

Osage, Okla.

Record of Graduates and Returned Students.

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

1910.

NAME Mrs. ^{McLaughlin} Blanche Keeler.

1. Are you married and if so to whom?

My husband is dead.

2. What is your present address?

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3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? no Give names of

schools and dates if possible.

I did not need go to any other school Carlisle gave me all that I needed in schooling.

4. What is your present occupation?

House Keeping

5. Tell something of your present home

I have a nice big home on Main St.

6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings or money do you have?

I hold land for my self and two little children the same as my bigger home money in the bank and hold land in the Cherokee nation.

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each?

I want to say I regret the day I left Carlisle and many thanks to the people who taught me for I

have all ways managed my affairs and have all ways had plenty.

All that I ever learned was taught to me at Carlisle. I still love Carlisle and look at the pictures in my book of Carlisle it brings back my happiest days.

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

I held a position
in one of the drug stores here.

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

You say does it pay to educate an Indian
I can't understand why it didn't pay to
educate my self. I can do any thing any white
woman can do in her home and no doubt more,
I was taught to keep my room clean at school
and I have never forgotten my house is all up clean
I can sew, cook and take care of my own business
and I never would of known how to do these
things if ~~you~~ I hadn't of gone to Carlisle
and went out in the country.
My heart is all in Carlisle I could not
give it enough praise for it still is
like home to me. A question around here is
"Where did you go to school?" And it does
me so much good to say Carlisle. Yes, for I
am proud to let people know I went there.

Best wishes to all from one
of your students.

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Pawhuska Okla.

1/8. 1912.

Mr Friedman

Kind Friend-

I want to thank you for your
nice Christmas letter for I am
all ways glad to hear from school.

Mr Friedman one of the
Carlisle girls died here just
a little while before Christmas
I never noticed her death in
the Arson and I thought some
of her friends would like to
know it was Pearl Hartley
she has been sick for year's
she couldn't live here she

made her home in Mexico
she was here visiting her friend
Mrs Mable Buck Block and
she took very sick and
Mr Block took her to Mexico
and she was there just a
few days and poor girl
she passed away she was
sent here and buried
Dwight close wishing all
the school a Happy New Year

Mrs Blanche Teller,

Send program

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LELAND HOTEL

PAWHUSKA, OKLA., May 27 1911

Mr. Friedman

Carlisle Jew.

Kind friend

I want to thank the school for sending me the invitation to Commencement

I do wish I could visit Carlisle this year. I was just talking to

Mrs. Mable Bush Black about Carlisle and of the happy days we spent at school. I am writing to ask

you for one of this year's Program, and one of the class pictures I will gladly pay for them send them express C.O.D. Remain with my best regards to all the school

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PAWHUSKA, OKLA., 191.....

And wish this years class
luck. I and my mother
are preparing this Hotel.
Just as soon as my children
are old enough I am going
to send them to college.
So don't forget the picture

Dear Sir

Mrs Blanche Keller,

all will study enough
and make up their
mind to spend many a
new year at Carlisle for
they don't know what
trouble is until they leave
school. Wish I was at
Carlisle to night.

Remains with good
wishes to all

Respt.

Mrs. Blanche Keller.

P.S. Does Allen Black Chief
still go to school? I saw his
picture in the book.

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12/31. 1910.

Mr. Friedman

Kind Friend

I want to thank you
for sending me one of the
new catalogues of school.

you just can't imagine
how I enjoy looking at
the faces to see if there's
any of the girls and boys
I used to go to school with.
I only wish I was at Carlisle
again these days and years
I was at school were the
happiest days I ever spent.

is fine. No doubt you are having real winter weather we are having spring weather is not like winter at all.

Mr Friedman do you still have a weekly paper yet? if so let me know what it is as I certainly would like to have it every week.

I want to thank you again for the book and wishing all the girls and boys a Happy New Year and do hope they

I have two children one boy and one girl. My husband has been dead five years and we live a good lonesome life. They are a few girls and boys here who use to go to Carlisle and we often get together and talk of every one we knew at school. If I ever get the chance I am going to visit Carlisle. I know every thing has changed. I can tell by the pictures. My boy is going to school he is seven years old. my girl is

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January 5th, 1911.

Mrs. Blanche Keeler,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

My dear Friend:

I have noted the contents of your letter of December the 31st, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind words of appreciation contained therein. There have been many changes at Carlisle, even in the last several years, but our former students are always made welcome visitors when they return to see their old school home. We would endeavor to do as much for you.

Arrangements were made during the past month to send the ARROW, our weekly publication, to all former students and graduates whose addresses are known, and you will probably receive the same in due time. A monthly magazine, THE RED MAN, is also published and the subscription to former students is fifty cents per year.

Our school records contain the information that Allen Blackchief, a Seneca Indian from New York, left the school the latter part of June in 1901.

Very respectfully yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

Tawhuska Okla.

1/13 1914

Mr Friedman

I am writing to you in regards to my boy. I am very anxious to send him to Carlisle I know of no other school I would rather send him to He will be ten in March. I know he is a little young to send away from home but it seems to me the younger they are the better it is for them he don't learn any thing here and I would like to have him where he must obey rules and as I my self know

that Carlisle is and I know
that it is still a better school
then it was when I went there

Carlisle is my ideal school I
still love it and I want it to
make a man of my boy. My
daughter is too young but
in the future I expect to get
her in at Carlisle.

