

Name Burns, Michael, 67  
Address Bumble Bee, Ariz.  
Age  
Deg. Ind. blood  
Information from No recent tidings?  
Date 9/18/13 1910  
State Agency Tribe

POSITIONS FOR WHICH LISTED. SUITABILITY IN ORDER NAMED.

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Remarks:

Department of the Interior.

Mr. M. FriedmanSupt. U. S. Indian SchoolCarlislePennsylvania

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Name*Michael Burns*

(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribe

*Apache Mojave*

Present Address

*Canon, Arizona.*

Former Address

*Bumble Bee, Arizona.*

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation

*grubbing stumps by contract.*

Remarks:

*I wish you all at Carlisle people  
a happy New Year and do all in your  
power for betterment in future.*

Months in school before Carlisle. ....

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....

Grade at date of Discharge,.....

Trade or Industry, .....

Church, .....

# CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

## DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 175		ENGLISH NAME Michael Burns			AGENCY			NATION Apache		
BAND		INDIAN NAME			HOME ADDRESS					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXP.	SEX.		
FATHER	MOTHER									
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Oct. 26, 1880		FOR WHAT PERIOD three years		DATE OF DISCHARGE Oct. 6, 1884			CAUSE OF DISCHARGE			
MONTHS IN SCHOOL BEFORE CARLISLE		GRADE ENTERED	GRADE AT DATE OF DISCHARGE		TRADE OR INDUSTRY		CHURCH		MILES TO SCHOOL	

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(13) **Record of Graduates and Returned Students,**

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

*The State of Arizona*

*Bumble Bee July 27, 1912.*

NAME

*Michael Burns*

1. Are you married and if so to whom?

*yes. to full blood Indian of the Apache Mojave.*

2. What is your present address?

*Bumble Bee, Arizona*

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle?

*yes. Give names of schools and dates if possible*

*to public school at Lore City, Ohio. About 2 years. and attend University at Highland Kansas. only received a certificate to become a teacher.*

4. What is your present occupation?

*Just only common labor, such as to work on roads. clearing off brush land for farmers and grub roots per acre.*

5. Tell something of your present home.

*I have no fixed home, only stay at places where I have work to do.*

6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings, or money do you have?

*I have no property, no land, no stock, buildings, no any money. only I have to work daily in order to earn a living for myself and family by hard labor.*

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each?

*I have been Indian Scout for the army many times, and become an issue clerk for 4 yrs at San Carlos Agency. under Capt. J. L. Bullis of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry. from 1890-4.*

(Over)



8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle?

I have had no position under the Government service, since I have been relieved from that of being Issue Clerk at San Carlos Agency.

9. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life:

I have had much hard times, since I have returned back to Arizona. And I was the first educated Apache Indian in Arizona in that time of 1885. When I reached San Carlos Agency, there was no school, and no man was employed to teach the Indian children. So the Officer was acting Agent, who was Captain Pierce, the 11th Inf. He employed me, to help a carpenter to repair the old building, was there, so that some Indian children could be gathered for school. I was paid at \$2.30 per day, as asst. Carpenter. When we had <sup>done</sup> gone the buildings in good shape, there were about 75 long haired children from all sizes were gathered, and I was still kept there, to help the teachers, to make the children mind them, and my pay was going on as usual, at \$3.50 per. And I thought I was doing well and by after awhile my pay, and the position in the service will be greater, but after awhile my name was lost, and never was respected, as being a helper, to educated the Wild Apache. But in 1887, I was again enlisted as scout, and after serve two terms, I was taken in the Indian service again, as Issue <sup>clerk</sup> under Capt J. L. Ballis, for 4 years. I have done my duties as well as first class clerk. There was no fault of my duty, but some Indian Inspector made some reports, about Indians were not qualified to hold a Government offices, just to get some of their friends in new for that position. I was holding, so I was turned out of my job in 1894, and have never got back to Government service, since there. If you can help me to get to some position in this country, I will be ever so appreciative, and I am completely worn out, from working so hard, as though having no education and I am laughed by many. I am very respectfully Michael Burns.



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REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLI

Michael Burno

NAME AT CARLISLE

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1910		Riverside Cal.		Student in school	
1912	Self	Bumblebee, Ariz.			
1913	"	Canon, "	Laborer		
1914	"	McDowell "	Learning		
1915	"	" "	"		



TERMS OF COURT.

AT PHOENIX—Commencing first Mondays in April and October.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES MARSHAL,

DISTRICT OF ARIZONA.

PHOENIX.

To Mr. M. Friedman.  
Supt. Indian School  
Carlisle, Pa.

My Dear Sir:

I had received a card from you some few months ago for inquiry to how I have been living since leaving Carlisle in 1882. I had answered all that was needed, and returned it you. The little paper

arrow. Comes very regular but I could not see anything about my home or mention a thing about me: so please answer me as soon as you can: as I had asked the Supt will help me through the Department to secure me a place at my present home now at Fort Mc Dowell: back to my old people and I have found that they need much help there from the Gov: So long Sir. I am your truly  
Mike Burns



Old Orchard Station,  
via Bumble Bee, Arizona.  
May 31<sup>st</sup> 1912.

