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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Lily Redolac Pupil No. 0200 of the Shingwanuk Indian Residential School at Sault Ste. Marie who died at City Isolation Hospital (place) on Feb. 15, 1936

INSTRUCTIONS

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The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

Form No. 414.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury?..... *Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>*
2. At what time of day?..... *noon*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?.....  
*Nathan in charge, (Mrs. Darling, R.N.)*
4. What means were taken to afford relief?..... *sent to bed*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?.....  
*The doctor arrived immediately and patient was treated according to his orders.*
6. When was the doctor called?..... *Afternoon, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?..... *Removed to Isolation Hospital on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> by car.*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school?.....

9. Add any other useful information here.

*Pupil died at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. I therefore decided to carry the message to the parents who live at Oka Reser, and proceeded therewith on the evening of the same day that the girl died Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Chas. F. Howell*  
Principal.

Note: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Lillian Nicolson from July 8<sup>th</sup>  
to July 15<sup>th</sup> 1926. The immediate cause of death was

Scarlet Fever  
The contributory cause of death was acute endocarditis  
and arthritis

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-  
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express  
your carefully considered views as follows:

His girl was a resident of the Ahingwame  
Home. I was notified of her illness on July 8<sup>th</sup>  
and visited her this afternoon. She had been re-  
moved to the City Location Hospital July 9<sup>th</sup>  
and attended her there until her death.

A. S. M. Craig M.D.

13-0-23

STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
FEB 22 1928  
RECORDS

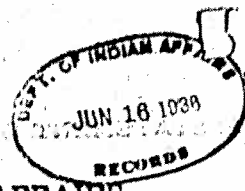
1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Lily Nicholas

have been recorded? Yes If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

L. H. Lewis  
Chairman—Indian Agent.

13-0-23



*John [unclear]*

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of  
*Myrtle Riley*, Pupil No. *0224*  
of the *Sherwood* Indian Residential School at *Sault Ste. Marie*  
who died at *School* (place) on *June 6*, 19*36*

INSTRUCTIONS

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The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

Form No. 414.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *May 20<sup>th</sup> 1936*
2. At what time of day? *Evening*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *To the head matter  
who is also P.N.*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Sent to bed & called doctor*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Prescribed  
by doctor*
6. When was the doctor called? *The day after she took sick*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of trans-  
port? *Pupil was placed in School Infirmary*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the  
school?
9. Add any other useful information here.  
*For two weeks pupil was under doctor's care,  
and seemed to be progressing satisfactorily  
A Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, she developed  
Tubercular meningitis, and died Saturday evening*

*Chad. F. Howell*  
Principal

Note: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of  
the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's  
illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

**B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL**

I attended Mystle Kelly from June 4  
to June 6 The immediate cause of death was

Tuberculosis Meningitis  
The contributory cause of death was Delayed Tuberculosis

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-  
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express  
your carefully considered views as follows:

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W. L. Kelly M.D.



**C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT**

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of *Myrtle Riley*

have been recorded? *Yes* If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

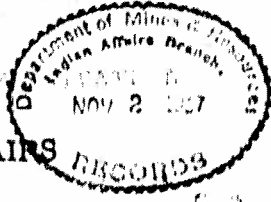
2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

*L. H. Smith*  
Chairman—Indian Agent.

13-0-23



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS



Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of  
Norma Sorey, Pupil No. 0124  
of the Shampramb Indian Residential School at Sault Ste. Marie  
who died at Shampramb, Sault Ste. Marie (place) on Oct. 29 1927

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

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The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

Form No. 414.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *Oct 26, 1917*
2. At what time of day? .....
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *Dr. Dr. Craig*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Dr's instructions*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? .....
6. When was the doctor called? *Immediately*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *Moved to infirmary in school*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? .....
9. Add any other useful information here.

