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BRANDON INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

Brandon

Residential School

Death of Pupils

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Indian Residential School

Rev. J. A. Doyle, D. D.
PRINCIPAL

PHONE 2838

Schools

Brandon, Man., August 2 1940

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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The Secretary,
Department of Mines & Resources,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Canada,

Dear Sir;

I deeply regret to have to report that Henry Swanson, of Nelson House No. 464 who was taken to the hospital about two weeks ago died yesterday afternoon and is being buried today.

I am

Yours respectfully,

J. A. Doyle.

Principal.

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Ottawa, August 8, 1940.

Reverend Sir:

The Department has received your letter of the 2nd instant, advising us of the death of Henry Swanson, pupil No. 464 of the Brandon Indian Residential School. I enclose a supply of forms, one of which should be completed when a pupil of the Brandon School dies in the school or in a hospital immediately following his transfer from school.

Yours truly,

Encl.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Reverend J. A. Doyle, D.D.,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Brandon, Manitoba.

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OF
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 209-11B

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538 Dominion Public Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
April 21, 1949.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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REGISTERED

AIRMAIL

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

I am enclosing herewith a report on the investigation into the death of Roderick Beardy, pupil No. 611, of the Brandon Indian Residential School, on Saturday, April 16, 1949.

This boy fell off a tractor and was accidentally killed, and as Mr. Hamilton was away paying treaty I went down and held the investigation. This death was purely accidental and no one could be blamed.

In the case of a death of this nature in a school, does the Department or the school pay the funeral expenses? I would like some information along these lines, so if anything like this happens in the future I will know what to do. Other cases I have handled at other schools have been paid by the school without any question. However, Mr. Strapp stated he had no more to do with the boy, as once he is dead he is off their register and our responsibility.

R. S. Davis,
Regional Supervisor of
Indian Agencies.

Encl.
RSD/ES

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Roderick Beardy, Pupil No. 611

of the Brandon Indian Residential School at Brandon Man.

who died at School Farm (place) on April 16 1949.

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.

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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? Saturday April 16.1949.

2. At what time of day? about 11.30 a.m.

3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? Death was immediate as tractor rear left wheel passed over head fracturing the skull.

4. What means were taken to afford relief? Nil.

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

6. When was the doctor called? Dr Evans Brandon, who sent out Dr Purdie

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

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.

At about 11.40 a.m. I was informed by the School Matron that a boy had come in to say that Roderick had been run over. I immediately went to the scene of the accident. I saw that he was dead. I returned to the school and informed the Medical Attendant, The R.C.M. Police and the Coroner, Dr P.C. Robertson of Brandon.

The R.C.M.P took charge and made an investigation, obtaining statements from the Pupil who was driving the tractor and another pupil who was with him. The Coroner decided death was accidental with no blame attached to either the pupils and released the body to the undertaker. I called Mr Indian Agent Young of Griswold by telephone and reported the death and asked that he report to Mr Hamilton, Agency Supt. Portage la Prairie. I also notified the parents of the pupil and Indian Supt Hughes. Norway House by telegram

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 Roderick Beardy from 16 April 1949 to 16 April 1948. The immediate cause of death was injury to neck + lower jaw with massive hemorrhage from mouth following accident.

The contributory cause of death was Nil.

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? None given

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 did not see this boy immediately before his death. He was dead on my arrival at the scene of the accident.

F.S.E. Purdie 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 Roderick Beardy. have been recorded? If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

Roderick Beardy is from Cross Lake, in the Norway House Agency. We have several day schools at this point and this boy should never have been sent into boarding school

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.

This death was purely accidental. This boy went for a walk towards the field and he jumped on the tractor to have a ride home and fell off and the wheel went over him andkilled him. These boys have been warned not to ride on the tractor.

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Chairman—Indian Agent.

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28th April, 1949.

Mr. R.S. Davis,
Regional Supervisor of
Indian Agencies,
538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We have your letter of the 21st instant enclosing a memorandum of inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Roderick Beardy, No. 611, Brandon Indian Residential School. The contents of the memorandum and your letter have been noted.

When a pupil dies at an Indian Residential School, it has always been the policy for the school to provide funeral expenses.

