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December 1, 1910.

Mr. Sumner S. Riggs
RFD #2, Fay, Okla.
Dear friend:-

I have your answers to the questions on the blank sent you a few days ago and am pleased to hear from. Although I do not know personally many of the graduates and ex-students of this school, I am interested in the welfare of every one and am pleased to hear from them at all times. Since taking hold of the work here at Carlisle, I have made an effort to get in touch with as many of the returned students as possible. The results of my efforts have been to stimulate a greater interest in the school, in the returned students. They have helped us to get desirable students and we in turn have been able to help quite a number to obtain positions in the Service.

I believe too, that it will be helpful to the returned students to keep in touch with the old school through the school papers and other publications. It will remind you of the sound principles taught you in the early days, principles which are still being taught here. It will keep you loyal to the school, which I am sure has helped you much.

I am making a collection of the photographs of the homes of the returned students and would like very much to get a picture of your home, store and surroundings. If you

do not have on hand such photographs, could you have some taken ?
I will be glad to reimburse you for whatever they are worth if
you will send me a bill.

Trusting that you may be able to help me and wish-
ing you continued success in your work, I am

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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STACY RIGGS
INDIAN TRADER



FAY, OKLAHOMA December 8th, 1910.

M. Friedman,
Supt. U.S. Indian School,
Carlisle Penna.

Sir:-

I am glad to receive your favor of the 1st, inst and the Red man ,
Your annual report, and the little straight Arrow all came to
us in safe. In reply I have to say , We will be glad to sent you
our photographs as soon as Our boy finish them, We had the old
ones on hand but you mean how we are living at present.

Very respectfully

S. S. Riggs

Bead Work
AND
Indian Curios.

S. Stacy Riggs



Headquarters
FOR
Indian Supplies



GENERAL MERCHANDISE
INDIAN TRADER



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Fay, Okla., Feb. 12th 1912

The Alumni Association,
Carlisle Penna.

My Friends:-

I am very glad to receive your kind letter of the recent date and I am always glad to hear from our Carlisle school . Although I am not a Carlisle graduate but I am not ashamed to say that I have nearly the same chances as the Carlisle graduate has. I would be glad to be with you all at the coming graduating exercises which you state will be the last of March to the early date of April next but I am at a long distance to know whether I can or not. I hope many of my former school mates will be present and help you to have a good meeting.

Very respectfully

Summer Stacy Riggs

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Headquarters
FOR
Indian Supplies



GENERAL MERCHANDISE
INDIAN TRADER



Fay, Okla., Feb. 27th, 1912

M. Friedman,
Supt U.S. Indian
Carlisle Penna.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your kind letter a few days ago but I have been delayed to answer. I am always glad to get the Carlisle Arrow which I always glad to see the places mentioned in the Arrow in which I used to be a member. Carlisle school is the great starting point of our running race for a new life. Our lives are growing along with the happy world and understand that the time of our happiness has come but of course we make many mistakes some times but try to correct them by asking Jesus the best attorney of all attorneys for our mistakes. I have been assistant to the first Missionaries almost twenty years ago and still I can see what mistakes I had been passing by, but have no fears of confessing to the greatest life giver. I am an Indian Trader at present to secure a large collection of Indian goods and sold them to those who need them, I have a nice selection of the best beads to make the native goods of which is my present occupation.

Very respectfully

S. S. Riggs

Record of Graduates and Returned Students.

U. S INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

November 28th, 1910. 1910.

NAME This is Sumner Stacey Riggs

1. Are you married and if so to whom? Two times; 1st Medicine Dancing (uneducated & Died) 2nd; Mary Poisal

2. What is your present address? S. Stacey Riggs, P. O. #2 Fay Okla.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of schools and dates if possible I never graduate from any high grade except

from the Military Training school Fort Elliott near Mobity Texas in 1887. But I have been quite a student after I leave Carlisle in 1881. I enter District school at Greenwood Pa, and Public school at Morrisburg Pa, during the yrs of 1881-2-3-4.

4. What is your present occupation? Merchant (Indian Trader) Not Crafter.

5. Tell something of your present home My home is some thing like how the true christians ought to live. Plenty of beautiful music. Good prayers at every meals and Apostles' Creed at a certain time when we have special orders. I have a family of five good children, aged 4, 6, 9, 11 & 13 respectively. We use more english than our native tongue as Mrs. Riggs never regain her own language. beside she is not fulblooded.

