

2082

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

NUMBER 1252	ENGLISH NAME Moses Patterson	AGENCY Tuscarora Res.	NATION Tuscarora					
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS William H. Patterson Sauborn N.Y.						
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.	
FATHER <i>Living</i>	MOTHER <i>Dead</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>5-6 3/4</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>33 1/2</i>	<i>m</i>
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL <i>July 13. 1891.</i>	FOR WHAT PERIOD <i>5 years</i>	DATE DISCHARGED <i>Sept. 19. 1895</i>			CAUSE OF DISCHARGE <i>Mentally deficient</i>			
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY		
<i>June 8, 91</i>	<i>Al. Cook Princeton Mercer Co. N. J.</i>					<i>Sept. 9, 92</i>		
<i>Apr. 15, 93</i>	<i>J. Rich Woodbourne Pa.</i>					<i>" 14, 93</i>		
<i>Mch. 31, 94</i>	<i>J. Twining Newtown Pa.</i>					<i>" 15, 94</i>		
<i>" 30, 95</i>	<i>M. Rich Woodbourne "</i>					<i>" 14, 95</i>		

REMARKS MUSKOGEE 5472

Months in school before Carlisle,

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church,

Inscarora - N. Y.

Record of Graduates and Returned Students.

U. S INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

- ✓ _____ September 12, 1910.
- NAME William Moses Patterson (Jr)
1. Are you married and if so to whom? Married -
Miss Sara Dolan
2. What is your present address? Lewiston N.Y. Route 18. Box 50
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? Farming
5. Tell something of your present home. Have a comfortable home.
The house of eleven rooms stands in a nice grove
of tall trees. City people say "Tis beautiful"
6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings or money do you have? I have
some timberland - and also some under
cultivation and about 70 chickens
7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? No

8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? *Boiler Erector and Carpenter*

9. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life: *If you desire it shall write short history of my life and struggles.*
Wm Maces Patterson

Juscaro, N.Y.

Record of Graduates and Returned Students.

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA. ✓

April 30th 1910.

NAME Wm Moses Patterson

1. Are you married and if so to whom? Yes. Miss Sara Dolan M.D.
A white lady, who is a graduate of Howard University
(Washington D. C.)
2. What is your present address? Leviston, Niagara Co. New York R.F.D. #18
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? Farming
5. Tell something of your present home I am living in my own home
a house of eleven (11) rooms standing in a beautiful
grove, to which visitors are welcome.
6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings or money do you have? I own about
9 acres of land and have claim to a farm of
about 52 + acres with buildings thereon.
7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? I have not

8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? Boiler mechanic,
Carpenter, Stationary Engineer.

(I learned Printing while at Carlisle)

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

I am ever thankful for what the school did for me and I have always regretted that I was called home and not permitted to graduate from Carlisle, as I feel that if I was allowed to graduate I could have done much better.

Since I have been married I feel the need of a thorough education much more as I am much interested in medicine and if my elementary education was more advanced my wife would help me to take that course.

She has a good education, is a graduate M.D. and graduate in Pharmacy also registered in Pharmacy in the District of Columbia. Was a public school teacher in Duryea, Pennsylvania.

My wife and I would be glad if we could get positions at your institution or any of the institutions connected with this service. We would like to get Hospital or drug work to do.

Will be thankful for any thing you may be able to send or do for me and invite you to visit me. Our place is nice in summer.

Yours most respectfully,
Wm. Moses Patterson.

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Sept. 15, 1910.

Mr. William Moses Patterson Jr.,
Route 18, Box 50,
Lewiston, New York.

Dear Friend:

We have the blanks which you so kindly filled out and return to us.

It is a source of great gratification to hear from the old students of Carlisle, who are doing so well.

I should consider it a great favor, if you send me a photograph of your home. I hope that sometime to issue a pamphlet containing views of the homes of returned Carlisle students.

One of the strongest arguments that can be presented to the public is, to show them by means of pictures that Carlisle students can make good, and live in a same manner as their white neighbors.

I shall be very glad to reimburse you for the cost of sending the pictures.

I appreciate your offer to write the history of your life, and shall be very glad to get it.

Wishing you the greatest success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

ABR-EJ

Wm. Moses Patterson, Jr., is living at New York, and is engaged in farming and raising chickens. He is married, and has a beautiful home. He writes: "The city people admire my home and say it is beautiful."

1915

Department of the Interior.

Mr. O. H. LippsSupt. U. S. Indian SchoolCarlislePennsylvania

6-3305

Name

2782
 March 30th 1915
 William M. Patterson Jr.
 (Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Present Address

R.F.D. #18 Box 67 Lewiston N.Y.

Present Occupation

Concrete Construction, Mason & Carpenter.

