

# Minnie Topa

**Date of Death: August 28, 1894**

Documents compiled here recording information about the death and burial of Minnie Topa:

1. Card from Student Information Cards Series, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1329, box 4.
2. Card from Student Record Cards Series, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1328, box 6.
3. Page from Death Record, Register of Pupils (1890-1900), NARA, RG 75, Entry 1324, volume 1, page 184.
4. *The Indian Helper*, volume 9, Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, PA, August 31, 1894, page 2.

Name *Minnie Lopa* File No. En.  
" " G.  
" " D.

Indian name

Tribe *Pawnee* Age *11* Blood

Agency *Pawnee*

Father *Geo. Washington*

Arrived *8-31-'82* Departed *8-28-'94* Cause *Died*

Class entered Class left

Trade Outing

Character

Married Deceased *Unknown*

Remarks

*Re-admitted*

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.  
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT.

*Dead*

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| NUMBER<br>686                       | ENGLISH NAME<br>Minnie Topa | AGENCY                          | NATION<br>Pawnee           |                 |              |
| BAND                                | INDIAN NAME                 | HOME ADDRESS                    |                            |                 |              |
| PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD              | BLOOD                       | AGE                             | HEIGHT                     | WEIGHT          | FORCED INSP. |
| FATHER:                             | MOTHER:                     |                                 |                            |                 | FORCED EXPR. |
| ARRIVED AT SCHOOL<br>Sept. 17, 1890 | FOR WHAT PERIOD             | DATE DISCHARGED<br>Aug 28. 1894 | CAUSE OF DISCHARGE<br>Died |                 |              |
| TO COUNTRY                          | PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS    |                                 |                            | FROM COUNTRY    |              |
| Oct. 13, 90                         | C. Mauls London Grove       |                                 |                            | N.J. Mar. 8, 92 |              |
| " 16, 91                            | Mrs. M. Bugby Masonville    |                                 |                            | " " "           |              |
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SHAW-WALKER MUSKOGON 5178

Months in school before Carlisle. . . . .

Grade entered at Carlisle, . . . . .

Grade at date of Discharge, . . . . .

Trade or Industry, . . . . .

Church, . . . . .

*Dead,*

*Report of Col. Pratt,*

*Jan. 1-1904*

## DEATH RECORD.

| NUMBER. | NAME.                     | FATHER'S NAME.          | NATION.         | AGE. | DATE.         | REMARKS.                    |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 110     | Bishop L. Shield          | Louis Shield            | Goos Ventre     | 17   | July, 30, '90 | Pneumonia.                  |
| 111     | Godfrey Palatchu          | Pe-see-ami              | 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             | Sam. Making             | Cherokee        | 28   | Sept. 12, '90 | "                           |
| 115     | Richard Morgan            | Blacktop father         | Osage           | 18   | Mar. 25, '91  | "                           |
| 116     | George Ell                | Louis Ell               | Piegan          | 18   | April 7, '91  | Hemorrhage.                 |
| 117     | James Comman              | Comman                  | Siox            | 26   | " 21, '91     | Consumption.                |
| 118     | John Bull                 | Bull easily killed      | Goos Ventre     | 15   | May 7, "      | "                           |
| 119     | Geo. Rusk                 | John W. Rusk            | Chippewa        | 14   | June 21, "    | Inflammation of the bowels. |
| 120     | Susie King                | David King              | "               | 17   | Oct. 21, "    | Typhus Malarial fever       |
| 121     | Lawney Shorty             | Shorty                  | Piegan          | 18   | Feb. 16, '92  | Consumption.                |
| 122     | James Chaugung Shield     | Chaugung Shield         | Siox            | 17   | Mar. 7, '92   | "                           |
| 123     | Thomas Suckley            | Shag Horn               | Arandan         | 23   | Apr. 16, "    | "                           |
| 124     | David Bassford            |                         | Piate           | 27   | " " "         | "                           |
| 125     | W. Nookok                 | Nookok                  | Shoshone        | 19   | May 23, "     | "                           |
| 126     | Margaret Davis            | Samuel Davis            | Chippewa        | 17   | Feb. 31, "    | "                           |
| 127     | Sophia Coulon             | Moses Coulon            | Oneida          | 17   | Jan. 9, '93   | Tuberculosis of bladder     |
| 128     | John A. Carroll           | Coming-on-Horseback.    | Arapahoe        | 18   | Feb. '93      | Consumption.                |
| 129     | Flora Patterson           | Callanied Patterson.    | Cayuga          | 17   | May 12, '93   | Consumption. Died at Res.   |
| 130     | Sam. Flying Horse         | Flying Horse            | Siox            | 20   | " 31, '93     | "                           |
| 131     | Elsie Labin               | Bull Bear               | Cherokee        | 16   | July 16, "    | "                           |
| 132     | Samuel Brown              | John Brown              | Assiniboine     | 22   | " 15, '94     | "                           |
| 133     | Margaret Young            | Samuel Young            | Goos Ventre     | 16   | " " "         | "                           |
| 134     | Minnie Sofia              | Geo. Washington (uncle) | Davonee         | 23   | " " "         | Tuberculosis At Mouth       |
| 135     | Margaret Sals Nandashidak |                         | Apache          | 21   | Dec. 7, "     | Consumption                 |
| 136     | Minnie Little Robe        | Little Robe             | Cherokee        | 18   | Feb. 15, '95  | Pneumo. Hydrothorax         |
| 137     | Eli Kumlona               |                         | Apache          | 23   | Mar. 7, "     | Consumption.                |
| 138     | Frances Bones             | Bones                   | Comanche        | 15   | May 7, "      | Catarhal Pneumonia          |
| 139     | Moses Seal                | Pah-com-way             | Sax Fox         | 18   | " 10, "       | Heart disease.              |
| 140     | Susie Reed                |                         | Apache          | 24   | July 29, "    | Tuberculosis Peritone       |
| 141     | Martha Anton              | Anton                   | Pima            | 15   | Sept. 5, "    | " Tubercular                |
| 142     | Samuel Gilbert            | White Gull              | Winnebago       | 19   | Oct. 24, "    | Pneumonia                   |
| 143     | Robert L. Littlehawk      | Siox                    | Little Snake    | 26   | " 29, "       | "                           |
| 144     | Harry Greenbird           | Chippewa                | James Greenbird | 13   | Nov. 5, "     | Inflammatory rheum.         |
| 145     | Mathie Occumma            | Cherokee                | James Occumma   | 17   | ap. 9, "      | Cerebral lesion             |
| 147     | Edward Spott              | Pagallup                | Marsellus Spott | 18   | Apr. 28, '96  | Consumption                 |
| 148     | Jemima John               | Oneida                  | Curry John      | 21   | May 10, "     | Consumption                 |
| 146     | Cora Price                | Siox                    | Charles Price   | 18   | Apr. 2, "     | "                           |
| 149     | William Patton Dalmaasak  | Apache                  |                 | 23   | May 22, "     | Pulmonary Tuberculosis      |
| 150     | Peter Howe                | Chester                 | Assiniboine     | 22   | June 5, "     | "                           |
| 151     | Food Senache              |                         | Sax & Fox       | 16   | " " "         | "                           |
| 152     | Melissa Mclofen           | Jonas Mclofen           | Oneida          | 16   | Apr. 6, '97   | Tuberculosis                |
| 153     | Julia Jonas               | Ca. has-ah-gi-hi-ya     | Nez Percé       | 27   | May 9, "      | " Taken home                |
| 154     | Victor Seneca             | Seane Seneca            | Seneca          | 18   | Nov. 7, "     | Concussion of Brain, "      |
| 155     | Lara Smith                | Charlie B. Smith        | Shoshone        | 12   | Mar. 12, '98  | "                           |
| 156     | Ida Bennett               |                         | Klamath         | 14   | " 18, "       | "                           |
| 157     | Frank Green               | James Green             | Oneida          | 16   | June 25, "    | Ran over by train           |
| 158     | Naneco Antonio            | Antonio                 | Apache          | 16   | Nov. 26, "    | Tubercular Meninge          |
| 159     | Edward Hensley            | Ward of Julia Prophet   | Winnebago       | 20   | Jan. 29, '99  | Pneumonia.                  |
| 160     | Rayben Tahpeos            | Big Belly               | Cherokee        | 17   | Apr. 13, "    | Consumption                 |
| 161     | Thomas Marshall           |                         | Siox            | 23   | Apr. 23, "    | Black measles               |
| 162     | Leonidas Chauwa           | Adolfo Chauwa           | Missim          | 15   | June 24, "    | Hemorrhage of Con           |
| 163     | Christine Redstone        | Redstone                | Assiniboine     | 24   | July 19, "    | Consumption                 |
| 164     | Percy Whitebear           | Little Snake            | Cherokee        | 19   | " 22, "       | "                           |
| 165     | Laublock                  |                         | Kaskan          | 17   | Sept. 15, "   | "                           |

