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

Tribe Arapahoe.

Present Address Darlington Okla.

Former Address King Fisher Okla.
(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation living on farm, and farming

Remarks: I am at Chey. & Arapahoe Sch. working as assist. matron now.

RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name Mary North1. Are you married and if so to whom? I am married to a Cheyenne2. What is your present address? Kingfisher Okla. Mary L. Tasso

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school

and dates if possible. I only attended the Carlisle school, I did not graduate from any other school.4. What is your present occupation? Salary? I am living on my land and working at home I put in a garden and do my house work.5. Do you own your home? Yes, I own my home.6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms? Lumber house frame only two rooms we are going to have a larger house built this winter coming.

7. How much property do you possess?

Stock Enough to farm with and have two milk cows sold restLand have 160 acres, a piece, have two children, and my husband, four acres.

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 was sent from Carlisle to Genoa Neb to work in the Indian service there I stayed there 1 year and a half until change of Sept. then I resigned. Came home

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

I ^{have} not been in the Indian service any more, have lived at home with my family.

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

Yes I have talked to my people and even asked them to send their children to school so they can get an education and help their own people in farming and in doing many useful things on the farm and to live like the good white people and I think they are doing it this is the Arapahoe tribe I mention I belong to and they are doing well. Some live in houses and others in wall tents and cook on stoves.

but they are having houses built for them with lease money and some are selling their land, I talk to them and say that they can live clean and keep their houses nice and clean and make their own living, and then they could not ~~do~~ have any one say that they did not work, but go ahead. Even if you are Indian.

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

I stay at home and take care of my children and do my house work as I was taught at Carlisle, and at our summer homes that we stayed at when vacation come while at Carlisle, I remember all and still do the same I do my own baking and cook^{ing} just as I did. For the white family I lived with in Pat near Strasburg their name is John Bachman and the man died I heard out I learned a great deal from Mrs Bachman she taught me a great many useful things I still remember and do, I teach my children the same we have a church where we Indians go to church, of Sundays.



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Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 5, 1910.

Mrs. Mary E. Tasso,
Kingfisher, Okla.
Dear Friend:

In my correspondence with the returned students of this school, I have been impressed with the fact that there are so many who are living away from the reservations, holding their own there.

I am more and more of the opinion that one of the most convincing proofs that it pays to educate the Indian, is the fact that there is this large number of graduates and returned students who are able to take their places along with the best American citizens; who are able to build good comfortable homes for themselves and families, and to provide all the essentials and many of the comforts of life for themselves.

To show this fact to the interested public in a convincing form, I purpose to issue, before long, a pamphlet giving photographs of the homes of some of our representative graduates and ex-students. I want your help in this attempt. I understand you own a good comfortable home. May I ask that you send me a photograph of your home to be used for the purpose above named. I will appreciate your aid, and will be glad to return the photograph after I have had a cut made from it. Please wrap the photograph well, with the proper backing so it will not be broken in the mail. I will be glad to reimburse you for whatever the photographs cost you.

With best wishes for your success, I am

Your friend,

NRD-MID.

Superintendent.

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December 1, 1910.

Mrs. Mary North Tasso
Kingfisher, Okla.
Dear Mrs. Tasso:-

I presume you recall meeting my husband and myself at the circus at El Reno last September. I am writing to you now to find out if you can send me a picture of your home and surroundings. Mr. Friedman is making a collection of such pictures of the home of returned students to be published and he wants a picture of your home. We had our camera with us last fall and took a few pictures but as we were "green" at the business we did not make a very great success of it.

Mr. Friedman says if you do not have such a picture on hand to send him, if you will have some taken, he will be glad to pay you for them if you will send a bill.

I was very glad to see you last fall, Mary, even if it was for such a little time. We visited Laura Doanmoe Pedrick at Anadarko, afterwards and had a real good time, talking over old times.

With best wishes to you from both of us,

I am

Your old school-mate

Kingfisher Okla.
Feb. 7th 1912.

Dear Officers of the -
Alumni Association,

I received your letter ^{and} thank you ever so much for writing ^{and} taking the time to do so. I am sorry to say that I can't come to see the dear old Carlisle school but still I think ^{and} talk about the school ^{and} thank the dear matrons teachers ^{and} Supts. ^{and} all that taught us so many useful things that has helped us so much in our living ^{and} working on our farm which we love better than living any

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other place, I always do my duties as I was taught at dear old Carlisle. I lived out in the country, there, ^{and} learned many useful things also. I take care of my chickens ^{and} raise more every spring, ^{and} of stock I love to be on a farm ^{and} make gardens and raise vegetables ^{and} other things good to eat,

We are making our own living and try to live like ^{the} good white people, live, and be honest in all our ways, in life, and towards our neighbor

I always ~~try to~~ help my tribe
the Indian, a great many
can't speak English, ^{and} I
help them, in talking for
them any time I see them,
where ever I meet them
I always think that I went
to school, ^{and} ^{got} a good education
and I did not pay any thing
for going to school, I am very
thankful, ^{and} am willing to do
all I can for my people
and we talk to them often
about how to do, and go a-
head, with work, on their
farms the Indian children
ought to be very thankful.

for the ~~entry~~ ^{to} on they get,
and they don't have to pay for
it, I hope ^{and} wish a prosperous
noble christian life to the
graduating class after they
leave their dear home Carlisle
^{and} go through life for them
selves ^{and} make homes ^{and} wish
that they keep their precious
learnings, ^{and} useful duties
that the dear ones that have
taught them ^{and} have so much
patience in teaching them,
^{and} always remember their
Creator ^{and} ask for His help
through life, ^{and} that they
will help their race, the Indian
people,

go through life, away from
home, but remember the
other students, have the
same troubles, but never give
up, keep on and make
Carlisle have a good
name, which it has now,^{and}
will always have,^{and} we are
proud of our home Carlisle,
this is the wish of one of
your school-mates, and
now I thank Carlisle, for
the paper that sends me,
and it brings encourage-
ments to me. Your friend
Mary L. N. Fasson,

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NAME AT CARLISLE

Mary North

PRESENT NAME

Mrs. Andrew Tass

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1910	Self	Kingfisher, Okla.	Housekeeper		
1913	"	Darlington, "	assistant matron in service		