Mr. H. Friedman, Supt.  
U.S. Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.  
Dear Sir;

I have been so busy  
working daily at the very hardest  
labor, cutting mesquite trees and  
cut the branches at 4 feet length for  
cord wood, and some sticks at 7 ft.  
long, and no less than 3 inches at the  
smallest end: and it is for fencepost.  
All of the trouble for  $2^{\text{00}}$  per cord wood.  
the posts at 5 cts per sticks: and I  
do all I can get as it is a contract job.  
and I have about 8 to 10 other Indians  
to help me: and it cost much to live too.



and all has to lie to support.

It is now he ~~add.~~ it is the Indians  
are at ~~stomach~~ But it makes  
hard on us: for the things we have to buy  
to eat: that we have to pay very high prices:

The flour is always at  $(\$5.00)$  per 100 lbs. Sugar  
at  $15\frac{1}{2}$  cts per lb. Coffee 30 to 40 cts per lb. beans is  
10 cts per lb. Salt bacon 30 cts per pound: and  
breakfast bacon at 40 cts. Calico. always at 15 cts  
per yard: The Indian Indians gets  $\$1.50$  per  
to  $\$2.00$  a day. and no more: and have to

board themselves out of their wages.  
Worst still, that all the Indians, who are  
able to do anything, they have to work in order to live.  
For the Government had stop, given the Indian  
ration and clothing, for the last 15 years now.  
But it would not look so bad on the whole ~~Indians~~  
if the Government, would gave to some  
reliable person, money enough to buy  
some food, and clothing, at certain times  
of the year: for help along the older Indians.)



McCowell, Arizona.  
Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1915

To the Supt.

Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have never written a letter back to old Carlisle Barracks since I have been away: that was in 1882: and it is going on 34 years: That school must have been changed to a wonderful institution: and I may <sup>not</sup> know the place now: I lived then only a few old buildings: quarters for the soldiers and quarters for the Officers and I cannot forget that old Guard house: because I was locked up in it with another boy: for fighting him: It was at the entrance of that gate: going out to Carlisle a town by that name!

By the way: I would like to know how could it be arranged by the Supt: and the Government: to get transportation for 4 or 5 boys and one person to take them to Carlisle School from here to there and back as an escort:



As there being a nephew of mine: and 3 or <sup>4</sup> Cousins  
who have been to Phoenix Indian Schools: and  
some of them have gotten as far as to 5 grades,  
and 4<sup>th</sup>. But they have learned so to know  
that: What little knowledge they know now and  
they would be no good to their people nor  
would not make any progress: When they go  
back to their reservation. So they wished to  
go to some higher schools to learn some  
professions: And now: When a young man  
having that ambitious: I think it best to place  
him to some where: he could learn some  
useful professions: As I was a student once  
at Carlisle: and I would like to see some of my  
young kin folks to have a chance to enter that  
School: and to make arrangements for me to take  
them over: Sir.

I will be awaiting of a favorable  
reply from you Sir.

I am yours Very respectfully  
Michael Burw  
(Apoche)



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Bumble Bee, Sugaw.

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1912.

To Supt.

U.S. Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

It is going on now 32 years since I entered that Institution at Carlisle, being a lonely (Apache Indian) from Fort Larima, Wyo. in the summer of 1880. by the request of Gen. Wesley Merritt, then, he was a Colonel of the 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry. That School had numbered only 365 pupils: I had only staid 2 yrs. when I had asked Capt. Pratt, to let me out on some farms: and whereby, that I could go to public Schools: and also earn money. He found me a place in the State of Ohio: to where I staid with a good family: and went to district schools: for nearly 2 1/2 years: Then I had made my way out to Kansas: found work on some farms in that state: and also went to a University: for 1 year: at Highland University of Kansas: In 1885, I had joined the Soldiers again: enlisted Scout in I.T.



It is the way, that, I had made my way out here  
back to my old mother land: in Dec. 5 '1885.  
I have fo been a Scout at different times: while  
Geronamo, was out on warpath: and afterward I was  
employed as Issue Clerk at San Carlos Agency.  
under Captain J. L. Bullis. of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry: I had  
held my position for 4 years: until the civil  
service reform got in power: I was refused  
to hold that Office any longer: I Worked for  
the Government: from 1890-4: and I had never  
got job, under the Government again: since:

I hoped to be remembered by the pupils  
and the Officers of that great Indian School:  
and I wish will be kindly favored with  
a copy of that paper printed at the school:  
I am growing old and weak: so I can not  
write like as I used to: While I attended  
that University at Highland of Kansas: I took  
the first prizes: at Penmanship: and I was the <sup>only</sup>  
one Indian, out of 165 scholars: in the spring 1885.

