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**Cross Lake Indian Residential School  
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**NAME IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Schedule E/F)**

Cross Lake (St. Joseph's, Norway House)

**OTHER NAMES KNOWN AS (AKAs)**

1912 to 1914	Norway House (Roman Catholic) (Indian) Boarding School [CLD-000267, pgs. 5-6; CLD-000897, fine print at bottom of pg. 3]
1915 to 1945	Cross Lake (Roman Catholic) (Indian) Boarding School [CLD-000897, pg. 27; CLD-000896; CLD-000917-0001; CLD-000932; CLD-001043]
1917	Cross Lake Indian Industrial School [CLD-001130]
1917 to 1924	St. Joseph's (Indian) Boarding School [CLD-001122; CLD-000921]
1930 to 1947	St. Joseph's (Indian) Residential School [CLD-000934; CLD-000940; CLD-001034-0001; CLD-000646; CLD-000124, pg. 1; CLD-001049]
1930 to 1940 and 1943 to 1960	Jack River "section," "branch," "part," "annex," "Roman Catholic Boarding School," "Indian Residential," and Cross Lake Annex [CLD-106461; CLD-000961; NHR-000209; NHR-000213; CLD-001723-0000, pg. 1; CLD-001100-0001, pg. 1; NHR-000313; CLD-002116; CLD-001098; CLD-001099].
1923 to 1968	Cross Lake (Roman Catholic) (Indian) Residential School [CLD-000900, pg. 3; CLD-000923; CLD-000947; CLD-001034-0000; CLD-000142, pg. 1; CLD-001104; CLD-000063, pg. 1]
1968 to 1969	Cross Lake Student Residence [GUY-000440, CLD-003237]

Note: Between 1930 to 1940 and 1943 to 1960, Cross Lake IRS students were residing at two different locations, but under the same management and per capita grant. These locations were Cross Lake, Manitoba and Norway House, Manitoba. The operation at Norway House, Manitoba was commonly referred to as the Jack River "section," "branch," "part," or "annex" of Cross Lake IRS and less frequently as the "Jack River Roman Catholic Boarding School," "Jack River Indian Residential," and "Cross Lake Annex" [CLD-106461; CLD-000961; NHR-000209; NHR-000213; CLD-001723-0000, pg. 1; CLD-001100-0001, pg. 1; NHR-000313; CLD-002116; CLD-001098; CLD-001099].

On the Common Experience Payment application form, the IRS is referred to as "Cross Lake (St. Joseph's, Jack River Annex – predecessor to Notre Dame Hostel)".

**LOCATION**

1912 to 1914	The IRS operated at Norway House, Manitoba from 1912 to 1914 and was situated on the Jack River, on the Norway House Reserve [NHR-000162; CLD-000267, pgs. 3, 5].
1915 to 1969	Cross Lake IRS was situated at Cross Lake, Manitoba, on the left bank of the Nelson River [CLD-000897, pg. 8, CLD-000895 p. 8; CLD-000165; CLD-003237]. Please note that the Jack River Annex

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that was part of the Cross Lake IRS from 1930 to 1940 and 1943 to 1960 was located at the Norway House, Manitoba site noted above.

## **PROVINCE/TERRITORY**

Manitoba

## **OPERATING DATES AS AN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**

These dates represent the time during which the Government of Canada was responsible for the operation of the Indian Residential School, excluding any periods of closure.

1912 to June 30, 1969

## **OPERATING DATES CONTEXT**

Beginning July 1, 1912, the federal government allowed a per capita grant to the Roman Catholic boarding school situated on the Jack River at Norway House, Manitoba. The authorized number of boarders was limited to five and a new boarding school building was proposed [NHR-000388; CLD-000267, pgs. 2-3; 5-6]. By February 1914, Cross Lake, Manitoba had been chosen as the site for the new boarding school building [CLD-001227; CLD-000252; CLD-001108; CLD-001109; CLD-001110; CLD-001111; CLD-001112].

As of January 1915, the Principal, residents and furnishings of the Norway House Boarding School had transferred to Cross Lake, and the Norway House location had closed. The boarding school at Cross Lake operated temporarily in Mission buildings while awaiting the completion of the new building [NHR-000803, pgs. 4-8; CLD-001113, CLD-001114, CLD-000897 pgs. 3, 8, 27]. The new Cross Lake IRS building was completed by the spring of 1916, and opened officially on August 27, 1916 [CLD-000895, p. 26; CLD-000896].

The Cross Lake IRS was destroyed by fire on February 25, 1930 [CLD-000932, CLD-000934]. From 1930 until 1940, the Cross Lake IRS operated in two locations, with boarders split between the Catholic Mission at Cross Lake and the Catholic Mission at Norway House (on the Jack River). During this time, boarders at both Cross Lake and Norway House were supported under the Cross Lake IRS per capita grant. The Jack River location became known as a "section" "branch" or "annex" of Cross Lake IRS [CLD-000934; CLD-000937; CLD-004081; CLD-000945; CLD-000947; CLD-000949; CLD-000950; NHR-000522; CLD-106461; CLD-000961].

