INQUIRIES INTO STUDENT DEATHS

HOBBEMA INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1938-1948

https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8710-01304

Indian Affairs
School Files

(RG 10, Volume 6354)

File 754-5, part 4	Hobbema - Ermineskin Residential School - Buildings & Accounts. 1938 - 1941
File 754-5, part 5	Hobbema - Ermineskin Residential School - Buildings & Accounts. 1941 - 1946
File 754-5, part 6	Hobbema - Ermineskin Residential School - Buildings & Accounts. 1947 - 1950
File 754-14, part 1	Hobbema - Ermineskin Residential School - Livestock. 1925 - 1943
File 754-23, part 1	Hobbema - Ermineskin Residential School - Deaths - Pupils at Residential Schools. 1938 - 1948
File 755-2, part 1	Holy Angels Residential School - Quarterly Returns 1942 - 1949
File 755-5, part 1	Holy Angels Residential School - Buildings and Accounts. 1902 - 1938
File 755-5, part 2	Holy Angels Residential School - Buildings and Accounts. 1939 - 1949

Library and Archives Canada / Bibliothèque et Archives Canada
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Mary Lightning from April 23rd to 28th The immediate cause of death was Lobar pneumonia The contributory cause of death was Severe chill while at home.

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:

In my opinion the nurse in charge called me in consultation as early as it was reasonable and the following treatment was carried out very efficiently.

G L Warn M.D.

Indian Affairs. School Files.
(RG 10, Volume 6354, File 754-5, part 6)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

Library and Archives Canada / Bibliothèque et Archives Canada
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

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

The children of this school were allowed out of school for one day during the payment of "Interest Money" they returned to school the next morning. This girl was suffering from a severe chill - Every precaution apparently was taken

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.

Indian Affairs. School Files.
(RG 10, Volume 6354, File 754-5, part 6)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES.
CANADA

Library and Archives Canada / Bibliothèque et Archives Canada
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Marie Lightening, Pupil No. 616

of the Ermineskin Indian Residential School at Hobbema,

who died at Hobbema (place) on 28th day of April 1938.

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.

Indian Affairs. School Files.
(RG 10, Volume 6354, File 754-5, part 6)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES.
CANADA

Library and Archives Canada / Bibliothèque et Archives Canada
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? April 22nd /38

2. At what time of day? by 10 A.M

3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?
Sister St Lucie des Anges "Nurse"

4. What means were taken to afford relief? - Given Ammonia to relief Headache"

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

6. When was the doctor called? April 23rd/38, accompanied by the R N Nurse

7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? No - Too sick to be removed -

8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? Watched over by trained nurses according to the doctor's direction

9. Add any other useful information here.
Ran high temperature, hemorrajis monday the 25th and immediately hope was given up

J.E. Pratt -
acting.
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.

Indian Affairs. School Files.
(RG 10, Volume 6354, File 754-5, part 6)
PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES.
CANADA

Library and Archives Canada / Bibliothèque et Archives Canada
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

112-1-23

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT

Hobbema, Alta.

PLEASE QUOTE FILE E.1-a.

May 20th, 1938.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
MAY 25 1938
RECORDS

Sir:-

Herewith please find Form No.414 duly completed, enquiring into the death of Marie Lightning, Pupil No.616 of the Ermineskin Indian Residential School, who died on the 28th, April, 1938.

The parents of this child were present at the school when the child died and are satisfied that everything possible was done for the girl. They are now out working for whites, brushing, and could not be got in for the enquiry.

Your obedient servant,

Alfred G.B.Lewis,
Indian Agent.

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

Indian Affairs. School Files.
(RG 10, Volume 6354, File 754-5, part 6)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

Library and Archives Canada / Bibliothèque et Archives Canada
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

112-1-23

Ottawa,
May 30, 1938.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant enclosing memorandum of inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Marie Lightning, No. 616, Ermineskin Indian Residential School.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

A. G. B. Lewis, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Hobbema, Alta.

Indian Affairs. School Files.
(RG 10, Volume 6354, File 754-5, part 6)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

Library and Archives Canada / Bibliothèque et Archives Canada
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

FILE NO. 754-23

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

CROSS REFERENCE
112-1-2 13

ERMINESKINS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

DEATHS- PUPILS AT RESIDENT SCHOOLS

DORMANT

DORMANT

DORMANT

CENTRAL REGISTRY	P.A. OR B.F.	DATE	INITIALS	REFERRED TO	FOR REMARKS	INITIALS	DATE
		(If purpose for which referred cannot be expressed on one line, add minute to file, and enter here "With Minute")					

FILE NO. 754-23

SCHOOL SERIES

R. 3755

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Indian Affairs. School Files.
(RG 10, Volume 6354, File 754-5, part 6)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

Library and Archives Canada / Bibliothèque et Archives Canada
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca