

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

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Months in school before Carlisle.

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,.....

Trade or Industry,

Church.

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Standing Bear, Luther & Ex-stu.
Correspondence 1810 6448

Department of the Interior

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

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3019 Dec. 27th, 1913

Name Luther Standing Bear
(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribe Siou

Present Address " City

Former Address " "
(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation Clerk

Remarks: Very good whole sale
churn.

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Dec. 28th, 1912.

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Tribe Oglala Sioux

Present Address 1906 - West 5th Street
Sioux City, Iowa

Former Address Pine Ridge Agency, S. Dak.
(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation Working at Dry goods

Remarks: whole sale horse firm name
is Hicks, Fuller & Pierson, Co
in Sioux City

or not with Mr. Patterson's materialism, he knows his own mind. His book will penetrate to the deepest convictions and profoundest feelings of every American, "free, white and twenty-one," who reads its uncompromisingly vivid pages.

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First Carlisle Graduate.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

COPY

Washington, D. C.,
Nov. 8, 1911.

M. Friedman, Supt.,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

First I do thank you for all the kindness that you have done for me. I would like very much to stop at your school and see the happy faces once more, but owing to my being stay here so long that I have to go right back.

But I wish you would tell these few wards to your school children for me. Tell them that the government open the front door for me at last. I step out from back door to front door into citizenship, that what I have been cring for last thirty-two years. Now I can say that I am a man and will enjoy the life as citizen.

When the Indians given equal opportunities, is the equal of the white man in every way. When we compete with equal amount of men with equal chance, we have shown something to show for. In runing, football game, and bassball, we always do our best. Why can we try and do our best in citizenship.

Give my regards to whole school.

Yours very respectfully,

Luther Standing Bear.

CHIEF STANDING BEAR
EDUCATED INDIAN

Aug. 17-1917.

Chief Standing Bear, aged 52 years old, one of the few living American Indians who were present at the opening of Carlisle College in 1879 is in Bridgeport.

A full blooded descendant of the warrior chiefs of the Sioux tribe and a large landholder under the government Indian Agency regulations, Standing Bear is not only a warrior but an educated philosopher.

Of the present war he has to say: "If this war was being fought when the Indian was in his prime, there would not be a man or boy older than seven years in the tepee, for every Indian was taught from the time he was knee high that he should take the war path, die on it if necessary but that under no circumstances was it honorable to die in the tepee or in the camp of peace."

"The spirit of America is dominant among the Indian tribes of the West, although the hatchet was buried many years ago."

In speaking of the customs of the Sioux, bound to peace but inspired by war, Chief Standing Bear said:

"The old warrior chiefs of the Sioux tribe, sit on the reservation in a circle as the sun comes up. With their unfilled pipes pointing to the rising orb they pray silently to the God they know is above and in silence ask what is best to be done during the day. As the sun rises above the horizon each fills his pipe in meditation and then tries to live the rule of the day as it has been given to him in thought as the sun rose."

Chief Standing Bear is at Poli's theatre appearing in the Race of Man, an act combining six different races of peoples.

Standing Bear's Example to Others.

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Mr. Luther Standing Bear, one of Carlisle's oldest students and the first Indian student to set foot on Carlisle soil, related in a very amusing manner while here last week, his experiences and those of his school-mates on their arrival at Carlisle, thirty-two years ago. He mentioned the fright which their appearance caused the natives and how they, the Indians, enjoyed it. Mr. Standing Bear is on his way to Washington to ask of the Commissioner of Indian affairs the right of citizenship. He expressed regret that the Indian is still in the hands of the Government, but he said that the time is not far distant when he must take his place among his fellow white men and compete with them in all lines of work. He is one of the most influential Indians of the day, and is a shining example of what education will do for the Indian who is willing to take the opportunity and "make good."

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Record of Graduates and Returned Students.

U. S INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

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NAME *Luther Standing Bear* *January 26th* 1910.

1. Are you married and if so to whom? *May Spicer*

2. What is your present address? *Matthill, Neb.*

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? *Clerk in Store*

5. Tell something of your present home *We rent a house.*

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

I have 1120 acres of land in Pine Ridge reservation, S. Dak.

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

When I left Carlisle I took a position as Assistant Teacher for seven years, and clerk in Indian Office for one year and half.

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

Clerk in store most of the time
and also have traveled with Shows.

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

The Schools may not ^{be} in favor of the
Shows, but that is where I have seen
and learned good deal from too.

As the saying goes experience is a
good teacher, during my travels I
have been amongst good and bad.

But I never forgot what I was taught
at Carlisle. Not to drink, not to smoke,
not chew tobacco or tell lies. I tell
you I have been where temptation
was strong especially in ^{the} Show-life,
but believe me I have lived up
to what I was taught.

I went to Carlisle in the year
of 1879 October - the 6th.

With the blanket on in fact I was
one of first students.

It is easy to be good in school, but
it's hard when you get out into the
world. Respectfully. Luther Standing Bear.

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November 8, 1911.

Mr. Luther Standing Bear,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Friend:-

It was with great pleasure that I received your letter of November eighth, telling me of the successful culmination of your efforts to obtain a patent in fee to your land together with the rights of citizenship. I admire you for the splendid way in which you have taken up this matter, and I hope that it will be the beginning of a new era of probabilities for you and yours. Citizenship entails responsibilities and duties as well as privileges, and I know that you will fulfill your obligations in every direction. The students at Carlisle will be pleased to know of the success which attended your efforts in Washington.

It always gives me pleasure to hear from our returned students and graduates and to know that they are getting on in the world. Let me hear from you whenever you have time to write.

Sincerely yours,

MF:SR

Superintendent.

February 16, 1911.

Mr. Luther Standing Bear
Walthill, Nebraska.
Dear friend:-

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst relative to getting a copy of a Certificate of Discharge given to you between the years of '84 and '89, I have to say that it is impossible to find what you want at this date. I would suggest that you write to General Pratt, # 130 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, Pa. He will remember you and also remember your character and work while at Carlisle and will likely be able to help you.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Walthill Nebr.

3019 Febr. 11th 1911.

Mr. Friedman, Supt.
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear sir:—

I wish you
do me a favor by
looking up a copy
of Certificate that
Captain Pratt gave
me somewhere between
1884 and 1889, and
will be oblige to
you. I want use
it for a reference
when I apply for
my patent in fee

Yours respectfully

Luther Standing Bear.

P.S.

Thank you for
the books you sent me.

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NAME AT CARLISLE

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PRESENT NAME

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