis with reference to the granting of Tribal Trust Funds to Mr. Miles.

Very respectfully,

*Horace J. Johnson*  
Supt. & S. D. A.

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Carbon copy to Supt. Francis.