

# **Melissa Metoxen**

**Date of Death: April 6, 1897**

Documents compiled here recording information about the death and burial of Melissa Metoxen:

1. Card from Student Information Cards Series, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1329, box 4.
2. Descriptive and Historical Record of Student from Student File of Melissa Metoxen, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1327, box 22, folder 1021.
3. Page from Death Record, Register of Pupils (1890-1900), NARA, RG 75, Entry 1324, volume 1, page 184.
4. *The Indian Helper*, volume 12, Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, PA, April 9, 1897, page 2.

Name *Melissa Metoxen* File No. En.  
" " G.  
" " D.

Indian name

Tribe *Oneida* Age *14* Blood *7*

Agency

Father *Jonas Metoxen*

Arrived *9-19-'95* Departed Cause

Class entered Class left

Trade Outing

Character

Married Deceased *4-6-97*

Remarks

over





DEATH RECORD.

NUMBER.	NAME.	FATHER'S NAME.	NATION.	AGE.	DATE.	REMARKS.
110	Bishop L. Shield	Little Shields	Gros Ventres	17	July, 30, '90	Pneumonia.
111	Godfrey Palatchu	Pe-zu-pan-	Apache.	17	" 31 "	Consumption.
112	Ophelia Poulas-	Peter Poulas (brother)	Oneida	16.	Feb. 1, 1891	Chronic Pneumonia.
113	John Talking Pipe		Arapahoe	24	Mar. 5, "	Consumption. At his farm in
114	Geo. Harrison	Aunt Making	Cheyenne	28	Sept. 12, '90	"
115	Richard Morgan	George Morgan, father	Wyoming	18	Mar. 25, '91	"
116	George Ell	Louis Ell	Piegan	18	April 7, '91	Hemorrhage-
117	James Cornman	Cornman	Siox	26	" 21, '91	Consumption.
118	John Bull	Bull easily killed	Gros Ventre	15	May 7, "	"
119	Geo. Rusk	John W. Rusk	Chippewa	14	June 21, "	Inflammation of the bowels.
120	Lucie King	David King	"	17	Oct. 21, "	Typhs Malarial fever
121	Launoy Shorty	Shorty	Piegan	18	Feb. 16, '92	Consumption.
122	Samuel Chaugung Shield	Chaugung Shield	Siox	17	Mar. 7, '92	"
123	Thomas Siskley	Sharp Horn	Ngandan	23	Apr. 16, "	"
124	Orice Bassford		Poute	27	" "	"
125	W. Kokok	Kokok	Shoshone	19	May 23, "	"
126	Margaret Davis	Samuel Davis	Chippewa	17	Dec. 31, "	"
127	Sophia Coulon	Thomas Coulon	Oneida	17	Jan. 1, '93	Tuberculosis of bladder
128	John W. Carrall	Erving-or-Arnsbaet.	Arapahoe	18	Feb. 1, '93	Consumption.
129	Floa Patterson	Mathaniel Patterson	Cayuga	17	May 12, '93	Consumption. Died at Rose
130	Sam Hing Horse	Hing Horse	Siox	20	" 31, '93	"
131	Elie Davis	Bull Bear	Cheyenne	16	July 16, "	"
132	Solomon Brown	John Brown	Assinaboine	22	" 15, '94	"
133	Almeda Henry Hair	Samuel Bull	Gros Ventre	16	Aug. 28, "	"
134	Winnie Sipa	Geo. Washington Uncle	Pawnee	23	" "	Tuberculosis At Mouth
135	Margaret Yates Nalidistitah		Apache	21	Dec. 9, "	Consumption
136	Samuel Little Rote	Little Rote	Cheyenne	18	Feb. 15, '95	Pneumo Hydrothorax
137	Eli Quilona		Apache	23	Mar. 9, "	Consumption.
138	James Bones	Bones	Comanche	15	May 7, "	Cerebral Pneumonia
139	Moses Deal	Pe-h-con-way	Sax & Fox	18	" 10, "	Heart disease
140	Lucie Reed		Apache	24	July 29, "	Tuberculosis Peritone
141	Martha Anton	Anton	Pima	15	Sept. 5, "	" Tuberculosis
142	Samuel Gilbert	White Gull	Winnebago	19	Oct. 24, "	Pneumonia
143	Robert I. Littlehawk	Siox	Little Cowie	26	" 29, "	"
144	Harry Greenbird	Chippewa	Jonas Greenbird	13	Nov. 5, "	Inflammatory Rheum
145	Mathie Occumma	Cherokee	James Occumma	17	" 9, "	Cerebral Union
147	Edward Spott	Bigallup	Marcellus Spott	18	Apr. 18, '96	Consumption
148	Jemima John	Oneida	Henry John	21	May 10, "	Consumption
146	Corr Price	Siox	Charles Price	18	Apr. 2, "	"
149	Wesiam Patton Pahmawalt	Apache		23	May 22, "	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
150	Peter Crow	Checker	Assinaboine	22	June 5, "	"
151	Joan Serrache			16	" "	"
152	Kalassa Metosjen	Jonas Metosjen	Oneida	16	Apr. 6, '97	Tuberculosis
153	Julia Jonas	Or-has-ah-gu-m-ya	Nez Perce	21	May 7, "	"
154	Victor Seneca	Zeas Seneca	Seneca	18	Nov. 7, "	Concussion of Brain
155	Sara Smith	Charlie B. Smith	Shoshone	12	Mar. 15, '98	"
156	Ida Bennett		Flamath	14	" 18, "	"
157	Frank Greer	James Green	Oneida	16	June 25, "	Ran over by train
158	Nanceo Antonio	Antonio	Apache	16	Nov. 26, "	Tubercular Meninge
159	Edward Housley	Ward of Julia Porphet	Winnebago	20	Jan. 29, '99	Pneumonia.
160	Raybon Talpers	Big Belly	Cheyenne	19	Apr. 13, "	Consumption
161	Thomas Moss hall		Siox	23	Apr. 23, "	Black measles
162	Leonidas Chauva	Adolfo Chauva	Mission	15	June 24, "	Hemorrhage of Con
163	Christine Redstone	Redstone	Assinaboine	24	July 19, "	Consumption
164	Percy Whitebear	Little Snake	Cheyenne	19	" 22, "	"
165	Laublock		Nez Perce	17	Sept. 15, "	"



