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**Lebret IRS
IAP School Narrative**

NAME IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Schedule E/F)

Lebret (Qu'Appelle, Whitecalf, St. Paul's High School)

OTHER NAMES KNOWN AS (AKAs)

1884 to 1907	Qu'Appelle Roman Catholic Industrial School [PLD-009140, pg. 2; PLD-000002]
1885 to 1945	Qu'Appelle (Indian) Industrial School [PLD-007509; PLD-009021, pg. 3; PLD-000507, pg. 2; PLD-007414, pg. 2; PLD-000742; PLD-008646]
1919 to 1936	Lebret (Indian) Industrial School [PLD-007448; PLD-000024; PLD-008568; PLD-000749]
1924 to 1966	Qu'Appelle Residential School [PLD-007044; PLD-007610; PLD-003446]
1924 to 1989	(Fort) Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School [PLD-007048; PLD-000027; PLD-007354; PLD-000282, pg. 1]
1925 to 1965	Lebret Indian Residential School [PLD-007038; PLD-007544-0000; PLD-007594-0000]
1952 to 1966	St. Paul's (Indian) High School [PLD-030522; PLD-004557; PLD-000610; PLD-000188]
1969 to 1976	Qu'Appelle Student Residence [PLD-009977-0000, pg. 1; PLD-007622-0003]
1982	Lebret Student Residence [PLD-000259]
1998	Whitecalf Collegiate [PLD-009201-0001]

LOCATION

Lebret IRS was located in Township 21, Range 13, west of the 2nd meridian on the White Calf Reserve. The property was on the west edge of the village of Lebret and bordered by a railway and provincial Highway 10 on the north side and Mission Lake on the south side. Three staff residences were located on the north side of Highway 10. The classroom buildings were located on the northwest corner of section 2 adjacent to the western edge of the Village of Lebret [PLD-009037, pg. 3; PAR-003383-0004, pg. 3; PLD-009024-0001, pg. 2]

PROVINCE/TERRITORY

Saskatchewan

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.

1884 to June 30, 1998

Interim Closures:

January 4, 1904 to June 30, 1906

OPERATING DATES CONTEXT

Qu'Appelle Indian Industrial School opened in 1884 on 600 acres of land on Fishing Lake on Qu'Appelle Indian Reserve [PLD-000680; PLD-000267-0001, pg. 24-25]. On January 4, 1904, a fire destroyed the main IRS building [PLD-000665]. The IRS reopened in a new building in 1906 [ELK-000451, pg. 5-6, 16-17; PLD-000002]. The IRS was destroyed again by fire on November 13, 1932 [PLD-008560]. The new residence was officially opened on May 29, 1936 [PLD-000188, pg. 4; PLD-000036-0001]. St. Paul's High School was established at the IRS in 1951, and was phased out in 1966 [PLD-000267-0001, pg. 24; PLD-000188, pg. 4]. In October 1973, the Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School Council (Q.I.R.S.C.), representing 24 District Bands, took over administration of the residence; the Oblate Fathers left in 1974 and the Grey Nuns retired in 1975 [PLD-000188, pg. 5]. The Q.I.R.S.C. also assumed control of the education program at the IRS in 1981 [PLD-000233-0001; PLD-000267-0001, pg. 25]. In July 1983, the former IRS property was established as a reserve named Wa-Pil Moos-Toosis (White Calf) of the Star Blanket Band [PLD-000264]. In 1984 the Star Blanket Band was given full power to administer the IRS [PLD-000268; PLD-007390]. When the Star Blanket First Nation closed the IRS on June 30, 1998, it was known as the White Calf Collegiate [PLD-009201-0001]. The former residence building was demolished in March 1999 [PLD-014244].

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Roman Catholic Church

- 1884 to 1974 The Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and later the Oblate Indian and Eskimo Commission (INDIANESCOM) [PLD-009152; PLD-000188, pg. 5; PLD-000071; PLD-000036-0001; PLD-013411]
- 1884 to 1975 Grey Nuns Order [PLD-000188, pg. 3, 5; PLD-000699; PLD-000042, pg. 3; PLD-008972]

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Date	Event	Document Reference
1884	Lebret IRS (Qu'Appelle Industrial School) was established by a federal government Order-in-Council. The IRS was built in the summer and opened by October.	PLD-009152 PLD-009001, pg. 4 PLD-000002 PLD-000680 PLD-000188, pg. 2 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 24
1885	The IRS was given 600 acres by appropriation and land exchange in an Order-in-Council passed on July 25, 1885.	PLD-007519 PLD-007509 PLD-007533 PLD-007503-0001
January 4, 1904	The main IRS building was destroyed by fire. Boys were housed in the district school until a temporary building was built near the site of the burnt IRS; girls were housed in the mission church until a temporary building was constructed.	PLD-009037, pg. 3 PLD-000661 PLD-000665 PLD-000679 PLD-007414, pg. 4
1905 to 1906	Construction of three new IRS buildings by the federal government started in 1905: the main IRS building and girls' and boys' houses. Each house contained a dormitory, classroom and playroom areas and connected to the main building by a covered passageway. The new buildings were completed in 1906	PLD-007414, pg. 2 PLD-000002 PLD-000188, pg. 4 ELK-000451, pg. 5-6, 16-17
1924	The IRS provided secondary education to Indian Students.	PLD-000267-0001, pg. 24

