

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

Death of pupil.

March 2nd, 1914.

The Honorable, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

FILED BY &. P. F.

I respectfully report that Oscar Derrisaw, a fifteen year old Creek boy who was enrolled here on February the 26th of 1913, died here on Friday evening, February the 27th after a week's illness of pneumonia. I submit below a copy of a report that was issued by the School Physician:

"I wish to report that Oscar Derrisaw, deceased, was admitted to the Hospital on Saturday the 21st, at which time the diagnosis of pneumonia was made. His condition the first few days was good and consequently his recovery was reasonably expected. On Thursday, however, his condition became rapidly worse, his heart action and his breathing causing me great alarm. On Friday morning the complication, pulmonary oedema, which caused his death, set in. This is always an exceedingly dangerous complication. Two physicians, Dr. Allen of Carlisle and Dr. McAllister of Harrisburg, were called in consultation but could do little toward arresting the condition".

This is also to advise that at the request of Superintendent Kelsey of the Union Agency in Oklahoma the body 720

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was prepared for shipment to the boy's home at Eufaula, Oklahoma. Funeral services were conducted in the School Auditorium yesterday afternoon in the presence of the entire student body and the shipment was made last evening. Mr. Gardner, an employee at this school was detailed to escort the body to the boy's home and to care for the sister, Mattie Derrisaw, who also accompanied it at the request of Superintendent Kelsey.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Copy to Superintendent Kelsey.

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