The reconstruction of the Cross Lake IRS building in Cross Lake that had been destroyed by fire in 1930 was completed by the spring of 1940. Commencing with the 1940-41 school term, students who had been boarding at the Jack River Annex were transferred to Cross Lake [CLD-004154-0000; CLD-000975-0000; CLD-007106; CLD-004286; CLD-000978; NHR-000434, pg. 2]. However, in 1943, a small number of Cross Lake IRS boarders were again transferred to the Jack River Annex in Norway House. The boarders at the Jack River Annex were supported by payments under the Cross Lake IRS per capita grant as of July 1, 1943 [CLD-001027; NHR-000442; NHR-000503; CLD-001049; CLD-001059; CLD-002134; CLD-001723-0000, pg. 1; CLD-001100-0001, pg. 1]. Effective July 1, 1960, the Jack River Annex ceased operation as a residential component of Cross Lake IRS, and the Annex was declared a separate IRS called the Jack River Hostel [NHR-000474; NHR-000899; CLD-001107]. By September 1968, the Cross Lake IRS was referred to as the Cross Lake Student Residence [CLD-003237]. The Cross Lake IRS closed on June 30, 1969 [SPR-004376; CLD-001069; BIR-000449].

## RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Roman Catholic

1912 to 1969      Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, via the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Keewatin or Diocese of Keewatin from 1912 to 1962, and later the Indian and Eskimo Welfare Commission (INDIANESCOM) from 1962 until closing in 1969 [NHR-000157; CLD-001203; CLD-000943; CLD-000951; CLD-000973; CLD-001019; OMI-030273; OMI-033439, pg. 1, 7; CLD-000996; CLD-001011; NHR-000765; CLD-001159].

## CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Date	Event	Document Reference
1912	Beginning July 1, 1912, the federal government allowed a per capita grant to the Roman Catholic Boarding School situated on the Jack River at Norway House, Manitoba. Only five boarders were enrolled at that time, and 28 pupils irregularly attended classes during the day. The number of residents at the boarding school was limited to five until the proposed new boarding school building was ready for occupation.	NHR-000388 CLD-000267, pgs. 2-3; 5-6
1914	By February 1914, Cross Lake, Manitoba, had been chosen as the site of the new boarding school building. The residential pupils living at the Norway House boarding school were to be transferred to the new Cross Lake boarding school when the building was completed.	CLD-001227 CLD-000252 CLD-001108 CLD-001109 CLD-001110 CLD-001111 CLD-001112
1915	As of January, 1915, the Principal, residents and furnishings formerly at the Norway House Boarding School had transferred to Cross Lake. The Cross Lake IRS was operated temporarily in Mission buildings while awaiting the completion of the new IRS building.  The federal government paid a per capita grant to the IRS for 25 pupils at this location beginning January 1, 1915.	NHR-000803, pgs. 4-8 CLD-001113 CLD-001114 CLD-000897, pgs. 3, 8, 27 NHR-000752
1916	The construction of the new Cross Lake IRS was completed by the spring of 1916. The IRS officially opened on August 27, 1916.	CLD-000895, pg. 26 CLD-000896
1930 to 1940	On February 25, 1930, the Cross Lake IRS was destroyed by a fire started by two pupils. A Sister on staff and twelve children died in the fire.  Though the majority of Cross Lake IRS residents were returned to their homes after the fire, the IRS continued to operate with a small number of boarders split between two Catholic Mission locations: one at Cross Lake, and the other at Norway House.  From 1930 to 1934, Cross Lake IRS students at Norway House resided in the Roman Catholic Mission and attended classes at the separate Jack River Roman Catholic Day School. In the summer of 1934, a dormitory was built in the upper level of the Day School building; as result, dormitories for the Jack River Annex of Cross Lake IRS and classrooms for the Jack River Roman Catholic Day School operated in the same building.	CLD-000932 CLD-000931 CLD-000930 CLD-000934 CLD-000929 CLD-000937 CLD-000940 CLD-000941 CLD-000938 CLD-000939 CLD-106400 CLD-106401 CLD-004081 CLD-000945 NHR-000197 NHR-000418 NHR-000420 CLD-000947 CLD-000948 NHR-000554