Remarks:

I am thankful for what Carlisle has done for me. It has been a great help in whatever I undertake.

Feb April 1915
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Department of the Interior.



Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

Pennsylvania

6-3305

*Thanks also
for the arrow
St. regius
like a
friendly
visit.*

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December 27, 1913

Name

Wm. Moses Patterson Jr. (Moses Patterson)
(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribe

Tuscarora

Present Address

Lewiston N.Y. Route 18-Box 67

Former Address

" " " " Box 50

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

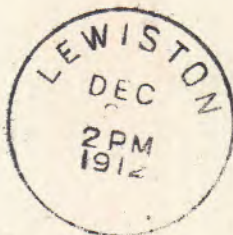
Present Occupation

Concrete Construction Carpenter

Remarks:

Thanks for you Greeting and letter. I
shall try my best to help Carlisle and
to live a good life. Hurrah for Carlisle!!!
may she live long and prosper

Department of the Interior.

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

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December 26th, 1912

(Moses Patterson)

Name

William Moses Patterson

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

Tribe

Tuscarora (Best wishes for your success and for Carlisle)

Present Address

Lewiston New York

Former Address

Lewiston New York

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation

I do concrete construction

Remarks:

sometimes carpentering and masonry

Thanks for your greeting and am happy to be remembered by the School.

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Lewiston

Niagara County
R.F.D. #18 Box 50 N.Y.

December 22, 1911

Dear Friend:-

Your kind greetings made me glad and I thank you many times for them and also thank you for your interest in my race.

Carlisle is dear to me and I am proud of the school and the work it is doing.

Carlisle has made her impression on all those who did as required of them while there and that is a blessing. If everyone here was imbued with her principles how good it would be, but I regret to say that the Indians who return to the reservation have much to contend

with, when they try to live up to
Carlisle's standard.

Many, or nearly all of her
students here are doing well,
and strangers are sometimes
surprised when they are told
they are on the Tuscarora reservation.

A young gentleman from
New York City set out to see this
reservation and wandered to an Indian
home and asked the woman how
far it was to the Indian reservation.
She said "You are now in the center
of the reservation, we are Indians."

He became so excited he asked
her to direct him to Pekin, N.Y.

He was afterwards told he looked
like an Indian to which he replied
"I am not ashamed of it."

I shall be pleased to have you
visit me should you happen this
way and you shall be welcome

To come any time.

Wishing you and Carlisle,
A Merry Christmas and joyful
New Year an.

Yours respectfully,
Winifred Patterson Jr.,

Tuscarora Reservation,
Lewiston N.Y.
Nov. 8-1911.

Mr. Friedman,
Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.,

Dear Sir: —

My husband — Wm Moses Patterson —
and myself wish to thank you for the
"Arrow" especially as we both enjoy its
message from the school and for the
other books and programmes which you
so kindly remembered him with.

He is ever thankful for what Carlisle
has done for him and sincerely regrets
that he was not permitted to graduate.

He was going to write and thank you
and also send some account of himself
some time ago but he has had so

much trouble he has been discouraged.

About the time or previous to your request for a photograph of this place his plans were upset and what he has been working most of his life-time for others are trying to take from him and only God and ourselves know how much we have suffered during the past two and half (2½) years

If you should happen to travel in New York state during this year or winter we would be very much pleased to have you come and visit us for a few days. I think you could help my husband by your counsel when you would see for yourself how matters stand with him.

With best wishes for Carlisle's success

am

Yours respectfully

R.S.

Sara Patterson.

We had a photographer come one day to take the photo. but the day was unfavorable

November 20, 1911.

Mrs. William W. Patterson
Lewiston, New York.

Dear friend:-

Your letter came to me several days ago but owing to absence from the school, I have not been able to write you sooner than this time. Although you do not tell me the exact nature of the troubles which you and your husband have had, you may feel assured that my sympathy is yours. I thank you for your kind invitation to visit you in your home and while I do not think any business will take me in that vicinity, I appreciate your thought just the same.

I trust that whatever adversity may have come upon your husband the last few years, he may keep in mind the teachings of Carlisle, to have a purpose and to stick to that purpose until it is accomplished.

With best wishes, I am

Your friend

Superintendent.

NRD

copy

Lewiston N.Y.

March 1942

Honorable James S. Simmons,

Member of Congress,

Sir: We the undersigned Tuscarora Indians residing in the town of Lewiston, County of Niagara, State of New York earnestly petition you to introduce in Congress a resolution or some measure whereby legislation or laws may be enacted granting to us the rights of native born Indians towards our white wives and children or our widows and orphans for their protection and comfort and to safeguard our property and interests; that we and our white wives and children shall be given the rights of Tuscarora Indians

Some of the unjust customs advocated by most of the chiefs have come down from barbarism and are a serious menace to progress and our welfare and we earnestly hope that,

Congress may give our prayers the consideration necessary to get our rights

have been given the rights of American Tuscarora children and it looks hard that our children who are native born Americans of American mothers are denied the same rights to annuities and other resources that are due Tuscaroras.