November 13, 1932	The IRS was destroyed by fire. Boys were housed and schooled in the Oblate Fathers' College/Seminary, across the lake from the IRS. Girls were housed in the Town Hall at Lebret and in the convent, and schooled in the Old Church. Deputy Superintendant General stated that the work of the IRS could be carried out and that it was not necessary to send any children home.	PLD-008560 PLD-008568 PLD-008698-0001 PLD-000027 PLD-000188, pg. 4
1936	The new IRS building was ready for occupancy in March and April. Lebret IRS officially opened on May 29, 1936.	PLD-000188, pg. 4 PLD-000036-0001
1951	St. Paul's High School was established within the IRS (Grades 9 to 12).	PLD-000188, pg. 4 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 24 PLD-004557
September 25, 1962	An agreement was signed between the Government of Canada and the Oblate Indian and Eskimo Council (INDIANESCOM) for the operation of the Lebret IRS.	PLD-000071
September 1965	Grade 12 was closed for the 1965/1966 school year as the phasing-out of the St. Paul's high-school program began. Pupils were sent to other schools. Grade 11 was phased out for the 1966/1967 school year and Grade 10 for the 1967/1968 school year.	PLD-007352 PLD-007592 PLD-002124 PLD-013389 PLD-007594-0000 PLD-007594-0001 PLD-003446 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 24 PLD-000188, pg. 4
April 1, 1969	The federal government assumed full responsibility for the Lebret IRS.	PLD-000140
July 21, 1969	A service contract for two years was signed whereby the Oblate Indian and Eskimo Council was to provide advisory and liaison duties to the federal government in connection with Indian Student Residences. The contract ran for two years commencing April 1, 1969.	PLD-009113
1969	The Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Advisory Council (Q.I.R.S.C.) was established.	PLD-000267-0001, pg. 24
April - August 1972	The Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Council, composed of 24 District Band Chiefs, applied for incorporation and issued a constitution in which it proposed to operate and administer the Lebret IRS. A 10 member (originally 13) Qu'Appelle IRS Board was responsible to the Council and for negotiating an agreement with the federal government for the transfer of administrative responsibility for the student residence to the Council.	PLD-000212-0000, 0001, 0002 PLD-000214-0004 PLD-009894-0000
April 1, 1973	A thirteen member Native Board of Directors representing twenty four Indian bands was granted employer status. The Board was responsible for administering and managing the Lebret IRS.	PLD-000188, pg. 5 PLD-000254 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 25 PLD-000189
June 1973	The Treasury Board of Canada approved "the transfer" of Qu'Appelle Indian Student Residence to the Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Council.	PLD-000227 PLD-000228
October 13, 1973	The Government of Canada and Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Council signed an agreement giving the Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Council the power and authority to "operate and maintain" the residence portion of the IRS. The Government of Canada retained administrative responsibility for the classroom operation at the IRS.	PLD-000233-0001, 0004 PLD-000209 PLD-000254
1974	The Oblate Fathers relinquished management of	PLD-000188, pg. 5

	educational instruction at the IRS, which was passed to the federal government.	PLD-000189, pg. 2
1975	The Grey Nuns left the IRS.	PLD-000188, pg. 5
October 1975	Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Board requested that Grade 10 be added at the IRS retroactive to September 1975, with Grade 11 added in September 1976 and Grade 12 in September 1977. Authority to add the grades continued to rest with the federal government, not with the Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Council / Board.	PLD-000177 PLD-000178 PLD-007356-0000, 0001, 0002
1976 to 1981	The Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Advisory Board (Q.I.R.S.C.) reintroduced Grade 10 in 1976, Grade 11 in 1977 and Grade 12 in 1981 at the IRS.	PLD-000267-0001, pg. 4, 23
1980	The Government of Canada and the Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Council signed a funding arrangement for the period April 1, 1980 to March 31, 1981, for the Council to continue to maintain and operate the residence portion of the IRS.	PLD-000249-0000, 0001
August 13, 1981	Administration of the Education Program at the IRS was transferred from the federal government to Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Advisory Council (Q.I.R.S.C.), who was then responsible for the total operation of the IRS.	PLD-000254 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 25
August 25, 1983	The Star Blanket Band took title of IRS lands under treaty land entitlement.	PLD-000259 PLD-000260 PLD-000264 PLD-000265 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 25
1984	Qu'Appelle [Lebret] IRS Advisory Board (Q.I.R.S.C.) had adopted an open admission policy, becoming a non-denominational institution.	PLD-000267-0001, pg. 5
1984	The Star Blanket Band was given full authority to administer the IRS.	PLD-000268 PLD-007390
June 7, 1988	Of the 185 students residing at the IRS, half of them attended classes at the residence while the remainder of students attended elementary classes in the nearby town.	PAR-003383-0004, pg.3
June 30, 1998	Under the name of White Calf Collegiate, the IRS closed.	PLD-009201-0001

