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

NUMBER 85	ENGLISH NAME Bessie West	AGENCY Tullahoma Mission	NATION Creek					
BAND Tuskegee	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Thomas West						
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.	
FATHER, <i>Living</i>	MOTHER, <i>Living</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>	<i>F.</i>
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL <i>Jan. 22, 1887</i>	FOR WHAT PERIOD <i>3 years.</i>	DATE DISCHARGED <i>June 17, 1884</i>		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE				
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY		
<i>July 12, '81.</i>	<i>J. Patterson, Berns Mills Juniata Pa.</i>					<i>Sept. 15, '81.</i>		
<i>June 19, '82.</i>	<i>J. Patterson " " " "</i>					<i>Sept. 15, '83.</i>		

SHAW-WALKER MUSKEGON 5478

Months in school before Carlisle, .....

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....

Grade at date of Discharge, .....

Trade or Industry, .....

Church, .....



P.S. Please to explain  
my errors by having  
this letter written with  
lead pencil, as I  
have no ink on  
hand. as I said  
before, times are hard  
even to buy a bottle  
of ink. I remain  
again,  
B.P. Lullaby  
My Best re -  
gards to all  
the scholars &  
employees.

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Sasakiwa, Okla,

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1911

Mr. Friedman:-

Thanks for the Arrow, for  
I have been getting it every  
since Oct. 4 I enjoy reading  
the Arrow, as it seems like  
a home letter to me, only that  
I am not acquainted with any  
one there now, at my own home  
place, though I am well  
pleased to hear of my  
younger sisters & brothers, to  
learn of them, how they are  
getting along. Will Mr. Friedman  
my oldest son Charlie Brown  
attended school at Haskell,  
while you were there & I know

you remember him. He is at home now & I wish very much I could get a chance to send him to Carlisle. even for 1 or 2 years more that would aid him, for he knows now, what he lacks & the most important ones. I wish the Arrow to inform me the Address of Capt. R. H. Pratt, my dear school father, as I wish to write to him. I have his picture, all his children, all his grand-children, also Mrs. Pratt's all in one group, I had it enlarged and now it is hanging on my walls. It was taken at Carlisle, in front of their dwellings, where I used to

ramble in my early days, I  
read about Luther Standing Bear  
which was published in The  
Arrow, and that was one old  
student - that I knew, besides  
him I think I know Nellie Denny  
or of some sort of that kind of a  
name. Her name was Nellie Robertson  
during our school days, by  
reading over the Red Man & the  
pictures there in, I think I knew  
her, in that picture, also the  
name of Nellie appears in  
the book, so I am sure it is  
Nellie Robertson. I wish I could  
get to see the old place once  
more, but wish is to no avail.  
Further I wish to know of

Miss Bessie Patterson & Ella Patterson  
 if any one know, I'll be much  
 oblige to have some one to inform  
 me. It seems like I never can get  
 my work done, for the day, some sort  
 of work fit-in at every moment. There  
 is lots of cotton picking to do around  
 here at 85¢ & \$1.00 per hundred.

Also cotton is so light - now, that  
 only expert-cotton pickers gets the  
 most of it - all, though the days are  
 so short - now - days. Thanks-giving  
 day is approaching and I wonder  
 what-sort of doings, there will be, at  
 old home place Carlisle. I have 5  
 turkeys in the coope, some for Thanks-  
 giving day & the rest for mas, if I do  
 not kill them before mas arrives

as times are hard this year,

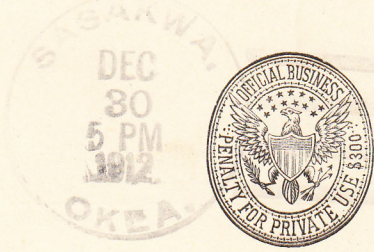
There were no corn raised here, it was all turned up, first time I ever seen it to be so in my life, yet, no telling, there might be worse times to come, in the year's to come. Cotton has done just-as usual. There is but one person lives close to me, that was my school-mate here in our Nations at Carlisle, yet it is not very close, for it must be about 15 or 20 miles, but she is the nearest one living close to me. When ever we get to see each other, we sure will talk about our school days at Carlisle, what happy times we spent there. During vacation

her home was at Newville, only few miles from Carlisle. She said she saw the lady out in this part of the country, whom she used to stay with at Newville, Pa. My vacation home was at Peru Mills, Juniatta Co., Pa. with the relatives, I mentioned in this letter. Patterson folks.