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Do not hesitate to take the HELPER from the Post Office, for if you have not paid for it, some one else has. It is paid for in advance.

Joseph Lujan sends some names for the HELPER and says, "I am trying my best here in this pleasant place."

From a private letter we learn that Laura Long and Alice Lambert have been camping on the banks of the Brandywine.

"In the two years we have taken the HELPER, we have become more and more interested in it, and wish all success to not only the HELPER but all of Carlisle." SUBSCRIBER.

The coming *Red Man* will contain accounts of the Indian Workers' Institutes, just held, besides other interesting matter.

A postal from Ned Brace informs us of death of his sister, on account of whose serious illness he went home. He says he used his Carlisle influence to prevent his folks from cutting themselves as they used to do.

A subscriber sends us the following clipping:

A few years ago the white boys in the University (Pacific) invited the Indians over to play ball with them. While engaged in the game, several of the white boys used profane language, so much so that at last the Indian boy who was in charge of his nine gave a signal; the Indians quit playing and returned to their own grounds, saying that at their school they were neither to swear nor remain in the company of the profane. In a few days the white boys received an invitation to go to the Indian ball-ground, and when there were assured that the first profane or vulgar word would be the signal to stop playing, for the Indians "made it a point to be gentlemanly at play as well as in the presence of their teachers." Would that "the school-masters were abroad" to such an extent that all Indian children were carefully trained as these. —[*Ex.*]

Once or twice a visiting team has had to be cautioned on our grounds in this respect. Safeguards must be thrown around the Indian to prevent his acquiring the white man's vices, which, alas, are too easily learned.

Again death has entered the school and taken from among us two of our girls, Minnie Topi, Pawnee, aged twenty, and Alameda Heavy Hair, Gros Ventre, aged sixteen. The first had been under treatment at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia for several months past, but all efforts to save her life proved unavailing, and death put an end to her sufferings at six o'clock on Tuesday morning. The body was brought to the school by Miss Seabrook, formerly nurse here. The second was a victim of that dread disease, consumption, and to her end came Tuesday evening at six o'clock. The double funeral, the second in the history of the school, took place at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Frysinger, of the Methodist Church of town conducted the services.

Some of the pupils are in the habit of getting others to write their letters and sending them as their own productions. We saw two letters from a boy written five days apart and the difference was quite striking. The one was his own, the other not. An attempt to deceive is altogether wrong. It is generally found out and harms only the one who tries it. Be honest and write your own letters, even though they are full of mistakes. Learn to rely on your own self and not on the uncertain support of others, if you wish to be something in the world.

Joseph Wells and Charles Bictosewah were convicted of disorderly conduct in a police court at Trenton, N. J., recently, the former being sentenced to thirty days at hard work and the latter to sixty. We hope this will be a salutary lesson not only to them, but to any others who think they can escape easily from the consequences of their misdeeds. The authorities here will suffer the law to take its course in any offenses committed when absent from the school.

Luzena Choteau, class '92, writes that she is now employed in the mailing and advertising department of a whole-sale shoe store in Chicago, and boards at the Y. W. C. A. "Home." She says, "I hope you don't think because I am an Indian girl that I have no business in Chicago and working at what I am at, but I only wish hundreds of Indians were in the same city for a while to see if they would prefer city life to "forest life(?)"."

A subscriber says he cannot see where our profit is in publishing the HELPER. We do not run it for profit, though it pays for the paper and ink used in the office. It is for the training afforded in printing and mailing a paper of such circulation and as such it pays.

"Difficulty is a severe instructor, set over us by the Supreme guardian and legislator, who knows us better than we know ourselves, and loves us better, too. He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper.—Burke.

Miss Burgess is expected back next week.

Clement Noadlada is on the sick list.