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education

PP/ST

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May 11th, 1949.

MEMORANDUM

Colonel Neary
Supt. of Education

Please note attached report from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police concerning the accidental death of Roderick Beardy at the Indian Residential School, Brandon, Manitoba.

Your consideration of this case is invited with a view to any preventive action that might be taken against a repetition of occurrences of this kind at this or other schools.

There is no actual legal question involved, but it seems to me that great care should be taken by the residential school authorities to see that young boys are not exposed to accidents through operating machinery of this kind.

I assume that the Principal of the Brandon Indian Residential School is the same Mr. O. B. Strapp, whom I met on several occasions at the Mount Elgin School.

T. R. L. MacInnes,
Secretary.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. 49 B 637-2-F-5 OTTAWA. April 30, 1949.

YOUR FILE NO. .....

To: The Director, Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources, OTTAWA.

Report dated Brandon, Man., 20-4-49, forwarded for your information, re Roderick BEARDY, Accidental Death, Indian Residential School, Brandon, Man.

Encl.

Officer i/c Criminal Investigation Branch,
per

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SUB-DIVISION Brandon DETACHMENT Brandon

PROVINCE MANITOBA DATE 20-4-49

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DAG File: B1605
Counsel: C. J.
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RE: Roderick BEARDY, T.I., Indian Residential School, Brandon, Man. Killed in Tractor Accident.

HEADQUARTERS

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DETACHMENT

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1. On the 16-4-49 a phone call was received from the Matron of the Indian Residential School, Brandon, Man. at approximately 12.00 Noon advising that a boy residing at that point had been fatally injured in a tractor accident and requested that a member of this force attend. In view of the above information Dr. P.C. ROBERTSON, Coroner, was notified and accompanied the patrol to the Indian School.

2. In compliance with existing instructions the following information is submitted in this connection.

(a) Name of deceased.....Roderick BEARDY.
(b) Age or approximate age... 15 yrs.
(c) Address of deceased.....Indian Residential School, Brandon, Man. Home at Cross Lake, Man.
(d) Cause of death.....Fractured skull.
(e) Place and date of death.. Sec. 33-10-19, R.M. of Cornwallis, Manitoba. Approximately 11.30 to 11.45 AM on 16-4-49.

3. On arrival at the Indian School the Rev. C.B. STRAPP, Principal, was contacted and immediately directed the patrol to the point where the accident had occurred. On arrival at the scene of the fatality the body of the deceased was found lying on the ground, lying on the back. At this time it was noted that there had been extensive bleeding from the south and ears. Dr. W.J.E. PURDIE, Brandon Man. was present at this time, as he had been called to the scene of the accident as soon as notification of this had been received at the school. However on arrival he found that life was extinct. At this time he stated that the cause of death was a fracture of the skull.

4. Questioning at this time revealed that one Percy BIBOUIS, 15 yrs. and a resident of the Indian School had been the operator of the tractor at the time of the accident. He was contacted and the following statement given in connection with the accident.

Brandon, Man.
April 16th. 1949

STATEMENT OF PERCY BIBOUIS.

Today about noon I was driving a tractor at the Indian Residential School returning from the field to come in to dinner. This was about 11.35 AM. With me was Eddy PRINCE, Angus CHIEF and Roderick BEARDY, all riding on the tractor. I put the clutch of the tractor in when about half way down a small hill, roderick BEARDY was standing alongside me at this time. The next thing I seen was when he fell forward in front of the left rear wheel of the tractor and as far as I know the left rear

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THE LEFT REAR wheel passed over him. I at once put on the brakes and stopped as soon as possible and when we went back to where he lay he seemed to be dead. One of the boys then came down to the school and told Miss COCHRANE what had happened.

Witnessed. Percy Bingais.
T.S. Hierlihy, Cst.
16-4-49.

5. Eddie PRINCE, a rider on the tractor at the time of the accident gave the following statement in this matter.

Brandon, Man.
April 16th. 1949

STATEMENT OF EDDY PRINCE, 16 yrs.

