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197 / athlete and a full-blooded Cherokee,
is a judge at Aberdeen, Wash. 262

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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT.

NUMBER 2816		ENGLISH NAME (<i>James</i>) <i>Wm. H. Phillips</i>			AGENCY			NATION <i>Cherokee</i>		
BAND		INDIAN NAME			HOME ADDRESS <i>Theophilus Phillips</i>					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD		AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.	
FATHER, <i>Living</i>		MOTHER, <i>Dead</i>		<i>Half</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>m.</i>
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL <i>Oct. 27, 1901</i>		FOR WHAT PERIOD <i>5 years</i>			DATE DISCHARGED <i>June 17th, '03</i>			CAUSE OF DISCHARGE <i>Graduated from Dickinson College</i>		
TO COUNTRY <i>June 12, '02</i>		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS <i>Atlantic City, N. J.</i>						FROM COUNTRY <i>Sept. 10, '02</i>		
SHAW-WALKER MUSKOGON 5478										

Months in school before Carlisle, *Dick. College*

Grade entered at Carlisle, *Had had more academic training than is given at Carlisle.*

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church,

Cherokee, N. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

March 21, 1910.

Mr. James Phillips
Aberdeen,
Wash.

Dear friend:-

It has often been said that students at various schools who have made any special reputation as athletes, never amount to much after leaving school. To show that this statement is not true as far as the students of Carlisle are concerned, I have prepared an article, to be illustrated, on the splendid success of some of our prominent graduates and ex-students who while at Carlisle were conspicuous in athletics.

This article, I propose to publish in the Red Man, our school magazine and afterwards in pamphlet form for general distribution. The article is now ready and I am waiting for some suitable photographs to illustrate it.

I want a photograph of your office and home. Please have these photographs taken at your earliest convenience and send them to me with bill for same and I will be glad to reimburse you for whatever the photographs cost. They can be un-mounted.

Very truly yours,

superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

April 1, 1908

Mr. [Name]
[Address]
[City]

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the matter mentioned therein. The same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
[Signature]

TAGGART & PHILLIPS
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

February 1st, 1912.

M. Friedman, Superintendent

Carlisle Indian School:

Dear Sir:-

Earney and I received your invitation to commencement exercises, and it would be a pleasure and a benefit to us to be able to attend. Earney will be unable to attend this year, and the distance and expense are so great that I had better put it off another year at least. I am out of office now and have been sticking pretty close to business getting back my practice. We are getting along well and will always keep alive our interest in Carlisle. William Hazlett and family are living here. He is in the real estate business and has an excellent family. William Paul married an Aberdeen girl of good family and they are living in Portland. Paul Graduated from Whitworth College, Tacoma, after he left Carlisle. He is working in a bank. There are many Carlisle graduates that are not so fortunate in the positions they hold but most of them that I have met give a very good account of themselves. And after all, it is far more important that the majority of us be satisfied and successful in the commoner walks of life.

Must repeat that we are sorry not to be able to be with you, especially at the alumni meeting. Remember us to inquiring friends and particularly to 'Pop'.

Yours Very Sincerely,



Name

Phillips, J. M.

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Age

Deg. Ind. blood

Address

Aberdeen, Washington

Information from

Date

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Agency

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Remarks:

The Indian race is represented in most of the professions and some of its representatives have for many years held prominent public offices such as mayor, member of Congress, and United States senator. James Philips, a Cherokee, and ex-student of Carlisle, who later on was graduated from the Dickinson College Law School, was a prominent athlete, both on the track and on the gridiron. He is now living in Aberdeen, Wash., where he is judge of the court, and a prominent and respected citizen. He married a young lady graduate of the school.

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Mr. J. M. Phillips, former student, is now located at Aberdeen, Washington. He says, in a letter to the Superintendent:

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NAME AT CARLISLE

James Phillips

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1910		<i>Aberdeen Wash</i>	<i>Lawyer</i>		
1912	<i>Later</i>	<i>430-432 Finch Bldg., Aberdeen, Wash.</i>			

Field, Agency and School

Indian Blood Runs in Mayor's Veins.

Aberdeen, Wash., April 8. Several new features for the municipal government of smaller cities of the northwest probably will be added by Judge J. M. Phillips, who following his election Tuesday is making plans for taking over the leadership in this city's affairs. Among these will be the employment of a purchasing agent and the creation of an advisory committee for the mayor.

Phillips is a graduate of the Northwestern Law school and of Carlisle Indian school. He is three-eighths Cherokee Indian and probably is the only partial Indian who has ever held a mayoralty position. In his younger days he was a star on the Northwest college football eleven and was picked in 1903 as all western guard. He came to Aberdeen 12 years ago and for three years worked as a hod carrier. For nine years he has been a member of the law firm of Taggart & Phillips. He has been police judge and justice of the peace. Last fall he ran on the progressive ticket for the legislature, but was defeated by a small margin, although he carried Aberdeen, his home town, by more than 200 and ran nearly 1,000 votes ahead of his progressive running mate.—Tacoma (Wash.) News-Herald.

Mr. Phillips graduated from the law department of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and played football on the Indian school team. He was never a student of the Carlisle school other than of the athletic department, as above stated.

He was an exemplary young man, a good student and a true sportsman. His wife and helpmate, Earnie Wilber, is a graduate of Carlisle, class of 1903, and was one of the best girls ever enrolled there.—[Editor].

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Mayor of Aberdeen Part Cherokee Indian



J. M. PHILLIPS.

ABERDEEN, April 17.—The life story of Mayor-elect J. M. Phillips is one of peculiar interest. Mr. Phillips, who is three-eighths Cherokee Indian, will be 41 years of age when he assumes the office to which he was elected on April 5. He was graduated from the Carlisle Indian school and from the Northwestern university law school at Evanston, Ill. In his younger days he was a famous football player and in 1903 was picked all-western guard while playing with the Northwestern university eleven. Before going to the Northwestern university he had played football with Carlisle. As a football player he was known as the "Big Indian," "Big Chief" and the "Fairest Man in Football." His picture appeared often in Eastern newspapers during the football season, and he was one of the idols of Eastern college students. As a football star he played against every big college eleven except Yale.

In the fall of 1903 Mr. Phillips was married at Kenosha, Wis., in the Menomonee Indian reservation to Miss Erney Wilber, a member of the Menomonee tribe, whom he met while both were attending Carlisle. After his marriage Phillips came West with his law degree and little money. For a month he drove a delivery wagon in Seattle and then came to Aberdeen, beginning life here as a hod carrier. He became a member of the Trades' council. After three years as a hod carrier he became associated in the practice of law with Robert Taggart. Later on he served as police justice and as justice of the peace. He broke with the republican party after the Chicago convention and followed the bull moosers. Last fall he ran as a bull moose candidate for the legislature. He carried Aberdeen, but lost out in the county to the republican candidate. Phillips is better than an average orator and is well read. He was born in Cherokee county, North Carolina. He has been quite successful in the practice of the law.

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