

## Mary Richardson Walker Diary:

Excerpts related to the Forest Grove Indian School, 1880-1885.

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### *Notes on names and abbreviations:*

Bee	Mary's granddaughter? (probably through her daughter Abigail Walker Karr)
Bell	Belle Putnam Walker, Mary's daughter-in-law; a teacher at Forest Grove Indian School
IT / ITS	Indian Training School in Forest Grove
LC	Levi C. Walker, Mary's son; married to Belle Putnam Walker
CHW	Cyrus H. Walker, Mary's son; a teacher at Warm Springs Agency
ST	Samuel T. Walker, Mary's son; farming instructor at Forest Grove Indian School
Elda	Mary's granddaughter; the daughter of Belle and Levi

Date	Day	Excerpt
11/20/1879	Thu	Attended prayer meeting led by Capt. Wilkinson [the first Indian School superintendent]. The first time I have seen him.
11/23/1879	Sun	Attended morning service. Capt. Wilkinson did the talking.
3/7/1880	Sun	The Indian [?] [?] [?] & girls & [men?] taken into the I.S.
4/7/1880	Wed	I went over to [visit?] Mrs. & Mr. Putnam [?] by Levi [?] about again & went with his folks to visit the Indian School. Mr. & Mrs. [Chandler?] happened to be there at the same time. Mr. & Mrs. Putnam left on the cars P.M.
4/18/1880	Sun	Capt. Wilkinson led the evening meeting. Sun[day] school full.
4/28/1880	Wed	Last night an Indian broke his leg.
5/15/1880	Sat	Three Indian girls called & Mrs. Huff [the matron at the Indian School] with them. [...] Attended church meeting in the evening. Good attendance & discussion in regard to the I.S. classes.
6/10/1880	Thu	Not feeling well today. Went to town & got [?] [Minor?] to call at the Indian. They seem full of business.
7/11/1880	Sun	Mr. Boynton [a teacher at the Indian School] called with Warm Spring Indian chiefs. Charley Pitt & others. Bell [Mary's daughter-in-law who taught at the Indian School] & I went to the Indian School to hear the talk with chiefs & teachers. They talked very sensibly. Pitt is a good interpreter & a [sound?] man.
7/12/1880	Mon	Mrs. Huff called & the Indian chiefs called on Bell.
7/16/1880	Fri	Called on Mrs. Huff.
7/19/1880	Mon	Called on Mrs. Huff.
7/28/1880	Jul	Several persons picking currants, Mrs. Smith & Indians & others.

8/1/1880	Sun	Attended church. Mr. Boynton led the meeting. Old Mrs. Washington [spent?] part of the day with Bell. She [leaves?] the Indian School feeling [grieved over?] the small pay for much work, she has [received?], [& ?] not know who is to blame.
9/22/1880	Wed	Called on Mrs. Huff.
9/24/1880	Fri	Mr. [Karr? Mary's son-in-law] came on the train. We attended Indian prayer meeting & it was quite interesting. Mr. Karr said he would not have missed it for anything.
9/26/1880	Sun	[Called on] Mrs. Huff in the evening.
10/2/1880	Sat	President Hays to visit & attendants paid a visit to the Grove especially to the Indian School. They came on a special train & were delayed so that the Indians had to come & meet them at Mr. Meriman's [?]. They took lunch. Mrs. Hays is better looking than he. The weather was fine. I had an introduction to the President by Prof. [Joseph] Marsh.
10/17/1880	Sun	[...?] & start with the Indian [?] [in?] the evening & [has?] [?] went to church.
10/25/1880	Mon	Bell teaching at the Indian School.
10/26/1880	Tue	Three of the Indian girls having spasms [?]
10/27/1880	Wed	Bell had to dismiss the school to do other work. Girl [were?] better.
10/28/1880	Thu	Mr. Smith from the Warm Springs [Indian Agency, where Mary's son Cyrus was working as a teacher] gave us a call. His daughter Mrs. Lee came with him. They took dinner with us & then I went with them to call at the Indian School [neither?] which they were much pleased. We then went [to?] Mr. Lyman's school. They remained overnight. Mr. Lyman took them to see the College. They left on the train on Friday morning.
11/22/1880	Mon	Capt. Wilkinson arrived with Indians most of them Spokane. Went over to see them in the P.M.
11/23/1880	Tue	The Indian Chiefs called [to see?]. Mrs. [I?] from the School came with them. One is a son of old [Barg?-Head?-]Hillawhila, [Mebookahock?]. His name was John when we [came?] away. But an elder Spokane [?] died so now his name is Lot. [Note: This is referring to Chief Lot, the father of Oliver Lot, who was registered in the school's roster the previous day, 11/22/1880.]
11/24/1880	Wed	Baking cake for Indian. Churned & fixed for pies. [Line break.] The Indians were called [?] suddenly, on account of General Howard's [?] [require?] [the?] leave for West Point. I was very sorry not to see them again.
11/25/1880	Thu	L.C. & wife went to dinner with the Indian School.
12/24/1880	Fri	All except the children & I went to the Indian School Christmas. They had a tree & quite a jovial time.

