

Issac McCoy to James Barbour

This letter from Isaac McCoy, superintendent of schools among the Potawatomes and the Ottawas, to James Barbour, Secretary of War under President John Quincy Adams, lists the equipment, animals, dwellings, land, and other important assets at the Carney Mission. Located "Twenty five miles S.E. of Lake Michigan, in Michigan Territory, among the Potawatomie indians," Carey Mission was dedicated to educating the local Native Indians according to the standards of Americans during the early to mid 1800s.

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McCoy, Isaac

Carry St. Joseph river
100 miles S. West of Fort Wayne

Indiana, Oct. 1, 1827.

Agreeably to requisitions of the Dep't. War. I beg leave to submit
the following Report of the Condition of the Mission at

Carry
Twenty five miles S. E. of Lake Michigan, in Michigan Territory, among
the Potawatamie Indians

The Mission possesses the following kinds and amount of property viz

7 Horses	370 00
6 yokes of Oxen	310 00
52 head sheep	208 00
70 head of other cattle	840 00
75 Hogs	140 00

live stock — 1868 00

2 four horse wagons, chains, &c.	200 00
1 one horse wagon	50 00
Harness and tacklings for ploughs	41 00
Axed hoe carpenters & shoemakers tools	130 00
House hold & kitchen furniture, loom & spinning wheel	1500 00
Clothing books and groceries	1500 00
Blacksmith tools	115 00
Stock for the smithery	50 00
1000 lb bacon — 12¢	125 00
2000 bushels of wheat — 112¢	225 00

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90 tons Prairie Hay	203 00
4 1/2 acres of corn — 1800 bushels @ 62¢ cents	1125 00
4 1/2 acres potatoes 500 bushels @ 22¢	375 00
Cabbages Pumpkins turnips &c	120 00

Total value of the crop — 1823 00

6 dwellings, one kitchen, one dining hall, two store houses,
school house, smith shop, stable, sheep house, wash house,
milk house, meat house, and other out buildings for corn,
buttry and hogs

A grist mill — 2400 00

Fencing on 203 acres of land divided into 8 lots of

different sizes — 850 00

75 acres of Plough land worth \$7.50 per acre — 600 00

128 acres of Pasture land — 3.00 — 562 00

an orchard of 410 peach trees & apple trees worth 150¢ — 615 00

total value of improvements — 5411 00

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Brought over	3043 00
Twenty five acres of wheat growing	125 00
and Prairie	15 00
Whole amount of Property belonging to the Lary Missionary Station	\$13153 00

of the 203 acres of farm, 75 have been cultivated the present season
the residue is pasture land.

All the pupils as usual, labour a portion of their time, two of the
boys are apprentices to the blacksmith business and one to the shoe
makers the residue labour on the farm. The females, after wearing new
kirt and perform all kinds of domestic including the business as they
dairy

Two promising lads, have, since my last report been placed in
a Medical institution in the state of Vermont for the purpose of ac-
quiring a knowledge of the healing art, making the number of our
former pupils now enjoying the advantage of study in good seminaries
in the states ten.

The settled missionaries belonging to this station beside
the superintendent and his wife are Gotham Nicker school teacher &
Robert Smerevell, blacksmith and his wife. Wierd persons are an
assistant school teacher, a blacksmith, shoemaker four labourers
and a cook, the school is divided into male and female departments
the female department, is instructed gratuitously by a young lady
not permanently connected with the Mission

The settlements of Indians near this station has consid-
erably increased the past year, and has received assistance from
the Mission in plowing & at one village four good seven log
cabins have been erected, and twenty acres of land put under
good fence -

Most respectfully, sir
Your humble and
ob't servant

Issac McCoy
Superintendent of schools
among the Pawnee and
Arapaho

Mr James Barbour
Sec of War
Washington City

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