EDUCATION OF STUDENTS

Grades taught at the Indian residential school

School Years	Grades offered	Document Reference
1888 to 1889	1 to 3	PLD-009009, pg. 18
1890 to 1893	1 to 5	PLD-009013, pg. 7 PLD-009015, pg. 7 PLD-009017, pg. 13
1893 to 1895	1 to 6	PLD-009019, pg. 5 PLD-009021, pg. 7
1896 to 1898	1 to 5	PLD-009025, pg. 2-3 PLD-009027, pg. 2-3
1898 to 1900	1 to 6	PLD-009029, pg. 6 PLD-009031, pg. 2
1900 to 1904	1 to 5	PLD-009033, pg. 2-3, 8 PLD-009035, pg. 2-3, 6

		PLD-009037, pg. 2-3
1904 to 1911	1 to 6	PLD-007414, pg. 2 PLD-007416, pg. 2-3 PLD-007418, pg. 2, 4 PLD-007420, pg. 2-3 PLD-007422, pg. 2, 4-5
1911 to 1912	1 to 5	PLD-007424, pg. 2, 4
1912 to 1916	1 to 6	PLD-007426, pg. 3 PLD-007428, pg. 2 PLD-007430, pg. 3 PLD-007432, pg. 7
1917 to 1928	No information found	
1929 to 1930	1 to 7 (boys) 1 to 8 (girls)	PLD-000733-0001, pg. 12-13
1937 to 1938	1 to 8	PLD-008948-0001
1951 to 1965	1 to 12	PLD-000188, pg. 4 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 4
1965/1966	1 to 11	PLD-007592
1966/1967	1 to 10	PLD-007592; PLD-012904-0009
1967 to 1976	1 to 9 (up to Grade 9 Students received instruction on the premises and the remaining Grades attended classes in Fort Qu'Appelle)	PLD-016426-0007; PLD-007592 PLD-000188, pg. 4 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 4 PLD-000254
1974/1975	2 to 9	PLD-007356-0005
1976/1977	1 to 10	PLD-000267-0001, pg. 4, 23
1977 to 1980	1 to 11	PLD-000267-0001, pg. 4, 23 PLD-000189
1981 to 1984	2 to 12	PLD-000254 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 4, 23 PLD-000261, pg. 2
1984/1985	3 to 12	PLD-007911, pg. 2

Other Schools Attended by Residents

School Years	Name of School	Location	Administration	Grades	Document
December 1965	Fort Qu'Appelle Composite High School (Fort Q.H.S.)	Fort Qu'Appelle, SK	Indian Head School Unit	12	PLD-016738-0001 PLD-016103
1966 to 1967	Fort Qu'Appelle High School (Fort Q.H.S.)	Fort Qu'Appelle, SK	Province of Saskatchewan	High School grades	PLD-016725 PLD-000206
1988	Unnamed school "in Town"	Fort Qu'Appelle, SK	No information found	Elementary students	PLD-003383

GENERAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS OVER TIME

School Years	Number of Residents	If applicable, day scholars	Document Reference
1884	6 boys		PLD-009001, pg. 4
1885	15		PLD-000042, pg. 7
1885 to 1886	55 (average of 30 boys and 10 girls)		PLD-009003, pg. 2 PLD-009005, pg. 2
1886 to 1887	94 (55 boys and 39 girls)		PLD-009003, pg. 2 PLD-009005, pg. 2-3
1887 to 1888	103 (63 boys and 40 girls)		PLD-009007, pg. 2
1888 to 1889	128 (56 boys and 72 girls)		PLD-009009, pg. 7