6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings or money do you have? I have about 400 acres of land of my own. and besides some inherited land. I have no cattle but a milch cow. I have a large store building and a little Jewelling and I have a small amount of money on hand but I have invest the most money I had in the business firm of Riggs & Riggs.

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? I have been in the Indian service from time to time before I came to be a missionary helper and Merchant but I have never hold one ever lasting position because I never strick good position. during wandering years . I was a Disciplinnaire at Chey school for only 2 months before I was called away to drill the old Indian scouts at Ft Reno. The only longer position that I hold, was Assistant farmer for seven years. I have been office Clerk at Colony once and Addit ional farmer once during Major Woodson was our agent. Also assistant black Smith at Darlington during Agent Williams' term.

8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? After leaving Carlisle I have been quite a good fighter for my own living. I was in the Military service a few months after I came from my Penna. home in 1883. I was a first Sergeant or Lt of Company "C" U.S. Indian Scouts under General Miles then a division Commander, and then I have been quite a good helper to the government (see my records if my headmen care to keep them)

9. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life: I would tell you about a mile string of my mischiefs if I can not sleep and be allowed a larger space than yours. So I will just tell you that I am a newspaper correspondent and a Tale teller. The people call me Selfeducated Indian because they do not know where I got my education. They all wonder why I got good education. But they ought to know that "God helps those who ^{help} themselves" No matter how high education we have if we don't help ourselves. God won't help a man who don't try to help himself or others. For instance; Please look over my record there, to see if I have a good or bad record, Especially I like to have a bad record from the start. I don't like to hide any thing from God because I love to be his member. I was at your school nearly one year. There were many different trades for the boys to learn and in connection with these trades there stood a Hog Pen in which I use to haul all what is left at the dinning room, All the boys used to smile at me. Where are those boys now? That Carlisle chose to be the great helpers of civilization. " God only helps those who help themselves" I have a nice boy of 13 will be sent to the Military school at the age of 15 as our friends are anxious to have him to go. All of them have been attending Fay Public school but since I start a store close to the Mission school, they all go to school with Indian children again. I am very thankful for you remember me as once a Carlisle boy. This the first time I have heard of your school since Mr. Standing was out here years ago. I wonder why you ask these questions, there must be some thing to be done among us. I do not believe all kinds of schemes for God knows all things must be accomplished gradually.

Department of the Interior.

*Mr. M. Friedman**Supt. U. S. Indian School**Carlisle**Pennsylvania*

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Fay Okla, Dec 26 , 1912Name Summer Stacy Riggs

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

Tribe CheyennePresent Address Fay Okla, R #2.Former Address Fay Okla, R#2.

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation Indian Trader & Farmer

Remarks: I am still interesting in the civilization of our race. wishing you happiness and good future prosperity.

Department of the Interior.

*Mr. M. Friedman**Supt. U. S. Indian School**Carlisle**Pennsylvania*

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 December 28th, 1913, 191

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

Tribe *Cheyenne*Present Address *Fay Okla, In the R. FD#2*Former Address *Do Do*

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation *Merchant and Farmer*

Remarks: *I also have been employed by the Missionaries at present among my own people as I like to stay with Missionaries.*

Summer Riggs
at Carlisle
Entered 9/6/80
Cheyenne Indian
Age 15 years

(born 1865)

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

NUMBER 154	ENGLISH NAME Summer Riggs	AGENCY Chey. & Arap.	NATION Cheyenne						
BAND	INDIAN NAME Red Hat	HOME ADDRESS Gentle Horse							
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD	AGE 15	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX. m.	
FATHER:		MOTHER:		ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 6, 1880		FOR WHAT PERIOD 3 years		DATE DISCHARGED Dec. 4, 1884	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
TO COUNTRY			PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS				FROM COUNTRY		
June 18, '81			Wm. B. Mather, Greenwood, Col. Co. Pa.				Sept. 19, '84		
Sept. 29, '84			" " " Rohsburg " " "				Nov. 10, '84		

SHAW-WALKER MUSKEGON 5478

Months in school before Carlisle,

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church,

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Summer Stacy Riggs

NAME AT CARLISLE

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1910	Self	Fay, Okla.	Teacher		
1913	"	"	" & farmer.		
"	"	"	merchant & farmer.		