12/31/1880	Fri	The teachers & Indians had a lively time at the Indian School.
		[1881 diary note: each day only has 1/3 page for writing space, so entries are shorter.]
1/17/1881	Mon	Evening went with Mrs. Cary Johnson to the Indian School. She had spent [her?] day in school & was [?] Capt. [?] with [?] [?]
1/23/1881	Sun	After church six of the Spokane Indians called. Had quite a pleasant time with them.
2/25/1881	Fri	The Indian School celebrated its anniversary. We attended the [?] & [?] [?] [full?]. & all [?] [up pleasantly?]
3/13/1881	Sun	The Indian boys of Spokane called P.M.
3/14/1881	Mon	[unclear if this refers to the "Indian boys" of the previous day:] Last night we were pleased to find one of them [?] a horse [?] they [?] before they were home.
3/20/1881	Sun	The Indians called. I am read[ing?] letters from their parent at Walkers [Prairy?]
4/2/1881	Sat	The Indian boys beat at baseball some [more?] & prove which [were the?] Indians.
4/3/1881	Sun	Call on Bell to have a talk about Indian school arrangements
4/19/1881	Tue	Bell & Elda [Bell's daughter] went to the Indian School
4/25/1881	Mon	We [?] the expense of the Indian [?]. It passed off well.
5/1/1881	Sun	Mr. Vandersol preached, Dr. Herrick assisted at the communion. In the [?] Capt. Wilkinson spoke P.M. Mr. [?] came down to inquire what I knew about him. We had a lively time.
5/19/1881	Thu	We took tea with the Indian School, Mr. & Mrs. [?] from Alaska were here & Capt. Wilkinson. We had a pleasant time. [The couple from Alaska appear to have been missionaries who were mentioned in a previous entry.]
5/28/1881	Sat	Cyrus Walker [Mary's son] arrived from Warm Springs [where he worked at an Indian Agency school; they sent children to the Forest Grove Indian School].
6/2/1881	Thu	Cyrus, Bell & Indian girls gone to the [graveyard??]
6/4/1881	Sat	Bell had the Indians & Mrs. Huff to [town?]
6/12/1881	Sun	Was so tired when it was time for church I did not go but went in the evening. Capt. Wilkinson led the meeting.
6/15/1881	Wed	The folks all went to Indian prayer meeting. The children [Mary's grandchildren] stayed with me.
6/20/1881	Mon	Capt. Wilkinson left with his daughter for Spokane.