To-day about 11.30 AM Angus CHIEF, Roderick BEARDY, Percy BINGUIS and myself left the field in the Indian Residential School Farm field to return to the school. I was riding on the right rear fender of the tractor. Percy BINGUIS was driving, Angus CHIEF was standing on the draw bar of the tractor and Roderick BEARDY was on the left fender. I did not see Roderick fall at all. The first thing that I remember was a slight bounde of the tractor and I looked and seen him lying on the ground behind. I ran back to where he was and then told Angus to get Mr. STRAPP The blood was running out the left side of his mouth when I first seen him.

Witness: Eddy Prince.
T.S. Hierlihy, Cst.
R.C.M.P. 16-4-49.

6. Angus CHIEF the other rider on the tractor was interviewed at this time and corroborated the statements given by the other two boys, however he could not offer any additional information as to how the accident had occurred.

7. Rev. O.B. STRAPP, Principal of the Indian School also gave the following statement in connection with this fatality.

Brandon, Man.
April 16th. 1949

STATEMENT OF REV. O.B. STRAPP,

At about 11.45 AM this date I received a telephone call from Miss COCHRANE, school Matron who stated that Roderick BEARDY had been run over. I immediately got the car and went to the scene of the accident on the school farm and saw that he was dead. However, I returned and phoned Dr. EVANS who sent out Dr. PURDY. I returned to where the body was and covered it and then took Dr. PURDY to where the injured boy lay. Dr. PURDY examined the boy and pronounced life to be extinct.

Witness: Oliver B Strapp.
T.S. Hierlihy, Cst.
RCMP. 20-4-49.

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8. From the foregoing statements it will be noted that the actual fall of BEANIE from the tractor was not noted by any of the boys on the tractor, or at least they deny having witnessed the fall. The scene of the accident, it might be stated was immediately after having come down a small hill, passed through the lowest point at the bottom and started up the incline on the opposite side, the accident taking place at a point approximately 35 feet from the bottom. The ground at this point where the tractor was travelling is used as a road or pathway in travelling back and forth from the fields and is not abnormally rough, being grassed over. However if the deceased was sitting on the fender of the tractor as alleged by the other boys who were riding on the tractor, it is possible that he lost his balance and fell forward and in so doing would fall in front of the rear wheel. No cry or word of any kind was heard by the other riders on the vehicle, however this is understandable due to the noise that the motor of the vehicle would make. The tractor was an International M machine.

9. After a full enquiry into the circumstances surrounding this accident, the Coroner instructed that he did not consider an inquest necessary and released the body for burial. The C.A., Ottawa was also contacted and made aware of the above and stated that he concurred with the instructions of the Coroner and that the file be concluded at this point.

10. As no further action appears necessary at this detachment, file will be shown as hereunder. Copies of report direct to Coroner and C.A., W.J.B.

CONCLUDED HERE.

Sgt. Cpl.
(T.S. Ellwyn) 13513.
Brandon Detachment.

Extra copies.

The O.C., "D" Div.,
R.C.M.P., WINNIPEG.

FORWARDED 21-4-49. This appears to be an entirely accidental matter and as the Coroner and C.A. have instructed no further action our file is being shown as:

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(G.C.Ellwyn) S/S.,
For O.C., Brandon S/D.AQD.

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May 30th, 1949.

Rev. O.B. Strapp,
Principal,
Brandon Indian Res. School,
Brandon, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Strapp:

We have recently received a report from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding the accidental death of Roderick Beardy.

However, we have not received from you a copy of the regular form which the principal of a residential school is expected to forward to this Department when a pupil dies at the school. I enclose two copies of this form and it would be appreciated if you would complete and return one of them at the earliest possible date.

We would also appreciate your advising what steps you are taking to prevent a similar accident in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Education Division

PP/ST
Encls.

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The Indian Residential School

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Phone 2838

Brandon, Manitoba

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
REV. O. B. STRAPP, PRINCIPAL

Department of Mines and Resources Indian Affairs Branch
JUN 8 1949
A. M.
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Mr. Philip Phelan,
Chief, Education Division,
Indian Affairs Branch.
Ottawa. Ont.

June 4.1949.

576-23 (E.I.)
July 30.1949.

Dear Mr. Phelan;

I do not know just why the complete report on this accident has not yet reached your office.

