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Sawyer County Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$ 25,000.00



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May 1st, Wisconsin
April 23rd, 1925.

Copy to Fr. Gordon 5/13/25 CMJ
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Rev. William Hughes,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D. C.

Reverend Dear Sir:

The Reverend Philip Gordon, a friend of this institution, who until last May was pastor of the Indian Mission at Reserve, Wisconsin, conducted his banking business with this institution for several years and during this period we loaned him from time to time various sums of money for the construction and maintenance of his new church at Reserve and he is now indebted to us in the sum of \$475.00 covering cash which we advanced for him in payment for the wages to his Indian laborers.

We learned that at the time of Father Gordon's transfer the Indians were in arrears on his salary for something like \$2800.00 and at this same time the Indian mission secured the Anna Kekok estate which I understand is worth \$5,000.00.

We are in full sympathy with your work and it is for this reason that we cooperated with Father Gordon and inasmuch as the Mission property seems to be held in the name of your bureau we feel that this obligation should be promptly taken care of by you and if you need any verification of our statements I would be glad to have you write Father Gordon.

Trusting that you will give this matter your immediate attention, I remain

Most truly yours,

Cashier

Cashier.

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Stone Lake Wisconsin
April 25 1925

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. Hughes
Washington D.C.
Rt. Rev. Msgr.

The other day father Gleissner of Sayner forwarded to me a check for ten dollars from Mr J.H. Burgoon of Chicago. As I am in charge of Lac Du Flambeau now he sent it to me. In addition I am in Charge of the Indian Missions of Reserve and Post and also of this place, twelve miles from Reserve, where I make my home. Enclosed please find letter of acknowledgement for Mr Burgoon. Please send us the Indian Sentinel.

Fraternally in Christ

Rev. Spiritus Amey

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*Copy to B.S.
Apr 29 1925 JR*

[ENCLOSURE] 40-36

Stone Lake, Wisconsin,
April 24, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Burgoon,
c/o Indian Bureau,

Dear Benefactor:

As Father Gleissner of Sayner is no longer in charge of the Indian mission at Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, he forwarded to me your kind donation of ten dollars. At present I go to Lac du Flambeau once a month as I have Reserve and Post to look after as well as this place where I reside. When Our Lord sent out the twelve apostles he charged them to take nothing with them; and still they always had enough. Nowadays He looks after missionaries in much the same way. You surely are one of his instruments in looking after this missionary. For the other night I backed my car into a roadside ditch while traveling at night to keep an appointment for Mass and catechism at one of my places, a fellow charged me ten dollars for hauling me out. An exorbitant charge! The next day when I opened my mail your check was there, ten dollars even. Assuring you of God's blessing for your generosity, I remain,

Cordially in Christ,

Res. (Signed) Ignatius Kinney.

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Copy sent to Sawyer County Bank,
5/13/25 CMJ

May 13, 1925.

Rev. Philip Gordon,
R. 2,
Centuria, Wisconsin.

Dear Father Gordon:

I enclose herewith copy of letters from and to
the Sawyer County Bank, concerning a debt incurred by you
for \$475, for labor on the Reserve church.

The Bureau will assume no obligation to the bank.
I will say, however, that if you will pay the bank \$475,
the Bureau will engage to reimburse you out of the first
\$475 received from the Annie Kekek estate.

I am sending copy of this letter to the bank.

Hoping this arrangement will be of benefit to you
and the bank, as well as to the Reserve Mission, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

Copy sent to Father Gordon
5/13/25 CMJ

May 13, 1925.

Sawyer County Bank,
Hayward, Wisconsin.

Attention Mr. Clarence E. Wise.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of April 23, containing a request for the payment of \$475 advanced by your bank at the request of Rev. Philip Gordon in payment of wages for Indian laborers for work on the church at Reserve. You base your request particularly on the fact that there is some prospect of the Annie Kekek estate being settled in favor of this Bureau. We have no idea when the Annie Kekek estate will be settled, nor have we the faintest idea how much it will amount to.

Your further statement that, inasmuch as the mission property is held in the name of this Bureau, you feel that this obligation should promptly be taken care of by this Bureau, must be met by the reply that no one has any authority to create debts payable by this Bureau, except the Director of the Bureau himself.

I am writing Father Gordon, I enclose copy of my letter. He may have a solution to offer you. This Bureau has not now, nor has it had at any time, any authority over Father Gordon. His superior was and is Rt. Rev. Joseph G. Pinton, D.D., 628 Bay Street, Superior, Wisconsin.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

110.36

May 14, 1925.

Rev. Ignatius Kinney,
Stone Lake, Wisconsin.

Dear Father Kinney:

I have your welcome letter of April 25. I particularly thank you for sending the letter of thanks for your benefactor, Mr. J. H. Burgoon, through this office. Acting as a clearing house or a sort of post-office is one of the pleasures which I get in this hard work.

I make the following offer to all Indian missionaries. For every subscription or donation you get in connection with the Indian Sentinel, if you will send the money to this office, check for the same amount will be returned to you at the end of the quarter, April, June, October and December, or sooner if the amount is considerable or you so request. The missionaries receive one hundred cents on the dollar both of new subscriptions and of all future subscriptions and donations. The donor receives the Indian Sentinel without further cost. The purpose is to keep the interest of your friends.

Or if you will secure good lists of names and exact addresses, I will circularize them and give you the same benefit, 100 % on all returns. Get your friends, particularly those in the East, to furnish you with lists like those of parishes, Catholic societies or persons known to be Catholics. One Indian missionary who furnished us with a big list of names received from \$3000 to \$5000 a year. He is the exception. But why not you?

All missionaries are put on the complimentary list. I am sending you four copies of the Indian Sentinel of this issue. Ask for as many free copies as you can use to advantage.

Welcome to the Indian missions. By all means write us something for the Indian Sentinel. Forget that you are writing for the magazine. Your letter to Mr. Burgoon is just the kind of stuff we want. It is newsy. Read the Indian Sentinel and see how interesting the common things are.

Do send me pictures. Any size will do. Have them printed on glossy paper. You send me the negative. I will return negative promptly as you request.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

May 14, 1925.

Rev. Philip Gordon,
Centuria, Wisconsin.

Dear Father Gordon:

In connection with my letter of yesterday to you, in which I offered to reimburse you with \$475 out of the first money which will be received from the Anna Kekek estate when and if received, provided that you would pay the bank at Hayward, Wisconsin, \$475, this amount constituting the advance to you by the bank for the payment of labor on the school at Reserve, I have the following supplementary proposition to make to you. If you will furnish me with the names and addresses of donors through you to Indian missions in the past, I will return to you the \$475 due the bank out of the first returns from the list. All other returns at any time will be paid to the priest in charge of Reserve Mission. Because of your great interest in Reserve, I thought possibly that this proposition might appeal to you.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

May 14, 1905.

Rev. Ignatius Kinney,
Stone Lake, Wisconsin.

Dear Father Kinney:

I enclose herewith copy of correspondence with the Bank at
Hayward, Wisconsin, and with Father Gordon. I think that you should be
informed.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

Wm/MSGS

Annie Kekok Estate

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July 16, 1915.

Rev. Ignatius Kinney,
Stone Lake,
Wisconsin.

Dear Father Kinney:

Annie Kekok, a Chippewa Indian, bequeathed her entire estate to the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation to St. Francis Solanus Mission, at Reserve. The will was contested by several of her relatives, but after a hearing by an Inheritance Examiner, it was finally approved by the Secretary of the Interior, although the Examiner had recommended the approval of another document which he held to be a will. The Examiner in the course of the hearing expressed the opinion that the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions was the devisee under the approved will, in view of the fact, I assume, that the mission is unincorporated, while the Bureau is incorporated, and holds a patent in fee for the mission land.

This Bureau, in a letter dated October 17, 1914, of which copy is inclosed, asked the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to take the necessary steps for the conveyance of Annie Kekok's property to this Bureau. By letter dated November 1, 1914, copy of which is also inclosed, the Commissioner stated that in order that this request might be complied with, a formal statement should be secured from the priest in charge of the St. Francis Solanus Mission to the effect that the mission is unincorporated and is a part and parcel of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, together with a request that patent in fee be issued to this Bureau. Prior to this time Rev. Philip Gordon, who for years had been Superior of the mission, had been transferred to another parish, and there was no one in charge of the mission until you were appointed his successor, of which fact we had no knowledge until we received your letter of April 29. It is therefore only now that matters are in a position to comply with the Commissioner's request, which I am doing by asking you to sign and return to me the inclosed letter addressed to him. In order that I might be sure that I am fully complying with his request, I have submitted to the Indian Office a draft of this letter, which I am assured will be entirely satisfactory to the Commissioner.