6/23/1881	Thu	The teacher from the East for the Indian School did not come so Bell has to teach.
6/30/1881	Thu	After prayer meeting a few called. Two Indians, the Lyman girls [etc]
7/1/1881	Fri	Mrs. [Scott?] is [?] the Indian School
7/5/1881	Tue	We washed. The children were over here & Bell & [L.C.?] both [?] Indian School
7/15/1881	Fri	Warm Spring Indians called in the morning
7/22/1881	Fri	Dr. Atkinson & [Reverend?] called at the Indian School. Made a hasty visit. Mrs. Atkinson was along also.
7/30/1881	Sat	I helped [an] Indian boy pick a bushel of peas
8/7/1881	Sun	Capt Wilkinson read a sermon subject on a man [thinketh?] in his heart, so is he.
8/10/1881	Wed	The moon rose over Mt. Hood. A grand sight. I was home but at the Indian School it was seen also.
8/11/1881	Thu	Mr. Lyman called, he [?] when the Red River people came to Oregon. [?] Gray & Mrs. [Victor?] disagree. I [?] that it was the same season. Capt. Wilk. visited Oregon 1841.
8/15/1881	Mon	Bell commenced washing, broke down & got an Indian girl to finish. [?] L. came on the cars & stopped at the Indian School.
8/16/1881	Tue	Called on Mrs. Wilkinson at the Indian School
8/18/1881	Thu	Worked hard painting [casks?] & buckets & pick[ing] cucumber. Had Indian picking weeds & [etc.?]. Bell is quite ill. Have [Katie?] an Indian girl visit.
8/28/1881	Sun	Attended Church. Capt. Wilkinson read a sermon.
8/29/1881	Mon	Called at Indian School & Dr. Bowlby's & [?] Mr. & Mrs. [Ellis?] at [?]. Clay Smith left for the east to [study?] Indians.
8/30/1881	Tue	[illegible] talk about the [report-?] of Mrs. Huff.
9/9/1881	Fri	Had Indian boy work in the garden
9/17/1881	Sat	Indian boy fell from the roof & was hurt
9/20/1881	Mon	Marcus [Walker] & [L.?] visited Indian School.
10/11/1881	Tue	Bell & her children came to dinner L.C. being away. The children staid over night. Bell went to watch [an] Indian girl. [This is referring to Martha Lott, a Spokane girl from the Indian School who was sick at the time.]
10/14/1881	Fri	Indian girl some better.
10/15/1881	Sat	Bell was [?] with the sick Indian girl

10/16/1881	Sun	The Indian girl died. She was 10 years old & a granddaughter of the Bighead Spokane Indian chief. [Note: the school roster confirms that this was Martha Lott.]
10/18/1881	Tue	I called in the morning to view the remains of Martha Lot. She was [?] in white muslin had a [?] [?] & wore a pleasing [look?]. Sad to think that Dr. Bowlby's [indiscretion?] caused her death.
10/24/1881	Mon	Indians returned from the Mechanic's Fair of Portland
10/28/1881	Fri	11 Warm Spring Indians at Indian School. [?] took care of Bell's children, Levi & Bel visit Indian School. I stay alone.
10/30/1881	Sun	Some Indians down from Warm Springs. A [?] chapel service in the evening. Prof. Marsh led the exercises.
10/31/1881	Mon	Gen Eaton visited the Indian School & college.
11/6/1881	Sun	Attended church communion A.M. Evening home. [?] Wilkinson & the Indians were conspicuous.
11/17/1881	Thu	Called in the evening on Mrs. Wilkinson [... and others]
11/23/1881	Wed	The small pox is killing off Indians & whites too. [Note: She might be referring to a smallpox epidemic in Washington; she mentions someone dying in Washington of smallpox on 11/16/1881. No known references to smallpox appearing in Forest Grove at this time.]
11/27/1881	Sun	[L.C.?] [Bell ?] were at Church in the evening with Indian boys.
12/26/1881	Mon	The Indian School had [?] [?] most of the girls were [from?] [?]. We went over. All went well. Capt. Wilkinson has discharged Mr. [Lacks?]. Folks think him wrong.
1881		[Household account notes are at the back of the diary. Relevant notes include that Mary sold farm produce such as hens or vegetables to Mrs. Wilkinson several times; she either paid or received from her daughter something (possibly labor?) related to Indians for \$0.50; sold apples to Indians for \$0.60]
1882/1/1	Sun	Attended church. Heard the Spokane boy [class?].
1/12/1882	Thu	[Mark.?] left at noon for P[ortland]. [on?] his return to Warm Springs. I gave him Plutarch's Lives.
1/15/1882	Sun	Attended church morning & evening & [heard?] the Indian class.
1/22/1882	Sun	I attended church & heard the Indian class
1/29/1882	Sun	Attended church. Many of the children absent & all the Indians. [Mary implies that this was due to diphtheria that was going around; she reports two white children dying of it during the weeks before and after this date.]
2/25/1882	Sat	There was an entertainment at the Indian School but we did not attend.
3/5/1882	Sun	Indian boy call[ed] P.M.