Within an hour after the accident I had notified Mr. W. Young of Griswold, Man., who is the nearest Indian Agent. Mr. Young contacted Mr. Hamilton and telephoned me that Mr.Davis, Regional Supervisor would convene the board of inquirey about 10.00 A.M. on Tuesday April 19.1949,

Mr. Davis and Mr. Young visited the school and conducted the inquirey and Mr. Davis after making inquirey from the undertaker as to the cost of casket and box (62.00) gave instruction that the funeral should be conducted that afternoon, in the cemetery located on the school property. I had completed the prescribed form #414 and Mr.Davis took it away with him.

It was felt that the matter was an accident in which the human factor was responsible and both R.C.M.P. and the Coronor were satisfied that it apparently was unavoidable under the circumstances. The boy was riding on the tractor contrary to instructions and it is obviously impossible to have an instructor always with every boy on the farm. In some manner unknown to the other boys he fell off and was crushed be the rear wheel of the tractor. Death was instantaneous.

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I regret that you have not yet received the report but I have acted throughout according to the instructions given by Mr. Davis and as he has not given me a copy of his report to Indian Affairs I am unable to say what his recommendations, if any, were.

I remain,

Yours truly,

O B Strapp.

Principal.

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June 11th, 1949.

Rev. O.B. Strapp,
Principal,
Brandon Residential School,
Brandon, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Strapp:

We have your letter of the 4th instant with reference to the death of Roderick Beardy.

We find that we received the Memorandum of Enquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of this boy from Regional Supervisor Davis on April 21st. When I wrote you, the memorandum had been placed on the wrong file.

Sincerely yours,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Education Division

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Attention: Colonel B.F. Neary,
Superintendent of Education

June 10th,
1 9 4 9.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Colonel Neary: Re: Brandon Residential School

Mr. Strapp has written to say that a pupil, Roderick Beardy, died following an accident. There was an enquiry held by Mr. Davis and Mr. Young, after which Mr. Davis gave instructions to proceed with the funeral. Now, the question is -- who is going to pay the expenses? It may be quite satisfactory from the Department's standpoint to state that "when a pupil dies at an Indian residential school, it has always been the policy for the school to provide funeral expenses." If so, it is time there was a new policy set up.

The per capita which we receive to cover the expenses of the pupil ceases the day he dies, and I think that, that being so, your Department is responsible for dealing with the body after the pupil dies, or else continuing the per capita. We are only authorized to expend money which we receive.

Now, it is a question of who is going to pay the $62.00 for the cost of the funeral. As a matter of fact, the point is -- who ordered the funeral?

Perhaps, you would look into this matter and let me know what can be done, because, certainly, the Brandon School has no founds available to pay funeral expenses. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Dorey

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OTTAWA

June 13th, 1949.

Memorandum:

MAJOR D.M. MACKAY

Re: Brandon Indian Residential School

Please note the contents of Doctor Dorey's letter of June 10th, 1949.

When a pupil dies at an Indian Residential School, it has always been our practice to require the school management to provide funeral expenses, if they are unable to obtain same from parents or other relatives.

Evidently Doctor Dorey feels that this practice should be changed. Colonel Neary suggested that I bring Doctor Dorey's letter to your attention, and if you wish to discuss the matter further with me, I will be pleased to come to your office at any time.

Philip Phelan

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Education Division

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, June 29, 1949

Rev. O.B. Strapp,
Principal,
Brandon Residential School,
Brandon, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Strapp:

Re: The late Roderick Beardy

We are advised by Doctor Dorey that the amount of $62.00 was expended providing funeral expenses for the above mentioned boy who was accidentally killed at the Brandon Residential School.

Please forward to this office the certified voucher in duplicate covering expenses incurred and payment will be made to the Brandon School.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Education Division.

PP:MMcN

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, June 29, 1949

Rev. George Dorey, D.D.,
Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
The United Church of Canada,
299 Queen St. West,
Toronto 2B, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Dorey:

We received your letter of June 10th with reference to the funeral expenses of the late Roderick Beardy.

It is noted that the expenditure incurred amounted to $62.00 and Rev. Mr. Strapp has been requested to forward the account to this office for payment.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Education Division.

PP:MMcN

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BRANDON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
DEATHS OF PUPILS

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