William Summers

Date of Death: May 21, 1888

Name variations: Billy Somers, William Sommers

Documents compiled here recording information about the death and burial of William Summers:

- 1. Descriptive and Historical Record of Student from Student File of William Summers, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1327, box 8, folder 341.
- Page from Daily Morning Report (1887-1891), NARA, RG 75, Entry 1331, volume 2, [May, 1888], pages 22-23.
- 3. *The Indian Helper*, volume 3, Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, PA, May 25, 1888, page 2.

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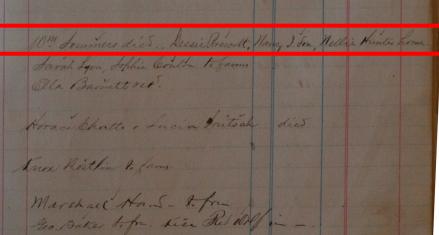
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THE INDIAN HELPER is paid for in advance, so do not hesitate to take the paper from the Post Office, for fear a bill will be presented.

Intelligent Indians should by all means take *The Red Man.* The price is only fifty cents a year.

Mary Bailey writes from her home in West Philadelphia, "I am showing the white girls and boys how we girls and boys do at Carlisle, to study hard." She says she is getting along very nicely at school, having beer promoted recently to the sixth grade, A, Secondary.

Buffalo Bill is again in this country. Having captured millions of dollars from the fools of England who went crazy over his overdrawn pictures of our western life, he will now try to gull New Yorkers, Brooklynites, and other Eastern people into thinking that the Indians are savage beasts, fit only to be shot down like dogs or to wear paint and feathers to please the eye of an excited crowd.

That disgraceful show can do more in six months, to drag the Indian down and give a wrong impression of his real character, than forty Carlisle's could do in six years to build the Indian up and help him to stand on his own feet, on good solid ground. Buffalo Bill is rapidly tearing down, what all good schools for the Indian are building up.

A dozen needle books, beautifully made out of handsome material, were received this week from Mrs. Mary Kilbourne, of Mayville, N. Y. Mrs. Kilbourne is a dear lady of 80 years of age. She made the books all herself, to be given to our best and most promising sewers. When the girls' mother returns from Dakota the books will be given out and the hearts of our best sewers made happy.

Base Ball.

The game on the Fair grounds, last Saturday between the Indian School Regulars and a class nine of the Dickinson College Preparatory Department resulted in a score of 19 to 8 in favor of the Indians. The Preps. had the first and last innings, while our boys played only eight.

Mr. Landis, the umpire was fair and impartial and did not allow himself to be influenced by the remarks of the players—a fault which always told against our boys heretofore.

Frank Dorian pitched a splendid game, and his method of watching the bases was greatly admired.

There was no notice of the game last Saturday in either of the Carlisle dailies. Where were the reporters?

Ota Chief Eagle, of the Young American Club received a hard blow in the mouth, while catching behind the bat. He lay almost senseless for a moment, but soon revived and is now all right.

The Blacksmiths would like to see the ball that the Regulars won from the Dickinson students last Saturday.

The Regulars have two challenges under consideration. One from the Freshmen of Dickinson College and one from the Carlisle Base Ball Club.

An enjoyable and decidedly restful feature of this year's school life among the teachers and employes has been a series of sociables held in the teachers' club parlor on Thursday evening of each week. The gatherings have been entirely informal. Social games and free discussion of matters outside of Indian affairs have been indulged in. One of the most pleasant meetings of the winter was held on last Thursday evening, Misses Leverett and Rote entertaining.

The funeral of Billy Somers, Cheyenne, who died of spinal-meningitis, was held Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Rittenhouse, of Dickinson College, officiating. None mourns the death of this young man more than Abe, who watched faithfully at the bedside of his dying brother until the last. The following lines speak for themselves:

I am very sorry for my dear mother and many best friends of Billy, at home, that their aim for Billy has not reached where they expected him to be some day in the future. But their ambition for Billy's life has been disappointed in the beginning of his road. The death of dear Billy will be sad news to his many friends. But I am greatly rejoiced that my "dearly beloved brother's death happened in these glorious and grandest days of our school lives. I know that the good Lord of the universe has called him away very suddenly, to dwell with him where he shall ever live with the Lord and with the multitudes of God's people forever.

ABE SOMERS.