I would appreciate it very much if you would sign and return the letter at your earliest convenience. Quite a long time has elapsed since the approval of the will, and I am anxious to arrange matters at as early a day as possible to bring about a settlement of this matter.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mggr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

The net proceeds, less only legal expenses, will go through this Bureau to your mission or missions, as the Bishop shall direct. I am sure the Bishop wishes to hurry the settlement.

Stone Lake Wisconsin
May 18th 1925

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JAMES RYAN, PROP.

STONE LAKE, WIS.

Reverend Willim Hughes
Washington D.C.
Dear Father:

Please find my signature on enclosed statement to the effect that the mission of St. Francis Solanus at Reserve Wisconsin, is unincorporated. I am glad that you liked my letter to Mr Burgoon. Lately I had a trip that was eventful and a couple have told me that I should write it up and send it in and I am going to do so. Nothing would please me more than to help increase the circulation of the Sentinel and I shall begin by thinking up a list of names to whom you might send sample copies. Thanking you for the trouble you are taking in the matter of the Kekek estate in behalf of our mission, I remain

fraternally in Christ

To the Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes
Director Catholic Indian Bureau

(Rev) J. J. H. H. H.

ENCLOSURE

40-26

Stone Lake, Wisconsin,
May 18, 1926.

The Honorable
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that I am the priest in charge of St. Francis Solanus Mission at Reserve on the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation, Wisconsin, and to request, in view of the fact that this mission is unincorporated, and is part and parcel of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, that patent in fee be issued to said Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions for the real estate devised to said St. Francis Solanus Mission under the Will of the late Annie Kekok.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Ignatius Kinney.

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Sawyer County Bank

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Copy to H. S.

Hayward, Wisconsin
May 19th, 1925.

Right Reverend William Hughes, Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father Hughes:

I have your letter of the 13th before me together with the copy of the letter written by you to Father Gordon and I very much appreciate the information you convey and also your attitude in this transaction.

I have taken this matter up with Mr. James P. Ryder, Superintendent of the Hayward Indian Training School and he tells me that the Annie Kekek Estate has already been transferred to your bureau and that he has also turned over the cash available in this transaction and for that reason I am wondering if you have not gotten this matter confused with some other transaction.

You, of course, realize that the obligation which we are carrying for the Reserve Mission is a perfectly legitimate note and represents actual cash which we advanced to Father Gordon to pay his Indian laborers and for that reason I feel that we should not be compelled to carry this matter for any indefinite length of time and I sincerely hope that you will give this matter careful consideration and do everything possible to liquidate same at the earliest possible time.

We did not realize that it was necessary that the Director of your Bureau himself authorize this indebtedness inasmuch as Father Gordon was the active head and actually built a very beautiful structure.

We might be able to assist you in the sale of some of the Kekek land and if you would name us a price on the several tracts we will try and be of assistance to you.

Thanking you very much in advance for your cooperation, I remain

Most truly yours,

Clarence E. Wise
c.c.

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Cashier.

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May 21, 1925.

Rev. Ignatius Kinney,
Stone Lake, Wisconsin.

Dear Father Kinney:

I have your letter of May 18, inclosing a letter addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs certifying to the fact that you are the priest in charge of St. Francis Solanus Mission, that the mission is unincorporated, but that the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions is authorized to act for your mission in the matter of the estate of Anne Kekok.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. Hughes,
Director.

VH:JR

May 22, 1925.

Sawyer County Bank,
Hayward, Wisconsin.

Attention Mr. Clarence E. Wise.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of May 19. The information which you got from Mr. James P. Ryder, Superintendent of the Hayward Indian Training School was partly correct and partly incorrect. He was correct in saying that the available cash amounting to \$135.23 was turned over to this Bureau by him on November 11, 1924. He was incorrect in saying that anything addition of the Annie Kekek estate has yet been received by this Bureau. In his letter of November 11, Superintendent Ryder said that there may be some interest due from the First National Bank of Hayward. I cannot now determine at what date the title to the real estate will be delivered to this Bureau. Against the small amount of cash received were the expenses of more than twice that amount. You will see that I have not gotten this matter confused with some other transaction.

I repeat that Rev. Philip Gordon had no authority at any time to create debts payable by this Bureau. His Bishop is Right Reverend Joseph G. Pinten, D.D., 628 Bay Street, Superior, Wisconsin.

When the Annie Kekek estate is settled, I may be able to avail myself of your services for our mutual benefit in the sale of the real estate.

This Bureau has no desire to shift any of its responsibilities nor is it willing to assume responsibilities which do not belong to it. It is our intention to devote the net, after expenses, of the returns from the Annie Kekek estate to the missions previously attended by Father Gordon. I would be willing to grant a prior claim to any debts such as that which you state is due you of \$475 advanced Father Gordon for the payment of labor.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

L.A. WALCH, PRESIDENT
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Sawyer County Bank

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Hayward, Wisconsin

May 25th, 1925.

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*In letter, 9/22/25, to
 Bishop Sinton re to
 Bank's claim*

Rev. William Hughes,
 2021 H Street Northwest,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Father Hughes:

I have your letter of the 22nd before me and I very much appreciate the explanation you make and I am anxious to have you cooperate with us in every way in getting the \$475.00 note which Father Gordon gave us in connection with the Reserve Church fully liquidated and we shall be very glad to help you dispose of the land which you have acquired through the Estate of Annie Kekek.

Thanking you and with best wishes, I remain

Most truly yours,

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Cashier.

Annie Kekok Estate

6/11/25
Copy to Mr. Gordon & Mr. Kinney 40-36

June 4, 1925.

Honorable Charles H. Burke,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Rev. Philip Gordon, who for many years was in charge of St. Francis Solanus Mission, Reserve, Courte Oreille Reservation, Wisconsin, was transferred to another field of labor in May 1924. His successor, Rev. Ignatius Kinney, was not appointed until last month. For this reason it has not been possible before this to comply with the suggestions contained in your letter of November 17, 1924, in the matter of the estate of Annie Kekok, deceased allottee No. 48, of the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation.

I now inclose a letter from Father Kinney, dated May , 1925, in which he states that St. Francis Solanus Mission is unincorporated and is part and parcel of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and requests that patent in fee be issued to said Bureau for the real estate devised to said mission under the Will of the late Annie Kekok.

I would also state that the St. Francis Solanus Mission is owned in fee by this Bureau and would request that the real estate devised by Annie Kekok's Will be conveyed to it. This real estate consists of eight tracts, all of which but one, ^{eight} Annie Kekok held under restricted patent. The full title to three of these tracts was in Annie Kekok, while in the case of the other three she had only an interest.

In disposing of this property, I would request that patents in fee be issued to this Bureau for the following tracts:

Annie Kekok's allotment:

Lots 2, 3, Sec. 8, T. 39 N., R. 8 W., approximately 70 acres.

All of the estate of Mrs. Kwa be ni si Kwa:
SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 18, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 19, T. 39 N., R. 8 W., 80 acres (Probate No. 6988 - 18)

All of the estate of O. gi ma bi neus,
SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17, T. 39, N., R. 8 W., 80 acres.
(Probate No. 114485 - 16)

and that the Superintendent of the Hayward School be instructed to arrange, with the consent of the other parties in interest, for the sale, and distribution of the proceeds thereof to this Bureau and the interested parties, of the following described tracts:

One-fifth of the estate of O da na wi ta no Kwa,
NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 35, T. 40 N., R. 7 W., 80 acres,
(Probate No. 104611 - 17)

One-fifth of the estate of Oz Hogay, Sr.,
NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 20, T. 39 N., R. 8 W., 80 acres,
(Probate No. 28693 - 19)

One-half of the estate of Basile Kekok,
N E $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 21, T. 39, R. 8, and Lot 5, Sec 24,
T. 39, R. 8 N., and W., 4 P.M., approximately 80 acres.
(Probate No. 49781 - 15)

One-half of the estate of Annie Kekoh,
Lot 4, Sec. 28, and NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄, Sec. 35, T. 39 N.,
R. 8 W., 4 P.M., 65.10 acres. (Probate No. 95323 - 18)

One of the trusts, described as follows:

All of the estate of Gekoh or Kekoh, et al.,
SW¹/₄, NE¹/₄, Sec. 17, T. 39 N., R. 8 W., 80 acres,
(Probate No. 7023 - 18)

is unrestricted, and therefore I assume that it will be necessary to have Annie Kekoh's
Will probated later by this Bureau in the local court of Wisconsin to cover this last
item.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WGL:JR

Anna Kekek Estate 40-36

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE
 Hayward Indian School

Apr 25/25
copy to Fr. Hughes
Apr 22/25
copy to Fr. Kinney

Hayward, Wisconsin,
 June 22, 1925.

