

Ralph Waterman, an ex-student, has recently written his pastor, Rev. Mr. Black of the Methodist church in town for a letter transferring his membership to his home church at Seneca, N. Y. While here Ralph was a strong member of the Y. M. C. A., and his friends here are glad that he still stands by his religious convictions.

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Mrs. Ralph Waterman, formerly Laura Betrand, writes that she and her husband and small son are now living at Tulalip, Washington, where Ralph is employed under Superintendent Buchanan. They like their new surroundings very much, are happy and are getting along nicely.

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

[illegible]

Months in school before Carlisle,.....

Grade entered at Carlisle, 6th

Grade at date of Discharge,.....10th.....

Trade or Industry, *Coach maker*

Methodist

Conduct

Waldman, Ralph	Ex. Str.	1694
Position for Farmer		607
Correspondence		982

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Name Ralph Waterman Tribe Seneca Age 17  
Entered Sept. 14, 1904 Address Ironing, N.Y. 270.  
Trade Coachmaking Size of allotment None  
Nature of allotment —  
How much under cultivation? — How much can be cultivated? —  
When you leave Carlisle do you expect to return home? Don't know  
What do you expect to do for a livelihood? Trade - Coachmaking  
Have you previously worked at farming? Yes  
Where? Home How long? Born on farm  
Have you worked at a trade? No What trade? —  
Where? — How long? —  
Remarks —  
Date Feb. 21, 1907



NAME.

Waterman, Ralph.

|TRIBE.

Seneca.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

John Waterman.

DATE ENROLLED.

Sept. 14, 1904.

[illegible]

5 Years

AGE.

17.

HOME ADDRESS.

Perrysburg, N. Y.

[illegible]

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Cushman Trades School

Tacpma, Washington

Feb.22nd.1912

The Alumni Association

of the

Carlisle Indian School, Pa.

Dear friends;-

We welcomed your very kind invitation of recent date with the greatest of pleasure, and are extremely sorry to say that we can not be with you this year. We have noted the advance, with pleasure the school has made under our Superintendent Friedman and are well aware of the fact that this meeting will out-class any of such meetings of previous years.

The "Experience" meeting will be most beneficial and interesting to the out-going class. It will doubtless point out difficulties that have confronted the Carlisle Graduate, and at the same time suggest the most tactful manner in which they have been dealt with.

Every friend of Carlisle has an earnest word of encouragement and congratulation at this particular time for the students that have been faithful to the end and have finished their course. We all wish you

that, which will make you shine as such in the community in which you take up your life work.

I do not know of any expression that carries more encouragement, and really insures us of success and prosperity, than does that which comes from our best friend, "JESUS"; "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" .

I hope the class will take this into their thought and bear out its truthfulness.

Mrs. Waterman joins me in tendering our best wishes to the class of Nineteen Hundred and Twelve, and also to the Association. We are

Yours sincerely

*Ralph M. Waterman*



Seneca. N.Y.

RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name

Ralph Waterman

1. Are you married and if so to whom? yes to Laura Bertrand
2. What is your present address? Capital Hill, Okla city, Okla.
3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school and dates if possible. I have not attended any school after leaving Carlisle. I went to my home and started to make a home for myself and to earn a good salary to support a wife on.
4. What is your present occupation? Salary? Carpenter work is my trade at present and my salary is \$60 a month.
5. Do you own your home? yes I own my home.
6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms? I have a frame house. There are four rooms a closet and pantry and front porch also a back porch. The house faces the east and has two large bay windows.
7. How much property do you possess? Two lots a house and barn.

Stock

no stock

Land

no land.



Real Estate

8. Do you have money in the bank? *no* How much?

9. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? *I*

*have not*

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

*I had a shop in New York where I made carriages and other kinds of repairs also.*

11. Have you done anything for the betterment of your people? Write fully

*I have not been among my people very much, but while among them I tried to show them the right-way of living and I attended church and did my best to show them I intended to live as the well educated white people did.*



12. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life

I have settled down and making a good living for my wife and self. I live here in the west in a large city and I manage to keep all expenses paid and have some left to save in case of hard times. My wife and I belong to the First M. E. Church and we are living as other well-to-do white people in fact we never come in contact ~~at~~ with any one else. My is a first-class house keeper and cook our home is always clean and tidy and the meals are always regular.



Mr. M. Friedman

I will send you a photo of  
my wife and I but our home  
we have no picture of at present  
and after you have copied them  
please return the pictures you can  
put the pictures together in the book  
and we would like to have a  
book after it is completed.



Your friend

Ralph Waterman

2815 Ohio St.,  
Capital Hill

Oklahoma City

Oklahoma.



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Sept. 11th, 1913.

