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William Shakespear, old time student, is doing well on his farm at Arapahoe, Wyoming.

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Record of Graduates and Returned Students.

U. S INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.



January 11

1910.

NAME

William Shakespeare

1. Are you married and if so to whom?

Not married Arapahoe tribe

2. What is your present address?

Arapahoe Wyoming

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? No

Give names of schools and dates if possible

4. What is your present occupation?

Farmer

5. Tell something of your present home

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

Control several allotments, a small bunch of horses, houses, barns, no money on hand at present, but have some land leased to a white man for farming, also farm myself

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

Police, farmer, herder &c in all about twenty years

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

assisted at the Catholic Mission (St. Stephens)
about six years

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

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May 5, 1917.

Mr. William Shakespeare,
Arapahoe, Wyoming.

Dear friend:

The receipt is acknowledged
of your letter of April 29, 1917.

On behalf of the school I
wish to express my appreciation to you
for your good letter to us. I feel that
it has a lesson in it which every boy and
girl in the school should read, and I am
therefore going to have it printed in
the Arrow.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

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Trapahoe Wyoming
April 29th 1917

like

I just wanted to express
of at the Carlisle arrow
I am still alive out here
in Wyoming where I am located
and doing very well on my
farm only now I am kind of
over-run down by hard work
It's a long time since I left there
The year was 1872 and the Supt
was General R. H. Platt and the
more I thank him for what
he has taught me I only were
at second reader & that help
me well I can talk with
a business man alright
The reason I left the school
as soon as I were in very
ill health

Now I will tell you about my
past present years since I left
the school and how I mistake
from my own people

I started my living I
 well off have lot stock
 such as horses pigs cattle chickens
 and my Indians when so
 foolish on account that
 what they call Ghost dance
 I been giving big feast and
 I thought I was a big chief
 them & when I broke no body
 give me a feast them
 when I first came back that
 is returning home I start to
 teach my people the way
 of white people education farming
 & I was the first one in my
 people to wear a hat but my
 people were still had a feathers
 on their head & few years after
 I show them how school means
 I have been wishing to visit
 the Carlisle once more but
 I am getting old now

it seems to me & how I understand it is that we American Indians must obey the Government employers of what they wanted us to be & become

I have seven children five are married & two are attending school yet they are growing very well I support them by my own hand & raise them in doing agriculture from my own land too I have living at my allotment few years after I returned home and still I am located here as my father found this place for me ~~two~~ 4 years ago when I was a boy he use to tell me that I should go to school finely the day came when I was sent to Carlisle I was the first one to go to school off my people my father just died on 1910 he was 104 year old

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people are doing fine
on their own home works that
is - the best this can do
They don't have enought money
to start for we are not well
off yet

at this part of Wyrning where
I am located the Ground
has his white Blanket yet
well I must now come to
close with kind + best wishes to
dear old Carlisle its make
think of it when I receive the
Carlisle arrow. + always enjoying
reading them giving my best
wishes to all

I Remain

Mr ~~Wm~~ Shakespeare

