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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH
Kenora, Ontario.
6th April, 1938.

130-7-23
PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 108-20.



Frank Edwards
The Secretary.
Indian Affairs Branch.
Department of Mines and Resources.
Ottawa, Ontario..

Dear Sir,

I send herewith ^{an} Memorandum of Enquiry into death of Rita Leon, #86 Grassy Narrows Band, and pupil #0100 at the McIntosh Indian Residential School.

It was impossible for me to get to the School to hold the enquiry as the road to Redditt was blocked with snow, and I was busy on the annual returns, therefore I asked the Principal to request Mr McDeugall, the Storekeeper to act in my place, as he was the most prominent man in the Hamlet.

Yours very truly,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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130-7-23

Ottawa,
April 11, 1938.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant enclosing memorandum of inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Rita Loon, No. 0100, McIntosh Indian Residential School.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

F. Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Gerard Pijik, Pupil No. 120, of the Mc Intosh Indian Residential School at Mc Intosh, who died at Mc Intosh (place) on June 14th 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.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

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- 1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *On the 21st Feb.*
- 2. At what time of day? *In the morning.*
- 3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *To the sister in charge.*
- 4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Child was kept in bed*
- 5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *According to the doctor's orders.*
- 6. When was the doctor called? *In the 27th Feb.*
- 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? *Child was isolated in infirmary and treated for tuberculosis.*
- 9. Add any other useful information here.

C. Perreault
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 *Gerard Nijik* from *Feb. 27th*
to *June 14th*. The immediate cause of death was
Tuberculous meningitis

The contributory cause of death was
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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Sister Theresa - Nurse. 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.....

Gerard. Rippet

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.

Colin McSougace

Chairman—Indian Agent.

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Kenora, Ontario.
July 5th, 1938.

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



Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find memorandum on inquiry into the death of Gerald Kejick, pupil No.120 McIntosh Indian Residential School.

You will note the Chairman of the Board is Mr. C. McDougall, Merchant, of McIntosh. It was impossible for me to get to the School, at that time, as I was away on yearly payments.

Yours very truly,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
July 11, 1938.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the
5th instant enclosing memorandum of inquiry
into the death of Gerald Kejick, No. 120,
McIntosh Indian Residential School.

Yours very truly,

Philip Phelan
Chief, Training Division

F. Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ontario.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Joseph Spence, Pupil No. 125- of the Mc Intosh Indian Residential School at Mc Intosh, who died at the school (place) on 19th January 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.

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? *October 10th 1938*
2. At what time of day? *In the morning*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *To the sister in charge*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Child was kept in bed and treated*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *According to
physicians' orders*
6. When was the doctor called? *November 27th*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *Was sent to Kenora hospital on Dec 14th for examination. Came
back on the 24th.*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? *Child was isolated in infirmary*
9. Add any other useful information here.
*Child was X-rayed on Nov. 3rd. by Dr. Smith and was
found to be a suspicious case of tuberculosis.*

E. Perreault J.W.
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 Joseph Spence from Dec. 10th
to Jan. 18th The immediate cause of death was.....
Meningitis
The contributory cause of death was.....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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Sister St. Theresa - 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.....

Joseph Shence

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.

Colin McPhongall
Chairman, Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 108-20

Kenora Ontario.
January, 26th. 1939

RECORDS
JAN 30 1939

Dear Sir:

School

Enclosed please find Memorandum of an inquiry into the death of Joseph Spence a pupil of the Indian Residential School at Mc. Intosh and member of the Albany Band Treaty No. 9.

I was unable to be present at the inquiry so Mr. Colin Mc. Dougall of Mc. Intosh acted in my absence.

Yours very truly,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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

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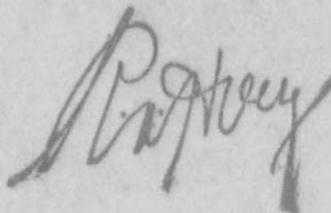
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Ottawa,
February 1, 1939.

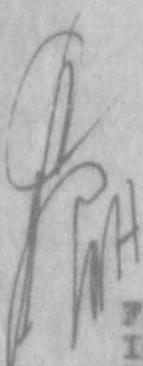
Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo enclosing a memorandum of inquiry into the death of Joseph Spence, No. 125, of the McIntosh school.

Yours truly,



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



F. Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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