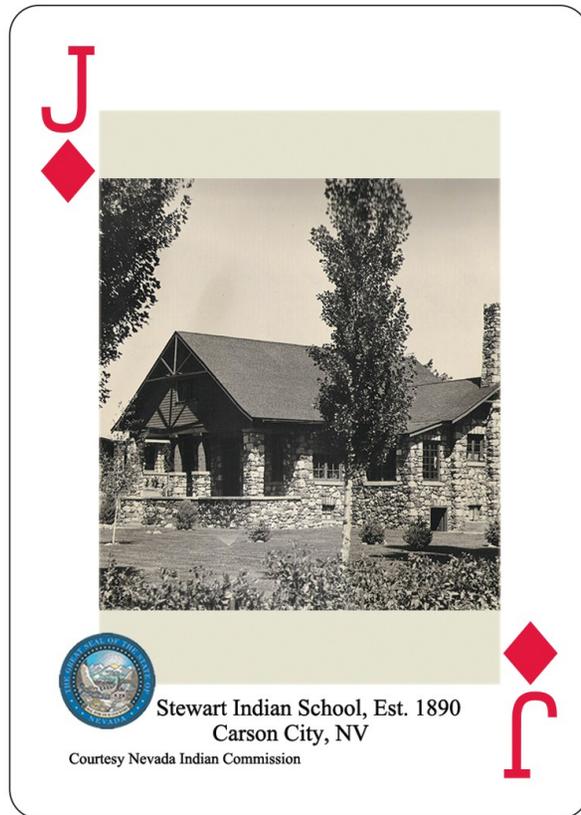


# Stewart Indian School National Register Historic District Carson City



Originally known as the Carson Indian Training School, Stewart Indian School was operated by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide vocational training and academic education for American Indian students from throughout the West for nearly a century.

W.D.C. Gibson, the first superintendent, renamed the boarding school in honor of U.S. Senator William Morris Stewart of Nevada. Stewart was the principal figure in obtaining congressional authorization and funding for the institution.

The majority of the surviving Stewart School structures were built between 1922 and 1940. Buildings dating from the 1920s and the early 1930s were erected by student and Native American contract labor under the direction of James and John Christopher, principals in a local contracting company and operators of a quarry along the Carson River. Although stone for the Stewart buildings was secured from sources throughout the State, much of the facility's distinctive metamorphic rock originated at the Christopher Quarry.

Stewart structures from this period are characteristically single-story, masonry buildings with exterior walls averaging 22 to 24 inches in thickness. Walls are laid in random courses with a mortar mix combined with lampblack. This photo was taken in 1932 not too long after initial construction.

For more information on Stewart Indian School please visit:  
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