

## TESTIMONY OF MISS JULIA HARDIN.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. Your name is Julia Hardin?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Are you a pupil in the Carlisle School?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How long have you been studying here?

Miss Hardin. Three years next September.

The Chairman. What class are you in?

Miss Hardin. Business department.

The Chairman. What is your age?

Miss Hardin. 18.

The Chairman. Where are you from?

Miss Hardin. Shawnee, Okla.

The Chairman. What tribe?

Miss Hardin. Pottawatomie.

The Chairman. Are you full-blood?

Miss Hardin. One-quarter.

The Chairman. Where did you go to school before you came to Carlisle?

Miss Hardin. Sacred Heart, Okla.; convent school.

The Chairman. What have you been studying here?

Miss Hardin. In the business department, taking up law, shorthand, typewriting, spelling, arithmetic, and English.

The Chairman. Who is your teacher?

Miss Hardin. Miss Moore.

The Chairman. What is your relationship with her? How do you get along?

Miss Hardin. Very well. I have always gotten excellent



in my reports.

The Chairman. You have gotten "excellent" on all your reports?

Miss Hardin. Every month since I have been in there.

The Chairman. How do you get along with her with reference to being friendly?

Miss Hardin. We are all right.

The Chairman. You have had no trouble whatever?

Miss Hardin. No, sir.

The Chairman. Did you desire to go into the country and work in somebody's home?

Miss Hardin. I wanted to go after I found out the girls were all going. I asked if I could go — the outing agent came to me and asked me if I wanted to go to the country. I said, "I don't want to go right away." She said, "Come and sign, and we will look up your country home." I said, "Wait until I get a trunk and some clothes." I did not want to sign right away, but she said to sign so she could be looking up my home in the meantime.

The Chairman. When were you informed you had to leave to go to the country?

Miss Hardin. One morning, I think it was the 2nd of June. They told me that morning just before dinner that I was to leave the next morning on the early train.

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The Chairman. Who was it that told you that you must get ready to go to the country?

Miss Hardin. The report came here from the matron's office. I did not know who sent it, but it said, "You are to go to the country tomorrow morning. Come out and get your things ready."



The Chairman. Were you ready to go then?

Miss Hardin. No; I had no trunk, and not the clothes that I wanted.

The Chairman. What did you do?

Miss Hardin. I came over and I saw our matron about it. She said she had nothing to do with it, that I was supposed to go to the country. She sent me up to the office, and I went up to Mrs. La Flesche. Mrs. La Flesche said I was to go to the country, and if I did not want to go I was to see Mr. Friedman about it. So after dinner I ran up and met Mr. Friedman, and asked him could I wait, and I stated just how it was. He said, "I have not anything to do with it; go to your matron".

The Chairman. The matron sent you to Superintendent Friedman, and he sent you back to the matron?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Did you go back?

Miss Hardin. I went back to her and I told her. She said she had nothing to do with it; that I had to go to the superintendent. So neither one gave a definite answer, and I did not know what to do. I went to school that afternoon, so she sent for me from school. I came over, and she told me I was to get my clothes ready and take them in a bundle if I did not have any trunk.

The Chairman. What did you do?

Miss Hardin. I came over, and I went in the sewing room — the clothes room rather — and I told her that I did not want to take my clothes in a bundle. She told me to sit on a chair, and I sit there. I waited there until she got through packing up the clothes. Finally Mr. Stauffer came in. He said, "Julia



951 Hardin, you are going to the country." I never said anything else. Finally he said, "Go in the office, there". I walked in the office, and there was a check to sign for my train fare. He told me to sign the check. I said, "I have not got my clothes ready." He said, "Don't mind about your clothes." I refused to sign the check, so he grabbed me and said, "You are going to sign it." So he slapped me.

The Chairman. With his hand?

Miss Hardin. With his hand.

The Chairman. Where did he strike you?

Miss Hardin. On my face.

The Chairman. Go ahead.

Miss Hardin. Then I stepped back, and he said, "You are going to sign this check and go to the country tonight at 5 o'clock. We are not going to let you wait and go with the other girls." They had my uniform there. He said, "We are not talking about your clothes or anything. You are going to the country." I just sat there. He said, "I am going to give you a sound thrashing, and I will stand the responsibility." I told him, "Well, if you had let me get ready I would sign it, but not until." He said, "You will go as I say. We won't make any arrangements for you."

So I stayed there, and all of a sudden he jerked a board down from one of the window sills, and he pushed me down on the floor, and two of the matrons held me — Miss Ridenour was one, and I don't know who the other was. They put down the curtains so no one could see in, and they locked the door.