I think of the place often & seem like I could see how the things were, yet things must surely be changed. I also think of the Blue Ridge Mts. where we used to take a walk up the Mts. on Sunday after-noon. I know when ever I commenced to write a letter to my former home, I would not know just where to end my letter. so I'll just drop off, right here & await anxiously for an answer. I remain. I am Carlisle's old student - Mrs. B. R. Cully, nee. West.



Department of the Interior.



*Mr. M. Friedman*

*Supt. U. S. Indian School*

*Carlisle*

*Pennsylvania*

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*Sasakwa, Dec, 29, 1912*

Name

*Mr. Bessie R. Cully*

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

Tribe

*Seminole*

Present Address

*Sasakwa*

Former Address

*Sasakwa*

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation

*Home life on farm.*

Remarks:

*We are in hard shape as*

*Mr. Cully have been blind for 9 yrs, so keeps us a good deal the time, doing nothing & then another elderly daughter B.R.*

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# Record of Graduates and Returned Students,

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

July 8-11<sup>th</sup>

1911.

NAME Mrs. Berrie B. Cully (Mc) West-

1. Are you married and if so to whom? Mr. Cully. She has been gone blind about 6 years now, not able to get about by herself.

2. What is your present address? Sasakwa, Okla.

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? On farm, yet we have hard times getting the work done, only young boys, none to see after them at work.

5. Tell something of your present home. This being my 1st home life, 1st year I ever saw crops to fail. Our corn are all burned up around our neighbor's farm, only in spots, where corn is to be found.

6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings, or money do you have? No money, got money from land rents, not enough to last any length of time. Log-houses. Farmers have such poor fences, have some of my own cattle that I havin't got, worth having or mentioning. Cows and many colts.

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? I came home in 1884. I taught school in the fall, commencing Sept. ending May. Primaries. Then about 2 years after-wards I thought again at the same school, a day school, done looking for children at mission schools 3 years then about 2 years at a family home. Turned over to a home life.

(Over)

8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? ~~Well, besides what I have~~  
told, I have earned by sewing, more than washing, as  
washing was a hard task for me. During these times  
mentioned, my health not in good condition, yet - not sick  
enough to be in bed, so I have struggled on, in the way of living.

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

I did not get the 1<sup>st</sup> blank you mailed to me, so  
that was my reason, for not giving you my prompt  
answer. The 2<sup>nd</sup> one hunted me up, till found me. 1<sup>st</sup>  
was send to Broken Arrow, in c/o Mrs. D. B. Childers & then  
to Nowoka c/o A. J. Brown & then was forwarded to me at  
this place, so this blank came to my hand at this hour.  
I have 3 boys, only ones I ever had, I suppose not-  
being in good health have caused me not having many  
children, for girls great deal younger than I am, have  
children nearly a doz. of them, my oldest - 22 my 2<sup>nd</sup> one being  
15 year's old, youngest - being in his 5<sup>th</sup> year. Though I am  
glad enough to say, that our Creator I have taken good care of  
me & not have caused me to be in bed a week sick. I  
have complains from time to time, never was so  
helpless, as to be raised about, since I came home from Carlisle.  
Would like to know of Capt. Pratt's address, I have their  
picture all enlarged & have it on my wall, Capt. his wife  
all their children, grand-children, step-son & step-daughter's  
picture in a group, was taken in front of Capt's residence.  
I have poor land, as it is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade land, but I think  
we are the ones, who needs help mostly around here  
as in the way of old saying is that, if a person have good  
eyes, good feet & hands are their gold, but we got to be with  
Mr. Cully at all times. I remain  
Mrs. B. R. Cully.

REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE

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NAME AT CARLISLE

Bessie Test

PRESENT NAME

Mrs. Wm Cully

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1910			Homewife		
1911	Self	Sasakwa, Okla.	Farmer		
1913	"	" "	"		