		NHR-000522 NHR-000208-0000 NHR-000424 NHR-000425-0000 NHR-000425-0001
1933 to 1938	<p>In March 1933, a grant was allowed for six or seven children in residence at the Cross Lake Mission, and for twenty children at the Norway House Mission. The federal government indicated that with respect to admissions, discharges and inspections, the same regulations would apply to the operation at Norway House as at any other IRS. All applicants were to be Treaty children.</p> <p>The per capita grant under Cross Lake IRS was increased for a total of 30 children in residence at both the Cross Lake and Norway House locations beginning September, 1933.</p> <p>A January 1936 document noted that the quarterly return for the IRS was always filled out by the Principal of the Cross Lake IRS, and it included the names of children in residence at the "Jack River part" of the Cross Lake IRS.</p> <p>By August 1938, the pupilage allowed for the Cross Lake IRS operating at both Cross Lake and Norway House was still a total of 30 pupils.</p>	CLD-000949 CLD-000950 CLD-106442 CLD-106461 CLD-000961
1938 to 1940	<p>The reconstruction of the Cross Lake IRS building at Cross Lake that was destroyed by fire in 1930 began in August 1938 and was completed by the spring of 1940.</p> <p>Upon the completion of the new Cross Lake IRS building, the federal government instructed that students who had been boarding at the Cross Lake IRS "Jack River section" were to be transferred immediately to the IRS at Cross Lake.</p> <p>Since the 1939-40 school term was almost complete, the federal government decided that commencing with the 1940-41 school term, no children would be accommodated in the building at Norway House and all Catholic children requiring institutional care would be placed at the Cross Lake IRS.</p> <p>Following the opening of the new Cross Lake IRS building in 1940, the Jack River Indian Day School that had boarded IRS pupils since 1934 was authorized by the Department to operate as a day school only.</p>	CLD-000957 CLD-000960 CLD-000962 CLD-000973 CLD-004154-0000 CLD-000975-0000 CLD-000402 CLD-000401 CLD-007106 CLD-000976 CLD-000977 CLD-004285 CLD-004286 NHR-000433 CLD-007107 CLD-000978 NHR-000514 NHR-000434 NHR-000212
1943 to 1960	<p>In June 1943, as a response to the over-crowding problem at the Cross Lake IRS, the federal government approved a small number of residents from the IRS to be transferred back to the Jack River Annex in Norway House. The arrangement was intended to be temporary. Beginning July 1, 1943, the pupilage at the Cross Lake IRS was increased so as to allow for the accommodation of the boarders at the Jack River Annex. The names of the children transferred to the Annex were to be included on the regular quarterly return for the Cross Lake IRS.</p> <p>In a letter dated October 1943, the Norway House location of the Cross Lake IRS was referred to as the "Jack River Branch." By that time, 18 boarders in Grades 1 to 7 were living at the Jack River Branch but were still considered part of the Cross Lake IRS.</p>	CLD-001027 CLD-001028 NHR-000442 NHR-000213 NHR-000503 CLD-001049 NHR-000953 NHR-000951 CLD-001059 CLD-002119 CLD-002134 CLD-001723-0000, pg. 1 CLD-001098 CLD-001100-0001, pg. 1

	From 1943 to 1960, the Jack River Branch or Annex of Cross Lake IRS continued to operate with a small number of pupils supported under the Cross Lake IRS per capita grant.	
1960	Effective July 1, 1960, the boarding component of the Cross Lake IRS conducted at the Jack River Annex, Norway House, ceased operation. The Jack River Annex was declared a separate IRS called the Jack River Hostel, under the Establishment No. 596.	CLD-001077 CLD-001096 CLD-000235 NHR-000220 CLD-001099 NHR-000471 NHR-000474 CLD-001105 NHR-000899 CLD-001107
1962	The federal government and the Oblate Indian and Eskimo Commission (INDIANESCOM) signed an agreement for the operation of the Cross Lake IRS.	CLD-001011
1968	The school name changed from the Cross Lake Indian Residential School to the Cross Lake Student Residence.	GUY-000440 CLD-003237
1969	The Cross Lake IRS was closed on June 30, 1969.	SPR-004376 CLD-001069 BIR-000449

## EDUCATION OF STUDENTS

### Grades taught at the Indian residential school

School Years	Grades offered	Document Reference
1912 to 1914	Grades 1 to 4	CLD-000267, pg. 4 NHR-002486, pg. 4
1915	Grades 1 to 5	CLD-000897, pg. 4
1916 to 1917	Grades 1 to 6	CLD-000893, pg. 4
1917 to 1919	Grades 1 to 5	CLD-002407, pg. 4 CLD-000898, pg. 3
1919 to 1929	Grades 1 to 6	CLD-002406, pg. 3 CLD-002399, pg. 3 CLD-000920, pg. 15 CLD-002400, pg. 6 CLD-000902, pg. 6
1929 to 1930	Grades 1 to 7	CLD-000903, pg. 6
1930 to 1931	Grades 1 to 3; 4 to 6	CLD-000904, pg. 6
1931 to 1932	Grades 1 to 4, 6	CLD-000905, pg. 6
1932 to 1933	Grades 2 to 4, 6	CLD-000906, pg. 6
1933 to 1938	Grades 1 to 4	NHR-002403, pg. 7 CLD-002404, pg. 7 CLD-002405, pg. 6
1938 to 1940	Grades 1 to 5	CLD-000909, pg. 2 SWK-000920, pg. 2
1940 to 1941	No information found	
1942 to 1946	Grades 1 to 7	CLD-001738-0000 CLD-000115 CLD-000121 CLD-000123
1946 to 1952	Grades 1 to 8	CLD-000127 CLD-000131 CLD-000139 CLD-000146
1952 to 1955	Kindergarten to Grade 8	CLD-000231 CLD-000229 CLD-000218

