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Captain R. N. Pratt
Carlisle School

~~Sept. 5, 1883~~

Repts death of Gertrude Spotted Tail - & expense incurred on account thereof (\$65⁹⁴) for which approval is asked.

Settled to Capt J. G. Wright Sept 8th / 83
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To Pratt Sept. 14 / 83

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 5, 1883.

To the Honorable
The Commissioner of Indian Aff.,
Washington,

Sir:

I have to report the death of
Gertrude Spotted Tail, sister of
Young Spotted Tail, of Rosebud
Agency. She died at Andalusia,
near Philadelphia, Pa., on the 31st
of August. She was living in the fam-
ily of one of my lady teachers, during
her vacation. Her disease was pneu-
monia; the attack sudden, and, owing
to the lung weaknesses of the family,
which she shared, the disease was
complicated and a fatal termination
ensued, where better conditions would
have carried her through.

I sent my physician to remain with her as soon as it was known her case was serious. He returned, after making one visit, in ~~expectation~~^{thinking} that the crisis had been passed and Gertrude would recover, and as she was in the hands of an excellent family physician! When she grew worse, I sent him again, to remain with her until she died. She was buried in the Friends' graveyard, near where she died.

I am thus explicit because of her influential relations. Her brother died some months ago with consumption, while en route to his home at Rosebud agency; and a brother and sister have died with the same disease, consumption, at the agency, since Gertrude came here last November.

In this connection it seems well to inform you that a strange fatality seems to hang over our Rosebud

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pupils. Out of 101 we have had in the school from that agency since October, '79, 18 have died, either at the school or since their return to the agency; while we have had 49 pupils from Pine Ridge agency, none have died at the school, and only two since their return to their agency.

The expense of sending my physician to and fro twice, of the medical attendance of the other physician, and for the coffin expenses etc, were \$65. $\frac{94}{100}$. I respectfully request your authority covering my action in incurring this expense.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedt Serv't,

R.H. Pratt
Capt. and Supt.