Mr. R. M. Waterman,

3534 E. Howe St., Tacoma, Wash.

My dear Mr. Waterman:

I thank you for the information you conveyed to me in your favor of September the 6th, but for the reason that the amounts now appropriated for the education of Indians may not be expended for the use of any young people whose degree of Indian blood is less than one-fourth I cannot receive the young man you refer to in your letter except under special conditions. Such conditions are that he pay for his transportation to Carlisle and an amount of \$167.00 for each year's tuition. The payment of such an amount for tuition would entitle him to the usual privileges allowed those students who are regularly enrolled.

If the young man desires to comply with the conditions I have outlined I will be pleased to receive his application for enrolment on the blank I enclose.

Thanking you for your kind personal wishes and

-2- Mr. R. M. Waterman.

assuring you of my continued interest in your welfare,  
as well as that of Mrs. Waterman and your babies, I am,

Your friend,

H.K.H.

Superintendent.



3584 E. Howe St.  
Tacoma, Washington  
Sept. 6th, 1913.

MY dear Mr. Friedman:

A few days ago I promised a young man that I would write you asking if he could be enrolled and enter your school, he has been enrolled at the Cushman Indian school untill last spring, he graduated from that school in 1912, but returned last term to review some of his work,

I have been acting disciplinarian at that school for the past two years and know the boy very well, I have every reason to believe that he would make a good student for Carlisle,

His degree of indian blood is one eighth, If you wish to consider him I would be glad to hear from you and get the necessary data for his enrollment, there are several others who have asked me to recommend them to you but considering their advantages in getting the kind of education they want in this locality I have not thought it worthy while to do so.

With best wishes to yourself and the school Mrs. Waterman and myself wish to be remembered to our friends at "Good Old Carlisle",

very sincerely yours,

*M. Waterman*



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March 20, 1917.

Dear Mr. Waterman:

Your letter of March 13th has been received.

I am leaving Carlisle as superintendent April 1st but I am quite sure that my successor will be glad to give you the same opportunity that is being given to other young men who are coming here to train for the Ford factory. I do not know whether you would be able to make the first class, which leaves here in June, or not, but what you get here, and our Director of Mechanic Arts has a chance to see what you can do here, will be able to tell whether or not you can prepare for the first class within the time. The next class will not be sent before some time later in the fall and as we are trying to hold up a pretty high standard at Carlisle we desire to train our students thoroughly in the rudiments of mechanics and give them as much shop mathematics and mechanical drawing as possible to aid them in their work. We find that it pays to do this in the long run and I am sure the time you spend here will be well spent and you will profit greatly by the training.

Very truly yours,

Mr. R.M. Waterman,  
Ft. Simcoe, Washington.

Superintendent.

Ft. Simcoe, Washington

March 13, 1917.

Mr. O. H. Lipps,

Supervisor of Indian Schools,

Carlisle, Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps,

With further reference to the work in the Ford Motor Co. at Detroit, I have written to some of the boys there and have heard from them favorably and will advise you that I will try and be ready as soon as you arrange to enter another class, Mrs. Waterman has been wanting to visit her home in Oklahoma for several years and I think it will be a good chance for her to make a visit there while I am getting located etc.

Please advise me when you think another class will be entered and also of all the requirements etc.

Thanking you for your assistance I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

*R. M. Waterman*



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February 13, 1917.

February 13, 1917.

Miss Rose Whipper  
Browning, Montana.

Mr. R. M. Waterman  
Yakima Agency, Ft. Simcoe, Washington.

Dear friend:-

Dear Sir:-

Your letter asking for assistance in getting work with the Ford Motor Company, has been referred to me by Mr. Linnen.

If you want to take a chance with the Ford Motor Company and can arrange for the care of your family during the time you are not earning, I might be able to get authority from the Indian Office to have you join our next Ford class although I am not absolutely sure now just how many will be accepted in the next class or when they will be accepted.

Recently I tried to get into the Ford Factory, one of our ex-students who had a brother there from Carlisle taking the regular Students' Course but I was refused because the rules did not permit giving employment to persons outside of the state, except under the special agreement to admit students of the Carlisle Indian School. The fact is that notwithstanding the high wages they receive, there is not a Carlisle boy in the Ford Factory who would not gladly change places with you, who have a sure salary, free house rent with light and fuel provided for you.

The work up there is hard and the hours long. The regulations are strict and while the opportunities are excellent for young men who are willing to take the regular Students' Course and save





their money with a view of later setting up business for themselves, still for a man with a family to give up a sure position and go to the expense of moving 2000 miles, is a risky proposition.

I would suggest that you write to one of our Carlisle boys at Detroit and find out what living expenses are up there. I would suggest the names of two New York boys, Clement Hill whose address is #52 LaBelle Ave., and Theodore Frank at #93 Windermere Ave'. Highland Park, Michigan.