		CLD-000216
1955 to 1959	Grade 1 to Grade 8	CLD-000211 CLD-000206 CLD-000196 CLD-000191 CLD-000170
1959 to 1960	Kindergarten to Grade 7 (beginning of school term); Kindergarten to Grade 8 (by January 1960)	CLD-000165 CLD-000162
1960 to 1961	Kindergarten to Grade 7 (until November 1960)  Kindergarten, Beginners; Grades 2 to 7 (as of December 1960)  Beginners to Grade 7 (no Kindergarten) (as of January 1961)	CLD-002156 CLD-002158 CLD-002159 CLD-002160
1961 to 1962	Grades 1 to 7	CLD-002166 CLD-002171
1962 to 1965	Grades 1 to 8 (until December 1963)  Pre. 1 to Grade 8 (beginning January 1964)	CLD-002189 CLD-002203 CLD-002268
1964 to 1965	Pre. 1; Grades 2 to 8	CLD-002209 CLD-002215
1965 to 1968	Pre. 1; Grades 1 to 6 (until September 1965)  Grades 1 to 6 (beginning October 1965)	CLD-002219 CLD-002220 CLD-002234 CLD-002239 CLD-002244 CLD-002248
1968 to 1969	Grades 1 to 4	CLD-003237 CLD-001158

**Grades taught at the Jack River Annex of Cross Lake Indian residential school**

School Years	Grades offered	Document Reference
1930 to 1940	No information found	
1943	1 to 5; 7	NHR-000503
1944 to 1946	No information found	
1947	Pre. Grade 1; Grades 1 to 6	NHR-000501
1948 to 1951	No information found	
1952	Beginners to Grade 8	NHR-000715 NHR-000952
1953	Grades 1 to 8	NHR-000951
1954 to 1955	Kindergarten to Grade 3; Grades 5 to 8	CLD-002115 CLD-002119
1955 to 1956	Kindergarten to Grade 4; Grades 6 to 8	CLD-002122 CLD-002127
1956 to 1958	Grades 1 to 8	CLD-002132 CLD-002140 CLD-002146
1958 to 1959	Grades 1 to 3	CLD-002177 CLD-002185
1959 to 1960	Grades 1 and 3	CLD-002186 CLD-002153

**Other Schools Attended by Residents**

From 1930 to 1940 and 1943 to 1960, Cross Lake IRS students at Norway House resided at the Roman Catholic Mission and attended classes at the Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School. In the summer of 1934, a dormitory was built in the upper level of the Day School building; as result, dormitories for the Jack River Annex of Cross Lake IRS and classrooms for the Jack River Roman Catholic Day School operated in the same building [NHR-000208-0000; NHR-000424; NHR-000425-0000; NHR-000425-0001; NHR-000521; CLD-000977; NHR-000503; CLD-001100-0001].

School Years	Name of School	Location	Administration	Grades	Document
1930 to 1940,	Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School	Norway House, MB	Federal government Day School	Not specified	CLD-000945 NHR-000422 NHR-000424 NHR-000425-0000 NHR-000425-0001 NHR-000521 CLD-000977
1943 to 1960	Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School	Norway House, MB	Federal government Day School		NHR-000503 NHR-000951 CLD-001058 NHR-000811 CLD-001098 CLD-001100-0001

**GENERAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS OVER TIME**

School Years	Number of Residents	If applicable, day scholars	Document Reference
1912 to 1914	5 (average)		CLD-000267, pg. 3; NHR-002486, pg. 4
1915	21		CLD-001113; CLD-001114
1916 to 1923	86 (average)		CLD-000893, pg. 4 CLD-002406, pg. 3 CLD-002399, pg. 3 CLD-000900, pg. 3
1923 to 1929	102 (average)		CLD-000920, pg. 15 CLD-000901, pg. 3 CLD-002401, pg. 6 CLD-000902, pg. 6
1929 until fire destroys Cross Lake IRS in February 1930	110		CLD-000956, p. 1
February 1930 to June 1930 (Due to the fire Cross Lake IRS boarders reside at both Cross Lake and Jack River Annex until the end of 1939-40 school term).	12 (approximate) Cross Lake IRS  12 (Jack River Annex)		CLD-000934; CLD-000938
1930 to 1932	12 (Cross Lake IRS and Jack River Annex combined)		CLD-000945
1932 to 1933	6 (Cross Lake IRS) 5 (Jack River Annex)		NHR-000418; CLD-000947
1933 to 1937	30 (Cross Lake IRS and Jack River Annex average combined total)		NHR-002403, pg. 7 CLD-000907, pg. 6 CLD-002404, pg. 7 CLD-000908, pg. 6
1937 to 1940	10 (Cross Lake IRS) 20 (Jack River Annex)		NHR-000428 pg. 3 CLD-000961 CLD-000976



1940 to 1943 No Cross Lake IRS boarders lived at the Jack River Annex from September 1940 to June 1943.	95 (average)		CLD-000983 CLD-001738-0000, pg. 5 CLD-001740, pg. 5
1943 to 1944 Note: From July 1943 to June 1960, some Cross Lake IRS boarders lived at the Jack River Annex under the Cross Lake IRS per capita grant.	80 (Cross Lake IRS) 18 (Jack River Annex)		CLD-001034-0000 NHR-000503
1944 to 1948	95 (average) (Cross Lake IRS) 20 (Jack River Annex)		CLD-001039 CLD-001043 CLD-002344 CLD-001049
1948 to 1954	120 (Cross Lake IRS average total – includes boarders at Jack River Annex)		CLD-000135, pg. 6 CLD-000142, pg. 7 CLD-000146, pg. 7 CLD-000005, pg. 18
1954 to 1960	149 (Cross Lake IRS average total – includes boarders at Jack River Annex)		CLD-000009, pg. 14 CLD-000016, pg. 18 CLD-000024, pgs. 6, 12 CLD-000028-0001, pg. 1
1960 to 1967 Note: As of July 1, 1960, Cross Lake IRS residents no longer boarded at the Annex at Jack River.	110 (average)		CLD-002156 CLD-002171 CLD-002203 CLD-002209 CLD-002228 CLD-002234 CLD-002241
1967 to 1968	112 (average)		CLD-000061, pg. 1 CLD-000063, pg. 1
1968 to 1969	52 (average)		CLD-000064 CLD-003384, pg. 1