Reverend Wm. Hughes,
 Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
 2021 H. St., N. W.,
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Father Hughes:

I have before me an inquiry from Charles Livingston who inherited a half interest in the estates of Bazil and Lizzie Kekek whose mother was Annie Kekek.

As you are aware, Annie Kekek's interest was willed to the St. Francis Solanus Mission. Mr. Livingston is inquiring relative to a partition of these allotments and it is along this line that I am writing you.

In my opinion the simplest method for both parties to perfect their titles would be for each to quit claim one-half interest in one or the other of the allotments. From information received through our Government Farmer, Mr. Charles L. Gruber, the appraised valuation of both tracts is as follows:

Allottee.	Description.	Area	Value.
Bazil Kekek	Lot 5, Sec. 24-39-8	48.15 A.	\$700.00
	NE/4 SE/4 21-39-8	40.	320.00
Above is all cut-over timber land; Lot 5 is located on Bass Lake and is suitable for summer homes.			
Lizzie Kekek	Lot 4, Sec. 26-39-8	25.10	\$251.00
	NW/4 SW/4 35-39-8	40.	320.00

All cut-over timber land; Lot 4 is on Devils Lake but is not a very suitable place for summer homes on account of the muddy lake.

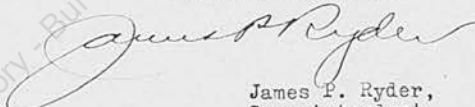
It is my suggestion that Lot 4, Sec. 26 and Lot 5, Sec. 24 be sold at not less than the appraised valuation, which would facilitate matters very much since the other two 40's are apparently of equal valuation and could be settled by mutual

Rev. Hughes -2-

quit claim deeds.

I shall be very glad to have your opinion
regarding this suggestion.

Yours very truly,



James P. Ryder,
Superintendent.

6-R/V-22

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Annie Kekok

40-36

June 25, 1925.

Mr. James A. Ryder,
U.S. Indian Superintendent,
Hayward, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Ryder:

Your letter of June 22 relative to the partition of the Bazil Kekok and Lizzie Kekok allotments, in which Charles Livingston and this Bureau have each a half interest, has been received.

Steps are now being taken by the Indian Office to arrange for the conveyance to this Bureau of the property devised to it under the Will of Annie Kekok. How long it will take to bring this to a head I cannot say, but it will probably be ten days or more. We will have to await departmental action in this regard before anything can be done by this Bureau to dispose of any of the Annie Kekok property.

In my opinion the best method to pursue in disposing of the two allotments in question would be by their sale and dividing the proceeds between the Bureau and Charles Livingston. However this is a matter to be decided by Father Hughes, who is away just at present. I shall consult him about it and let you know as promptly as possible just what the Bureau is willing to do.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

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Mr. Charles S. Lusk,
 Secretary, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
 2121 "H" Street, N.W.,
 Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Lusk:

Enclosed herewith are a copy of Office recommendations on the matter of removal of restrictions on the allotments and shares of allotments which were the subject of the approved will of (Annie Kekek) Chippewa Indian allottee of the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation No. 48. The recommendations were approved on July 13, 1925.

Enclosed also is the certificate of removal of restrictions, which certificate has been recorded here in Miscellaneous Deed Book Vol. 20, page 377. A copy of this certificate has been forwarded to Superintendent Ryder at Hayward, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Munt
 Assistant Commissioner.

COPY FOR:

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[ENCLOSURE]

Land-Sales.
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July 8, 1925.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Submitted herewith are the records with relation to the estate of Ik we sens ke ket --otherwise Annie Kekek, Chippewa Indian allottee on the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation in Wisconsin, No. 48, who at the time of her death was the sole owner, through inheritance, of a restricted allotment of 80 acres, No. 87, and to undivided interests in three other restricted allotments, in addition to 55.35 acres of her own original allotment; and one unrestricted allotment, #95.

On March 14, 1924, the Department approved a will executed by this Indian woman in which she made the following devise:

"I give and bequeath to the St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission all of my estate, real and personal, for the purpose of aiding in the construction and equipment of a Catholic school for said mission."

Approval of the will was in pursuance of the authority contained in the Act of June 25, 1910, (36 Stats., 855-856), and the Act of February 14, 1913, (37 Stats., 678), and under the further authority of Section 6 of the Act of September 21, 1922, (42 Stats., 994-995). The Act last cited conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior "full power and authority to consent to or approve of the alienation of such allotments (held under restricted fee patents) in whole or in part, in his discretion, by deed, will, lease, or any other form of conveyance", and provided that

"such consent or approval by the Secretary of the Interior hereafter had in all such cases shall have the same force and legal effect as though the consent or approval of the President had previously been obtained."

The further provision appears in this section that approval of wills affecting allotments of this kind "shall not operate to remove the restrictions against alienation unless such order of approval by said Secretary shall specifically so direct."

The devisee, as named in the will, is "St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission." This mission is not an incorporated body but was organized and established under the auspices of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions which corporation maintains and supports the mission on the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation as one of its many activities among the Indians. This corporation holds the title to all

the various mission properties used in the conduct of its religious and educational projects. It is, therefore, the legal body or person in whom title was vested by approval of the will. That this is recognized by the priest in charge of St. Francis Solanus Mission at Reserve is shown by a request from Ignatius Kinney (present priest in charge of the mission) indicating his wish that appropriate muniment of title be issued to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions for all the real property devised in the will.

In order that there may be recordable evidence of all removal of restrictions on alienation of the lands which are hereinafter described, in favor of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, a certificate to that effect has been prepared and is submitted herewith. It is respectfully recommended that it be signed and returned to this Office for record here and delivery to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. The lands involved are as follows:

a. Allotment No. 48. Made to Ik we sens ke ket Kekek, otherwise Annie Kekek. Lots 2 and 3 Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 8 West, 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, containing 57.35 acres, less 2 acres deeded to George and Esther Carufel Corbine.

b. No. 87. Mis kwa we ni se kwe Kekek: SE/4 of NW/4 of Section 18, and SE/4 of NW/4 of Section 19, Township 39 North, Range 8 West, 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, containing 80 acres. Inherited by Annie Kekek, the testator, as determined in the Department on May 11, 1918, (6988-18).

The inherited interests in other allotments involved in the will are as follows:

a. No 88. Bazil (Basile) Kekek. NE/4 of SE/4 of Section 21, and Lot 5, Section 24, Township 39 North, Range 8 West, 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, containing 88.15 acres. Interest of Annie Kekek or Kekek (Ik we sens), an undivided 1/2 under Department determination of October 2, 1915, (49781-15).

b. No. 94. O gi ma bi neus. S/2 of NE/4 of Section 17, Township 39 North, Range 8 West, 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, containing 80 acres. Interest of Annie Kekek (or Ik we sens) an undivided 1/2, subject to curtesy in Kekek, in accordance with Department determination of November 17, 1916, (114485-16).

c. No. 13. O da ne wi ta no kwe. N/2 of SE/4 of Section 35, Township 40 North, Range 7 West, 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, containing 80 acres. Interest of Annie Kekek, the testator, an undivided 1/5 as determined in the Department on May 28, 1920, (104611-17).

d. No. 93. Lizzie Kekek. Lot 4 Section 26 and NW/4 of SW/4 Section 35, Township 39 North, Range 8 West, 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, containing 65.10 acres; interest of Annie Kekek, the testator, an undivided 1/2 as determined in the Department January 5, 1925, (95322-18).

e. Allotment No. 113. Oz hogey Sr., W/2 of SW/4 of Section 20, Township 39 North, Range 8 West, 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, containing 80 acres; interest of Annie Kekek, the testator, an undivided 1/5 as determined in the Department on April 5, 1920, (28,893-19).