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The Chairman. Who locked the door?

Miss Hardin. I think it was Miss Ridenour.



The Chairman. Well, they held you. What did he do?

Miss Hardin. He whipped me.

The Chairman. What with?

Miss Hardin. With the board off the window sill.

The Chairman. How many times did he strike you?

Miss Hardin. He whipped me for at least ten minutes.

The Chairman. Did he hurt you?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir; he did.

The Chairman. How large was the board?

Miss Hardin. It was one of those boards off the window; that long and that wide (indicating).

The Chairman. About three inches wide —

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And two or two and a half feet long?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What position was you lying in on the floor?

Miss Hardin. I was lying on the floor and he would keep pushing me up against the wall.

The Chairman. Were you on your back or on your face?

Miss Hardin. I was on my face, because I had my hand over my head.

The Chairman. Where did he strike you?

Miss Hardin. On the head, and every place. He hit me in the face, and every place, so I laid with my hand like this so he could not touch my face.

The Chairman. How did he come to whip you? Was he connected with the discipline in any way? Did he explain to you?

Miss Hardin. He did not explain anything. He came in there, and just as soon as he said "Sign that check", and I



never signed it, why he said, "I will stand the responsibility." And Miss Ridenour said, "Yes, go ahead." And he said, "Shall I whip her some more?" He said, "Well, I will stand it; I will not let her get ahead of me."

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The Chairman. Did Mr. Whitwell come over there?

Miss Hardin. Yes. Finally Mr. Stauffer got through whipping me, and I guess he got tired. He sat down, and he said, "Are you going?" and I said, "Not on condition the way you are treating me." He sent for Mr. Whitwell, and Mr. Whitwell came over and he came up to me, and he said, "Julia Hardin, are my eyes deceiving me, or what?" He came over to me and spoke in a nice way, and said, "Come on Julia; come over and sign this check and go to the country, and show them you are a lady." I said, "All right," and I signed the check, and I went to the country the next morning. After Mr. Whitwell left, Mr. Stauffer and Miss Ridenour took me to the lock-up. I stayed there until ~~xxx~~ after supper, and I went out to get my clothes. When she took me back it was awful hot in there, so I asked her if I would apologize to her would she take me out on condition I was going to the country. She said, "If you apologize to us we will let you out", so I apologized to her. But she said, "We don't want you with the girls", so she put me down in her room that night.

The Chairman. Where did you go in the country?

Miss Hardin. Merchantville, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Crawford.

The Chairman. How long did you stay there?

Miss Hardin. Three months.

The Chairman. What did you get?

Miss Hardin. \$6 a month.



The Chairman. What did you do?

Miss Hardin. Washing, scrubbing, housecleaning and cooking.

The Chairman. Did you pay your railroad fare one way?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What were your railroad expenses?

Miss Hardin. \$3.79.

The Chairman. How did the people with whom you were staying treat you?

Miss Hardin. They treated me nice.

The Chairman. Have you had any trouble since you came back?

Miss Hardin. No.

The Chairman. Have you ever had any trouble with the teachers or matrons before?

Miss Hardin. No, sir.

The Chairman. Didn't you use some offensive language or something to cause them to lose their temper?

Miss Hardin. No, sir.

The Chairman. You got mad, of course?

Miss Hardin. Yes, I got mad, of course.

The Chairman. Did you come here with the expectation or intention of being sent out into the country?

Miss Hardin. I knew nothing about it.

The Chairman. Did you know how to do housework before you came here?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Did you consent to study housework?

Miss Hardin. Why, no; I knew nothing about it.



The Chairman. After you came, you say, you understood some of the girls were going, and you did consent to go on condition you would have an opportunity to get ready?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir. But at the time the report came for me to go Miss Johnson was not here, so I did not have any proof that I did not intend to go on these conditions.

The Chairman. Do you know whether Mr. Stauffer has whipped any other pupils or not?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir; he has whipped several of his band boys in the guard house.

The Chairman. Can you name some?

Miss Hardin. Two, and I forget the other boys' names.

The Chairman. He whipped them in the guard house?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir; while they were in there, he and

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Mr. Warner.

The Chairman. Do you know the names of the other boys?

Miss Hardin. Robert Nash.

The Chairman. Is he here now?

Miss Hardin. He is here now. The other one is away.

The Chairman. Do you know of other girl students in the school who have been struck or whipped by any other person at Carlisle?

Miss Hardin. There is a lot of girls over there.

The Chairman. You have named Robert Nash as one of the boys that were whipped in the lock-up by Mr. Warner and Mr. Stauffer. Were the other boys Thomas Nicholas and Charles Bellcourt?