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

School Years	Special Programs Offered	Document Reference
1922	Girls learn to cook, sew, wash, and iron. Girls and boys learn how to knit, mend, weave, and make garments. Boys learn some engineering, some electrical work, carpentry, shoe-making, blacksmithing, caring for and handling of stock, and gardening.	CLD-000918
1945	Girls learn to sew, cook and bake.	CLD-001043
1960	Girls are taught homemaking including sewing and cookery.	CLD-001100-0001, p. 5

**INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Document Reference</b>
1913	The boarding school at Norway House, prior to the move to Cross Lake in 1915, consisted of a two storey main building with a kitchen attached and a log building used as a residence for male staff and a dormitory for boys. The female staff and the girls occupied the main building.	NHR-000162
1915	The IRS at Norway House transferred to Cross Lake, Manitoba, and operated temporarily in Mission buildings while awaiting the completion of the new Cross Lake IRS buildings by the federal government.  The temporary IRS at Cross Lake consisted of a main building and classroom building and outbuildings.	CLD-001117 NHR-000803, pgs. 4-8 CLD-001113 CLD-001114 CLD-000897, pgs. 3, 8, 27
1916	The construction of the new Cross Lake IRS was completed in the spring of 1916. The buildings consisted of a 101.5' x 40' main stone building with an adjoining 66' x 36' chapel, a 40' x 29' blacksmith and carpenter shop, a stable and ice-house.	CLD-000895, pgs. 8, 26
1924 to 1925	A two storey addition to the Cross Lake IRS was under construction and was to be ready for occupation in the fall of 1925. It is not known from documents exactly when the addition was completed.	CLD-000921 NHR-000306
1930	On February 25, 1930, a fire destroyed the Cross Lake IRS. The entire interior of the main residence building was reduced to ashes, and only the stone walls remained.  One document notes that immediately after the fire, some of the children and staff who remained at Cross Lake were residing in the unoccupied house of a trader. It is not known from documents how long this arrangement continued.	CLD-000932 CLD-000931 CLD-000934 CLD-000930
1933	The Oblate owned building at the Catholic Mission at Norway House on the Jack River, where some of the Cross Lake IRS pupils were transferred after the fire had three sleeping rooms in the main building. The building also contained a dining room and classroom.	CLD-000934 NHR-000418 NHR-000420 CLD-000948
1934 to 1938	During the summer of 1934, a new dormitory was completed on the upper floor of the Jack River Indian Day School building. There were 13 beds installed in the dormitory by January 1935. The federal government was concerned that the dormitory posed a fire hazard and that it was generally not a healthy environment for resident pupils. In January 1938, dormitories at the Jack River Day School were in use by 20 Cross Lake IRS pupils, and that a staff member occupied a room adjoining each dormitory.	NHR-000208-0000 NHR-000208-0001 NHR-000424 NHR-000425-0000 NHR-000521 NHR-000522
1935	An inspection of the Cross Lake IRS noted that there was a classroom building at the site that was in good condition.	CLD-000952
1938	At the Cross Lake Mission site where the main	NHR-000429

	IRS building had once stood, there were still other outbuildings, such as a barn, machine shed, workshop, and hen house, all reported to be in "first class" condition.	
1938 to 1940	The reconstruction of the Cross Lake IRS building that was destroyed by fire in 1930 began in August, 1938, and was completed by the spring of 1940. The new fire resistant building was built by the Catholic Church with funding from the federal government.	CLD-000957 CLD-000960 CLD-004139 CLD-004154-0000 CLD-000975-0000 CLD-000402 CLD-000401 CLD-007106
1945	The Cross Lake IRS building on Cross Lake had dormitory accommodation, classrooms, a sewing room, a kitchen, and dining rooms. Outside there was a large garden, and cows, hens and pigs were kept on site.	CLD-001043
1954	The manual training room at Cross Lake IRS was located in the basement and was in use as a carpenter's shop. There was also a stable at the IRS.	CLD-001054
1954	In September 1954, the building where some Cross Lake IRS students were boarding at Jack River was being renovated and enlarged. One classroom would be used to instruct Cross Lake IRS pupils boarding at Jack River, and another classroom would be used to instruct day pupils.	CLD-001058 NHR-000354 NHR-000355
1955	The construction of a power house at the Cross Lake IRS site was completed by Roman Catholic Church personnel in February.  By December, a root house was under construction and a manual training building had been completed.	CLD-000260-0000 CLD-001078
1969	Buildings at the Cross Lake IRS site belonging to the Church shortly before the IRS closed were identified as follows: the Mission House, boat houses, a Church and small building next to the Church, a barn, a greenhouse, red barn, chicken house and a sawmill. Other buildings on site included a manual arts building, a cold storage building and a food warehouse, a warehouse on a dock and a warehouse at southwest end of residence, teacherages, and the main residence building.	CLD-002468

