

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

January 21, 1907

Alex. Upshaw
St. Xavier Mont.

Dear friend;-

Please oblige by answering the questions below accurately and promptly and return this paper to me in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Are you married and if so to whom? *Emma Young, Genoa, Neb.*
What is your Post Office address? *St. Xavier, Montana.*
What is your occupation? *Farmer. At present*
making mine ties and selling them.

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each? *I was Industrial Teacher in an Indian School about two years.*

Have you lived in the East any part of the time since your graduation and if so, where, how long and what positions did you fill? *I was at Genoa, Neb., two years.*

Your friend

W. A. Mercer

Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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Other Thanksgiving Days

Thanksgiving Day is one of the oldest festivals of which we have any knowledge, and its origin is lost in the days of myth and fable. But we know that each autumn the Romans held Thanksgiving feasts in honor of their goddess Ceres, while the Greeks at about the same time honored Demeter in the same fashion. The Israelites too, set apart days for Thanksgiving. The oldest recorded one is the "Feast of Tabernacles". In later times these days have been appointed for deliverance from evil, famine, drought, perhaps an enemy, or for some special blessing received.

The Dutch had a Thanksgiving Day at Leyden October 3, 1575, the first anniversary after its siege by the Spaniards. September 1, 1588 was a day of thanksgiving in England, for the defeat of the Spanish Armada. Another English Thanksgiving Day was Feb. 27, 1872 to give thanks for the restoration to the health of the Prince of Wales. June 27, 1887 was Thanksgiving Day in England, for the Queen's Jubilee.

LEARNED MAN OF CROWS DIES ALONE IN A CELL.

Redskin Supposed to Have Been Intoxicated, Pneumonia -- Jailer Finds Lifeless Form.

BILLINGS, Mont, Oct. 55- With one hand still clenched about a bar of his prison in the city jail, the lifeless form of Alex Upshaw, an educated Crow Indian, was found today when Jailer Charles Heodney opened to take his customary survey of the prisoners. Upshaw was placed in the cell last night under the impression that he was drunk. It developed, however that he was ill and a physician attended him. His case was not considered serious and he was left in the cell with two others.

During the night the prisoners say the Indian made a great deal of noise as if he was suffering considerable. That he had a hemorrhage was shown by a large pool of blood which covered a corner in the cell and had spattered against the wall. It is now believed he had pneumonia. When found this morning the Indian was reclining face downward in the corner of the cell and had still retaining his hold on one of the bars. The jailer attempted to rouse him and saw he was dead. Upshaw was highly educated and was one of the leading men of the Crow Tribe. He was nearly 40 years of age and was married several years ago to a white woman, who was a teacher at the Indian School at Pryor.

Crows Making Good.

Alex. Upshaw, of Crow Agency, Montana, made Carlisle a short visit of a couple of days this week. Alex. is one of a large class of Crows who have left Carlisle and are making men of themselves. He has been, for several years past, a right-hand assistant to Mr. E. S. Curtis in helping him gather material for his great work, "The North American Indian," which is to be issued in thirty volumes and to cost \$3,000 per set. Mr. Upshaw is one of the foremost men of his tribe, is industrious and a credit to our school and to his race. He was on his way to Washington and dropped in on us to see Mr. Nori, Mrs. Denny, and several others of "the old guard." It is interesting to hear this ex-student tell of his early experiences, his struggles after leaving school, and of his endeavors to be a credit to his Alma Mater. He says that all the Carlisle Crow students are doing well; as he expressed it: "Everything that is counted a movement of progress on our reservation has a Carlisle man at the head of it."



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REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE

NAME AT CARLISLE

Alex. Upshaw

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1907	Self-	St. Xavier Mont.	Farmer	Died Oct. 1909.	
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