3/17/1882	Fri	Bell very busy packing to leave to teach at Amity [about 30 miles south of Forest Grove]. She went over to the Indian School in evening.
3/30/1882	Thu	Called at ... Wilkinson's ... [and others]
3/31/1882	Fri	Capt. Wilkinson informed S.T. that he is to be Indian Farmer [i.e. farming instructor for the school] so that will keep [him?] busy for the present.
4/2/1882	Sun	Attended church & [?] was very tired when I got home. Laura [Indian?] called & I [had not been?] able to be sociable.
5/6/1882	Sat	Church meeting. 12 Indians were examined & Mr. [?] & [?] [?] admission. [This entry is difficult to read, but appears to be noting that several Indians were formally approved to join Forest Grove's Congregationalist Church.]
5/7/1882	Sun	No sermon. Capt. Wilkinson made some remarks to the Indians in particular who were admitted. Mr. B. & several Indian girls & young men were received into the church.
5/11/1882	Thu	Washed [?] [illegible name? possibly Skitus?] an Indian boy to help.
5/12/1882	Fri	Lot [i.e. student Oliver Lot] son of our old chief called & [a?] Spokane Indian with him.
5/17/1882	Wed	[An?] Indian from Spokane Abraham by [?] called to see me. [Note: This was probably Charles Abraham, a Spokane student who had registered in the same group as Oliver Lot on 11/22/1880]
5/24/1882	Wed	Indians planting potatoes
5/28/1882	Sun	The Indians & the teachers came over after church.
5/30/1882	Tue	Decoration of soldiers' graves. Walked by the Naylor's burying ground & returned by the Indian School & called on little [S.T.] [?] sick [mother?] [?]
6/1/1882	Thu	Washed Indians helped me
6/11/1882	Sun	Mr. V[andermolen?] preached. The Indians & many others went to hear Mr. Roberts.
6/26/1882	Mon	The Indian teachers Miss L. & [Mc.?] took their girls over to the strawberry patch. ["L" is probably Mary Frances Lyman, a teacher at the school.]
7/4/1882	Tue	S.T. & L.C. [Samuel T. & Levi C., Mary's sons] went to Indian [pres-?]. I staid at home.
7/9/1882	Sun	Capt. Wilkinson is ordered to join his company in Montana.
7/16/1882	Sun	The Indians & Capt. Wilkinson [arrived?]. [At this time, Mary is visiting some place she went to from Portland via boat and land, but it is unclear where.]
7/17/1882	Mon	Dr. W. McCoy [or McKay?] added much to the interest of the day by statements he made concerning Indians. [This is still away from Forest Grove.]