**PHOTOS, PLANS AND LAYOUT**

Date	Description	Document Reference
Undated	Sketch plan showing site of Cross Lake Boarding School.	CLD-060000
Undated	Plans of Roman Catholic Boarding School to be constructed (basement, second and third floor plans, elevations).	CLD-060001-0001 CLD-060001-0002 CLD-060001-0003
Undated	Plans for reconstruction of Cross Lake IRS (basement, first and second floor plans).	CLD-060002-0000 CLD-060002-0001 CLD-060002-0002
Undated	Plans of basement, first and second floor.	CLD-060003-0000 CLD-060003-0001 CLD-060003-0002

		CLD-060003-0003
1913	The IRS at Norway House, on the Jack River (that operated prior to the move to the Cross Lake site in 1915) was a small frame two storey building 20' x 30'. The downstairs of the main building was divided into a dining room for staff and a dining room for children, a bedroom for the female staff, a bedroom for the girls, and one large room used as a recreation room for the boys. The dining room was also used as a recreation room for the girls. A kitchen building was attached to the main building. The chapel and classroom for children in residence were both located in the upstairs of the kitchen building. The male staff and the boys resided in an 18' x 20' log building.	NHR-000162
1917	Map showing proposed subdivision at Cross Lake, Manitoba.	CLD-001123-0001
1917	Plan showing land requested for Roman Catholic Boarding School at Cross Lake, Manitoba.	CLD-001124
1917	Survey - Cross Lake IRS Lands, Outlined (in) Red.	CLD-001130
(Circa) 1918	Plan for Cross Lake IRS.	CLD-000253
1922	Map showing hay meadows, Reserve, and Cross Lake IRS.	CLD-000917-0001
1928	Survey of Cross Lake.	CLD-001131
1930	Photographs Cross Lake IRS before it was destroyed by the fire, as well as of the ruins left by the fire.	CLD-000933-0005
1932	Cross Lake IRS, Outlined (in) Red.	CLD-001133
1935	New dormitory cross section at Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School.	NHR-000208-0001
1938	Reconstruction blueprints for Cross Lake IRS (basement, first and second floor). Elevation plans of Cross Lake IRS.	CLD-000969 CLD-000970 CLD-000971 CLD-000965 CLD-000967
Circa 1940	Photograph of Cross Lake IRS.	CLD-000972
1940	Photographs of Sisters, students and buildings after the fire and after the reconstruction of Cross Lake IRS.	CLD-000975-0001 CLD-000975-0002 CLD-000975-0003
1941	Floor plans showing proposed alterations to Cross Lake IRS.	CLD-000980-0001 CLD-000980-0002
1945	Photographs of Cross Lake IRS buildings.	CLD-000259-0001
1955	Power house at Cross Lake IRS.	CLD-000260-0001
1957	The dormitories for boys at Cross Lake IRS measured 25' x 16' x 12' and 48' x 30' x 12'. The dormitories for girls at Cross Lake measured 21' x 15' x 10' and 48' x 30' x 10'. The dormitory for boys at the Jack River (which accommodated some Cross Lake IRS boarders) measured 40' x 23' x 10'-6' and for girls measured 31'-6' x 36' x 10'-6'.	CLD-001092 CLD-001093
1960	The Jack River Annex of Cross Lake IRS housed 47 boarders in February 1960. The central building contained dormitories, quarters for the Sisters, two classrooms, dining rooms and a kitchen. A playroom on the main floor, close to the kitchen, also served as a dining room for Day School pupils; the dining room for the boarders was in the basement in an L-shaped room. There was a storeroom in the basement and a root house. A two storey square building housed	CLD-001100-0001

	offices and living quarters for the Fathers and Brothers. There was a Church on the grounds, and a separate schoolhouse still in use, as well as outbuildings for cows and hens. There was a skating rink on the meadow by the river where a canteen was operated.	
1962	The 13' x 25' (approximate) kitchen at the Cross Lake IRS was located on the ground floor. The dining room for boys measured 14' x 36', while the dining room for girls measured 28' x 13'. The bakery was on the ground floor, next to the kitchen, and there was a 14' x 13' store room across the hall from the kitchen. There were also two large storage houses on the school grounds.	CLD-001041-0001
1962	Dietician's plan of kitchen facilities at Cross Lake IRS.	CLD-001041-0002

### **DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO SCHOOL INCIDENTS**

To date, we are unaware of any convictions for abuse at Cross Lake (St. Joseph's, Norway House) or of any convicted abusers present at the Indian Residential School.

#### Incidents (Sexual)

No information found

#### Incidents (Physical)

No information found

#### Incidents (Student on Student)

No information found

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 1918 Almost all of the Cross Lake IRS pupils and about half of the staff were suffering from influenza. Three deaths had occurred at the IRS due to the illness [CLD-000698].
- 1943 An influenza epidemic broke out on the Cross Lake Reserve in March 1943. Almost all of the pupils at the Cross Lake IRS had been ill with the virus, but most were well again by the end of the month [CLD-000448].
- 1943 In July 1943, a doctor insisted that the spread of tuberculosis at the Cross Lake IRS was the result of poor air quality and overcrowding in the dormitories. As a result, the federal government advised the Church that no more than 80 children be kept in residence at the Cross Lake IRS during the 1943-44 school year [CLD-001029-0000; CLD-001029-0001; CLD-001031; CLD-001032; CLD-001034-0001; CLD-001035; CLD-001036].
- 1944-45 During the late fall and early winter, almost all the children at the Cross Lake IRS were infected with Catarrhal Jaundice. A medical officer linked the epidemic to overcrowding in the dormitories, with the school population at 96 pupils, which he "strongly condemn[ed]" [CLD-001039].