I am always glad to help any of the ex-students of Carlisle whenever I can but I want you to consider carefully before you give up ~~your~~ a position which offers you a good living for yourself and family and go into something new where you have to begin at the bottom.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Copy to Mr.E.B.Linnen



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

Feb 13/17.

Mr. H. Lipp,  
Supt. Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Lipp: Encl. letter from  
Mr. R. M. Waterman. He is the good capable  
Indian of whom I spoke. He wants to  
get into the Ford Motor works. Please  
see what you can do and I know  
you will do the best you  
can for him. Please write  
him fully. Thanking you  
I am  
Cordially

E. B. Simmen  
Chf Insp

Encl.





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Yakima Agency, Ft. Simcoe, Wash.,

Feb. 5th, 1917.

Honorable E.B.Linnen,  
Chief Inspector Indian Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linnen:-

Mr. Besaw gave us your regards when he heard from you and advised me that you would get me in the Ford motor works if I wished. I do wish you would on account of the advantages we would have to send the children to good schools without having to go as far as we do here. I want to give the children all the advantages possible in school if I never make a million. The work here does not mean much to me when I can not have the necessary conviniences and comforts for my family, when I feel I can do much better elsewhere.

To say the least of our disadvantages it appears that every available opportunity has been used to discourage our arrangement of sending our children to the White Swan school. This plan was gotten up by the employees who have children/started in public schools, they made me an offer ~~and~~ that just about covered the running expenses and I took it up more as an accomodation to them. we could not see that there should be any reasonable objection to such an arrangement under the circumstances.

If you say there is an opening for me with the Ford people by the first of March I will use what annual leave I will be entitled to in rounding up some more of those long tailed sports for you. With kindest regards I wish to remain,



Copy to S B S.

Living High - Remot - find.

If he wants to take chance  
I can make arrange for Jan-  
might get out - for office to  
join class - go to Ford - Not  
Absolutely only <sup>where</sup> where this  
class can be admitted.

Recently <sup>find to</sup> get in one own ex-students  
brother in F. F. of Sch. but Co. refused  
unleashed not permit giving any to  
persons outside of state except  
under appt. a given to admit third  
C S S.

Just that ~~unleashed~~ standing high wages  
they need probably not a Co. boy  
in F. F. that not gladly

expt. ples with you - What you have  
one salary, for how much - expt.  
+ find.

Work is hard - how long - F. reg. strict  
and who up expt. for you men

who are willing to take the S. Comm  
+ some third money, with a view

of later act. up Mrs. for themselves  
still for a man with Jan. to

go. up ~~the~~ pro + expt. morning  
2000 miles risky proposition.

Write to some boy up there

Clement Hill - One. From R. find

out expt. living. But some - boy find

Glad to ~~that~~ student. Then carefully before you up - just.  
Manned more with Jan - pro. get living - (but not begin)



1694  
March 27, 1917.

E. B. Linnen, Chief Inspector,  
Fort Peck Agency,  
Poplar, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd inst. relative to Mr. Ralph Waterman, the Indian young man at Fort Simcoe, Washington, who desires to take up work in an automobile factory, I have to say that a copy of a letter written to Ralph relative to his desires was sent to you on the 13th of February. You can refer to this letter for my advice to him. As Ralph is one of our Carlisle boys I would be glad to do something for him, but I have not yet heard from Dr. Marquis, Chief of the Education Department of the Ford Motor Company, as to the number we will be allowed to send in our next Ford class. I wrote him Saturday as to the number he can take in our next class. I will refer this matter to Mr. Francis and will try in some way to help Ralph to get what he wants.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Fort Peck Agency,  
Poplar, Montana, March 23, 1917.

Hon. O. H. Lipps,  
Chief Supervisor of Indian Schools,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

I have had a further letter from Mr. R. M. Waterman, the Indian boy at Fort Simcoe, Washington, in which he thinks he wants to enter the Ford Motor Works at Detroit as soon as you can make arrangements for another class. I wish you would do all you can in this connection yourself and pass it on to your successor, Mr. Francis, and ask that he give this matter his personal and best attention.

This young man is a fine mechanic; a man of fine character and good habits; well educated, and would make great success in this line I feel sure.

With regards.

Very cordially yours,

*E. J. Blum*  
Chief Inspector.

EBL/H

*Waterman - Carlisle boy.  
He is to be for 7d Co - how many  
adm next class. Refer to  
Mr. Francis.*



NAME AT CARLISLE

Ralph Waterman

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
7/10	Self	Capital Hill, Okla. City	Carpenter	Marrried Laura Bertrand, Carlisle girl.	
9/11		Jululip, Wash. Cushman Trade School	Disciplinarian #660		
9/12	"	Tacoma Wash.			
9/13	"	3584 E. Howe St. Tacoma, Wash.			