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Name: **Carlisle Indian School - Cornelius Agnew** **CIS-MC-001**

Material: Papers

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**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Carlisle Indian Industrial School was founded by Lieutenant Richard Henry Pratt. In 1875, Pratt was responsible for transporting Native Americans identified as subversive to a prison in St. Augustine, Florida, where he eventually conceived the idea of a school. Approval was ultimately given for a school to be established at the deserted military barracks in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. In October 1879, the first students began arriving at the United States Training and Industrial School at Carlisle Barracks.

In addition to the funding provided to him by the Department of the Interior for the operations of the school, Pratt sought monetary donations and other support from influential individuals and families in the United States. One of those individuals was Dr. Cornelius Rea Agnew, who donated both monetarily to the operations and renovations of the school and time for recruitment excursions in the western United States. As one of Pratt's most active early donors, Dr. Agnew corresponded regularly with Pratt regarding the development and needs of the budding school, as well as Pratt's struggles garnering support from the federal government.

**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

The Carlisle Indian School - Cornelius Agnew Papers are housed in one document box. These materials were acquired through various transactions with manuscript dealer David Gilman in 1972 and 1973.

This collection contains a series of letters received by Dr. Cornelius Rea Agnew, a noted surgeon from New York City who was a strong supporter of, and significant donor to, the Carlisle Indian Industrial School. The correspondence is organized alphabetically by author, and thereafter chronologically. The majority of the letters were written by Richard Henry Pratt, and discuss a number of topics including donations to the school, renovations and purchases for the campus, Pratt's attempts to gain further support and funding from politicians in Washington, and

various trips undertaken by the two for the benefit of the school. One letter, from Acting Secretary of the Department of the Interior M. S. Juslyn, discusses approval for funding for one of Agnew's trips to the American West, and two letters from Amy A. Carothers, an early teacher at the school, discuss activities in her classroom.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### BOX 1 – CIS-MC-001

Carothers, Amy A.

Folder 01) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Jun. 20, 1876

Folder 02) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Oct. 26, 1877

Juslyn, M. S.

Folder 03) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Jul. 26, 1884

Pratt, Richard H.

Folder 04) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – May 5, 1883

Folder 05) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – May 11, 1883

Folder 06) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – May 15, 1883

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Folder 08) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Dec. 22, 1883

Folder 09) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Jun. 2, 1884

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Folder 18) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Mar. 26, 1885

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Folder 20) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Jan. 2, 1886

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Folder 22) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Mar. 27, 1886

Folder 23) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – May 8, 1886

Folder 24) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – May 17, 1886

Folder 25) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Jun. 1, 1886

Folder 26) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Aug. 9, 1886

Folder 27) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Oct. 12, 1886

Folder 28) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Oct. 21, 1886

Folder 29) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Sep. 30, 1887

Folder 30) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Jan. 31, 1888

Folder 31) To Dr. C. R. Agnew – Feb. 4, 1888