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1949 In late September, four students started a fire in the basement of the Cross Lake IRS and two students started another fire in a wood pile near the residence. Both fires were put out by staff [CLD-001050].

**PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS**

Name	Position	Tenure Dates
Reverend Father E. Lecoq  Father Lecoq was Principal of the boarding school at Norway House and continued to occupy the position at the Cross Lake site immediately after the boarding school transferred to that location.	Principal	July 1912 to July 1916
Reverend Father Henri Boissin	Principal	July 1916 to September 1926
Reverend Father George Etienne Trudeau	Principal	September 1926 to January 1934
Reverend Father Henri Boissin	Principal	January 1934 to September 1937
Reverend Albert Chamberland	Principal	September 1937 to October 1941
Reverend Father George Etienne Trudeau	Principal	October 1941 to July 1953
Reverend Father Albert Chamberland	Principal	July 1953 to July 1956
Reverend Father George Etienne Trudeau	Principal	August 1956 to July 1959
Reverend Father Vianney Belanger	Principal	July 1959 to July 1963
Reverend Father Rosaire Rho	Principal	August 1963 to November 1963
Reverend Father Albert Chamberland	Principal	November 1963 to June 1965
Reverend Father Guy Naud	Principal	July 1965 to July 1968
Reverend Father Louis Fleury	Principal	July 1968 to August 1969  Though Cross Lake IRS was closed at the end of June 1969, Fleury was to stay on as Principal until the end of August 1969 [CLD-001163].

## **Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel**

### **NAME IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Schedule E/F)**

Cross Lake (St. Joseph's, Norway House)

### **OTHER NAMES KNOWN AS (AKAs)**

1960 to 1967	Notre Dame Hostel [NHR-000794; NHR-002514; NHR-000137]
1960 to 1967	Jack River Hostel [CLD-001107; NHR-000802]
1962; 1965	Jack River (Indian) Residential School / Hostel [NHR-000343; NHR-000141-0000]

### **LOCATION**

The Jack River Hostel was situated on the Jack River, near Norway House, Manitoba [CLD-001107; NHR-000137].

### **PROVINCE/TERRITORY**

Manitoba

### **OPERATING DATES AS AN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**

These dates represent the time during which the Government of Canada was responsible for the operation of the Indian Residential School, excluding any periods of closure.

July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1967

Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel was a residence only.

### **OPERATING DATES CONTEXT**

On July 1, 1960, the Norway House component of Cross Lake IRS opened as a separate IRS called the Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel [NHR-000474; NHR-000899; NHR-000475-0001; CLD-001105; CLD-001107; NHR-000794]. The Hostel did not have a classroom component. Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel closed on June 30, 1967 [NHR-000132].

### **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION**

Roman Catholic Church

1960 to 1967	Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, via the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Keewatin or Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin [NHR-000472; CLD-001105; CLD-001107; NHR-000141-0000; NHR-000132, NHR-000134-0001, pg. 2].
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Documents indicate that there were also Sisters on staff at the Hostel in at least 1964 and 1966, though the religious order to which these Sisters belonged is not specified in the documents [NHR-000141-0002, pg. 2; NHR-000138-0001, pg. 2].

## CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Date	Event	Document Reference
July 1, 1960	The Norway House component of the Cross Lake IRS opened as a separate IRS called the Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel, under establishment number 596. The IRS operated as an Oblate-owned Hostel. The Hostel had no classroom component.	NHR-000474 NHR-000899 NHR-000475-0001 CLD-001105 CLD-001107 NHR-000794
1965	Part of the Jack River Indian Day School Home Economics instruction was conducted in the Hostel building.	NHR-000900
September 1966	The Establishment number for the Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel changed from 596 to 016. Both the 596 and 016 Establishment numbers appear on the return for the quarter ended June 1966.	NHR-002529-0000, pg. 1 NHR-002528-0000, pg. 1
1966	A federal government audit of the Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel for the year ended 1966 noted that there were no Government owned residences or teacherages at the Jack River Hostel site.	NHR-000138-0001, pg. 3
1967	The Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel was closed on June 30, 1967.	NHR-000137 NHR-000132

## EDUCATION OF STUDENTS

### Grades taught at the Indian residential school

The Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel had no classroom component.

### Other Schools Attended by Residents

Until a separate four-classroom Day School building was completed in 1963, classrooms of the Jack River Roman Catholic Indian School operated in the same building as the Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel during the 1960/61 to 1962/63 school years [NHR-000578; NHR-000483; NHR-000339; NHR-000322]. The grades listed below include day pupils, as Hostel and Day pupils attended classroom instruction together.