			PLD-009011, pg. 2
1889 to 1890	140		PLD-009011, pg. 2
1890 to 1891	160		PLD-009013, pg. 2
1891 to 1892	Average of 170		PLD-009015, pg. 2
1892 to 1893	Average below 170; 187 on June 30 th		PLD-009017, pg. 2, 7-8
1893 to 1894	Average above 180		PLD-009019, pg. 2
1894 to 1895	Average of 198		PLD-009021, pg. 3-4, 7
1895 to 1896	Enrollment of 222 (101 boys and 121 girls)		PLD-009023, pg. 4
1896 to 1897	Average of 209		PLD-009025, pg. 2-3
1897 to 1898	215		PLD-009027, pg. 3
1898 to 1899	Average of 216 (102 boys and 114 girls)		PLD-009029, pg. 2
1899 to 1900	Average of 218 (101 boys and 117 girls)		PLD-009031, pg. 2
1900 to 1901	Average of 222 (102 boys and 120 girls). Document notes that several students were "under age"		PLD-009033, pg. 2-3
1902/1903	Average of 221 (100 boys and 121 girls)		PLD-009035, pg. 2-3
September 1903 to January 1904	225 (before the IRS burnt)		PLD-000679
January 1904 to June 1904	219 (in temporary quarters); 225 (98 boys and 127 girls) in June		PLD-000679 PLD-000680 PLD-009037, pg. 2-3
1904 to 1905	220 at the end of June (127 girls and 93 boys)		PLD-007414, pg. 2
1906 to 1907	235 at the end of March (112 boys and 123 girls)		PLD-007416, pg. 2-3
1907 to 1908	130 girls and 105 boys		PLD-000002
1908 to 1909	240 at the end of March		PLD-007418, pg. 2, 4
1909 to 1910	231 at the end of March		PLD-007420, pg. 2
1910 to 1911	Average of 229; 228 at the end of March (106 boys and 122 girls)		PLD-007422, pg. 2, 4
1911 to 1912	223 at the end of March (100 boys and 123 girls)		PLD-007424, pg. 2
1912 to 1913	237 at the end of March (105 boys and 132 girls)		PLD-007426, pg. 3
1913 to 1914	244 (117 boys and 127 girls)		PLD-007428, pg. 2
1914 to 1915	237 (114 boys and 123 girls)		PLD-007430, pg. 3
1915 to 1916	204; average of 213		PLD-007432, pg. 3, 7
1919 to 1920	137		PLD-000717
1921 to 1924	No information found		
1925 to 1926	243		PLD-000717
1927 to 1928	Enrollment of 259; 213 in April		PLD-000723-0001, pg. 3
1929 to 1930	230		PLD-000733-0001, pg. 12-14
1930 to 1931	236		PLD-008928-0001
1931 to 1932	245 (116 boys and 129 girls)		PLD-008934-0001
September 1932 to	256 (115 boys and 141 girls)		PLD-000027

November 1932			
1933 to 1935	No information found		
1936 to 1937	253 (116 boys and 137 girls)		PLD-008944-0001
1937 to 1938	251 (121 boys and 130 girls)		PLD-008948-0001
1939	No information found		
1940 to 1941	272		PLD-000759
1943 to 1944	280		PLD-008972
1944 to 1945	172 May be a typographical error, rather than 272. During the 1943/1944 term, the IRS was allowed to enroll 250 students [PLD-008972] and records state that the IRS was 22 students over the allotment in 1944/1945. [PLD-008649]		PLD-008646
1946 to 1963	No information found		
1964 to 1965	Up to 325 (number may include residents and day scholars)		PLD-000080 PLD-000081, pg. 1
1968 to 1969	264		PLD-007354, pg. 2
1973	240 (estimate)		PLD-000254
1974 to 1975	224 in September 1974 to 199 in June 1975		PLD-007356-0005
1975 to 1976	203 in September 1975 to 172 in June 1976		PLD-007356-0005
1976 to 1977	Capacity of 210		PLD-000267-0001, pg. 6
1977 to 1978	Capacity of 224		PLD-000267-0001, pg. 6
1978 to 1979	Capacity of 224		PLD-000267-0001, pg. 6
1979 to 1980	Capacity of 224		PLD-000267-0001, pg. 6
1980 to 1981	Capacity of 224		PLD-000267-0001, pg. 6
1981 to 1982	Capacity of 220		PLD-000267-0001, pg. 6
1982 to 1983	Capacity of 220		PLD-000267-0001, pg. 6
1983 to 1984	224 (capacity of 220); 190 as of Sep. 22, 1983		PLD-000267-0000 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 6 PLD-007925
1984 to 1985		Only in Division 4 (Grade 10 to 12)	PLD-007911, pg. 12
1988	185		PAR-003383-0004, pg. 3

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

School Years	Special Programs Offered	Document Reference
1885/1886	Carpentry, farming, gardening, baking.	PLD-009003, pg. 2
1886/1887	Carpentry, farming, gardening, baking, and blacksmithing.	PLD-009005, pg. 2
1887/88 to 1889/90	Carpentry, farming, gardening, baking, and blacksmithing; girls were learning housework.	PLD-009007, pgs. 2, 4 PLD-009009, pg. 7 PLD-009011, pg. 2-3
1890/1891	Carpentry, farming, gardening, baking, blacksmithing, and shoemaking; girls were learning housework.	PLD-009013, pg. 2-3

