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### Research Report: Episcopal Native American Boarding Schools 1873-1930

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#### Alaska

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Christ Church (Day and Boarding School)	Anvik, Alaska	Alaska	Rowe	Boys and Girls	1891-
St. James Mission (Day and Boarding School)	Nuklakayet (Fort Adams), Alaska	Alaska	Rowe	Boys	1893, 1896-1900 when mission was abandoned. (Rev. Provost provides private instruction to 3 boarding pupils in 1894).
St. Timothy's Mission and School	Tanana Crossing, Alaska	Alaska	Rowe	Boys and Girls	1913- ca. 1930
Tortella Hall, St. Mark's Mission,	Nenana, Alaska	Alaska	Rowe	Boys and Girls	1908-

#### Idaho

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Church Mission School	Ross Fork, Idaho	Boise	Funsten	Boys and Girls (by 1918 Girls only)	1904- [The later focus on home economics for girls suggests that this second school was from its inception a vocation and domestic supplement to the Government School in the same location.]
"Fort Hall" Indian Boarding School (Government School)	Ross Fork, Idaho (moved to Ross Fork from Fort Hall in 1905 but kept original name)	Boise	Funsten	Boys and Girls	1880- The Episcopal Church reported its first involvement with the school when the government moves the school from Fort Hall to Ross Fork in 1905. In 1910, Episcopal missionaries, Mr. Creasey and his wife, were put in charge of religious education.

#### Minnesota

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Indian Boarding Schools (Government Schools)	Cass Lake, Leech Lake, Red Lake, White Earth, and Wild Rice River, Minnesota	Minnesota	Whipple	No data	ca. 1867- The US Government operated several boarding schools in Minnesota. The Episcopal Church's involvement supplemented that education with religious instruction. Episcopal missionaries deliberately built chapels near these schools to provide religious education. The Rev. J. Gilfillan, for example, had been at White Earth Mission since ca. 1872, but was put in charge of religious education at the Government Indian Boarding School in 1876.

## Nebraska

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Fowler's Home	Santee Mission, Nebraska	Niobrara	Hare	Boys	Rev. and Mrs. Fowler took in 6 boys from 1880-84.
Genoa Indian Industrial School (Government School)	Genoa, Nebraska	Nebraska	Worthington	Boys and Girls	Government school established in 1884. The Episcopal Church in Nebraska provided services 1884-1895 when denominational services were no longer permitted. The Missionary District built a chapel facing the school in 1900 and began regular religious services to students.
St. Mary's	Santee Mission, Nebraska	Niobrara	Hare	Girls	1873-1884 (Fire destroyed the school in 1884. New school built on Rosebud Reserve, South Dakota.)
Winnebago Mission	Winnebago, Nebraska	Nebraska	Shayler	Boys and Girls	1923-1924 (Closed due to low enrollment and sickness.)

## North Dakota

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Mission Home for Indian Girls	Cannon Ball, North Dakota	North Dakota	Tyler	Girls	1925-

## Oklahoma

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Chilocco Indian Boarding School (Government School)	Newkirk, Oklahoma	Oklahoma and Indian Territory	Brooke	Boys and Girls	Episcopal missionaries began religious services in 1910.
Concho Indian Boarding School (Government School)	Darlington, Oklahoma	Oklahoma and Indian Territory	Brooke	Boys and Girls	Episcopal missionaries began religious services in 1915.

## Pennsylvania

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Lincoln Institute (Government School)	Wayne, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Stevens	Boys and Girls	Government school established in 1883. The Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania reported providing Church services (Sunday School) from 1885 to 1894.

## South Dakota

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Boys Boarding School	Cheyenne, Dakota (Government Building)	Niobrara	Hare	Boys	1874-1876
Boys Boarding School	Mackenzie's Point, Cheyenne, Dakota (Government Building)	Niobrara	Hare	Boys	1876
Crow Creek Dormitory	Crow Creek, South Dakota	South Dakota	Burleson	Boys and Girls	1928-
Emmanuel Hall	Yankton Mission, Dakota	Niobrara	Hare	Girls	1874-1877
Girls Boarding School	Yanktonnais Mission, Dakota (Government Building)	Niobrara	Hare	Boys and Girls	1874-1879
Government Boarding School	[location not identified]	South Dakota	Burleson		In 1928, the Board of Missions reported an Episcopal missionary is serving as chaplain.

### South Dakota, continued

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Hare Industrial School	Mission [Rosebud], South Dakota	South Dakota	Burleson	Boys	1928- (Built on former site of St. Mary's after it burned down in 1922.)
Hope Boarding School	Springfield, South Dakota	Niobrara	Hare	Boys and Girls	1880-1893 (becomes Government school in 1894). In 1923 property is repurchased, replaces St. Mary's that was destroyed in fire).
St. Augusta's	Rapid City, Dakota (deliberately not built on Indian land)	South Dakota	Hare	N/A	(Completed in 1890 but never reported as occupied)
St. Elizabeth's	Standing Rock Reserve	South Dakota	Hare	Boys and Girls	1890-
St. John's Boarding School (St. John's William Welsh Mem. Boarding Sch. after 1889)	Cheyenne River Reserve (near Old Fort Bennett), Dakota	Niobrara	Hare	Girls	1878-1901
[New] St. Mary's	Rosebud Reserve, Dakota	South Dakota	Hare	Girls (Boys and Girls from 1886 - 1896)	1886 - (burned down in 1922, reopened in Springfield in 1923 in former Hope School building).
St. Paul's	Yankton Reserve (Yankton Agency), Dakota	Niobrara	Hare	Boys	1873-1901

### Utah

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Boarding School	Aneth, Utah	New Mexico	Howden	Boys	1921- ca. 1926 (US Government provided free lease of abandoned buildings for five years. The school appears to have closed within three years.)
Uintah and Ouray Boarding School (Government Schl.)	Whiterocks, Utah	Utah	Spalding	Boys and Girls	Bishop reported Episcopal priests and missionaries teaching at school from 1904-1916.

### Virginia

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Hampton Institute (Government School)	Elizabeth City County, Virginia	Southern Virginia	Randolph	Boys and Girls	Board of Missions reported Rev. C. B. Bryan in charge of religious care of Indian students at Hampton from 1896 to 1904. Rev. Estill served as chaplain from 1905 to 1911.

### Wyoming

School	Location	Diocese	Diocesan	Gender	Years Active
Shoshone-Episcopal Mission	Shoshone Mission, Wind River Reservation, Wyoming	Wyoming/Idaho	Talbot	Girls	1890-
St Michael's Mission Boarding	Ethete, Wyoming	Wyoming	Thomas	Boys and Girls	1917-
Wind River Industrial School (Government School)	Fort Washakie, Wind River Reservation, Wyoming	Wyoming/Idaho	Talbot	Boys and Girls	1884-1940 missionaries worked closely with the government school. Rev. Roberts was the first superintendent; Rev. Coolidge is later put in charge.