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Thomas Indian School Superintendent's Daily Diaries B0599

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	These diaries provide a summary record of activities of staff and students at the Thomas Indian School. Brief daily entries typically mention weather conditions; farm work in progress; maintenance and repair work in progress; entertainment provided to children; team sporting events; incidents pertaining to specific children; religious activities; correspondence sent by superintendent; and trips by superintendent and staff. Diaries are institutional in nature and therefore do not contain superintendents' personal opinions or observations regarding non-work related events.
Creator:	Thomas Indian School
Title:	Thomas Indian School Superintendent's daily diaries
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Series:	B0599

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Arrangement

Chronological by year.

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Scope and Content Note

These diaries provide a summary record of activities of the staff and students at the school. Entries are in manuscript, and were apparently written by the school superintendent and

kept as a record of the school's administration over time. Two of the volumes (1908, 1909) are signed by Superintendent Emily P. Lincoln, but the remainder are unsigned. With some exceptions, diary entries cover the twelve months of each year. The tone of the diaries is institutional; they are not the personal diaries of the superintendents. As such they do not contain personal opinions, reflections, references to world events, or any non-work related entries.

Brief daily entries typically mention weather conditions; farm work in progress; maintenance and repair work in progress; entertainment provided to children (such as movies, visits to fairs); team sporting events; incidents pertaining to specific children (such as death, illness, injury, failure to return from vacation); religious activities; correspondence sent by superintendent; and trips by superintendent and staff.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Volume list is available at the repository.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available for use at the New York State Archives.

Access Terms

- Orphanages
- Journals
- Indians of North America--Child welfare
- Cattaraugus Indian Reservation (N.Y.)

- Supervising children
- Indians of North America--Orphanages
- New York (State)
- Monitoring children
- Indians of North America--Education
- Erie County (N.Y.)
- Iroquois (N.Y.)
- Diaries
- Education
- Schools--Exercises and recreations
- Administering schools
- Lincoln, Emily P.
- New York (State). Department of Social Welfare
- New York (State). State Board of Charities
- New York (State). Department of Charities