8/2/1882	Wed	[Worked?] hard an Indian boy to help. Got along better than I expected.
8/11/1882	Fri	Sam & Indians tearing down old buildings. [She probably means her son Sam, tearing down buildings with the help of Indian School students; likely the buildings were on his property rather than at the school, though this is not clear.]
8/14/1882	Mon	Went to the Indians evening service. One of the Spokane boy[s] came with me to the gate.
8/30/1882	Wed	Had an Indian to help wash James George was his name. [This is student James George of Spokane]
9/2/1882	Sat	Sat. S.T. went out to the Indian girls were camping to stop over Sunday.
9/3/1882	Sun	After church I was taken with bloody flux. Had 2 Indian girls to stay with over night.
9/8/1882	Fri	Dr. Herrick [President of Pacific University] returned & Mr. Wilkinson.
11/10/1882	Fri	Washed. Had an Indian boy to help. [?] [?] got here in time to hang out the clothes.
11/22/1882	Wed	S.T. & Indians making [B-ont?].
11/23/1882	Thu	Mr. Heton & Indians making [B-ont?]. S.T. helping. Made 2 [?] gallons.
12/25/1882	Mon	There were three Christmas trees for us to attend. [?] a L.C. [?] & at the Hall & Indian School. I had [seven?] gifts.
1/2/1883	Tue	[S.T.?] settling accounts at Indian School. Thing[s] there are in a [mess??] – [M.W.W.?] [to? he Indian [agent?] at Warm Springs called at A.T. Smith's. [I?] School [--ded?] A little more [?]
1/22/1883	Mon	The Indian boy Moses [probably Indian School student Moses Price Minthorn of Umatilla] brought down the girls on the wagons to spend the day with me. Enjoyed it nicely.
2/2/1883	Fri	Miss Unthank [Minnie Unthank, a teacher] leaves the Indian School & Bell is asked to fill the gap.
2/5/1883	Mon	Bell commenced to teach I.T. School.
2/10/1883	Sat	The new superintendent Dr. Minthorn & Capt. Wilkinson have arrived.
2/11/1883	Sun	L.C. & I went to the Indian School service. Exercises were conducted by Capt. Wilkinson who took most of the time & left the impression that there was such a person [as he?].
2/12/1883	Mon	S.T. went to a social at the I.T. School.
2/18/1883	Sun	Dr. Herrick preached. Dr. McCoy & an Indian were at church.
2/22/1883	Thu	Bell is in school.
3/1/1883	Thu	Some trouble with the Indians.

3/2/1883	Fri	The Indian called Oliver Lot called to say [?] by. He is a grandson of Old Bighead son of Chief Lot the same as was the old chief's son John who was a boy when Cyrus [Mary's son] was a babe. [?] has been learning carpenter trade. But is going to farming now. [Note: "Old Bighead" is referring to the elder Chief Big Star, grandfather of student Oliver Lot. Oliver would later take the name Chief Big Star.]
3/16/1883	Fri	Got rested and chored round and and the Indian boy was buried, Billy Skitus. He used to help me wash last fall.
3/18/1883	Sun	The S.S. [Sunday School] teachers who have Indian classes went to the school to hear them.
3/26/1883	Mon	The I.T. School is found to be bankrupt.
3/27/1883	Tue	The school is to have a week vacation [?] on [B.'s?] account. [Unclear if this is referring to the Indian School or some other school.]
3/29/1883	Wed	S.T. clerking for the I.T. School.
4/1/1883	Sun	My birthday. [?], L.C. & family dined with us, also two Indians.
4/2/1883	Mon	Two marriages at the I.T. Rev. Mr. Lyman officiated.
4/18/1883	Wed	[Marsh?] came & S.T. went to Portland to meet Minthorn [the second superintendent of the Indian School] & [?] Indians. Mostly Nez Perce. [Note: 26 Nez Perce students were registered at the school on this date.]
4/21/1883	Sat	Burnet [local Baptist minister] takes up Bell's attention, what is left of the school.
4/22/1883	Sun	Bee went with Ollie to witness the immersion of six females by Eld. Burnet, the [camp..?] teacher. [Unclear, but this might be talking about female students from the Indian School.]
4/28/1883	Sat	Minthorn came with 14 more Indians. [These were students from the Yakima Agency.]
5/6/1883	Sun	Attended church. Rev. [?] Bosworth preached. Nugen Koits [i.e. Nugen Kautz, Puyallup student], Mr. & Mrs. Bosworth & daughter & son united with the church.
5/19/1883	Sat	The funeral of an Indian girl at the I.T. School. [This was Lila Jack, a Wasco student from Warm Springs, who had died the previous day.]
5/26/1883	Sat	Sam & three Indians putting in garden.
6/4/1883	Mon	Mr. Griffin [former missionary and Congregationalist minister from Hillsboro] called. Gave a long account of the way C.H.W. [Cyrus H. Walker, Mary's son who was teaching at the Warm Springs Agency] was prevented from being Indian agent to Nez Perces.
6/16/1883	Sat	Choring round. Pick peas, dig potatoes [etc.?] Indian fed pig too much that I feared it [would?] kill him.