The will included also allotment No. 95 made to Kekek Sr., being the S/2 of NW/4 of Section 17, Township 39 North, Range 8 West of the 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, to which the testator as found to be the sole heir under Department determination of May 11, 1918, (7023-18). A certificate of competency was issued to Annie Kekek or Annie Kekek as sole heir on July 18, 1919. All jurisdiction over this tract having been released the approval of the will did not affect this part of the devise.

Previous to executing this will Annie Kekek deeded to George Corbine and Esther Carufel Corbine two acres of land described as follows:

"Commencing at a point on the small Courte Oreille Lake on the line between Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 8, T. 39 N., R. 8 W., thence west 18 rods; thence south 18 rods; thence east 18 rods; thence north along lake shore to point of beginning, containing 2 acres, more or less", in said Lot 2.

This was part of her own allotment. The deed was approved on April 12, 1923, (11584-23).

Respectfully,

(Signed) Chas. H. Burke,
Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,
Office of the Secretary.
July 13, 1925.

Certificate in evidence of release of all restrictions on alienation affecting the allotments or the interests therein, devised in the approved will of Annie Kekek, now deceased, is hereby signed and returned to the Indian Office.

(Signed) E. C. Finney,
Acting Secretary.

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CERTIFICATE
OF
REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS

[enclosure]

July 13, 1925

WHEREAS, on March 14, 1924, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stats. 855-856), as amended in the Act of February 14, 1913 (37 Stats., 678), and of the further authority of September 21, 1922 (42 Stats., 994), approved a will executed by Annie Kekek or Ik we sens ke ket, a Chippewa Indian of the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation in Wisconsin: and

WHEREAS, the testator in that will named St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission as the sole devisee to her lands and inherited interests; and

WHEREAS, the said St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission was organized and established by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions as one of its activities for the Chippewa Indians of the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation, and is maintained at the expense of that Bureau and is operated and conducted under its supervision, and the said Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions is the real beneficiary in the will; and

WHEREAS, this fact is recognized by the local priest in charge of St. Francis Solanus Mission and he, Ignatius Kinney, has made request that appropriate muniment of title be issued to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; and

WHEREAS, the lands devised in said will are held under patents in fee containing the restriction that the grantee (or heirs) "shall not sell, lease or in any manner alienate said lands without the consent of the President of the United States, which restrictions were provided for in the treaty ratified September 30, 1854 (10 Stats., 1109), under which the allotments were made; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Act of September 21, 1922 (42 Stats., 994-5) provides -

"That wherever, in any law or treaty or in any patent issued to Indian allottees for lands in severalty pursuant to such law or treaty, there appears a provision to the effect that the lands so allotted cannot be alienated without the consent of the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior shall have full power and authority to consent to or approve of the alienation of such allotments, in whole or in part, in his discretion, by deed, will lease or any other form of conveyance, and such consent or approval by the Secretary of the Interior hereafter had in all such cases shall have the same force and legal effect as though the consent or approval of the President had previously been obtained; PROVIDED, However, That the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of wills such patents shall not operate to remove the restrictions against alienation unless such order of approval by said Secretary shall specifically so direct;"

NOW THEREFORE, I E. C. Finney, Acting Secretary of the Interior, do hereby withdraw, for the Federal Government of the United States, in favor of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions as the lawful devisee to Wisconsin Chippewa Indian allotments nos. 48 and 87, hereinafter described, all jurisdiction over said lands retained by the United States under the treaty and acts above cited; and the said Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions is hereby declared to the lawful owner in unrestricted fee simple of

a. Chippewa Indian allotment No. 48 made to Ik we sens ke ket, described as Lot 2 in the NW/4 and Lot 3 in the SW/4 of Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 8 West of the 4th P. M., in Wisconsin containing 57.35 acres, less the following

2 acres in Lot 2 conveyed by the allottee in 1923, in deed, duly approved, to George and Esther Carufel Corbine:

"Commencing at the point on the small Courte Oreille Lake on the line between Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 8, T. 39 N., R. 8 W., thence west 18 rods; thence south 18 rods; thence east 18 rods; thence north along lake shore to point of beginning, containing 2 acres, more or less."

b. Chippewa allotment No. 87 made to Mis kwa be ni si kwa kekek - SE/4 of NW/4 Section 18 and SE/4 of NW/4 Section 19, Township 39 North, Range 8 West, 4th P. M., in Wisconsin, containing 80 acres

All like jurisdiction is also withdrawn, affecting the undivided interests inherited by the testator, Annie Kekek (Ik we sens ke ket) and devised in her said will approved March 14, 1924, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, as said devisee, is hereby declared to be the lawful owner in unrestricted fee simple of the said undivided interests in the following described chippewa allotments:

a. No. 88 Bazil (Basile) Kekek; NE/4 of SE/4 of Section 21, and Lot 5 Section 24, Township 39 north, Range 8 West, 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, containing 88.15 acres; an undivided 1/2

b. No. 94. O gi ma bi neus; S/2 of NE/4 Section 17, Township 39 North, Range 8 West, 4th P.M., in Wisconsin, containing 80 acres; and undivided 1/2, subject to curtesy in Kekek

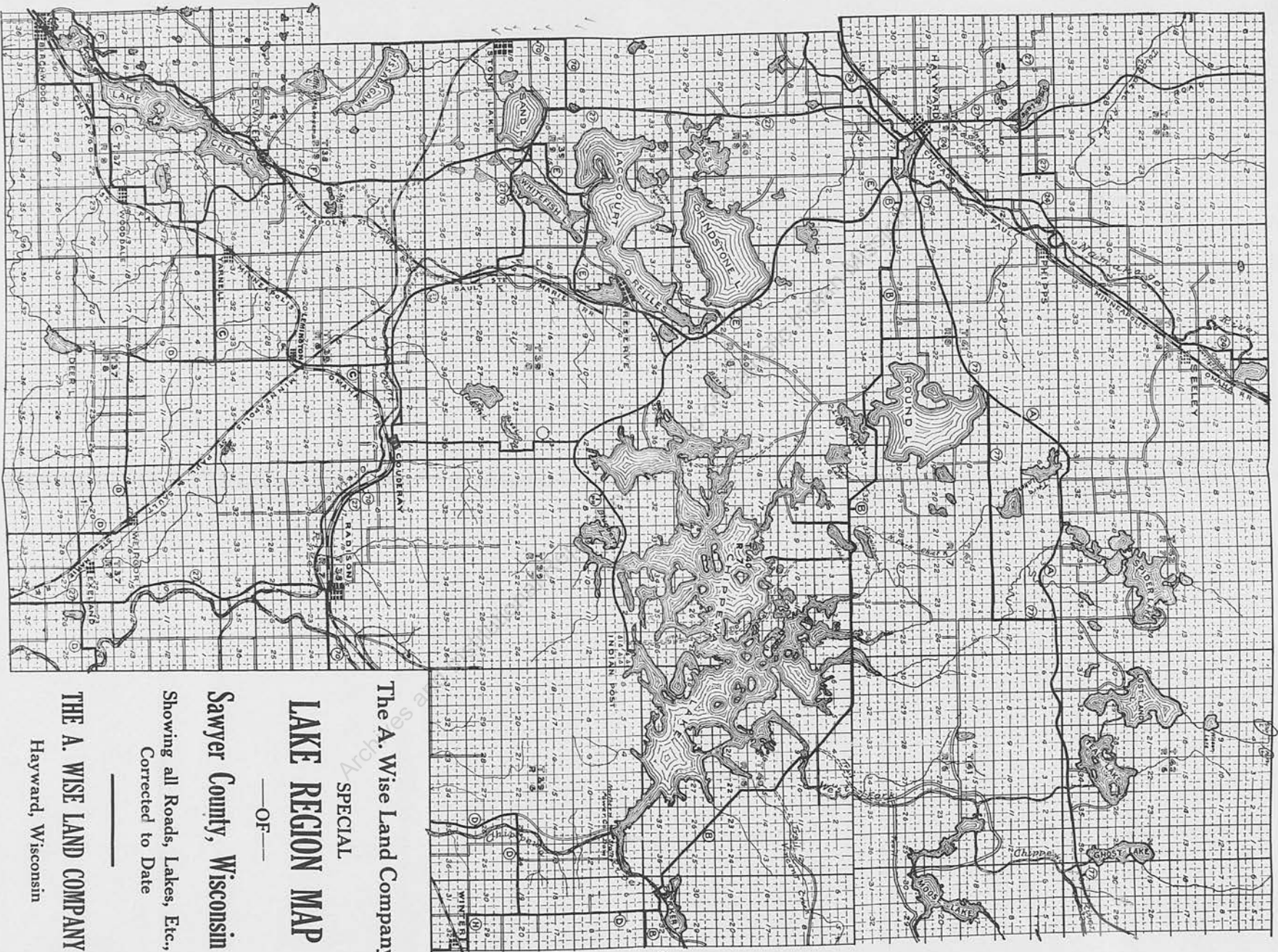
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(Signed) E. C. Finney
Acting Secretary