*Parents were immediately informed of  
sickness, illness and also of death by wire  
and phone*

*Chas F Howard*  
Principal

Note: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

**B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL**

I attended Rorua Sonay from October 26<sup>th</sup>  
to October 29<sup>th</sup>. The immediate cause of death was  
broncho pneumonia.  
The contributory cause of death was

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-  
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express  
your carefully considered views as follows:

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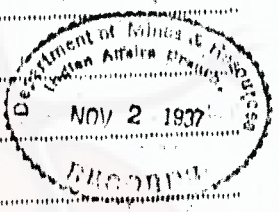
A.S. McFarig M.D.

13-8-23

STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of *Helma Song*

have been recorded? *Yes* If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.



2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

*I am of the opinion that everything possible was done to save the patient.*

*M. H. [Signature]*  
Chairman—Indian Agent.



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of  
Mary Martin Pupil No. 0 J. R. 9  
of the Shingwauk Indian Residential School at Sault Ste. Marie  
who died at Shingwauk (place) on Dec 17 1937

INSTRUCTIONS

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Form No. 414.

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**A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL**

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury?..... *Dec. 6, 1917*.....

2. At what time of day?.....

3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?.....

4. What means were taken to afford relief?..... *The nurse in charge called doctor*.....

5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?..... *Prescribed by*

*School doctor*.....

6. When was the doctor called?..... *Immediately*.....

7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? .....

8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school?..... *Taken to school infirmary, nurse*.....

9. Add any other useful information here.  
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*Chas. F. Howard*  
Principal.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Mary Martin  
Howard Frankel from Dec 6<sup>th</sup>  
to Dec 16<sup>th</sup> The immediate cause of death was  
Tuberculous meningitis  
The contributory cause of death was

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-  
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express  
your carefully considered views as follows:

A. S. McFarland M.D.



STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Mary Martin have been recorded? Yes If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

G. H. Lewis  
Chairman—Indian Agent.



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of  
*Howard Greenhead* Pupil No. *106*  
of the *Shingwauk* Indian Residential School at *Sault Ste Marie*  
who died at *Shingwauk* (place) on *Dec 11, 1927*

INSTRUCTIONS

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

Form No. 414.

**A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL**

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *Dec 4, 1917*
2. At what time of day? .....
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? .....
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Nurse in charge put child to bed*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Prescribed  
by attending doctor*
6. When was the doctor called? *Immediately*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of trans-  
port? .....
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the  
school? *Taken to school infirmary*
9. Add any other useful information here.  
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*Chas. J. Howard*  
Principal

Note: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of  
the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's  
illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Jward Keamond from Dec 4 K  
to Dec 11 th The immediate cause of death was.....

benzonal hemorrhage

The contributory cause of death was.....

Whooping cough

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-  
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil?..... Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions?..... Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express  
your carefully considered views as follows:

Whooping cough was brought  
to the school by a pupie from  
Manikouin Island.

A.S. McBair M.D.

STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Howard S. ...

have been recorded? Yes If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

L. H. Lewis  
Chairman—Indian Agent.



## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of  
*Buelah Henry*, Pupil No. *0289*  
of the *Shogomah* Indian Residential School at *Sault Ste Marie*  
who died at *Plummer Hospital* (place) on *Nov 18,* 19 *28*

### INSTRUCTIONS

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Form No. 414.

13-0-23

*Schiffman*

A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1938*
2. At what time of day? *afternoon*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *Supervisor who immediately reported it to Headmaster*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Put to bed*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Doctor ordered cold compress*
6. When was the doctor called? *Immediately*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *Wednesday morning, by ambulance*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school?
9. Add any other useful information here.

*Chas. F. Hewes*  
Principal

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Bouyah Henry from Nov 1<sup>st</sup>  
to Nov 16<sup>th</sup> The immediate cause of death was.....