1891/1892	Carpentry, farming, gardening, baking, blacksmithing, and shoemaking; skating, cricket and football; brass band; girls were learning housework.	PLD-009015, pg. 2-4
1892/1893	Carpentry, farming, gardening, baking, blacksmithing, and shoemaking; cricket, football; brass band; girls were learning housework; girls played cricket.	PLD-009017, pg. 2, 8-9
1893/1894	Carpentry, farming, gardening, baking, blacksmithing, shoemaking, and painting; cricket, baseball, football, hockey; brass band; girls were learning housework.	PLD-009019, pg. 2-3
1894/1895	Carpentry, shoemaking, blacksmithing, printing, domestic work, baking, manufacture of clothing; brass band; cricket, football, gymnastics; farming, gardening, painting; girls were taught cooking, sewing, mending, housework, knitting, washing, etc.	PLD-009021, pg. 2, 4-5
1895/1896	Carpentry, blacksmithing, farming; brass band, comedies were played in the gymnasium.	PLD-009023, pg. 4-5
1896/1897	Farming, gardening, carpentry, blacksmithing, shoemaking, painting, tinsmithing, felt-making; girls learnt housework, cooking; cricket, baseball, football, skating, hockey, gymnastics; brass band.	PLD-009025, pg. 3-4
1897/1898	Farming, gardening, blacksmithing, carpentry, shoemaking, painting, tinsmithing, baking; girls learnt housework; cricket, football; brass band.	PLD-009027, pg. 3
1898/99 to 1900/01	Farming, gardening, blacksmithing, shoemaking, baking, carpentry, painting, tinsmithing; football, cricket, baseball, skating, gymnastics; brass band; girls learnt housework, cooking, dairying, laundry-work, clothes making.	PLD-009029, pg. 3-4 PLD-009031, pg. 2 PLD-009033, pg. 3-4
1902/1903	Farming, gardening, blacksmithing, shoemaking, baking, carpentry, painting, tinsmithing; girls learnt housework, cooking, dairying, laundry-work, clothes making; baseball, football, hockey, bathing, skating, gymnastics; brass band.	PLD-009035, pg. 3-4
1903/1904	Farming, gardening, blacksmithing, shoemaking, baking, carpentry, painting, tinsmithing; girls learnt housework, cooking, dairying, laundry-work, clothes making; baseball, football, hockey, bathing, skating.	PLD-009037, pg. 3-4 PLD-000680
1904/05 and 1906/07	Farming and gardening, blacksmithing, shoemaking, baking, carpentry, tinsmithing; girls were taught housework, cooking, dairying, laundry work, and clothes making. Pupils played baseball, football and hockey; girls also played football.	PLD-007414, pg. 3 PLD-007416, pg. 3
1907/1908	Farming, carpentry, baking, cooking, domestic work.	PLD-000002
1908/1909	Farming, gardening, blacksmithing, shoemaking, baking, carpentry, tinsmithing; football, baseball. Plays, dramas, singing and band music were the winter pastimes.	PLD-007418, pg. 2-3
1909/10 to	Farming, gardening, blacksmithing, carpentry,	PLD-007420, pg. 3

1910/11	tinsmithing, shoemaking, baking, painting; football, baseball. Plays, dramas, singing and band music were the winter pastimes.	PLD-007422, pg. 5
1911/12 to 1912/13	Farming, gardening, blacksmithing, carpentry, shoemaking, baking, painting; football, baseball; dramas, concerts, band exercises.	PLD-007424, pg. 3 PLD-007426, pg. 3-4
1915/1916	Girls learnt housework as well as sewing.	PLD-007430, pg. 4
1922	Brass band and boy scout organizations ceased to exist.	PLD-000687 PLD-007242
1927/1928	Shoemaking, baking, farming, gardening	PLD-000723-0001, pgs. 8-10
1929/1930	Girls were taught to make clothes, wash, mend, sew, and cook; boys learnt carpentry.	PLD-000733-0001, pgs. 8-9
1940/1941	Some manual training was being taught to the boys.	PLD-000759
1949/1950	Singing, drama, physical exercises, band music, hockey teams.	PLD-008596
1964/1965	Hockey, basketball, volleyball, skiing, track and field, rugby, touch football, baseball, tumbling; Industrial Arts.	PLD-000081, pgs. 2-3
1974/1975	Soccer, fastball, basketball, hockey, swimming, canoeing, skiing, five-day hockey school in early July, camping.	PLD-007356-0005
1975/1976	Soccer, fastball, basketball, hockey, swimming, canoeing, skiing, cross country, camping.	PLD-007356-0005
1983/1984	Industrial Arts (electrical, small motors, building construction, service industries, welding, drafting, auto mechanics, woodwork and photography), Cree, Indian history/current events, Christian Ethics, Pow-wow Club, Yearbook, Newsletter, Drama and Music, Public Speaking, Photography Club, track and field, badminton, baseball, basketball, cross-country running, curling, football, golf, hockey, volleyball.	PLD-000267-0001, pgs. 4-5 PLD-007925, pg.3 PLD-000261, pg. 6 PLD-007925
1984/1985	Cross country, golf, volleyball, basketball, badminton, track events.	PLD-007911, pg. 11