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The spend-all-as-you-go people are the ones who complain of hard times, and who never have anything.

Samuel Sixkiller, '95, has gone from Tahlequah, to Ft. Gibson, Okla. He has taken the nom de plume of "6," which is a good one.

60 views of the school in the form of a Souvenir, for 25 cents, post paid; or FREE for 10 subscriptions and 2 cents extra for mailing.

The "Red Man", for March and April, Vol. IX, No. 4, is mailing. It contains a full account of Commencement and the class picture.

Clarence Threestars, whose character since he went from Carlisle to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, years ago, is said by those who know him to be beyond reproach, is in business for himself, as dealer in general merchandise, at Corn Creek, South Dakota.

When we are at rough ugly work which we do not like, it is a good plan to look way ahead and think How proud I will be of this when I am President of the United States, and how well it will read in a book! Then buckle down and do the work so that we will not be ashamed of it.

A worker at one of the Indian boarding schools on a western reservation, closes her letter of renewal with these words: "I enjoy the little paper very much. It is always cheery and instructive. Realizing the many difficulties met in the education of Indian girls and boys at a reservation school, I can but rejoice and feel thankful for the establishment of the Carlisle System for the elevation and Christianizing the Indian. I hope the Lord will continue to bless all its noble efforts."

It is not the person who makes a study of how he can SPEND his money for his own little daily pleasures that grows well enough off to have things comfortable about him, but the one who studies how he can SAVE a penny here and a penny there, and how to place those saved-up pennies where they will work for him, is the person who will not have to suffer the shame of being taken care of by others in his declining years. Such a person is thrifty. The other person, who spends all as he goes, is shiftless.

Is our reference library used? The large boys have taken out during the month of March, 67 books; the small boys, 56; the girls, 71, and the teachers, 30. In all 224.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Peters, who have been at the school for a time as helpers, left for their home at Pekin, New York, on Monday night. Both made many friends in their short so-journ with us.

Mrs. Laura DeRussey Berry, formerly vocal instructor at the Indian School, went to York, Pa., this morning, where she will make her future home. Mrs. Berry has many friends here who regret her departure.—[Evening Sentinel.]

The funeral of Melissa Metoxen occurred on Tuesday. She was a sufferer from lung trouble, and bore a patient, loving spirit, all through her illness. She was a gentle, good girl, and will be remembered as such by her friends. She had been with us but two years, and came from Oneida, Wisconsin, knowing little if any English.

Miss Smith, of New York, assigned January 26th, having declined, and Miss Smyth, of Washington, D. C. assigned March 18th, having declined, Miss Bonifant, of Macon, Virginia, the new Civil Service Assistant-Seamstress has reported for duty, and the place is at last filled according to rule; while Miss Weitzel, who has served us most skillfully, faithfully and acceptably for years, about whom so much has been said, has been retired. Great are the workings of the machinery of Civil Service.

Any Superintendent of any Indian School in the service who exhibited as much incompetence in finding a proper person to fill a \$300 place, would, a few years ago when more common-sense and less asinine Civil Service politics ruled in the Service, have been kicked out in a hurry as an incapable. New York declines; Washington D. C., declines; while Virginia accepts; and in Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania is denied the privilege of taking the examination, and is kicked out. Time required by any competent Superintendent to get a competent \$300 per year, Assistant Seamstress would not exceed one day. Civil Service machinery takes 73 days—competence problematical, to be determined by a probationary trial of several months. We appeal to the Administration and Congress to relieve the situation.

The sender of the beautiful little verse on 1st page may have had in mind those of us who have young people in charge—the faculty, and officers of the school for instance, including the non-commissioned officers of the companies. We may each take the sentiment of the little poem and the comments to heart, remembering that a sharp, petulant or haughty command does not bring obedience as quickly as the gentle word in kindly tone. Who likes to hear: "Do this! Come here! Go to work! What are you about? Get out o' this!" There are other and more effective ways of commanding. The trouble is, that some of us who forget the oftenest, and speak in the most rasping tones at times are just the ones who will think that others need the advice in the poem, not I. If we only COULD see ourselves as others see us, how we would improve!