6/17/1883	Sun	Dr. Atkinson preached & came home with me to dinner. [?] many inquiries he made about Dr. Whitman. It is as certain that he visited Washington & [conspired?] with Sect. Webster as that he was killed by the Indians. [This is referring to the "Whitman Massacre" of 1847; Mary knew the Whitmans.]
6/26/1883	Tue	Called at Indian School.
6/28/1883	Thu	Mrs. Minthorn left on the [Thur. 28?] with 27 Indians 19 of them girls. One who was sick of consumption died on the way of hemorage of the lungs. [This was Winnie Abrahams of Umatilla whose death was recorded on the school roster. The students were travelling somewhere at the time; unclear where.]
7/12/1883	Thu	In the [evening?] we attended a social at the Indian S.
7/17/1883	Tue	[...thered?] with Indians all day. We [sh...?] egg & apples.
7/29/1883	Sun	I also attended the Indian meeting in the evening. Mr. Rubins a Nez Perce who has conducted 16 [more?] Indians to the I.T. School was present & addressed the school.
8/4/1883	Sat	Choring about picking cucumbers. Got Indian [?] to pick plums. [?] not were ripe & only a peck.
8/6/1883	Mon	Choring. The Indians annoy me very much stealing fruit etc.
8/10/1883	Fri	Mr. Blood [either Alonza or Benjamin Blood, both of whom were carpentry and wagon making instructors] of the Indian School very sick. Levi went to sit up with him. Bee & Elda had letters from C.H. [Cyrus H., Mary's son]. He intends to visit us soon. Indian boys [shocking c...ts?].
8/12/1883	Sun	S.T. watched with Mr. Blood so we were late this morning.
8/14/1883	Tue	Mr. Blood died 4 p.m. at Rev. Mr. Bosworth. His brother arrived at 7 p.m.
8/15/1883	Wed	Mr. Blood died at 4 yesterday & was buried on Wednesday.
8/28/1883	Tue	Bell sick. Ollie in I.T.S.
9/12/1883	Wed	C.H. came out. Went with him to call on Mr. Bosworth. Attend Indian prayer meeting. A new Dr. has arrived to be employed in the I.T. [This was Dr. W.V. Coffin, who would later serve as interim superintendent of the school from 11/21/1884-9/30/1885.]
10/6/1883	Sat	Had an Indian Peter Kalla [i.e. Peter Kalama of the Puyallup Agency] to help pick grapes p.m.
10/10/1883	Wed	Overseeing Indian work. I worked p.m. the woodhouse [chamber?] over [?].
10/11/1883	Thu	Thurs. Indians [putting?] wood into woodhouse.
10/20/1883	Sat	Mr. Blood took supper with S.T. [This was the Mr. Blood who did not die; both Mr. Blood's were carpentry and wagon making instructors at the Indian School.]