N. G. Septic Junction peritonitis due  
The contributory cause of death was to a ruptured  
appendix

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-  
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express  
your carefully considered views as follows:

A. S. Mcraig M.D.



C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

5 JAN 15 1923

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of

*Benjah Henry*

have been recorded? *Yes* If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

*Principal also writes parents following letter to his child's parents  
1871/24*

*G. H. S.*  
Chairman—Indian Agent.

SHINGWAUK INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.

REV. C. F. HIVES,  
PRINCIPAL

Nov. 29, 1938

Dear Sir:

It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of one of our pupils. No. 289, Beulah Henry, who died after a brief illness. Last Sunday, this girl complained of a slight pain in the back, so she was put to bed instead of going to church, as the day was stormy. Sunday evening she seemed to be worse, and it was evidently at that time, the appendix was ruptured which caused peritonitis, resulting in her death on Friday. I beg to say that everything humanly possible was done for her under the circumstances. I find it so difficult to teach these children to make known their pains. I have no doubt if the doctor had known of her trouble in time, she would have had a chance, for a ruptured appendix does not come about without some forwarning.

As soon as I knew of the girl's condition, I wrote to the father, and sent a wire, and a second wire the day following. On the day she died, I phoned Mr Indian Agent Moore, and informed him, and asked him to convey the news to the father, and to wire me his wishes regarding the disposal of the body, At the same time asking him to try, if possible, to have the body buried here. He wired me back to that effect, and we are having the funeral this afternoon.

Yours faithfully.

*Chas. F. Hives*  
Principal.

Mr R. A. Hoey.  
Supt. Training & Welfare,  
Indian Affairs Branch.  
Ottawa.

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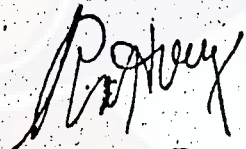
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Reverend Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant with reference to the death of Beulah Henry, No. 0289.

I enclose copies of the form which should be used at the time of the death of a pupil at any Residential School. You should have this completed and signed by the Medical Officer and yourself. In view of the fact that this girl comes from the Caradoc Agency it is not possible to have the Indian Agent present but the form should be forwarded to this Branch through the office of Indian Agent Sims.

Yours truly,

  
R. A. Hoey,  
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

  
Rev. C. F. Hives,  
Principal,  
Shingwauk Home,  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

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Ottawa,  
January 18, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of memorandum of inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Beulah Henry, No. 0289, Shingwauk Home.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

G. H. Sims, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of  
*Dudley Shilling* Pupil No. *190*  
of the *Shongwach* Indian Residential School at *Sault Ste Marie*  
who died at *Porate au Pins* (place) on *Aug. 15, 1940*

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.

The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

If the Indian Agent is located at such a distance from the school as to make it impracticable for him to attend the Board, he shall request a responsible local resident to act for him. A suitable person for this duty would be a Justice of the Peace or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted or Provincial Police. A more or less permanent arrangement of this kind might be necessary in some cases. The Department is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for this duty, on the Agent's recommendation. The report of the Board, in any case, must reach the Department through the Indian Agent's office.

This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

Form No. 414.

A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *August 15, 1940*

2. At what time of day? *2.30 p.m.*

3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *Immediately*

4. What means were taken to afford relief? *U.S. Coast Guard applied resuscitation methods about 10 minutes after drowning*

5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?

6. When was the doctor called?

7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?

8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school?

9. Add any other useful information here.

*Detail report of drowning of Dudley Shelling, herewith attached*

*Chas. F. Howes*  
Principal.

Note: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended ..... from .....  
to ..... The immediate cause of death was .....

The contributory cause of death was .....

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-  
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? .....

Did they follow out your professional instructions? .....

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express  
your carefully considered views as follows: .....

*I investigated the circumstances in  
connection with the death of Dudley  
Shickling and came to the conclusion  
that death was due to accidental  
drowning.*

*Aug 40.  
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*A. S. Weberg M.D.  
Coroner,*

C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of.....

*Dudley Shilling*

have been recorded? *yes*... If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

*Robert Lawrence*  
Chairman - Indian Agent.