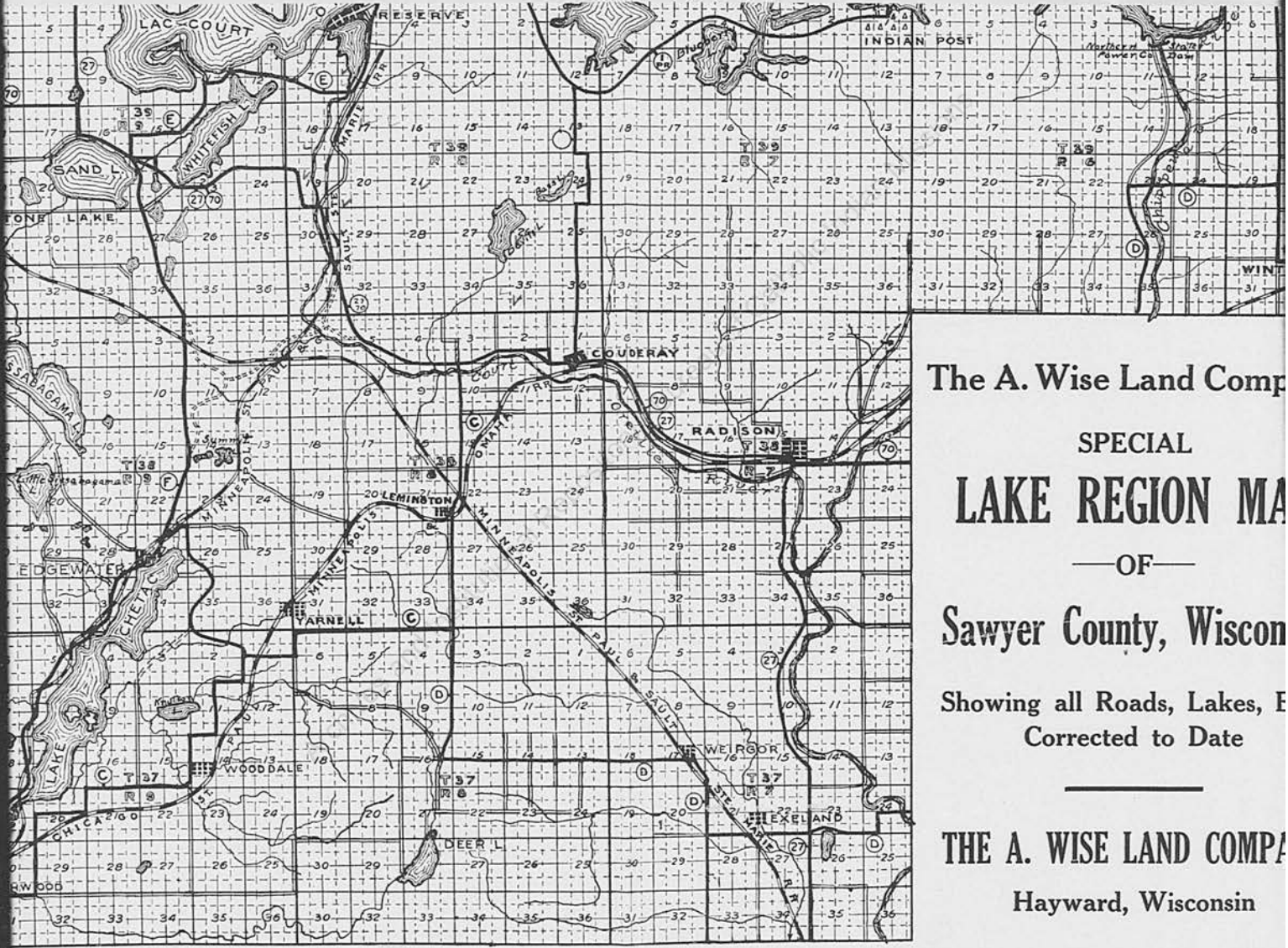
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 Showing all Roads, Lakes, Etc.,
 Corrected to Date

THE A. WISE LAND COMPANY
 Hayward, Wisconsin

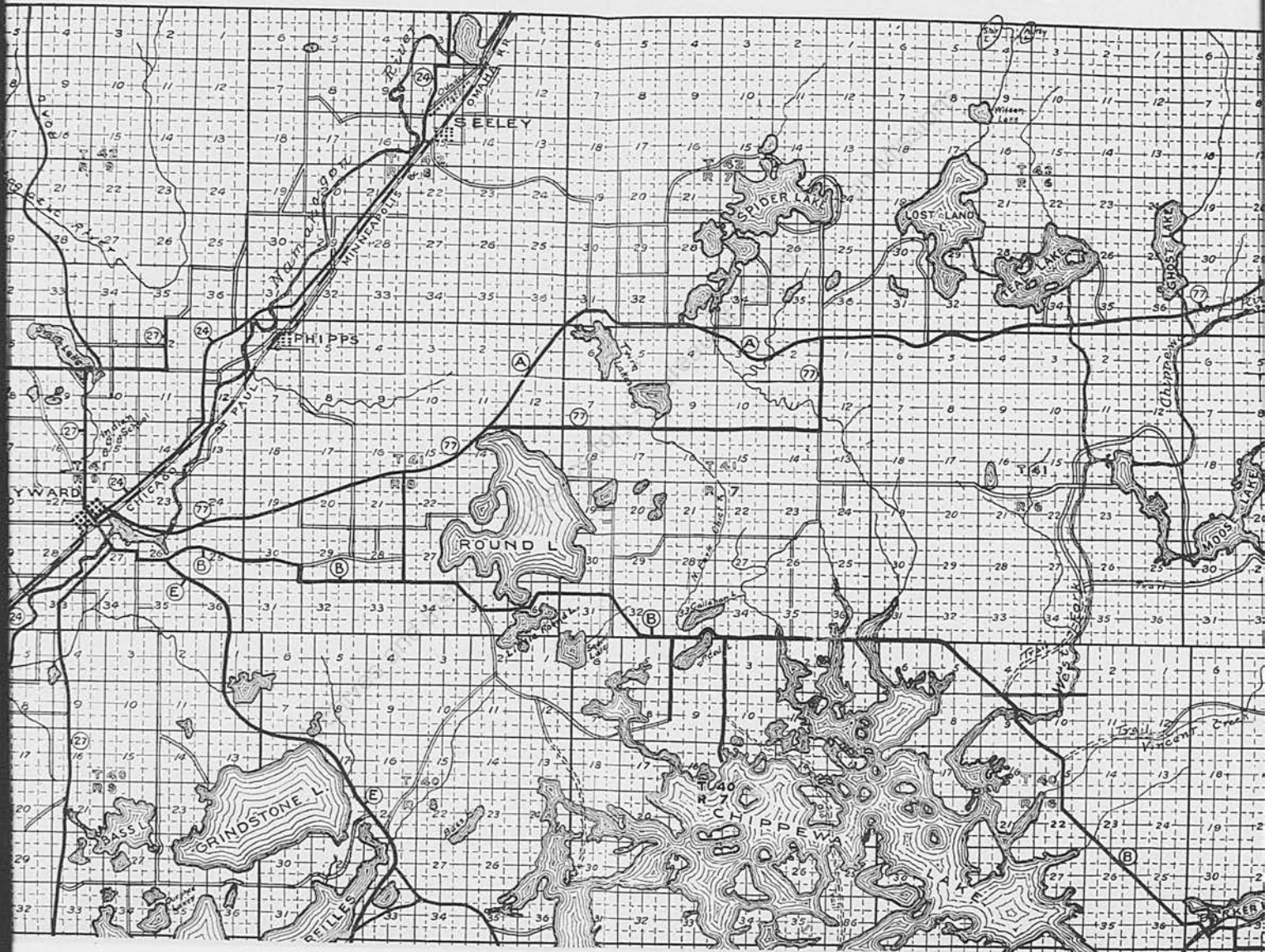


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

Hayward Indian School
Hayward, Wisconsin

August 14, 1925

Mr. Chas. S. Lusk, Secretary,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021-H. Street N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lusk:

I am writing with reference to your letter of June 25th which was duly received, and ask that you confer with Father Hughes regarding the sale of the inherited interests of Annie Kekek as covered by my letter of June 22nd. I note that by recent Departmental action the restrictions on this property have been removed.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

James P. Ryder
Superintendent.

