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Cantonment, Oklahoma,

Jan 2nd

1912

Dear Friend:-

Your circular letter of Dec. 19, 1911 received. Thank you for your kind greetings. I was at school in 1879, but on account of my eyes had to come home in 1884. I learned the tailor trade for which I have no use here at all. Yes I have disappointments. Last summer my mule was stolen and killed by a white man, no redress was made.

Is Sweet Meadow's boy in your school? He is my son by Indian custom. When does he go back home? I would like to have him come to me and be my son for my own died. Please tell the boy to write to me.

Yours truly
 { Fred Brown
 { Alfred

January 9, 1912.

Alfred Brown
Cantonment, Okla.
Dear friend:-

I have your letter and am glad to hear from one of the very first pupils of this school. I am glad to know you still have an interest in the old school, though it has been many years since you were here. I am getting quite a number of letters from the older returned students and they are very interesting to me, as well as a great inspiration to me in my work here.

Henry Sweet Medicine is enrolled as a pupil here. He is now out in the country living with Frank P. McNair, Eureka, Pa. I have given you his address so you can write to him if you wish.

With best wishes to you, I am

Your friend

Superintendent.

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Cantonment, Oklahoma, December 12 1910

Superintendent Friedman
Carlisle, Va.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter concerning my boy, Harvey Forest, water I got some time ago. I would like to come and see you and the school and my boy, but it is too far. I hope he is doing well. When he is down and ready to go home, please see to it, that he comes here, to me. I am not his real father, according to white man's fashions, but I am his father to our customs. His father is my brother and when my only boy died, my brother gave me his boy, to love him and consider him my son. I love the boy and he is to have all I possess. Tell him to write to me some time, it will make me glad. -

Yours truly,
Alfred Brown
(Bearfoot).

Fonda, Okla. March 5 1913

March 10th, 1913.

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Mr. Alfred Brown,

Fonda, Oklahoma.

My dear Friend:

I will take this opportunity to thank you for your favor of March the 5th, containing the very favorable news that you are devoting all your time to the missionary work among your people. It is gratifying to hear such a report and to know that you are working with those who have not had the opportunities you have enjoyed.

I wish you continued success in your work and hope that much good will be accomplished thru your efforts.

Sincerely your friend,

H.M.

Superintendent.

Touza, Okla. March 5, 1913

Mr. W. Friedman, Superintendent
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear Sir:- It was in 1880 that I was in Carlisle as
Captain Pratt was there. I am about 45 years
old and my eyesight is dim. I remember that
Carlisle was then a good school for many of
us. I had learned the tailor trade, but had no
use for it here. At present I am helping here
in the mission work. I became a Christian
some seven years ago and I help in the
Mennonite Mission. I am following my
Savior with all my heart. There are only a
few Indians here that are truly Christians.
Some are still for the old religion and some
have Christianity only for a parade blanket
to please the missionaries. - My children all
died young, otherwise would send them to Carlisle.
I feel sad to be alone, but some day I shall
be comforted and see my dear ones. I was
glad to receive the invitation and thank you for
same. But you see I could not come so far,
have not the means and my eyesight is
dim.

Yours truly
Alfred Brown
Chapman

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Cheyenne Mennonite Mission

REV. AND MRS. RODOLPHE PETTER
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Cartonment, x Okla., Town, Okla.

Fonda, Okla. Mar. 22, 1913.

Mr. M. Friedman, Superintendent,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I was very glad indeed to get your letter.

These Indians here are still like children, they do not know how to work. I hear however that very many of them are going to plant their fields this spring. I am very glad that I learned how to farm at Carlisle. But I have not been farming, I have been working at the Agency after my return from school. And then as I told you, I have been working for the mission the past seven years. I feel a strong purpose to work for Jesus to the end of my days. I mean to work for Him until I am an old man.

I wish with all my heart that everybody, the white people, the colored people, the Indians, the Mexicans, everybody would follow God. There would then be so much less wickedness. If everybody would follow the teaching of the Bible, the Word Jesus gave us, how good it would be. There would then be more love for one another and less hatred, we would then all be brethren in the truest sense. Altho many white people can read so well and know the teaching well, it is a pity that so few really live according to it. So also among the Indians. There are comparatively only few who follow the teaching. I try to be very zealous in telling the Indians about Jesus. That is the way I live, I try to follow God, so that when I die, I may not be troubled, but go home in peace. Heaven is my home, I think. I also wish that all the students at Carlisle may follow the good road.

Should I hear of any who obey Jesus and follow Him, I shall be very glad.
I try to walk uprightly in the light. That is all.

*your friend,
Alfred Brown.*

P.S. - Written as dictated in Cheyenne. - P.H.P.

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Alfred Brown

NAME AT CARLISLE

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1910		Cantonment Okla	Inter for Miss		
1911		Toreda, Okla.	" "		
1913	Self	Tonda, "	Native Evangelist.		

Department of the Interior.



Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

Pennsylvania

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Fonda, Okla. Dec. 27 1913

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Name

Alfred Brown (Nakoyata)
(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribe

Cheyenne

Present Address

Fonda, Okla.

Former Address

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(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation

Native evangelist.

Remarks:

For eight years Alfred has been a faithful and able worker in our mission here. - Mrs. Rodolphe Petter.

Record of Graduates and Returned Students,

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

Fonda, Okla. June 17 1911.

NAME Alfred Brown

1. Are you married and if so to whom? Yes to a Cheyenne woman, sister to Florence Hoffman, who was in Carlisle.

2. What is your present address? Fonda, Okla.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? No Give names of schools and dates if possible. Was there but a short while had to leave on account of my eye. Subsequently, was operated for fistula and and have been more or less disabled since

4. What is your present occupation? No settled one. Am helping in the messwork of the Messwrits and then doing some laundry.

5. Tell something of your present home.

My land is distant from the Indians, so we do not live on it. Have built a tent house.

6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings, or money do you have? Have

a piece of land, am heir to some land and the Agent has my money; how much he does, not tell me

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? Have

been working by the month for the government school at Cantonment, taking care of the cows.

8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? Sec. in Montana
helping missionary Pres. Chas. for a time.

9. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life:

How is something that just happened to me:
I have a span of good mules, gentle. Last
Saturday one of them disappeared from
the pasture. I found the foot uplifted
tracked my mule with the tracks of
a large horn. Found tracks leading to
a white man's pasture. White man says
his son took the mule to another man.
Next day I come again and searching
in the man's pasture found my mule
dead! It had been tied in a thicket
and choked. The man's son then left
for Ramona - told the Agent how says
I could do nothing, having no proof!
So I lose my mule. - I am not a
white man, but I think the white
man is not as shrewd as he claims,
for there is every evidence that my mule
was stolen: on seeing me tracking the animal
and to their place the man tied it in a
thicket, where by accident it choked. There
is the sign of the rope on the tree, but no
rope to be found!

Yours truly
Alfred Brown