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Guy IRS
School Narrative
July 15, 2004

This School Narrative summarizes documents that provide an over-view of the history and administration of the school.

NAME OF SCHOOL and VARIANTS

Sturgeon Landing Boarding School [GUY-000043]
Guy Residential School [GUY-000049, several documents agree]
Guy Indian Residential School [GUY-000050, majority of documents agree]
Sturgeon Landing Indian Residential School [GUY-000055, several documents agree]
Residential Guy School [GUY-000067]
Indian Boarding School at Sturgeon Landing [GUY-000650]
Guy R.C. Indian Residential School [GUY-000089, several documents agree]
Guy Indian Residential Boarding School [GUY-000102a]
Guy School [GUY-000108; several documents agree]
Guy (Sturgeon Landing) Indian Residential School [GUY-00162]
Guy Student Residence [GUY-000440]
Guy Hill Student Residence [GUY-000578, several documents agree]

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

Opening Date(s):

- 1926 School opens in Sturgeon Landing, Saskatchewan with August 18, 1927 being the school's official opening. The school was operational for a year before its official opening [GUY-000060, GUY-000067, documents agree]
- 1952-1958 Temporary school opens in The Pas, Manitoba, after Guy school burnt down [GUY-000162, documents agree]
- 1958 New school building opened at Clearwater Lake, Manitoba [IMR-000172 (p.5), documents agree]

Closing Date(s):

- 1952/Sep/4 School building burned to the ground [GUY-000148]
- 1979/Jun/30 [GUY-000596]

MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL

Dates managed by Church

1926-1969 The Guy Indian Residential School was operated and administered by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (Archdiocese of Keewatin - Le Pas) [GUY-000060, documents agree]

1969-1971 INDIANESCOM (Oblate Indian-Eskimo Commission) [GUY-000496, GUY-000458]

Dates taken over by province

1971-1979 Board of Management was established in an advisory role to the school with representatives from the Pukatawagan, Brochet, The Pas and the Kelsey School Committees [GUY-000524, documents agree]

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Dates Owned or Rented by Government:

1926-1983 [GUY-000624a, GUY-000628, documents agree]

LAND

Location:

1926-1952 Saskatchewan - Located on the west bank of the Sturgeon Weir River [GUY-000060; GUY-000147, documents agree]

1952-1958 Manitoba - Rented temporary quarters, owned by the Roman Catholic Church in The Pas [GUY-000162, IMR-000172 (p.5), documents agree]

1957-1983 Manitoba - Located on the shore of Clearwater Lake, 25 miles from The Pas [IMR-000172, GUY-000921a, documents agree]

Dates Owned by Government:

1925-1952 Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development [GUY-000056, documents agree]

1954-1983 Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (land was rented from the provincial government) [GUY-000618, GUY-000628, documents agree]

PHOTOS, PLANS and OTHER MEDIA

0000	[GUY-060000]	Plans for Guy IRS
	[GUY-060002, a-d]	Plans for Guy IRS
1914	[GUY-000032a]	Map of proposed school location on Sturgeon Lake
1928	[GUY-000074b]	Photographs of Sturgeon Weir River and Guy school
1952	[GUY-000152a]	Diagram of proposed temporary buildings
1953	[GUY-000201b]	Diagram of rooms the church will build
1961	[GUY-000390e]	Diagram of girls' diningroom at Guy school
1961	[GUY-000390f]	Diagram of kitchen at Guy school
1962	[GUY-060001]	Site plan for residences
1973	[GUY-000559a]	Photographs of buildings at Guy student residence

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Oblates of Mary Immaculate	[GUY-000060]
Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec	[GUY-000637a]
Archdiocese of Keewatin - Le Pas	[GUY-000060]

WRITTEN AGREEMENTS

- 1962 Agreement for the operation of Guy school between the government of Canada and the (Oblate) Indian-Eskimo Commission [GUY-000410a]
- 1969 Between the Government of Canada and the Oblate Indian & Eskimo Council (Roman Catholic Church) to provide advisory and liaison duties [GUY-000474]
- 1969 Between the Government of Canada and the Catholic Archbishop of The Pas-Keewatin to provide chaplaincy services [GUY-000482a,b]
- 1972 Between the Government of Canada and the Catholic Archbishop of The Pas-Keewatin to provide chaplaincy services [GUY-000555a]
- 1973 Between the Government of Canada and the Oblate Indian & Eskimo Council (Roman Catholic Church) to provide advisory and liaison duties [GUY-000564; GUY-000565a]
- 1974 Between the Government of Canada and the Oblate Indian & Eskimo Council (Roman Catholic Church) to provide advisory and liaison duties [GUY-000571]

CONVICTIONS

To date, we are unaware of any convictions for abuse at Guy IRS or of any convicted abusers present at the school.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fire:

1952 School burns to ground September 4, 1952 [GUY-000147, GUY-000148]

Health:

1951 "this school is woefully overcrowded and I note that the double deck beds which were recommended are still lacking. From a health point of view though would be of material benefit to the children." Document also notes that there is a "rather serious epidemic which has affected 19 boys of various ages. This may turn out to be tuberculosis..." [GUY-000129a]

Nineteen boys of all ages are in bed from an unknown sickness [GUY-000133f]

1958 Water at new school is contaminated and "found to be dangerous as it contains bacteria usually found in sewage" [GUY-000336]

1959 Water at school is still unhealthy to consume [GUY-000345a]

PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS

Unknown	1926	
Rev. N. Doyon	Principal	1927 - 1943
Rev. Laurent Poirier	Principal	1943 - 1949
Rev. Antonio Giard	Principal	1949 - 1955
Rev. G. Beaudet	Principal	1955 - 1959
Rev. Guy Remy	Principal	1959 - 1966
Rev. A. Chamberland	Acting Principal	Sept. 1962 - Dec. 1962
Rev. Laurent Poirier	Principal	1966 - 1968
No information found	Principal	1968 - 1969
Rev. Laurent Poirier	Administrator	1968 - 1972
Valarie Hucaluk	Principal	1972
Gerald J. Vandale	Administrator	1972 - 1979
Unknown	Principal	1973 - 1974
H.D. McLaren	Principal	1975 - 1976
Jagpal S. Johal	Principal	1977-1979

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