1. Each chief is appointed by the oldest woman in his clan and has the office for life.

2. The oldest woman of a clan has the sole power to appoint a chief no matter what her mental or physical condition may be nor whether she is sane or idiotic.

We believe that our white wives are an uplift to us, helping us to lead good, decent lives. They have worked hard and helped us to get our homes and now we want the homes to be theirs if we should pass before them and our children to have the rights as white children have to inherit always from either or both parents.

We ask that our white wife and children be given the same rights and privileges that are given to other Tuscaroras.

We are trying to live honorable lives and want to advance in all that is desirable and necessary in a civilized life.

Some of the Indian customs which have the force of a law on the reservation are a hindrance to our welfare and we feel the time has come that some of those customs should be abolished.

We think anyone who will carefully consider the foregoing cannot feel that fair, impartial government by these chiefs is to be expected and we humbly ask if any intelligent white citizen would approve of such a body having the authority of administering their affairs.

Andrew Garlow (wife-Mollie Garlow)
Wm. Moser Patterson Jr. (wife and son Melvin)
Edgar Rickard (son and daughter)
Clinton Rickard (wife, son and daughter)
Sampson Williams (wife and son)

Grievances

Where the Tuscarora Indian has married a white woman

1. At present if the Tuscarora Indian husband should die leaving a widow or children or both the chiefs could according to their custom come and dispossess them of my land and home no matter how I should derive it, giving them no rights whatever in what I have endeavored to provide for their comfort and welfare.

2. At present children of a lawfully married white wife and Tuscarora Indian husband are not allowed on the list of Tuscarora Indians.

3. Our children are not allowed the privileges that are given to other half Tuscarora children but the chiefs have given full rights to the children of a white father here

4. At present children of a white wife and Tuscarora husband are not allowed to inherit from from their father

5. Illegitimate children are among the elect if their mother is considered Tuscarora

6. We are virtually prisoners of necessity; as if we lock our homes to go abroad for any reason we may return to find some one else in possession and then we shall be powerless to regain possession thereof except in the white court.

7. The chiefs can come into my home if choose and if they feel like doing so can beat me out of my own house and I am powerless to prevent it and must take it to the white court to get the right to what belongs to me.

8. The child follows its mother in line of inheritance and whether legitimate or illegitimate is placed on the Tuscarora list and given all the rights conferred no matter what its father may be - white - red - yellow etc
(This is a custom brought down from barbarism and 'tis now time we think and feel justified in asking that laws be enacted whereby we may advance)

9. Canadian children who reside here

Yours most respectfully

Andrew Garlow (wife - Mollie Garlow)

Wm. Moses Patterson Jr. (wife and son Melvin)

Edgar Rickard (son and daughter)

Clinton Rickard (wife, son and daughter)

Sampson Williams (wife and son)

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Lewiston N.Y.

April 11 - 1912

Mr. Moses Friedman

Superintendent Carlisle Indian School

Dear Friend: -

Enclosed copy of our petition to Mr. James S. Simmons our representative which explains our position and earnestly implore you to use your utmost endeavor and influence with those of your friends and acquaintances who can directly or indirectly help us to get our rights. If the chiefs policy was for the good of all and for right, decency, humanity, justice instead of roguery, dishonesty, immorality, gambling and treachery I would uphold them in all that was for the best but they do not want what any decent persons could respect hence we are forced to appeal to Congress for redress from their tyrannical methods and pray to God for help and also to those who want what is best.

As the time of commencement is at hand please and people who are invested with power may be at Carlisle we beg of you to lose no

opportunity of speaking a word in our behalf
Trusting and praying that our appeal
may receive the consideration necessary
to get our rights we are

Yours respectfully
Wm. Moses Patterson Jr.

P.S. I am anxious to get off the reservation as
I can earn more and do better than on it,
but on account of father and the chiefs rule I
am forced to stay here and look after my rights
here or ^{take the} risk of losing what I have.

Wm. M. Patterson

also please pass copies of petition on to others
who might be willing to help us.
Per. S.P.

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NAME AT CARLISLE

William Moses Patterson

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1910		RFD #18 Lewiston, N.Y.	Farmer		
1913	Self	" Box #67	concrete construction.		
"	"	"	"		
1915	"	" Box #67 RFD #18			

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Patterson, Wm. Moses Ex-stu.
Correspondence

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