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Date	Event	Document Reference
1884	The IRS was built in the summer and opened in October	PLD-009001, pg. 4 PLD-000002 PLD-000680 PLD-000188, pg. 2 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 24 PLD-009029, pg. 2
1886 to 1887	The IRS was enlarged to accommodate up to 75 boys and a few girls in the attic	PLD-000188, pg. 3 PLD-009003, pg. 2 PLD-009021, pg. 3-4
1887 to 1889	Construction of the girls' accommodation at the IRS for 75 pupils and for the Rev. Sisters, classrooms, chapel in the upper part of the building, kitchen in the lower part.	PLD-009005, pg. 3 PLD-009007, pg. 3 PLD-009021, pg. 3-4

1891	An outside Gymnasium was built at the IRS.	PLD-009015, pg. 3
1892 to 1893	A wind-mill was under construction for use in milling wood and other agricultural milling purposes.	PLD-009017, pg. 11
1894	A gymnasium and auditorium were added to the IRS.	PLD-009019, pg. 2-3 PLD-000189, pg. 2
1894 to 1895	The following was added to the IRS: a hospital, additional accommodation for at least 25 more pupils, additional classroom space, and a new barn.	PLD-009019, pg. 2-3 PLD-009021, pg. 3-4 PLD-009023, pg. 4
November 27, 1897	There was a building containing the felt-shop, paint-shop, wheelwright-shop, store-rooms and oil shed was destroyed; new building for paint-shop, shoe-shop, classroom, and store was under construction.	PLD-009027, pg. 3
1899	The IRS buildings included: the main building; carpenter-shop, bake-shop, blacksmith-shop with tinsmith-shop above it; laundry; windmill and engine-house; house on farm; building above the root house containing the boys' junior classroom and a storeroom on the ground floor, paint-shop and shoemaker's shop upstairs; ice, store, milk and fire-engine shed; hen-house; closets; granary; pig-sty; barn and implement shed.	PLD-009029, pg. 2
1900	The main building was composed of three adjoining three-storied buildings (the boys' buildings, with gymnasium addition, the girls' buildings, and the small children's and hospital building.	PLD-009031, pg. 2
January 4, 1904	The main building was destroyed by fire; temporary quarters built for the boys near the burnt ruins and the girls stayed in the mission church for months before temporary quarters were constructed. A temporary hospital was also constructed at the IRS site.	PLD-009037, pg. 3 PLD-000661 PLD-000665 PLD-000679 PLD-000188, pg. 4 PLD-007414, pg. 4
1905 to 1906	The construction of three new buildings by the federal government started in 1905: main building, girls' and boys' houses; the IRS was operational by June 1906.	PLD-007414, pg. 2 PLD-000002 PLD-000027 PLD-000188, pg. 4 ELK-000451, pg. 5-6, 16-17
1907	The new IRS building had a kitchen, dining room, offices, waiting rooms, special rooms on first floor, and storage rooms in basement. There was also a chapel and Sisters' room on second floor and a hospital on third floor. Girls' house and boys' house, each containing dormitory, classroom and playroom area, were connected with the main building by a covered passage.	PLD-000002 PLD-007416, pg. 2
November 13, 1932	The IRS was destroyed by fire	PLD-008560 PLD-000027 PLD-000188, pg. 4
1936	The new residential school was opened, which included: pupil and staff dining rooms, boys' and girls' recreation rooms, toilets, baths, shower baths were located in the basement. The rear wing contained the kitchen, scullery, cold storage room, laundry, and boiler room. Class rooms, sewing room, staff bedrooms, offices, a chapel, and accommodation for Indian parents were	PLD-000188, pg. 4 PLD-000036-0001

