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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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

Abie Abraham Pupil No. *0287*
of the *St. Joseph's* Indian Residential School at *Fort William*
who died at *St. Keller Hospital* on *March 3rd 1936*

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.

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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. 14 - not in class*
2. At what time of day?
3. When and by whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *To Mr. Smith in charge - Feb. 14*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Placed in the infirmary*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *The usual*
Remedies for colds - Hot drinks, aspirin,
6. When was the doctor called? *February 26*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *February 26 - 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.

Alice Abraham was of delicate constitution - Had been a patient of The Hospital at Cochrane for 2 years before coming here in September.

Aster M. Helena
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.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Alice Abraham from February 26th 36
to March 3rd 36 . The immediate cause of death was

Pneumonia from whooping cough, also had
tuberculosis.

The contributory cause of death was whooping cough, Pulmonary
tuberculosis.
was in hospital at Coburn with pneumonia
developed prior to coming to this school

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:

The youngster had been isolated and
was removed to hospital immediately
she developed pneumonia

James J. J. J. M.D.

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

Theresa Mitchell Red Rock # 65, Pupil No. *0269*
of the *St. Joseph's* Indian Residential School at *Fort Williams Ont.*
who died at *McKellar Hospital* (place) on *April 6*, 19*36*.

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.

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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.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Theresa Wischke from March 4th 36
to April 6th 36. The immediate cause of death was

acute military tuberculosis
The contributory cause of death was puerperal jaecemia
whooping cough

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:

pupils was isolated and put to bed
March 4th & every attention and care
given, also seen by S.S. specialist.

Jacques Price M.D.

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1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *March 4th*
2. At what time of day? *Afternoon*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *to Dr. Gillie*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Medicines order by Dr. Gillie*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?
6. When was the doctor called? *March 14th. Evening 5 o'clock*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *By ambulance to McKellar Hospital*
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.

Lillian M. Helena
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.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

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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 Therese Michell,
Red Rock Band No. 65

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.

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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.....

Abraham Peter Magiskon No.58 Long Lake #77 band
(Martin Falls)

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

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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.

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A. J. Bend
Chairman—Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Abraham Peter Magliskon Pupil No.

of the St. Joseph's (Ft. Wm.) Indian Residential School at Fort William, Ont.

who died at Fort William, Ont. (place) on October 30th 1939.

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.

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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.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

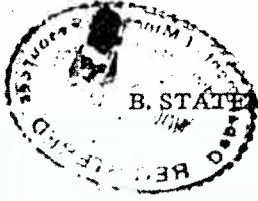
1. On what date did this pupil fall sick ~~or suffer injury~~? *Monday Oct. 23rd/39.*
2. At what time of day? *4.30 P.M.*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness ~~or accident~~? *4.30 P.M.*
the boy was sent to Infirmary and case reported to the Supt in charge.
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Patient put to bed. Opium and hot drink.*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?.....
6. When was the doctor called? *Wednesday 25th.*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *Wednesday 25th. 7 P.M. 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.
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Mathew Eugene
Principal.
Rev. Sr. M. L.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Abraham Majola from Oct. 25th 39
to Oct. 30/39 The immediate cause of death was.....

Tuberculosis brain

The contributory cause of death was.....

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:

Patients were removed to Madrasa
General Hospital and had every
care and attention

J. J. J. J. M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of
MARTHA KASHKESH....., Pupil No. 0331
of the Fort William (St. Josephs) Indian Residential School at Fort William, Ont.
who died at McKellar General Hospital (place) on April 4th 19 40

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 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.

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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? *February 2, 1940*
2. At what time of day? *Morning February 2*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *Principal*
General Medical Engineer Feb 2 Doctor J.C. Hillie Feb 8.
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Med. symptoms in letters*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Feb 9-10*
Syrup of ipecac 1/4 lb. Potassium iodide 1/4 lb.
6. When was the doctor called? *February 8*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *Evening February 10 - sent ambulance*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? *Usual bed care to Feb 9 - registered nurse Feb 9-10*
9. Add any other useful information here.

Sister Engineer
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.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Martha Koubek from February 8th 40

to April 4th 40 The immediate cause of death was
Pneumonia Had pneumonia, other media
tuberculosis, and erysipelas

The contributory cause of death was Pneumonia
Other media and erysipelas

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:

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J. J. J. J. M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

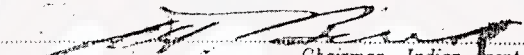
1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of the late Martha Kashkewh Treaty No. 51 Long Lake #77 (Martin Falls) band have been recorded? If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

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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.

None

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Chairman—Indian Agent.

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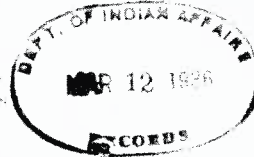
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT



Handwritten signature

Port Arthur, Ont.,
March 10, 1936.

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Attention Educational Branch

Sir:

With reference to the enclosed form, as to cause of death of Alice Abraham, pupil No. 0257 of the St. Joseph's Indian Residential School, Fort William, Ont., I beg to report that this girl was transferred from Cochrane, Ont., two years ago to St. Joseph's School.

The body has been placed in the vault at St. Andrew's cemetery, Fort William, Ont. I would be pleased if the Department would advise if the body should be buried, in the Spring, at St. Andrew's cemetery or on the Fort William Reserve.

In conclusion, I may say that several Indians have already been buried in St. Andrew's Catholic cemetery at Fort William, Ont.

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature
J. G. Smith,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Encl.

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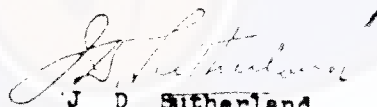
Ottawa, March 20, 1936.


Dear Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing report with reference to the death of Alice Abraham, No. 0267, of the Fort William Indian Residential School.

It is noted that the body has been placed in the vault, and she may be buried either in St. Andrew's Catholic cemetery, Fort William, or in the cemetery on the Fort William Reserve. It is understood, of course, that there will be no expense to the Department in this regard.

Yours truly,


J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.


J. G. Burk, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Port Arthur, Ont.