10/24/1883	Wed	Two Indians commenced yesterday & finished today laying a new floor on the porch.
11/13/1883	Tue	Called at Indian School
11/14/1883	Wed	In the evening S.T. [waited?] several persons to attend the Indian prayer meeting but felt they were [deemed...?]
11/17/1883	Sat	Mr. Griffin called to see me & we had a long talk on Indians & their [dis...?].
11/22/1883	Thu	An Indian named Atkinson from Chehalis Co. left on account of ill health. He was boarding at [L.C.?]. [This is referring to Atkinson Secena, a Chehalis student who had enrolled at Tualatin Academy while in Forest Grove. See spreadsheet of students for more detail.]
12/16/1883	Sun	Attended church. Mr. Miles preached & Mr. Bosworth's family [over?]. The Indian School staid at [home?]. They have a bell which rang for the first time.
12/25/1883	Tue	Attended the Christmas at the I.T. School. The exercises there were very satisfactory. Quite a number of invited guests. Walking good in the evening and weather calm. Winum & wife parents of the Indian girl that died [Sat?] were present. [This is referring to the parents of Emma Winum of Umatilla.]
1/19/1884	Sat	Called at A.T. Smith's & had a long talk on business & the I.T. School.
1/21/1884	Mon	Called at Mr. Miles on my way to the I.T. School. Found Mr. Minthorn & wife in their office. Had a three hours talk with them. [?] he said [...y] everything mean about S.T. Admits that I ought to have had pay for farm & house [of?] [L.C.?]. But it was all mismanagement. I think he has taken advantage of [me?] & the [main?] reason is he [wants?] his office for his [wife?].
1/30/1884	Wed	Indian School to go to Newburg. Perhaps it is best. [This is referring to a plan from Minthorn to move the school to Newburg which ultimately did not happen.]
1/31/1884	Thu	The first no. of the Washington Enterprise issued. In it is an article about the I.T. School. Much of it accords with [?] I expressed to him recently. [Note: this was apparently a newspaper published for a short amount of time in Forest Grove; so far no issues have been found in local museums or libraries.]
2/15/1884	Fri	S.T. settled with Mr. Minthorn & got along better than he expected to.
2/24/1884	Sun	Attended morning service. Text: We now see through a glass darkly. Taught [someone's name]'s class of Indian boys.
3/14/1884	Fri	Newgin Kaurts and Henry Sicade dined with us. [i.e. Nugen Kautz and Henry Sicade, Puyallup students.]
4/7/1884	Mon	Dr. Minthorn wants Sam to take charge of I.T. farming. But he does not see fit to accept.

4/25/1884	Fri	Called at Mr[s?] Mills. She is teaching in the Indian School and giving music lessons. [Probably referring to teacher Mary F. Mills.]
5/27/1884	Tue	In the morning went with Mrs. Hoxter, Mrs. [Loveet?] & Mrs. Colby & a lady editor of Kansas to visit Indian School. Went through the establishment.
6/1/1884	Sun	Myron Eells here. Went to dinner with Minthorn. [Myron Eells was a missionary at Skokomish or Puyallup at this time; the Eells family had been missionaries with the Walker Family at Tshimakain in the 1840s.]
6/6/1884	Fri	Indian girls called.
6/23/1884	Mon	A little Indian girl died at Indian School. She was a Spokane. [This was Eunice Madge James of Spokane.]
10/2/1884	Thu	Dr. Minthorn is to leave the Indian School.
10/12/1884	Sun	Bruce Minthorn died. [Benjamin Bruce Minthorn, aged about 7, son of Superintendent Minthorn.]
10/13/1884	Mon	Attended funeral at the Indian School. The burial to be at Newberg where the Friends [i.e. Quakers] have burial grounds.
10/23/1884	Thu	A [Ma...? possibly marriage?] at I.T. School.
12/18/1884	Thu	The I.T. School building burned. It was the oldest building. Many things were saved & many lost. The fire took about 10 a.m. when the children were most of them in school in the new building. [This is referring to the fire that destroyed the girls' dormitory at the school.]
12/19/1884	Fri	Most of the school [remains?]
1/17/1885		[Written at end of 1884 diary.] An Indian girl died at I.T. school.
1/22/1885		[Written at end of 1884 diary.] Miss Fairchild called. She is [?] a [?] to buy Miss [Minthorn?] a cloak [...?] having [had?] all her clothing in the fire at the I.T. School.
2/22/1885	Sun	A part of the Indians are leaving for Salem.
5/13/1885	Wed	Intended to go to the [Indian?] School [...ry?] entertainment but it was too rainy.
5/17/1885	Sun	Attended church & S.S. [Sunday School] Several strangers present. [Th...?] church book [lowly?] without the Indian School children who have mostly left for Salem.
8/11/1885	Tue	I went over to the Indian School & exchanged [fruits?] for some of the boys' old coats & pants for braiding rugs with. [Last relevant entry in 1885.]