Saturday night I took my
children to a picture show
and they showed Commencement
at Carlisle. every thing looked
so pretty and it also showed
1913 class. I will close
hoping to hear from you
soon in regards to my Boy.

Mrs B. Keller Stand,

Over.

My name at school was

Blanche M^{rs} Laughlin

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Jan. 20th, 1914.

Mrs. Blanche Keeler Stroud,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

My dear Friend:

I have noted the request contained in your letter of January the 13th, but because your boy is but ten years of age he can not be permitted to come to this school. The Regulations are specific and to the effect that children must be at least fourteen years of age to be eligible for enrolment here, except older children from the same family are enrolled at the same time.

Regretting that I cannot co-operate with you now and assuring you that your kind expressions of appreciation of this school are gratifying, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

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Tankerska Okla.
Jan. 26. 1911

Mr Friedman

Kind friend

Enclosed you will find
stamp for the Arrow and the
Red man you just don't
know what pleasure I get
out of the little paper I all
ways read it over twice so
I won't miss one word if I
can I expect to visit Carlisle
at Commencement, My regards
to all the boys and girls I
remain as ever
Mrs Blanche Mc-Keelee

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 2, 1911.

Mrs. Blanche McKeeler,
Pawhuska, Okla.

Dear Friend:

I have your letter dated January 26, inclosing 50 cts. in stamps for the Arrow and the Red Man. As this amount is just sufficient for one year's subscription for the Red Man, I have placed your name in the Red Man list. I am sending the Arrow, free of cost, to all returned students whose addresses I have, and your name is on the list.

I am glad to know you are getting along nicely, and will be glad to hear from you now and then. If it is possible for you to visit Carlisle at commencement time, I shall be glad to see you, and there are others of your old friends who will be glad to see you again.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

NRD:MID.

Superintendent.

Mind Your Own Business

How dare you judge? By what right do you sit in justice over the acts of your neighbors?

Has Providence gifted you with eyes that see the scars upon souls and ears that can hear the battles between will and weakness?

When did you walk in Gethsemane?

Has your life been so full and have you journeyed so far that you know the lures and temptations that face all men and all women - the creeds upon which they were reared -

the early influences that surrounded them - the griefs that they bear - the hurts that they wear and the storms that beat upon their hearts? Have you paused at all the roads where duty and desire cross - have you felt the need of bread and the want of a roof? what tests have you withstood -

what privations have battered the edge of your resolutions? Did necessity ever hurl you to your knees and leave you groping blindly for the first straw that could be clutched? What sacrifices have you laid upon the altar of honor? Until you have tried don't try - until

you are convinced about conviction? You can't accurately estimate any motives in any life but your own. It isn't your place, it isn't your right, it isn't your duty to wield the lash. Are you so perfect that you may determine standards of perfection? Are you so truthful so virtuous, so unselfish that you may direct the misguided? Have you ever visualized what ~~you~~ you yourself might have done had you been placed in the same position as another whom you condemned? Would you be better - would you be better than other daughters of sorrow if destiny had tangled you in the meshes of her web? How can you tell how brave and how strong you would be until you have passed through the fire and proven your strength in a real fight with misfortune? Oh be fair! It's so easy to destroy and so hard to rebuild. There are too many weeds in the garden don't add to them. Weave an occasional rose garland and make fewer crowns of thorns. Go forth to heal not to hurt. Don't slander don't gossip. Mind your own business for instance there Mrs X and Mrs Y across the way who called today. When you pause to consider how often they have poked their respective and respectable noses into affairs which never affected them, of course, you heartily agree that there's entirely too much busy-bodiness in your vicinity. But as for you - why you're above the meaner and pettier and the chattering that some women find you could name them, scatter through life, you wouldn't annoy anybody. —

But then if you could see yourself
in the same light in which you
view others, would it be so
ready to condemn yourself ~~to~~ a
trial board for the community's
morals, and we could use this
page to discuss politics or
Yagnara figurines or take a dig
at the unspeakable Turks -
instead of wasting it in foolish
and futile attempt to change
human nature.

And the hopelessness of the
attempt lies chiefly in the
fact that all of us ~~can~~ see
beams, but can't feel notes!

Blanche.

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Pawhuska Okla

3/12, 1912.

Mr Friedman,

Carlisle, Pa.,

Kind Friend,

I want to thank

you and the school for
your invitation to the
Carlisle Commencement. I
certainly regret that I can
not be there. It has all-
ways been my heart's desire
to go back to Carlisle. I
did expect to be at Carlisle
this month but my little
girl is sick, and I know I

will be disappointed again
but there is all ways one
year coming so many I
can get to visit Carlisle in the
future. Thanking you again
for the invitation and
wishing this years class
all the success that is due
them. If they just knew
what is before them, how
different they would start out
the first day they leave old
Carlisle. But my only little
prayer for them may God
protect them from all the
temptations that are
threwed at them. Mrs. Friedman
I am sending you something

that this years class should
know. It will help them
when they leave school. Read
it and see how it hits
every body. I didn't write
this to hit one but all.
Remain Respt
Blanche Keeler.

P.S. Will you ask
Mrs Canfield if she can give
me Mrs Corbin's address I
believe Mrs Canfield will
remember me I was in
Mrs Corbin's sewing class
and obliged,