School Years	Name of School	Location	Administration	Grades	Document
1960/61	Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School	Norway House, MB	Federal Government	Beginner, 1 to 7	NHR-000668 NHR-000496 NHR-000238
1961/62	Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School	Norway House, MB	Federal Government	Beginner, 1 to 7; Home economics	NHR-000093 NHR-002531-0004 NHR-000641 NHR-002518-0001
1962/63	Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School	Norway House, MB	Federal Government	Beginner, 1 to 8	NHR-000123-0175 NHR-000637 NHR-002512-0001
1963/64	Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School	Norway House, MB	Federal Government	Beginner, 1 to 8; Home economics	NHR-002531-0005 NHR-000625 NHR-002509-0001



1964/65	Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School	Norway House, MB	Federal Government	K, 1 to 8; Home economics	NHR-000617 NHR-000612
1965/66	Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School	Norway House, MB	Federal Government	Beginner, 1 to 8	NHR-002501-0001
1966/67	Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School	Norway House, MB	Federal Government	Pre. 1 to 8	NHR-000254 NHR-002528-0001

**GENERAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS OVER TIME**

School Years	Number of Residents	If applicable, day scholars	Document Reference
1960 to 1961	64 (average)	Not applicable	NHR-002523, pg. 2 NHR-002519, pg. 5
1961 to 1962	49 (average)	Not applicable	NHR-002518-0000, pg. 5 NHR-000236-0000, pg. 5
1962 to 1963	46 (average)	Not applicable	NHR-002515-0000, pg. 6 NHR-002510-0000, pg. 6
1963 to 1964	46 (average)	Not applicable	NHR-002509-0000, pg. 6 NHR-002506-0000, pg. 6
1964 to 1965	50 (average)	Not applicable	NHR-002505-0000, pg. 6 NHR-002502-0000, pg. 6
1965 to 1966	45 (average)	Not applicable	NHR-002501-0000, pg. 6 NHR-002529-0000, pg. 6
1966 to 1967	44 (average)	Not applicable	NHR-002528-0000, pg. 6 NHR-000802, pg. 3

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

School Years	Special Programs Offered	Document Reference
1962	Equipment at the Jack River Roman Catholic Indian Day School, where Hostel residents attended, consisted of balls, bats, soccer, basketball, slide, teeter totters, swings, and a skating rink.	NHR-002531-0004

**INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Date	Event	Document Reference
1960	In February, 1960, the layout of the Cross Lake IRS Annex, predecessor to the Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel, in Norway House was described as follows: the central building contained dormitories, quarters for the Sisters, two classrooms, dining rooms and a kitchen. A playroom on the main floor, close to the kitchen, also served as a dining room for Day School pupils; the dining room for the boarders was an L-shaped room in the basement. There was a storeroom in the basement and a root house. A two storey square building housed offices and living quarters for the Fathers and Brothers. There was a	CLD-001100-0000 CLD-001100-0001, pg. 1, 3, 4, 5

	Church on the grounds, as well as outbuildings for cows and hens. There was a skating rink on the meadow by the river where a canteen was operated.	
1960 to 1967	Documents indicate that throughout its operation, the Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel was owned by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.	NHR-000474 NHR-000138-0001, pg. 3 NHR-000146 NHR-000134-0000

## PHOTOS, PLANS AND LAYOUT

Some descriptions of the layout or plans outlined below date prior to July 1960.

Date	Description	Document Reference
1960	Diagram of the electrical circuit at Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel, showing proximity of Jack River Roman Catholic Day School building to Church, root house, Father's residence, shop, manual training building, power plant and skating rink.	NHR-000344
1960	In February, 1960, the layout of the Cross Lake IRS Annex, predecessor to the Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel, in Norway House was described as follows: the central building contained dormitories, quarters for the Sisters, two classrooms, dining rooms and a kitchen. A playroom on the main floor, close to the kitchen, also served as a dining room for Day School pupils; the dining room for the boarders was an L-shaped room in the basement. There was a storeroom in the basement and a root house. A two storey square building housed offices and living quarters for the Fathers and Brothers. There was a Church on the grounds, as well as outbuildings for cows and hens. There was a skating rink on the meadow by the river where a canteen was operated.	CLD-001100-0000 CLD-001100-0001
1962	Diagram of kitchen at Jack River Hostel.	NPC-620170-0001

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### Incidents (Sexual)

No information found

### Incidents (Physical)

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### Incidents (Student on Student)

No information found

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1960 to 1967 Jack River Indian Day School pupils were provided with lunch at the Notre Dame (Jack River) Hostel throughout its operation [NHR-000241-0000; NHR-000241-0002, pg. 1; NHR-000237-0002; NHR-000236-0001; NHR-002510-0001; NHR-002509-0001; NHR-002502-0001; NHR-002529-0001; NHR-002527-0001].

1966 A federal government audit for the year ended 1966 noted that only members of Religious orders and “Indians” were employed at the Hostel [NHR-000138-0001, pg. 3].

### PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS

Name	Position	Tenure Dates
Reverend Father Leon Levasseur	Principal	July 1960 to November 1960
Reverend Father F. X. Gagnon	Principal	November 1960 to August 1962
Reverend Father Gerard Beaudet	Principal	August 1962 to July 1963
Reverend Father Vianney Belanger	Principal	August 1963 to June 1966
Reverend Father Louis Fleury	Principal	July 1966 to June 1967

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