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Dear Mulford:

Before I start on the Tucson Presbyterian Indian School I want to mention something which you may or may not know; i.e., that the architect of the old Central Building at the University at Tucson was James M. Creighton of Phoenix who was, I assume, architect, and I know owner of the Creighton Building in Phoenix which was recently torn down. Jim died a number of years ago at the age of 96.

When I landed in Tucson in November, 1906, the Tucson Presbyterian Indian School was located on Third St. some three block west of the University and the property ran thru the street to the south. The building were frame and adobe. The Superintendent was Mr. H.G. Brown. Some time between then and 1908 the school was moved to a location three miles south of Tucson bordering on the Santa Cruz river. The building were of brick: Superintendent's cottage to the south and east, Girls' Dormitory immediately west of Sup'ts Cottage, was two stories and basement. Basement contained kitchen, dining rooms for students and teachers, First floor was devoted to offices, sewing room, and some bed rooms for teachers. Second floor rooms for girls. Next was the Chapel to the north and a little west of the Girls' Dorm., which in addition to the Chapel contained Sup't office and P.O. which was named Escuela. Next to the north and slightly farther west was the Farmer's cottage. The farmer was Mr. J.J. Lynn, I'm not quite sure of the initials, nor whether the "y" in the surname shouldn't be ("i"). A little more to the north and east was the Boys' Dormitory with basement first and second story with school rooms in the basement and otherwise arranged much as the Girls' Dorm. The barns and other farming buildings were west and north of the Boys' Building. There was a laundry south and west of the Chapel but I'm not sure that it was one of the original buildings. Later a separate building was erected for the teachers and it was located south and west of the other buildings on the road running east and west and crossing the Santa Cruz river. Also later a building (two stories) was erected north of the Sup'ts Cottage and opposite the Chapel and the Chapel was moved to it and other space was used for sewing rooms, etc.

All the buildings were of brick except the farm building, which were frame. SAC