

Willie Curley

Date of Death: May 14, 1881

Documents compiled here recording information about the death and burial of Willie Curley:

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 1.
3. Pratt, Richard Henry, Carlisle, to Jonathan D. Miles, Indian Territory, 16 May 1881, (Letterpress Copy Book 4), Richard Henry Pratt Papers, Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Name

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Willie Curley

" " G.
" " D.

Indian name

Tribes

Arapaho

Age

8

Blood

Agency

Chey. and Arap.

Father

Curley

Arrived

9-6-'80

Departed

5-14-'81

Cause

Death

Class entered

Class left

Trade

Outing

Character

Married

Deceased

5-14-'81

Remarks

over

Dead

SHAW-WALKER MUSKEGON 5478

May 16 81

Eno. D. Miles.

U. S. Indian Agent.

Darlington, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:

I have the sad duty to perform of notifying you of the death of Willie Gurley, student at this school from your agency whom I was especially interested in from the peculiar manner in which he was brought to me by you. I enclose the Doctor's report which gives a detailed account of his sickness & death. I can assure you that every possible effort that could be made on his account was made. We were all deeply concerned about him as soon as his illness took an unfavorable turn & I was present at his bedside very frequently as was also Miss Sample & others. He suffered a great deal. Paroxysms of pain were so intense that it required a great deal of force to keep him on the bed at times. Please tell his mother that he could not possibly have been as well cared for at any place at the agency.



as he was here. ^{and} that it was simply one of those
Providences which we must all submit to,

Willie was my orderly on parades ^{and} by that
means everybody had learned to know him ^{and} to love
his quiet little ways. While it is always sad for
us to report the death of students this case is pecu-
liarly so. Tell his mother that we laid him
away tenderly in the graveyard with the same forms
or ceremony that we do our own dead. We all
gathered in the chapel ^{and} after hearing the Bible
read ^{and} some remarks from the minister we march-
ed to the graveyard where there were additional cere-
monies.

By human sympathy can alleviate the sor-
row of a parent, Mrs. Birley has her full share
in the sympathy we all feel with her in her
loss.

Respectfully yours.

W. H. Hall

Lieut. In charge.