	located on the ground floor. The first floor contained a dormitory area, the Sisters' living quarters, and infirmaries. The second floor was entirely devoted to dormitories and a few staff bedrooms for supervision.	
1950	The new gymnasium was under construction.	PLD-008596 PLD-008638
1954	The IRS was operating ten classrooms, two in the gym and one in a building formerly used as laundry.	PLD-007610
1969	IRS buildings included a main residence, a day classroom block, two small residences, and two maintenance buildings.	PLD-007354, pg. 1
1973	Construction of four new homes for Staff Members was underway.	PLD-000254
1980	The IRS grounds housed main building and two outside houses which were the boys' and girls' residences.	PLD-000188, pg. 5
1984	The IRS Council proposed construction of new 12 classroom facility. No further information about the construction of additional classroom facilities was found.	PLD-000267-0000 PLD-000267-0001, pg. 3
1988	A June 1988 report lists what rooms are on each floor the main residence building. The basement has a kitchen, dining room, laundry, boiler room, and health room. First floor contains seven classrooms, chapel, and administrative space. The second and third floors have dorms and 11 semi-private rooms. The residence could accommodate up to 220 residents, and senior students would stay in the semi-private rooms.	PAR-003383-0004, pg. 3-4

PHOTOS, PLANS AND LAYOUT

Date	Description	Document Reference
Undated	Front and rear elevations of Lebret IRS. Right side elevation and site plan. Plans of basement, ground floor, first floor and second floor of Qu'Appelle IRS.	PLD-007980-0000 PLD-007980-0001 PLD-007980-0002 PLD-007980-0003 PLD-007980-0004 PLD-007980-0005
Undated	Diagram of IRS and property identifying buildings and teacherages.	PLD-007897-0001
Undated	Floor plans of Lebret IRS with hand written notes identifying location of classrooms, dormitories, offices, etc.	PLD-015320
Undated	Site plan of Lebret IRS with hand written notes identifying buildings.	PLD-015319
Circa 1895	Photographs of Sewing Room, Industrial School and Carpenter's Shop at Lebret IRS	PLD-009021, pg. 2-4
1910	Map of Lebret IRS Reserve.	PLD-000507
1934	Plans of water supply and sewage disposal systems and location of chlorinating plant. The site plan illustrates the location of the IRS in relationship to outbuildings.	PLD-103522
Circa 1965	Partial plan of first floor of Lebret IRS.	PLD-007947-0002
1969	Floor plans of Staff Residences, Boys' Residence, Industrial Arts Shop, and Girls' Residence.	PLD-009977-0001 PLD-009977-0002 PLD-009977-0003

		PLD-009977-0004 PLD-009977-0005
1980	Diagram of the IRS grounds locating the Senior Boys' Residence.	PLD-007624-0005
1984	Plan of the proposed twelve classroom facility.	PLD-000267-0001, pg. 16
1988	A June 1988 report lists what rooms are on each floor the main residence building. The basement has a kitchen, dining room, laundry, boiler room, and health room. First floor contains seven classrooms, chapel, and administrative space. The second and third floors have dorms and 11 semi-private rooms. The report provides photographs of exterior of the IRS.	PAR-003383-0004, pg. 2-3

DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO SCHOOL INCIDENTS

Convictions:

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

The following suggestions of abuse, listed chronologically, comprise all known identifiable complaints and/or allegations received by government officials and all available information regarding the follow-up and outcome.

Incidents (Sexual)

No information found

Incidents (Physical)

- 1917 Parents complained that the Assistant Principal had a violent and uncontrollable temper and that he abused the children [PLD-003507].
- 1932 A female pupil alleged that she had been imprisoned in hospital and threatened for a two-week period. Both the principal and doctor claimed that she was put there for a nervous condition and that no threats were made [PLD-000742; PLD-000743; PLD-000744].
- 1936 A female pupil ill in hospital claimed that she was tormented by a nun who said she would die because her father was a pagan [PLD-003359-0001].
- 1950 An allegation of abuse and excessive corporal punishment was made against a Girls' Supervisor. The pupil's mother made the complaint [PLD-008550-0000; PLD-008550-0001; PLD-008550-0002; PLD-007960; PLD-008700].
- 1973 A grandparent of two students claimed that two to three Supervisors were cruel towards the pupils at the IRS. A Supervisor allegedly broke a girl's arm and then laughed. Female pupils ran away from the IRS to avoid that Supervisor [PLD-000497; PLD-000498-0001; PLD-000500].
- 1980 A Child Care Worker wrote to the Minister of Indian Affairs, requesting that the IRS be investigated regarding the alleged suffering of children [PLD-000194-0001].
- 1983 A Child Care Worker allegedly threw a student out of his bed, causing injury to the student's elbow [PLD-007925].

