

MJC Symposium 2025: Intro to Sugarcane

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= States without Indian Boarding Schools

The Indian Reorganization Act

- Drafted and brought to Congress by John Collier and Felix Cohen
- First attempt to recognize tribal governments
- Banned tribal religious practices

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- Dead is the centuries-old notion that the sooner we eliminated this doomed race, preferably humanely, the better. No longer can we, with even the most generous intentions, pour millions of dollars and vast reservoirs of energy, sympathy, and effort into any unproductive attempts at some single, artificial permanent solution of the Indian problem. No longer can we naively talk of or think of the “Indian problem.” Our task is to help Indians meet the myriad of complex, interrelated, mutually dependent situations which develop among them according to the very best light we can get on those happenings—much as we deal with our own perplexities and opportunities.

Carlisle Boarding School

1879 – 1920

“Kill the Indian;
Save the Man.”

Colonel Richard Pratt
founded Carlisle and the
US govt. established 26
other schools based on
his model.





Pueblos. Entered Carlisle July 1980.

Mary Perry
abt 1865 – 1953

Carlisle Indian
School 1880-1886



Pratt in the 1890s

- *It is a great mistake to think that the Indian is born an inevitable savage. He is born a blank, like all the rest of us. Left in the surroundings of savagery, he grows to possess a savage language, superstition, and life.*
- *when we allow him the freedom of association and the developing influences of social contact—then the Indian will quickly demonstrate that he can be truly civilized, and he himself will solve the question of what to do with the Indian.*

- Mary Perry graduated from Carlisle in 1884 or 86
- Returned to Laguna & married William Paisano (1862 – 1953)



But not everyone survived..

- Mae Paisano
- Arrived 8-24-1884
- Died 4-28-1890





- William Paisano
- (m. Mary Perry (Paisano))
- 8 children

Mae Paisano
(Laguna)
(Mary Perry &
William Paisano's
daughter)

1908 – 1987

Haskell Indian
School