JPR/LB

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
Item No. 4241

5-1153

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON *Aug. 14, 1925*

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CHAS. H. BUNKER
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Per *H. Simier*
Chief Finance Division.

Archives and Historical Repository Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

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August 14, 1925.

Rev. Ignatius Kinney,
Stone Lake,
Wisconsin.

Dear Father Kinney:

The inclosed copy of letter of Superintendent Ryder dated June 22 relative to the disposal of the allotments of Basile Kekok and Lizzie Kekok, in which this Bureau has an undivided one-half interest under the Will of Annie Kekok, is self-explanatory. We have deferred giving any definite reply to Mr. Ryder until the Bureau was in receipt of title to Annie Kekok's property. Evidence of this title is now in our possession, and the documents showing this will be forwarded to you in a few days for recording in the proper office. I had asked Father Hughes who has been absent in the West for about two months what we should do in regard to the disposal of the two allotments in question, telling him that my opinion was that they should be sold and the proceeds divided between this Bureau and the Indian owning the other half. Father Hughes has left the matter to my judgment, but before informing Mr. Ryder of what we wish done in regard to this matter, I would like to have the benefit of your judgment. Will you kindly let me have it at your earliest convenience? and oblige

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

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[enclosure]

COPY FOR FATHER KINNEY:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE
HAYWARD INDIAN SCHOOL

JUN 30 1925

HAYWARD, WISCONSIN,
JUNE 22, 1925.

Reverend Wm. Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Father Hughes:

I have before me an inquiry from Charles Livingston who inherited a half interest in the estates of Bazil Kekek and Lizzie Kekek whose mother was Annie Kekek.

As you are aware, Annie Kekek's interest was willed to the St. Francis Solanus Mission. Mr. Livingston is inquiring relative to a partition of these allotments and it is along this line that I am writing you.

In my opinion the simplest method for both parties to perfect their titles would be for each to quit claim one-half interest in one or the other of the allotments. From information received through our Government farmer, Mr. Charles I. Gruber, the appraised valuation of both tracts is as follows:

Allottee.	Description.	Area.	Value.
Bazil Kekek	Lot 5, Sec. 24-39-8	42.15 A.	\$700.00
	NE/4 SE/4 21-39-8	40.	320.00

Above is all cut-over timber land; Lot 5 is located on Bass Lake and is suitable for summer homes.

Lizzie Kekek	Lot 4, Sec. 26-39-8	25.10	\$251.00
	NW/4 SW/4 35-39-8	40.	320.00

All cut-over timber land; Lot 4 is on Devils Lake but is not a very suitable place for summer homes on account of the muddy lake.

appraised valuation too low It is my suggestion that Lot 4, Sec 26, and Lot 5, Sec. 24 be sold at not less than the appraised valuation, which would facilitate matters very much since the other two 40's are apparently of equal valuation and could be settled by mutual quit claim deeds. *satisfactory*

I shall be very glad to have your opinion regarding this suggestion.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) James P. Ryder,
Superintendent.

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I put this in Kinney.*

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August 14, 1925.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington,
D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Please furnish this Bureau with
a certified copy of the approved Will of Annie Kekuk,
decedent allotte No. 48 of the Lac Courte Oreille Reser-
vation.

I inclose the \$.55 in payment
of the required fee.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

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August 17, 1925.

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Mr. James P. Ryder,
U. S. Indian Superintendent,
Hayward, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Ryder:

In reply to your letter of August 14, I beg to say that it is not yet settled what we will do in regard to the sale of the inherited interests of Annie Kekok as set out in your letter of June 22.

I am hopeful that within a very short time I can advise you definitely as to what should be done in this matter.

Thanking you very much for your interest in this case, I remain, with kindest regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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AUG 19 1925

Mr. Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Lusk:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 14, 1925, requesting a certified copy of the approved will of Ammie Kekek, deceased allottee No. 48 of the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation, and inclosing 55 cents to cover the fee for such copy.

In compliance with your request the copy desired is herewith inclosed. The fee for this copy is 55 cents, there being two pages at 15 cents a page and 25 cents for the certification.

Very truly yours,

E. M. ...
Assistant Commissioner.

COPY FOR:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

[Enclature]

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WASHINGTON, August 18, 1925.

I, E. B. MERITT, ASSISTANT ----- Commissioner.

of Indian Affairs, do hereby certify that the papers hereto attached
are ----- true copies of the originals as the same
appear on file ----- in this Office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and
caused the seal of this Office to be
affixed on the day and year first above
written.

SEAL

E. B. Meritt,
Assistant Commissioner.

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COPY FOR:

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANNA KEKEK.

In the name of God, amen:

I, ANNA KEKEK, of the Indian Village of Reserve, in the Town of Sand Lake, in the county of Sawyer and State of Wisconsin, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

First: I direct that my funeral charges, the expenses of administering my estate, and all my debts be paid out of my personal property. If that be insufficient I authorize my executors, hereafter named, to sell so much of my real estate as may be necessary for that purpose.

Second: I give and bequeath to the St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission all of my estate, real and personal, for the purpose of aiding in the construction and equipment of a Catholic School by said mission. This estate consists of several parcels of land located on the Lac Courte Oreille Indian Reservation, the proper descriptions, locations and value of which is contained in the records of the Hayward Indian Agency, Hayward, Wisconsin.

Third: I appoint the present Superintendent, Mr. R. C. Craige, or in case of his removal from the Hayward Indian Agency, of his lawfully appointed successor and the Reverend Philip Gordon, missionary in charge of the St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission, or in case of his removal of his lawfully appointed successor, executors of, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 31st day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred twenty-two.

Anna Kekek.....
(her thumbmark)

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do hereby certify that Anna Kekek, the testator, subscribed her name to this instrument in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and declared at the same time in our presence and hearing that this instrument was her last will and testament, and we at her request, sign our names hereto in her presence as attesting witnesses.

Alexander C. Eschweiler.....of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

F. R. Taylor.....of Reserve, Wisconsin.

Katie Quaderer.....of Reserve, Wisconsin.

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Stone Lake Wisconsin
August 19th 1925

Bureau Of Catholic Indian Missions
Washington D.C.

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Dear Friends:

As you probably know I am in charge of Lac Du Flambeau reservation, St Anthony of Padua church as well as Reserve. The situation with regard to the school there is what I wish to write about at this time.

The school is a government school and I have received uniformly courteous treatment from the authorities there particularly from Mr Gensler, the former Superintendent. However, there were last year around 160 children in the school. Of these 35 were Catholic and were sent to the Catholic church. The rest were all sent to the Protestant church and this does not seem right or fair to me.

Mr Gensler said the rule was that the children had to attend either the Protestant church. This forcing children to attend church does not seem to me to be in accord with the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution, that is where it is not done by the command of the parents. An instance of the way it works in Flambeau is the following: there is a boy around 19 named Maloney in the school. He has been there for years. He tells me that his mother was a Catholic but does not know whether either he or his father was baptized. He would come to the Catholic church sometime if permitted, he says. This boy is being brought up a Protestant, though, his mother was a Catholic and neither his nor his father's wishes were consulted in the matter. This seems to me to be opposed to the fundamental idea of religious freedom upon which this government is based. Knowing that you would know better how to appraise the situation I have given you the facts. I remain

sincerely in Christ

J. J. Gensler
Priney.

August 19, 1925.

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Rev. Ignatius Kinney,
Stone Lake,
Wisconsin.