SHINGWAUK INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.

REV. C. F. HIVES,  
PRINCIPAL

August 19, 1940

Report of accidental drowning of Dudley Shilling, Age 16 yrs.

On Thursday August 15th. all boys of the school went on a picnic, under the supervision of A.B.Hives, Farm Instructor, Miss K. Mitchell, Boys' Supervisor, and Miss M. Loucks, Teacher. The place they had decided on was a safe and beautiful sandy beach near to Pointe aux Pins, some fourteen miles away. They started in the morning, and arrived at a sandy beach sometime before noon, so that the boys went in for a dip before lunch. Here they had to leave the truck, in which they had been conveyed, and walk to the sandy beach, which was their objective, and which was about a mile and a half further on. The boys, who had enjoyed the same experience last Summer, were told to proceed to this place along a well marked road. Presumably all obeyed, but in reality all did not. The deceased, Dudley Shilling, with two smaller boys, made off in another direction toward an island, situated across a channel from the main land about one hundred yards. Here they played on the shore of the main land until Shilling said he was going to swim over to the island. The two smaller boys refused to accompany him, and tried to persuade him from doing so. He more or less dared them to stop him, and started to swim. The water, at this point is about twenty feet deep, owing to the dredging which has taken place, and there is also quite a strong current. He had not swam far before it became evident to the smaller boys that Shilling was in great difficulties, and one of them ran to two other boys who were some distance away, and who came running to the scene. They both stripped and swam out to the drowning boy. One of the boys, Billy Riley, grabbed Shilling, who immediately struggled and very nearly took Riley down with him. Realizing that he could not handle the drowning boy and save his own life, he managed to get away from his grip, and with the aid of the other boy, William Altman, make his way to the shore. Here, both boys lay ~~xxx~~ almost exhausted, but as soon as they could, they ran for a boat. In the meantime, one of the smaller boys had run for more help, and met another boy, Kenneth Benedict, age 15, who came and found the other two boys in a boat rowing to the place where Shilling had disappeared. Benedict swam out, and located the body in about twenty feet of water. Brought it up, and with the help of the other boys, loaded it in the boat, and rowed to the island. They immediately took the body and laid it across a log, and started resuscitation work on it, while one of the boys ran to the U.S. Coast guard at the light house, and brought a man, who saw that Dudley was past all aid.

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The police and doctor were informed as soon as possible, and came out to the scene. No inquest was held, as the Coroner, Dr. A.S. McCaig, did not deem it necessary.

The body was laid to rest in the Shingwauk cemetery on Saturday, Aug. 17th.

In conclusion, I would add that no blame could be attached to those in charge. The boys knew what was expected of them. They knew and were told they were not to go into the water until one hour after lunch, and by that time they would be at their objective sandy beach, where they had been before. It is just one of those unfortunate accidents, which, I am thankful to say we have not encountered since nearly eleven years ago.

*Chas. J. Havel*

Principal.

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Copy

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.  
Aug. 16th., 1940

Ontario Provincial Police  
Report.

Death by drowning of Dudley Shilling, age 16 yrs. Ward of Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. at Pointe Aux Pins on Aug. 15. 1940.

With reference to the marginally noted person, please be advised that on the afternoon of Aug. 15th. 1940 I received a call from Pointe Aux Pins, some fourteen miles north of Sault Ste. Marie, advising me that a boy had been drowned there. I immediately proceeded to that point, accompanied by Dr. A.S. McCaig of Sault Ste. Marie, who is chief Coroner for Algoma district.

On my arrival I learned that one Dudley Shilling, age 16 yrs., and a ward of the Shingwauk Home, at Sault Ste. Marie, had, with several other boys from the Home, been on a picnic at Pointe Aux Pins, and that right after his lunch, he had gone in swimming in Lake Superior. There is a small island about a quarter of a mile out from this point, and apparently this boy thought he could swim to it. Unfortunately he sank in about twenty feet of water, when about thirty feet from the island. The boy's companion, Kenneth Benedict, age 15 yrs, was about twenty feet from him when he sank, and on his arrival over where Shilling went down, he dived and until he brought the boy to the surface and to the shore.