Incidents (Student on Student)

No information found

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1890 Several pupils died as a result of influenza and measles [PLD-009011, pg. 2].
- 1892 Several pupils died of consumption [PLD-009015, pg. 2-3].
- 1893 Several pupils died of consumption; children had been quarantined to keep an epidemic of chicken-pox from spreading [PLD-009017, pg. 2-3, 7-8].
- 1895 The IRS was subject to an influenza outbreak in May; consumption continued to be the greatest enemy [PLD-009021, pg. 3-4].
- 1897 The IRS was quarantined for two months to keep an epidemic of scarlet fever from spreading [PLD-009027, pg. 3; PLD-007270-0001].
- 1900 Epidemic of sore eyes broke out [PLD-009031, pg. 3].
- 1910 Epidemic of measles broke out in January [PLD-007420, pg. 2-3].
- 1913 Although some English-speaking mixed-race children had been allowed at Lebret IRS, the federal government soon opposed their admission. By 1913, the Principal was replacing mixed-race pupils with Indian children [PLD-009188; PLD-009190; PLD-009194; PLD-007440; PLD-007446; PLD-003268; PLD-003364; PLD-003358; PLD-000752; PLD-000753].
- 1947 A dentist had spent three months at the IRS providing dental services to students. The dentist had resided at the IRS during this period [GNB-000002, pg. 2, 57].
- 1950s Dentists had visited the IRS regularly during the mid to late 1950s, and some of these dental care visits had lasted months. By February 1954, a dentist had been working at the IRS for several months [GNB-000556, pg. 1, 12]. In 1955, another dentist had "passed a few months" at the IRS [GNB-000002, pg. 2, 57]. A dentist had visited in the Spring and Fall of 1957, and January 1958 [GNB-000573, pg. 1, 6, 13; GNB-000555, pg. 1, 17; GNB-000560, pg. 1, 10].
- 1953 Since the Fort Qu'Appelle Hospital was unable to meet the IRS needs, the Principal was forced to seek additional medical sources to tend to ill pupils. He requested that local doctors be hired to assist with the matter [PLD-008704].
- 1955 to 1959 The IRS had a nurse on staff from at least 1955 to 1959 [GNB-000577, pg. 1, 2; GNB-000578, pg. 1, 2; GNB-000555, pg. 1; GNB-000559, pg. 1, 3].
- 1957 In February, federal field nurses visited the IRS to perform TB tests [GNB-000418].
- 1957 There was an influenza outbreak at the IRS in September [GNB-000555, pgs. 1, 17].
- 1957 In October, an X-ray Team had set up their equipment in the IRS gymnasium and took x-rays of both students and staff [GNB-000555 pg. 17].

PRINCIPALS/ ADMINISTRATORS

Name	Position	Tenure Dates
Rev. Father Joseph Hugonard	Principal	April 1884 to February 1917
Father M. Kalmes	Principal (temporary)	June 1913 to September 1913
Rev. Father E. Lecoq	Principal	February 1917 to July 1918
Father A. J. Q. Dugas, O.M.I.	Principal	July 1918 to December 1918
Rev Father J. P. Magnan	Principal (temporary)	January 1919 to February 1919
Rev. Father W. Vézina, O.M.I.	Principal	February 1919 to October 1919
Rev. Father G. Leonard, O.M.I.	Principal	October 1919 to 1936
Rev. Father Georges C. Jeannotte	Principal (temporary)	1930 to 1930
Rev. Father M. de Bretagne, O.M.I.	Principal	June 1936 to August 1943
Rev. Father Paul Piche, O.M.I.	Principal	August 1943 to May 1951
Rev. Father Raymond Dion	Acting Principal	May 1951 to July 1951
Father Omer Robidoux	Principal	July 1951 to 1958
Rev. Father Victor Bilodeau	Principal	1958 to August 1, 1964
Rev. Father Léonard Charron, O.M.I.	Principal	August 1964 to September 1968
Father Julien Morin	Principal/Administrator (temporary)	September 1968 to July 1969
Guy Frances Blondeau	Principal	June 1969 to 1981
Brother Etienne Aubrey	Acting Administrator	August 1969 to September 1969
Rev. Father Léonard Charron, O.M.I.	Administrator	September 1969 to 1974
Paul Poitras	Administrator	1974 to 1979
Louis G. Whiteman	Administrator	October 1 1979 to 1980
Melvin R. Desnomie	Administrator	June 1980 to January 1982
Mohan Bakshi	Principal	1982 to 1985
Ken Carriere	Administrator	1982 to 1984
Albert A. Carriere	Administrator	1983
Rejeanne Cote	Acting Administrator	1984 to 1985
Walter MacNeill	Administrator	1985
William Peigan	Principal	1986 to 1992
Bob Westerman	Principal	1992 to 1993
Stan Dirkson	Principal	1993 to 1998

As of the 1968/69 school year, the Principal was responsible for the classroom block and the Administrator was responsible for the student residence [PLD-000140]. The administrator position last appears on documents in 1985.

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