8/19/25
Copies to Bishop Pinton

Dear Father Kinney:

The inclosed Certificate of the Acting Secretary of the Interior and certified copy of the will of Annie Kekok comprise "the evidence of title" in this Bureau to the property of Annie Kekok, of which I have made reference to you in my letter of August 14.

It seems that the Secretary of the Interior cannot issue a patent or a deed covering land of an Indian held under a restricted patent. Therefore, in order that this Bureau may have evidence of title to the Annie Kekok land, it has been necessary to furnish the Bureau with the Said Certificate. This Certificate and the certified copy of the Annie Kekok Will should be recorded in the proper office of the County in which the land is located, and I will ask you to have this done as promptly as possible. After such recording, kindly return the two documents to this Bureau. At the same time please let us know the amount of recording fees, and we will send you check to cover.

Upon the return of these documents copies of them will be furnished you and Bishop Pinton.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. ...

ask,
Secretary.

Anna Kekek

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September 9, 1925.

Rev. Ignatius Kinney,
Stone Lake,
Wisconsin.

Dear Father Kinney:

Will you not let us have at your very early convenience the benefit of your judgment as to the disposal of the allotments of Basilo Kekek and Izzie Kekek, for which I asked in my letter of August 14?

We are anxious to settle this matter with as little further delay as possible, and hence I am taking the liberty of bring it to your attention again.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

Stone Lake Wisconsin
September 12th 1925

Mr Chas. L. Lusk Washington
Dear Sir:

You will have to pardon my not giving you an opinion sooner on the disposal of the half interest of the Kekok estate held jointly with Charles Livingston. That I did not answer sooner was due to the fact that I looked into the matter thoroughly and also asked the opinion of our Rt. Rev. Bishop.

As to Mr Ryders suggestion that each party quit claim a half interest in No/4 SE/4 21-39-8 and NW/4 Sw/4 35-39-8, that is all right. The forties are as near as maybe of equal value.

But the appraisal prices of lots four and five are, to the best of my knowledge, too low. Mr I. A. Isham and I looked over the land personally and both were of this opinion. Besides I asked the opinion of the adjoining property holders. I am enclosing the notes I made upon this survey. Moreover lake shore is in great demand here for a summer homes and the demand seems to be increasing. There is a Catholic summer colony on Lac Courtes O Reillea and the Catholic Colonization Company sold their last lot fronting on Big Coulee O Reillea lake this summer for \$1000, I am told. Their lots, if I remember rightly, are only 66 by 150 feet. The lot four on Bass lake has the best frontage for summer homes on that lake. If Mr Livingston wants to sell his half interest in Lot 4 on Bass Lake and Lot 5 on Devils Lake at the appraised prices it would not be so much, \$475.50 for his half interest in both, and I feel sure that in a few years it would be a good investment for the Bureau. That, to, is our bishops opinion.

Later on I intend to send you a few experiences written up for the Indian Sentinel and some pictures.

Enclosed please find a map to show the situation of the property. I remain

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Am. _____ sincerely in Christ
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and Supl. Ripley
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[ENCLOSURE]

in re Kekok estate

August 20. Mr M.C. Mizener, neighbor to Bass Lake property, Lot 5, sec. 24-39-8, says that he would hold eight acres lake shore property for \$65. per acre. There is some timber on this.

Mr Ira Isham says that he would hold the whole piece at \$20 per acre.

August 20. Frank Cadotte Jr says that the man holdir eighty adjoining Devils Lake property, Lot 4, Sec. 26-39-8, would not sell his eighty for \$25 per acre.

There is five or more acres of marketable maple besides some marketable aspen and birch on the property. Frank Cadotte Jr estimates the marketable timber at least worth \$300. He lives just across Devils Lake from the property.

Mr Ira Isham says that he would hold the Devils Lake property at \$25 per acre.

The Bass Lake property is on good road three miles from village of Couderay. The Devils Lake property is two miles from this road but with a passable road leading into the property. The total distance to Couderay village is five miles.

*Erasmus
Kinney*

September 22, 1925.

Mr. James P. Ryder,
U. S. Indian Superintendent,
Hayward, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Ryder:

The question of the disposition to be made of Lot 5, Sec 24, T. 39, R. 8 and Lot 4, Sec. 26, T. 39, R. 8, in regard to which you wrote me on June 22, has not yet been settled. I feel that I cannot reach a decision until after I know what Bishop Pinten's wishes in the matter are. I have submitted to him the whole case. He told me that he would inspect the land himself and promised after this inspection would advise me just what should be done in the matter. I shall advise you promptly just as soon as a decision is reached. In the meantime I wish to express my appreciation of the very kind interest which you have shown in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

September 22, 1925.

Rev. Ignatius Kinney,
Stone Lake,
Wisconsin.

Dear Father Kinney:

Your letter of September 12, with inclosures, relative to the disposal of Lot 5, Sec. 24, T. 39, R. 8, and Lot 4, Sec. 26, T. 39, R. 8, in which this Bureau has a half interest, was duly received. I wish to thank you most heartily for the very full and comprehensive report you have made on the matter.

I had a talk with Bishop Rinten last week in regard to your suggestion that the Bureau acquire Charles Livingston's half interest in the land. I am mailing today to the Bishop, at his request, a statement of the case. The Bishop said he would look at the land himself, and after doing so would advise me what action should be taken in your suggestion. Pending the receipt of word from the Bishop, the matter will be held in abeyance. I will inform you promptly of the Bishop's decision.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

Annie Kekek Estate

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September 22, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Joseph G. Pinten, D.D.,
Superior,
Wisconsin.

Dear Bishop:

In compliance with the request you made of me in our interview last week, I beg to submit for your consideration the following statement:

This Bureau holds title under the Will of the late Annie Kekek to a half interest in each of the following described tracts on the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation:

Lot 5, Sec. 24, T. 39, R. 8, containing 48.15 acres,
appraised at \$700.

Lot 5, Sec. 26, T. 39, R. 8, containing 25.10 acres,
appraised at \$251.

An Indian named Charles Livingston owns the other half interest in each of these tracts.

Superintendent Ryder has suggested to me that these two tracts be sold at not less than the appraised value. I brought this suggestion to the attention of Father Kinney and asked him to give me the benefit of his judgment in the matter. Father Kinney reports that the appraised value of the land is too low; that these two tracts have lake frontage; that lake shore property is in great demand for summer homes and the demand seems to be increasing. He thinks it would be a good investment to purchase from Livingston, if he is willing to sell, his half interest at the appraised valuation. This would involve the expenditure of \$475.50.

In conversation here you and I discussed the indebtedness, which I find amounts to \$475, claimed by the Sawyer County Bank against Father Gordon for the payment of labor on the church at Reserve. You stated that you had expressly commanded Father Gordon not to assume any debts and that, therefore, to teach him the lesson you would insist that this is his personal obligation.

I wrote the bank under date of May 22 that I would consider this debt a prior obligation against the receipts from the Annie Kekek estate. On May 13 I wrote Father Gordon offering to reimburse him out of the estate if he would pay the bill.

Father Gordon probably deserved the credit for securing the mention in the Will of the Reserve Mission and certainly the credit of substituting the Bureau because of the fact that the Bureau is incorporated and the Reserve Mission is not.

It would offer a solution of the problem if you could agree to pay the Bureau \$475 in addition to the amount for which Livingston will consent to settle. The Bureau could send the \$475 direct to the bank.

I have only the bank's word that the amount is due. I would have to determine from Father Gordon if it is due.

As the Reserve Mission is in your diocese, you really have the determin-

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ation of the whole question. The Bureau will simply follow out your orders.

Yours faithfully,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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November 9, 1925.

Mr. James F. Ryder,
U. S. Indian Superintendent.
Hayward, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Ryder:

From a letter which has just come into my hands it appears that Rev. Father Barron has for years been going into one of the Chippewa Reservations in Northern Wisconsin (which one is not stated) and has made friends with a great many of the Indians and every summer he ministers to them and enables many of them to go to Mass who otherwise would not be able to go to Mass daily; that among these people is a Gokey family (I presume the name is really Gauthier), and they were so anxious to have Father Barron continue to come up there every summer and thus enable them to hear Mass that several years ago they sold him a small piece of land adjoining theirs for a nominal sum, but it seems that the Gokey family has received from you word that they must charge not less than \$500 an acre.