The American Coast guard patrol saw the fatality and came to the rescue, and by resuscitation endeavoured to revive the boy, but with no results.

After the Coroner, Dr. A.S. McCaig viewed the body, and interviewed witnesses, he deemed an inquest unnecessary and the body was released to the undertaker, T.E. Simpson of Sault Ste. Marie, for burial.

On Saturday afternoon Shilling was buried in the Shingwauk cemetery, with Rev. Canon Johnson officiating

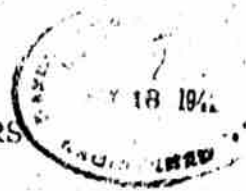
This boy is survived by one brother, Henry age 14 yrs. His parents being dead.

Prov. Constable

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of

Leo Eugene Kicknosway, Pupil No. 397

of the Shingwauk Indian Residential School at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

who died at Sault Ste. Marie (place) on May 9 1942.

INSTRUCTIONS

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

Form No. 414.

A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury?..... Friday, May 8, 1942.....
2. At what time of day?..... In the morning.....
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?..... After supper to Miss Hahn,  
Nurse-Matron of the school.....
4. What means were taken to afford relief?..... Warm bath, Enema, Put to bed.....
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?..... None as boy com-  
plained of stomach-ache and stated that his bowels had not functioned  
for two or three days.....
6. When was the doctor called?..... First thing in the morning.....
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of trans-  
port?..... Doctor Heath ordered boy to hospital Saturday morning, May 9,  
and I took him there in the school car.....
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the  
school? .....
9. Add any other useful information here.

The boy's mother was able to be present at the funeral and  
seemed to be quite satisfied that everything possible had  
been done.

*Arthur E. Winchell*  
Principal.

Note: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of  
the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's  
illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Leo Eugene Kicknosway from May 9-1942  
to May 9-1942. The immediate cause of death was  
Acute Dilatation of stomach  
The contributory cause of death was Reason for acute  
dilatation unknown.

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-  
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express  
your carefully considered views as follows:

This boy developed acute dilatation of  
stomach for no other cause. A complete  
examination was done, whatever treatment given,  
etc. & a rapid & pharyngeal examination. No stomach  
found the acute dilatation & reaction to perforation,  
no other cause found at inspection or on post  
mortem examination. Well formed & congenitally deformed

T. R. Heath M.D.

C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Leo Eugene Kicknosway

have been recorded? yes If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

  
Chairman - Indian Agent.

13-0-25


Ottawa,  
May 18, 1942.

Reverend Sir:

I am in receipt of memorandum of inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Leo Eugene Kiekosway, No. 397 of the Shingwauk Home.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,  
Supt. of Welfare & Training.



REV. A.E. Minchin,  
Principal,  
Shingwauk Home,  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

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## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of  
Doreen Wilson..... Pupil No. 0326.....  
of the Shingwauk..... Indian Residential School at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.  
who died at Sault Ste Marie, Ont. (place) on Sept. 8..... 1942  
Plummer Hospital.

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Form No. 414.

A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury?..... September 1, 1942
2. At what time of day?.....
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?..... Girls' Matron.  
Complained of pain in the ear.
4. What means were taken to afford relief?..... Heat applied.
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?.....
6. When was the doctor called?..... September 3, 1942..... Early morning.
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?..... On doctor's orders September 3. By car.
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school?.....
9. Add any other useful information here.

Doreen had been in a rundown condition for some time and had been receiving extra nourishment, and rest. Also given tonic and cod liver oil on doctor's orders. She had had some skin trouble which had cleared up.

*Arthur E. Mendenhall*

Principal.