Miss Hardin. I do not know of them.

The Chairman. Did you know of Miss Ridenour and Miss Rosa



Knight having a difference?

Miss Hardin. Rose Whipper — yes, sir.

The Chairman. What do you know about that?

Miss Hardin. One Sunday morning I was in my room — I got excused from church; and Rose Whipper — I don't know whether she got excused or not, I won't say, but I was in my room, and I heard a noise in the next room, and Miss Ridenour slapped Rose. So Rose got out, and the first thing I saw was them scuffling right out in the hall. They were down on the floor with each other so I saw Rose — she had her hands in Miss Ridenour's hair, and she had her hands around Rose's neck. They were what you would call regular scuffling. Miss Ridenour would say, "Let go of my hair," and Miss Rose would say, "Let go of my neck." Finally she called Miss Knight up there, and she and Miss Knight whipped Rose.

The Chairman. How old is she?

Miss Hardin. 19 or 20. Then they put her in the lock-up.

The Chairman. You have had no further trouble since the incident you have already narrated?

Miss Hardin. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Miss Julia, did you ever have any trouble at other schools before you came here?

Miss Hardin. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Were you ever corrected or chastised in any way at other schools?

Miss Hardin. I was corrected for little things I have done, but never anything that was serious.

Representative Carter. You were never chastised?



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Miss Hardin. No, sir.

Representative Carter. You say that you got "excellent" in everything?

Miss Hardin. I got "excellent" ever since I have been here every day of school.

Representative Carter. "Excellent" in deportment?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir; that is what I mean.

Representative Carter. You did not get "excellent" for the month that you had the trouble over there? did you?

Miss Hardin. Why, that was the month that — the 2nd of June I went to the country, and I never got my report.

Representative Carter. You have had "excellent" in deportment ever since you have been here, while you were in the school and while you were out in the country?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir. When I went out in the country my country people knew all about this, and when I arrived there she told me, she said, "Julia, we will have to go rather hard on you." I said, "Why is that?" She said, "Because we have a report from school that you had some trouble in coming out here. You are not allowed to go out and visit your x friends or anything."

The Chairman. Did they tell you who had sent that report out there?

Miss Hardin. They never said, but they knew the whole story. They knew all about it when they met me at the station. She said, "If you are not what they say you are you will have to prove it."

The Chairman. So you went out there with a bad reputation?

Miss Hardin. Yes.



The Chairman. From the school here?

Miss Hardin. Yes.

The Chairman. How did you get along with them?

957 Miss Hardin. I got along fine. She said — when Miss Johnson came out there Miss Johnson tried to explain the troubles I had. She said, "I don't want to hear anything about it. Julia has always been good as long as she has been out here, and I have got a good opinion of her, and I don't want anyone to change it." And she would not listen. She called me right in and told me. Miss Johnson started in again, and she said, "Miss Johnson, I don't want to know anything about it."

The Chairman. How long had you been there when Miss Johnson came out and made that statement?

Miss Hardin. The second day.

The Chairman. What was her object in coming out?

Miss Hardin. I don't know; I know nothing about it.

Representative Stephens. What position does she hold here?

Miss Hardin. She is outing agent.

Representative Carter. How many times did this fellow Stauffer throw you down and whip you?

Miss Hardin. He must have thrown me down five or six times.

Representative Carter. Are your mother and father living now, Miss Julia?

Miss Hardin. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Both are dead?

Miss Hardin. Yes.

Representative Carter. How long have they been dead?

Miss Hardin. My father has been dead five or six years.



Representative Carter. Did he die before you came here?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. And your mother died earlier?

Miss Hardin. Yes.

Representative Carter. You are an orphan girl?

Miss Hardin. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. How did you happen to come to this school, Miss Julia?

Miss Hardin. Well, there are several of my friends, girl chums, that were coming, and one day they came over and asked me if I would not come along. My guardian said he thought it would be a nice trip and everything. He said we could come if we wanted to.

Representative Carter. Who is your guardian?

Miss Hardin. Mr. Bunton, at Shawnee.

Representative Carter. How many times did this fellow strike you? Could you give us an estimate?

Miss Hardin. About sixty times.

Representative Carter. Did he leave any marks on you?

Miss Hardin. He did when he hit me on my face. Of course, I had my hands over my face.

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. ANGEL DIETZ.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

Representative Carter. Mrs. Dietz, can you tell us about the discipline and the general conditions in the school at Carlisle?

Mrs. Dietz. Yes, it has been more or less neglected. It is just practically herding them together, and never giving them advice or counsel. The general outward discipline has been kept