The writer further says that owing to Father Barron's small salary it would be out of the question for him to buy the property at any other than a nominal figure, and that since the Gokey's are fairly well-to-do people and not of the ignorant type at all, he can see no reason why the sale should not be made at the price fixed by the Gokeys.

I do not know on what reservation the land in question is located, but as it seems to come under your jurisdiction, I am taking the liberty of writing you about it. I, of course, know nothing as to the merits of the matter, but on the face of things it looks to me as if the wishes of the Gokey family should be carried out.

May I ask you to look into the matter and let me know just what the situation is, and whether or not it would be possible for Father Barron to acquire the land at the price for which the Gokey's are willing to sell it?

Thanking you in advance, and with kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE
 Hayward Indian School
 Hayward, Wisconsin

November 12, 1925

Mr. Charles S. Lusk,
 2021 1st N.W.,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 9th relative to the contemplated purchase of a small tract of land by Father Barron.

I am very familiar with the recent negotiations regarding this tract since it is located on the Lac Courte Oreille reservation.

The lake shore value of this kind of land has greatly enhanced and it is customary to procure from \$75 to \$150 per acre for plots approximately 600 ft. back from the lake, depending of course on the location and desirability of the selection. It is customary also to include all of the back land belonging to the allotment.

The tract on which Father Barron has located his summer cottage has an extended bearing on the lake with but little back land included. The matter was referred to the Indian Office by me and I was advised that I might proceed with the sale on the appraised valuation. In small lots, you will readily understand, a higher price is procured than in instances where the purchaser would procure possibly a quarter of a mile of lake shore with a quarter or half mile of back land. In addition to this tract Father Seeboth of Hayward is contemplating the purchase of an adjoining tract of four or five acres.

It is to be regretted the transaction with Father Barron was not consummated some time ago when there was no great demand or value on lake shore property. However at the present time \$100 to \$125 per acre is a very nominal appraisal of the tract in question. I hardly know just what to suggest in the matter unless perhaps it was allowed to continue in its present status; that Father Barron continues to use his cottage to which I am sure there will be no objection by the Office or by Mike Gokey.

C. S. Lusk

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There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding Mr. Cokeys' financial condition. The Cokeys are, to my best knowledge and belief, dependent entirely upon Mike's labor, and a small balance carried in our accounts which is drawn on from time to time.

I am very glad that you wrote to me regarding the matter and I assure you that it will be a pleasure to be of such service to you as I can.

With kind personal regards, believe me

Very truly yours,

James Ryder

Superintendent.

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Sawyer County Bank



Paid to order of 1925 Amt. CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$25,000.00
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Hayward, Wisconsin
December 11th, 1925.

*Copy to Bishop Perko,
Father Perko*

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Rev. William Hughes,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I had some correspondence with you some time ago in regard to the past due note which we are carrying and which is signed by Father Gordon covering some money we advanced him for the construction of the Indian Mission church at Reserve. It is highly important that this obligation be liquidated without further delay and I feel sure that you appreciate our position in this matter. We furnished this money to your priest in good faith and the money was used to pay for material and labor and there should be no good reason why the payment of same should be further delayed.

You once wrote me stating that when the Annie Kakek property was sold that the proceeds of same could be used for the payment of this obligation and if you would like to have us take Lot 5 in Section 24-39-8 at the appraised price we would undoubtedly be willing to do so to get this matter cleaned up and out of our files.

Will you promptly advise us just what cooperation we can expect from you in this transaction.

Most truly yours,

Cev-40 *Clarence E. Wise*

December 15, 1925.

Rev. Ignatius Kinney,
Stone Lake,
Wisconsin.

Dear Father Kinney:

For your information I am inclosing copy of correspondence with the Sawyer County Bank relative to the note of Father Gordon for \$475 held by that bank.

I am hopeful that the proposition I have made to the bank will be acceptable, and thus enable me to settle this indebtedness.

On August 10 last, I sent you by registered mail, to be recorded in the proper office, the Certificate of the Secretary of the Interior, the same being evidence that the title to the Annie Kekek land is in the Bureau and also certified copy of Annie Kekek's Will. I have received from you your return receipt for my letter. I asked you to return to me these two documents after they were recorded. Up to this time you have not complied with this request. As it will be necessary, in case the contemplated transfer to the Sawyer Bank is carried out, that reference be made to them and their recording in the deed of conveyance, I would thank you to let me have these papers by return mail or as soon thereafter as possible.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

December 15, 1888.

Rt. Rev. Joseph G. Pinton, D. C.,
Superior,
Wisconsin.

Dear Bishop Pinton:

The enclosed copy of correspondence with the
Sawyer County Bank regarding the payment of Father Gordon's
note for \$75, is self-explanatory.

As I have heard nothing from you concerning
this matter since our talk during the meeting of the Arch-
bishops in September, I have concluded to arrange for the
payment of this note if the bank will accept the proposition
I have made to them. I trust this disposition of what had
been a long drawn out affair, if it can be brought about,
will be agreeable to your Lordship.

Yours faithfully,

Rt. Rev. Mr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Anna Kekek Estate

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December 15, 1925.

Mr. Clarence K. Wise,
Cashier, Sawyer County Bank.
Hayward, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Wise:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 11, in which you offer to liquidate the note of Father Gordon for \$475 by the transfer by this Bureau of Lot 5, Section 24, Township 39, Range 8, to your bank.

This Bureau holds title to only one half of this tract, which was acquired under the Will of the late Annie Kekek. The title to the other half is in Charles Livingston, a Chippewa Indian residing on the Courte Oreille Reservation, who inherited it from Annie Kekek. The appraised value of the entire tract, as determined by the Superintendent of the Hayward Indian School, is \$700. This value, according to Rev. Ignatius Kinney, who has succeeded Father Gordon as Superior of the Catholic mission at Reserve, is too low. Father Kinney bases his opinion partly upon his knowledge of the land, and partly on the opinions of two adjoining property holders. One of them, Mr. C. C. Wizenor, says that he would hold that eight acres of this property on the lake shore at \$65 per acre. The other, Mr. Ira Isham, says that he would hold the whole tract at \$20 per acre--i.e., a little over \$960 for the entire tract. I think Livingston wants to sell his half interest, but I am not able to say whether he would accept \$350 for it.

If you are willing to accept as full settlement the Bureau's one half interest in the tract in question, I should be pleased to arrange to have the necessary transfer made and thus close the matter.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Sawyer County Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$ 25,000.00

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Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th before me and after giving your proposal proper consideration we have decided to accept your proposition and if you will prepare and forward proper deed and convey to the Sawyer County Bank the undivided one-half interest which you own in Lot 5 Section 24-39-8 we will cancel and return to you the \$475.00 note which we hold against Father Gordon and the Reserve Church Mission.

Trusting that you will give this matter proper consideration, I remain

Most truly yours,

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Annie Kekek Estate

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Annie Kekek Estate

December 23, 1925.

Rev. Philippe Gordon,
R. 2,
Centuria, Wisconsin.

Dear Father Gordon:

The Sawyer County Bank of Hayward, Wisconsin, has called upon the Bureau to pay a note of \$475 which it says you gave it for money advanced, and which remains unpaid. The bank and the Bureau have under consideration the liquidation of this indebtedness, by the transfer to the bank of part of the land of the Annie Kekek estate. Before closing the matter I should like to have a statement from you that the debt in question is a valid one, represented by your note to the bank, and I would thank you to let me have this information by return mail. I understand the money was obtained by you to pay for labor on the Reserve Mission church.

Wishing for you a joyous Christmas and that the New Year will bring to you many blessings, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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St. Patrick's Church
Centuria, Wisconsin

December 29, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes, Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D.C.

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, permit me to say that the Note in question (Sawyer County bank for \$475) is a valid one, given by the pastor of the Reserve Indian Mission and was for payment of labor on the Reserve Church.

Very sincerely yours,

Philip Jordan

Philip Jordan, former pastor, Reserve, Wis.
Pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Centuria, Wis.

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RESOLVED, By the Incorporators of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, That the offer of the Sawyer County Bank, Hayward, Wisconsin to accept a deed conveying to it one half interest in Lot 5, Section 24, Township 39, Range 8, Sawyer County, Wisconsin in full settlement of a note for \$475 given by Rev. Philip Gordon to said bank, is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED, Further That, His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, President of the Bureau, is hereby authorized to execute a deed conveying the land in question to the Sawyer County Bank.

Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Archbishop of New York.

Archbishop of Baltimore.

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