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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 Williams*  
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.*

*Sister 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 26<sup>th</sup> 36  
to March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Cobham with excellent  
attendance 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. 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

*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.

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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.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Theresa Wischke from March 4<sup>th</sup> 36  
to April 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> & every attention and care  
given, also seen by S.S. specialist

Jacques Price M.D.

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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? *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.

  
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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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

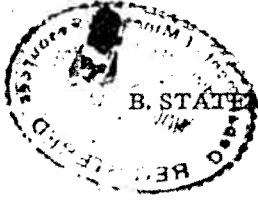
1. On what date did this pupil fall sick ~~or suffer injury~~? *Monday Oct. 23rd/39.*
2. At what time of day? *4.30 P.M.*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness ~~or accident~~? *4.30 P.M.*  
*the boy was sent to Infirmary and case reported to the Supt. in charge.*
4. What means were taken 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. 25<sup>th</sup> 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. G. G. G. 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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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 laboratory*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Feb 1-10*  
*Syringes q.s. III of 4h. Penicillin 100 mg of 4h.*
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 1-10*
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 8<sup>th</sup> 40

to April 4<sup>th</sup> 40 The immediate cause of death was  
Pneumonia, Haem 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

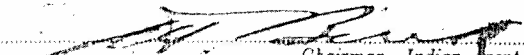
1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of the late Martha Kashkewh Treaty No. 51 Long Lake #77 (Martin Falls) band have been recorded? ..... If not, you are required to add here any further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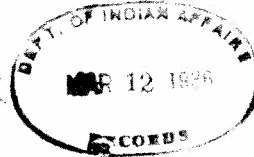
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AGENT



*Handwritten signature/initials*

Port Arthur, Ont.,  
March 10, 1936.

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Attention Educational Branch

*m?*

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.

9-11-23.


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.