I remain, Very respectfully  
Wicket Burns

(Apache Indian)



67 From Bumble Bee, Arizona, comes the following letter written by Michael Burns:

"It is going on 32 years since I entered your institution (being a lonely Apache Indian from Fort Laramie, Wyo.) in the summer of 1880, by the request of General Wesley Merritt, who was then a Colonel of the 5th U. S. Cavalry. The school had only 365 pupils. I remained there two years, then asked Captain Pratt to let me out on a farm where I could go to public school and earn money. He sent me to Ohio. I stayed with a good family and went to school for nearly 2½ years. Then I made my way to Kansas, found work on some

farms and went to a university for one year. In 1885, I joined the soldiers again and made my way back to this country, my motherland. I was a scout while Geronimo was on the warpath. I was employed as issue clerk in the Service for four years until the civil service reform went into effect. I have not had work under the Government since 1894.

"I would like to have the paper printed at the school. I am growing old and weak and cannot write as I used to write."





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Casa, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1913.

To the Superintendent, Mr. M. Friedman.

Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, Penno.

My dear Sir:

I have asked my representatives of this new State, the Hon. Carl Hayden; to speak for me: to have a place open at Camp Mc Dowell: to become a farmer or an Issue Clerk: at that Agency: So an application blank was sent to me by him: to fill out: and return to him: and I mentioned your name for reference: and I hope earnestly you will use all your influence as much as you can understand me: As I am about the only oldest educated Indian living out West: and had no chance: to improve what I have learned while I was at School: nor could I help my <sup>people</sup> in no way: as I am now: working at the hardest kinds of labor: which it requires no education: I have just merely made a living: for myself and my large family: and lived up an honorable life: Since I have been here: among the Apaches: For the last 28 years--

I am yours-- Very respectfully  
Michael Burns



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Jan. 11th, 1916.

Mr. Michael Burns,  
McDowell, Arizona.

My dear Sir:

I was pleased to receive your letter of the 29th ultimo, in which you called attention to the Carlisle you knew when you were enrolled here as a student almost thirty-five years ago. Many changes have been made and the copy of our catalogue I am having mailed to you under a separate cover will indicate further what some of those changes are. Additional views are shown in the other publications I am having mailed with the catalogue.

The old guard house you mention is yet standing and was in use until very recently. Just at this time we do not seem to have any pictures of it available, but when we do have some I will have one mailed to you.

Regarding the young people you would like to bring to Carlisle, I must state that they cannot be enrolled here until they have completed some definite course of work in the schools in which they have formerly been enrolled. Noting that they have been at the Phoenix School it would be



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required that the Superintendent of that school consent to their enrolment at Carlisle.

I must state further that more and more the paying of escorts' expenses bringing students to Carlisle has been discouraged because of the great cost of transportation alone, and it is doubted whether the payment of your expenses could be arranged. It is believed that when students are eligible for enrolment at Carlisle they should be able to travel without an escort.

Thanking you for your letter and assuring you that further consideration will be given your request if it is learned later that a larger party of eligible students could be brought here, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.



March 5, 1912.

Mr. Michael Burns  
Dumble Bee, Arizona.  
Dear friend:-

Your letter dated February 25th has just reached me and I want to write and tell you how pleased I was to get it. Our records here show that we have not heard from you for many years and I certainly appreciate your letter telling me about your life since you left Carlisle. I shall be very glad to add your name to our Arrow list and will send you under separate cover, some of our publications which might be of interest to you.

I trust that we may hear from you again as you have the opportunity to write. With my best wishes to you,

I am

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD



February 20, 1913.

Mr. Michael Burns,  
Canon, Yavapai Co.,  
Arizona.

Dear Friend Michael:

Your letter of the 8th instant, telling of your desire to get employment at Camp McDowell, received. If your name is proposed for appointment at any Indian school in the Service, I want to assure you that I shall be glad to give whatever your record in this office shows. Not being personally acquainted with your ability as a Clerk or Farmer, I could not vouch for your success, but whatever your record in this office shows I shall be glad to give it. I am glad to hear that you are getting along and not going backward. I wish you success. Let me hear from you now and then.

Your friend,

LaF.

Superintendent.



October 11, 1912.

Mr. Michael Burna,  
Bumble Bee, Ariz.

Dear Friend:-

I have your letter of recent date and was very glad to hear from you. I would suggest that you write to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., and ask for employment in the Service. If you are eligible for any appointment, this is the way to get into the Service. The Office will probably send you a blank and will ask for my recommendation. I can then be in a position to help you.

Very sincerely your friend,

MF:BR

Superintendent.



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July 27, 1912.

Mr. Michael Burns,  
Old Goddard Station,  
Via Bumble Bee, Arizona.

Dear Friend:-

I have read with a great deal of interest your letter, and was particularly glad to get the news from Arizona, as I spent three years in Arizona in the Indian Service a number of years ago.

Your letter shows that you are making fine progress, and I want to congratulate you on the stand you have taken for citizenship and on the example you are to both the white people and the Indians of what education can accomplish. I know you will keep this up and will continue to make a good record both for yourself and for the Indian race. I have always been interested in the Apaches, and feel sure that having a good education and being among them as you are now, you can do much good for your people.

I am having your name placed on the complimentary list for THE ARROW, and am having sent you a copy of the last catalogue which I know you will be very much interested in. A great many changes have been made on the campus and



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in the buildings, and many new buildings have been erected. Sometime when you have the chance, I hope that you will visit Carlisle again.

Very sincerely yours,

MF:SR

Superintendent.