Note: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Doreen Wilson from Sept 3, 1942

to Sept 8, 1942 The immediate cause of death was

Brain abscess

The contributory cause of death was Acute Otitis media

(left)

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

Forrest M.D.

C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Brown Wilson have been recorded? Yes If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

*[Signature]*  
Chairman, Indian Agent.



## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of  
..... Fred Nahwahgezhić....., Pupil No. 411.....  
of the..... Shingwauk..... Indian Residential School at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.  
who died at The Plummer Hospital..... (place) on November 20..... 1943.

### INSTRUCTIONS

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

Form No. 414.

A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury?      September 30.1943
2. At what time of day?      Had not been allowed out for some days.
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?      Nurse-Matron had kept him in bed with a cold.
4. What means were taken to afford relief?      Rest in bed. Special diet.
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?      Aspirin.
6. When was the doctor called?      September 30.1943
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?      October 20.1943. By ambulance.
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school?
9. Add any other useful information here.  
Fred had been weakly for some years and had been given special care.

*Arthur E. P. ...*  
Principal.

Note: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Fred Nahwagzhio from June 1, 1943  
to Nov. 20, 1943. The immediate cause of death was.....

Acute Bacterial Endocarditis

The contributory cause of death was Rheumatic Endocarditis

~~Acute~~ Myocarditis (San carditis)

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

Child had first attack of Rheumatic fever several years ago. - with exacerbation several times since. Secondary infection became infected on his rheumatic Endocarditis & all treatment including sulf drugs & blood transfusion was of no avail.

T. C. Heath M.D.

C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Fred  
Nahwahgestic  
have been recorded? yes... If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

Robt Lawrence  
Chairman—Indian Agent.

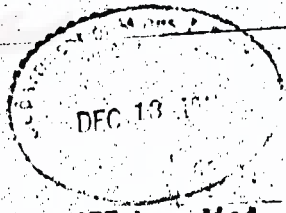


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SHINGWAIK INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.

REV. A. E. MINCHIN, B.A., L.T.C.  
PRINCIPAL

December 11, 1943



Mr. R.A. Hoey,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hoey:

One of our boys-Fred Nahwehgezic, No. 411, has died in hospital after an illness of about two months. Everything that could be done for him was done under directions from Dr. Heath. Fred had no parents but I was able to get in touch with his brother in the army who was allowed special leave to attend the funeral.

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I cannot find any copies of the form of enquiry to be completed upon the death of a pupil, and should be much obliged if you could have some copies of this form sent on to me. I think it is number 414.

Mr. Laurence, Indian Agent, has just phoned saying that there is some difficulty about the payment of the undertaker's bill. Similar bills have been paid by the Department on two occasions during the time that I have been here. We of course dig the grave ourselves and look after the funeral. The undertaker removed the body from the hospital, provided the casket, prepared the body for burial, and returned it to the college chapel.

Yours very sincerely,

*Arthur E. Minchin*  
Principal.

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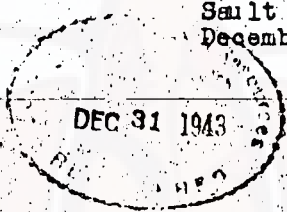
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PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

*[Handwritten signature]*

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.,  
December 28th, 1943.



Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

Enclosed herewith please find completed form  
No. 414, in connection with the death of the  
late Fred Nahwahgezic, No. 411 Shingwauk  
Residential School.

Yours truly,

*[Handwritten signature of R. P. G. Laurence]*

R. P. G. Laurence,  
Indian Agent.

RPGL/VJ

Ottawa,  
January 10, 1944.

Mr. R.P.G. Laurence, Indian Agent, Sault Ste.  
Marie, Ont.

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant, I am enclosing the account of the T.E. Simpson Co. unpaid. As Mr. Hoey pointed out in his letter of December 7, 1943, it has not been the policy of this Department to pay funeral expenses when a pupil dies in a residential school.

*PP*

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.