

Indian Affairs  
School Files

(RG 10, Volume 6209)

File 468-9, part 1

Caradoc Agency - Mount Elgin Industrial  
School - School Lands - (Maps, plans).  
1896 - 1935.

File 468-9, part 2


Caradoc Agency - Mount Elgin Industrial  
School - School Lands and Farming Opera-  
tions - (Maps). 1937 - 1938.

File 468-10, part 1

Caradoc Agency - Mount Elgin Day School  
- Admissions & Discharges. 1937 - 1938.

File 468-10, part 2

Caradoc Agency - Mount Elgin Industrial  
School - Admissions & Discharges. 1938  
- 1940.

 File 468-10, part 3

Caradoc Agency - Mount Elgin Industrial  
School - Admissions & Discharges. 1940  
- 1941.

OFFICE OF THE  
INDIAN AGENT



CANADA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 200-66

7-0-10

Muncey, Ont.,

Ott: 29 Oct 1940

Dear Sir; Re Patsy Hill, Mount Elgin Indian Residential School.

On your recent visit to this agency you mentioned the desire of the Department to have the above mentioned girl, who is seven years of age and suffers from congenital syphilis, removed from the school and established in some home on the reserve, as the Principal of the school was strenuously objecting to her remaining there.

While this girl was placed in Mount Elgin School without the knowledge of this office and her case has been a subject of correspondence between the Department and the Agency Medical Superintendent, no definite instructions have been received from the Department authorising her discharge from the school and Mr. Strapp is demanding some immediate action.

If it is your desire that she be removed, she could be placed in the home of her grand-mother, Mrs. William Hill on the Onwida Reserve with three other illegitimate children, her own brothers and sister, all of whom claim Mabel Hill as their mother and no doubt suffer from the same disease as Patsy.

It would be necessary to supply Mrs. Hill with relief assistance and it is recommended that the maximum amount allowed be \$12.00 a month, which is the equivalent of three full rations and your early reply with instructions concerning this case would be appreciated.

Phillip Phelan, Esq.,  
Chief of Training Division,  
Dept. of Mines & Resources,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Yours truly

*A. D. Moore*  
A. D. Moore, Indian Agent.



Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6209, file 468-10, part 3)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES  
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES  
CANADA

*OSK's Hermann Hill  
9 yrs Canada*

THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

MUNCEY - ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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

Mr. Philip Phelan  
Chief, Training Division.  
Indian Affairs Branch.  
Ottawa.  
Ont.

June 3rd. 1941.

7-0-10 May 30th. 1941.

Dear Mr. Phelan;

I am in receipt of your letter of the above noted date and file number, and in reply would say that when I informed the R.C.M.P. of the absence of the four girls I had already received the circular referred to in your letter; I had also, in company with a member of my staff, driven over fifty miles between 1.30 A.M. when the absence of the girls was discovered and 5.00 A.M. "without cost to the Department" as instructed in your circular. If I had been notified by your Indian Agent or the R.C.M.P. when the girls were located I would have sent a car with a matron to return them to the school.

On my 15th. three girls absconded. I attempted to trace them and found that they had been seen, exiting Ontario near East of London and then again in England. I immediately put in long distance telephone calls for the local police in Ingersoll and Woodstock asking them to try and locate the girls and if successful to notify me. The girls were located and I sent a car and matron to return them to the school, again, as instructed, "without expense to the Department".

Now Sir, having given you this information, I beg to inform you that on another occasion we were informed by a resident of the Oneida Reservation, when we were looking for a truant, that we had no rights on the reserve when we left the school property. "Only the Indian Agent or Mountie has any authority here". We tried to point out that we were trying to avoid calling in the authorities, so as to make as little trouble as possible for the people who were hiding the boy, but, we had to admit that we were powerless to do anything in the face of this attitude and came back to the school.

For the protection of myself and any member of my staff who might have to act under my instructions I feel that I must ask you to define and rule upon my legal right and authority to search for and apprehend any pupil, who may be a truant, upon an Indian Reservation or upon a public highway of the province.

May I respectfully suggest that, under the present circumstances, an amendment similar to that appointing the R.C.M.P. as truant officers should be made to the Indian Act, appointing the Principal or his duly appointed representative as a truant officer.

*Will be  
Command*

*W. J. ...*

THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

MUNCEY - ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
AFFAIRS BRANCH

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

Mr. Philip Phelan,

2.

If this is not possible or is deemed inadvisable then that Indian Agents be instructed to apprehend truants when notified of the case by the Principal who will then be responsible for providing transportation and escort back to the school.

I wish to again assure you that it is the desire of the Principal and all the members of the staff of this school to cooperate as fully as possible with your Department in any matter in which an economy may possibly be effected.

I remain,

Yours truly,

*Olin B. Strapp*  
Principal.

# Mt. ELGIN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

## Recommendations For Discharge 19 ~~7~~ 1-

Ent'd.	No.	Name.	Grade.	Agency.	Remarks.
1929	0700	Kathleen Whyte 19 <sup>(3)</sup>	8	Wepole Island.	Completed Course.
1930	0724	Lorain Elia 18 <sup>(2)</sup>	8	Caradoc	Completed Course.
1934	0758	Yella Seth 18 <sup>(2)</sup>	5	Formerly Sarnia. Now Caradoc.	Not Capable of further progress.
1934	0766	Elizabeth Hill 16 <sup>1/2</sup>	7	Caradoc.	Not capable of further progress.
1938	0827	Theresa Deibo 15 <sup>1/2</sup>	5	Caynesaga	at Request of Father.

*File 7-0-10*

EXTRAC  
GENERAL

*75-7*

Muncey, Ontario,  
October 7th, 1941.

Dear Sir:

In reporting matters of interest at the Caradoc Agency during September I would advise as follows:

X X X

Repair work at the Indian day schools was completed during September and the schools were ready for the new term which began on October 1st. Mount Elgin Indian Residential School was reopened on September 1st by the Principal and eleven needy children from this Agency were medically examined and admitted to the school during the month.

X X X

The Secretary  
Indian Affairs Branch  
Ottawa.

M.W. McCracken,  
In Charge, Caradoc Agency.