

# Isaac Longshore

**Date of Death: June 24, 1918**

Name variations: Isaac Long Shore

Documents compiled here recording information about the death and burial of Isaac Longshore:

1. Descriptive Card from Student File of Isaac Long Shore, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1327, box 149, folder 5795.
2. Francis, John Jr., Carlisle, to Mrs. Annie Long Shore, Sparks, Oklahoma, 24 June 1918, NARA, Entry 121, Central Classified Files of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (1907-1939), Carlisle, box 20, item 52720.
3. Johnson, Supt., Stroud, Oklahoma, to Supt. Indian School, Stroud, Carlisle, 25 June 1918, NARA, Entry 121, Central Classified Files of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (1907-1939), Carlisle, box 20, item 52720.
4. Denny, Mrs., Carlisle, to Mrs. Satterle, Oklahoma, 28 June 1918, NARA, Entry 121, Central Classified Files of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (1907-1939), Carlisle, box 20, item 52720.
5. "Indian Commits Suicide on Street," *The Evening Sentinel*, Carlisle, PA, June 24, 1918, page 6.
6. "Longshore Funeral," *The Evening Sentinel*, Carlisle, PA, June 26, 1918, page 4.
7. "Funeral Postponed," *The Evening Sentinel*, Carlisle, PA, June 27, 1918, page 5.
8. "Longshore Buried Today," *The Evening Sentinel*, Carlisle, PA, June 28, 1918, page 2.

Name

File No. En. 34

Isaac Long Shore

" " G.4622  
" " D.

Indian name

Tribe

Sac &amp; Fox

Age

16

Blood

1/4

5 yrs.

Agency

(mother)  
FatherMrs. Annie Satterle, Oniel, Ark. R#1-  
Stroud

Annie Longshore, Sparks, Okla.

Arrived

1-8-'14

Departed

Ran 11-16-16

Arr 12-17-16

Cause

Deserter

Class entered

Recd: 12-19-16

Arr 12-20-16 - Undesirable

Class left

Trade

Outing

Character

Married

Deceased

June 24-1918

Remarks

Shot himself - in Carlisle - demented over

TO OFFICER SENDING TELEGRAM.

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2. Mail confirmation to addressee indicating that purpose by check mark in this circle. ☐
3. Mail copy to your Supervising Field Office, if any.

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| Sent by—                | <u>Western Union</u> Telegraph Co. | <u>Carlisle, Pa. June 24, 1918</u>                        |
| (Name of company.)      |                                    | (Place.) (Date.)                                          |
| To—                     | <u>Mrs. Annie Long Shobe</u>       | From <u>John Francis, Jr.</u>                             |
| <u>Sparks, Oklahoma</u> |                                    | (Print or typewrite name of sender.)                      |
|                         |                                    | <u>Superintendent</u>                                     |
|                         |                                    | (Title of sender.)                                        |

Your son Isaac shot himself and died in Carlisle Hospital  
this morning. Wire what shall be done with body.

Carlisle Indian School, Pa.

Charge : \_\_\_\_\_  
(If not paid in cash, insert name of office to which bill should be presented for payment.)

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

Confirmation of Telegram

Stroud, Okla., June 25, 1918.

*Mail to* Supt. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Bury Isaac Long Shore there. Send bills  
to A. Satterly, O'Neil, Arkl

Johnston, Supt.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Superintendent.

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June 28, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Satterle:-

This morning I attended the funeral of your son Isaac and although I do not know you, I feel that perhaps you would like it if some mother would write you the particulars of your boy's death.

Isaac came to the Indian School Sunday morning from New Jersey where he said he had been working. He came to see Mr. Denny and talked with him for several minutes. You may not know that Mr. Denny has charge of the Small Boys' Building where Isaac used to stay when he was a pupil here. He talked very strangely, Mr. Denny said. He talked religion and about the war and what Billy Sunday said and quoted from the Bible. He was very nervous and told Mr. Denny that he had trouble where he was working but he did not tell him any particulars. Mr. Denny told him to walk about the school grounds and that he would see him later after we had had our breakfast. He was on the school grounds all day. Mr. Denny told him he would better find lodgings some where for the night so it seems Isaac went to town to stay Sunday night.

Early Monday morning he was at the school office and talked with one of the clerks. He was still talking about the war. He went away before the superintendent and the other clerks including myself, came to the office. At about 9:30 A.M. some one phoned out to Mr. Denny and that an Indian boy had shot himself on the streets of the town. Mr. Denny was in town then and was told at once what had been done so he got in an automobile and went directly to the hospital where they had taken Isaac and got there the same time the ambulance did. He saw him taken in and was there when he died. He lived just about ten minutes after he was taken to the hospital but he was unconscious all that time.

Several people saw him do the dreadful act. He spoke to a little girl standing on the street and said "Goodbye little girl" and waved his hand goodbye to some people passing in a machine. Mr. Francis, the superintendent and Mr. Duran, the large boys' disciplinarian went to the hospital as soon as they could get a rig and gave all directions as to what should be done with the body. He instructed me to wire you and Mr. Johnson, which I did at once.



The funeral was to have been held yesterday but Mr. Francis had a letter from the father, C.M. Longshore, asking particulars and he did not like to bury the boy until he was sure that the father did not want the body. The father wired late last evening that we should comply with your instructions so we buried the body this morning, in the little school grave where we have laid many of the boys and girls whom have died far away from their parents.

There were only a few of us at the funeral, all of the Indian employees at the school, one of the teachers, who knew his sister at Haskell, the six pall-bearers and Mr. Francis. The services were conducted by the Presbyterian minister in one of the rooms of the undertaking establishments. He read the service and then offered a beautiful prayer. When the service was over, he was brought out to the school grounds.

Isaac looked as if he were asleep. The place where he had shot himself in the temple was hidden by his hair, which you know was always beautiful. His face was in repose and he looked natural except that I missed the light in his eyes. You know he had beautiful eyes too and I was not accustomed to seeing him with his eyes closed. He had on a very nice-looking suit of clothes. His casket was beautiful. It was white all over, covered with a white brocaded velvet and lined inside with white silk. The knobs were nickel plated, they looked almost like silver. I know Mrs. Satterle, that you would have been pleased with the way the undertaker took care of him. The school furnished the flowers so everything was done as I know you would liked to have had it done.

I have a little son five years old. I am sorry for you, dear mother, but you understand from the first part of my letter that Issac was not himself. There was something wrong but we did not find out what that was. Perhaps after all, he might have done harm to some one else than he would have had to suffer consequences which might be worse than what befell him. We feel quite sure that he did not commit this act when he knew what he was doing. My early training was that we should not take life but under conditions such as your boy had, I believe the Maker of us all would forgive him. I know he will.

Mr. Denny and I extend to you our sincerest sympathy.

Sincerely yours











