Dennis Strikes First
Date of Death: January 19, 1881

Name variations: Dennis

Documents compiled here recording information about the death and burial of Dennis Strikes First:

1. Card from Student Information Cards Series, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1329, box 5.
2. Card from Student Record Cards Series, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1328, box 3.
4. Hepburn, C. H., Carlisle, to Richard Henry Pratt, Carlisle, 20 January 1881, Entry 91, Letters Received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (1881-1907), box 4, item 1524.
Name: Dennis
Indian name: Strikes First
Tribe: Sioux
Age: 12
Blood
Agency: Rosebud
Father: Blue Tomahawk
Arrived: 10-6-79
Departed: 1-19-87
Cause: Death

Class entered: 
Class left: 
Trade: Outing

Character: 
Married: 
Deceased: 1881

Remarks: 

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From the Indian Journal.

"Perhaps all of the peculiar congregations that have assembled, our town has had its share of variety, but in all its ways never such a one as gathered in the Presbyterian Church last evening. Nearly one-half of the large audience was dependent for its amusement on the few of whom had been sent to go in cloth in acceptance of Secretary Schurr's magnificent proposal. In the puppet set up the oven of commerce, Rev. W. S. Robertson and Rev. R. M. Longbridge. As a most suitable setting for the bright and nervously interested children, the history of fathers and mothers, grave with the solicitude of parental affection and yet wearing unambiguously the imprints of the unexpressed wish of desire for the love and companion hip of the children, but rather a realization of these for the present, that greater opportunities exist than ever before, might be opened up, to prepare for a nobler and wiser type of man and womanhood in the generations to come. As a speaker remarked, this is an epoch in the history of the Creek people, and surely it is such a well defined opening to possibilities both to those who have gone and to those who remain, that every honest worker for Indian progress, is justified in believing that the door to fellowship with other nations, is for them at last ajar.

We judge the selections made from the Talla- hasee pupils to be excellent ones. They are adaptable, and are creditable to Indian education all from good families. The following are the names of those taken, and who left on Wednesday evening in charge of Judge Moore and Mrs. Craig.

GIRLS.

Rosie Ross, Minnie Atkins
Rosa B. Bell, Susan R. Bell
Nancy McIntosh, Millie McIntosh
Eliza Bell, Elizabeth M. M 
Elizabeth McIntosh, Ella Moore
Mathias E. Moore, Reza Chasse
Jane Freeman

BOYS.

Benjamin Marshall, Robert Stewart
William Davis, James White
Silas Childs, James Bell
Cornelius Carr, Samuel Scott
Samuel Choue, Almirande Kellomp

Our Gymnasium.

We need a good session this year to build up physically at the same time we build up the brain. Strong minds with weak bodies will do no good. Cool and warm weather prevents outdoor exercise. We are a species of people who can only grow with good brick walls and the roof 10 feet long by 12 feet wide. We want to floor this and put in an upper story, if possible, and then have no money to give us to do this. It is important. Some of our friends see it, and have sent us $120 toward it. We want $200.

Since Our Last Acknowledgments the following Donations have been received.

From Miss Eva Pickard: Cash $2.00.
From Mrs. S. School Class: $1.50.
From Mrs. M. Warden: Cash $2.00.
From Mrs. H. B. Edgers: Cash $1.00.
From Miss S. G. Puckett: Cash $1.00.
From H. G. S. Lowal: Cash $1.00.
From Miss R. A. Prall: Cash $50.00.
From A. L. Wileston: Cash $100.00.
From J. L. C. Cash: $50.00.
From T. M. Sinclair: Cash $1.00.
From S. R. Johnson: Cash $1.00.
From W. A. G. Cash: $50.00.
CASH TOTAL: $1341.75.

Of this amount $1194.90 has been contributed especially for the construction of the Steam Heaters, and $119.25 for the Gymnasium.

We are also indebted to the Indian Hope, per Mrs. M. H. Cross, for a most liberal supply of Christmas presents, and like donations from Mrs. Bolding, Susan Longstreth, Miss H. M. Eggleston and from four classes of the Presbyterian S. S. Egglewood, N. J., per Mrs. V. T. Booth.

DEAD.

On Wednesday Jan. 12th Miss Hyde, the matron at our school, was summoned home by the sad news that her father had just died. This was a great loss to the Hampton Institute, became interested in Indian educational work, and was a strong adherent of the Hampton cause. His only wish was that by many sad and his ability to help, were fully demonstrated. In his death we lost one of our most useful men, and his value to his country and his life and death, we copy from the Springfield (Mass.) Republican:

Representative Hyde of Lee died very suddenly at Boston last Saturday night, after being in bed for several weeks. The body was removed this morning to the funeral home for burial. The services were attended by a large number of friends, and the casket was borne to the grave by many sad and his ability to help, were fully demonstrated. In his death we lost one of our most useful men, and his value to his country and

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It was a sad and mysterious coincidence by which two of our pupils were taken from us by the 13th of December, both of them belonging to the same agency and the same band of Sioux.

Nepo, Chief White Thunder's son, was sent to the Niclause Indian School in October for promotion to a slier native to the immediate surroundings. The applications being disgraceful he would not submit to them. He was a large, strong, well-nourished youth, so that when toward the latter part of his illness he was willing to recover, it was encouraging to see how much he did to help himself. Nepo had no son of his father who was most anxious he should become an educated, useful man.

They were all young Indians of the Little Girl (Miss) the daughter of Chief Beckow, a handsome, intelligent girl, much loved by her schoolmates. She came to the Training School suffering from some pulmonary disease which caused her to lie in bed. She was the first girl to die here, and the first Sioux out of more than 400 who died with the school.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Professor Lippincott, and the dead child is one which will never be forgotten by those who

On the 19th inst., Drexel, son of Blue Tomahawk of Rosebud Agency, Dakota, died of Typhoid Pneumonia. Dennis was a bright, studious, ambitious high school student, reading first in his class, and of so tractable a disposition as was impossible to his teachers. Two of his sisters had recently died at the agency of similar disease so that Blue Tomahawk's family is indeed bereaved.
R. H. Balch
Casalino

Jan 25, 1881

Ref. report of
the Physician
of deaths of
Dennis, a scholar
from Rosebud.
Indian Training School,

Jan. 25, 1881.

Respectfully forwarded to

The Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs for his information.

R.H. Ball

1st Lieut., 10th Cav.,

In Charge.
Indian Training School, Carlisle, Pa.

Jan 20, 1881.

Dr. C.H. Hitchcock.

Reports death of Odenix, a student from Peebulp Agency.

Cook
United States Indian Service,


Indian Training School, Jan. 20, 1881.

To
W. H. Pratt,
1st Lieut. 10th Cav. In Charge.

I have the honor to report the death of the following named scholar of this school:

Denis, Simon, aged 13, died Jan. 19th inst. at 1:45 P.M. of Typhoid Pneumonia.

He entered the Hospital Dec. 5th ult. with symptoms of Typhoid Fever of mild type; the lower lobe of right lung was soon attacked by Pneumonia, & the same region of the left lung was in a few days similarly affected. No marked violence of symptoms was manifested until about midnight of Jan. 17th inst. when a violent gastric, intestinal disturbance suddenly & unexpectedly occurred. The stomach refused all food; the vomition rapidly followed, terminating
United States Indian Service,

Agency,

in death at the time mentioned.

Very Respectfully,

E.H. Heptner
Physician