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CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL ✓

No. <u>5392</u>	NAME. <u>McCurtain Ewert P.</u>	AGE. <u>16</u>	TRIBE. <u>Choctaw</u>	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD. <u>3/8</u>	NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY. <u>Poteau, Okla.</u>
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DATE ENTERED.	Months in school before enrollment here.	IN WHAT GRADE OR ROOM.		Distance to nearest public school from pupil's home.	REMARKS. (Temporarily absent, outing, deserters, on sick leave, special authorities for enrollment, etc.)	TO COUNTRY	FROM COUNTRY	DATE DISCHARGED
		On entering here.	At date of this report.					
<i>SEP 4 1915</i>	<i>Syp.</i>							<i>12-23-15</i>

*Presbyterian*  
1629

Progress from \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

FIRST YEAR IN THIS SCHOOL	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.
Class or grade.....								
Academic..... standing*								
Industrial..... standing* (Department)								
Musical: Band..... standing*								
Vocal..... standing*								
Orchestra..... standing*								
Deportment..... standing*								
Physical condition.....								

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully**

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**BRIEF.**

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**Application of**

**D. C. McCurtain**

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FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

**Ewart P. McCurtain**

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IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

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NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

**UNION AGENCY, Muskogee, Ok.**

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Date of enrollment ..... 191.....

Term of enrollment **Three** ( **3** ) years

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Printed by Carlisle Indians.

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# Application for Enrollment in a Non-reservation School.

(For a child enrolled at an Agency)

For and in consideration of the Government of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Carlisle, Pa.,

of Ewart P. McCurtain ; Male ; date of birth June 1, 1899  
(Name of Child) ; (Sex)

Choctaw  
(Tribe)

NAME OF FATHER <small>(Both Indian and English)</small>	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
<u>D. C. McCurtain</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>Choctaw</u>		<u>1/2</u>
<u>Katherine N. McCurtain</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>Choctaw</u>		<u>1/4</u>

I, D. C. McCurtain , do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to his enrollment in said school for a period of three years, and also obligate myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian Schools.  
(Not less than 3)

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL	DATE OF ENROLLMENT	DATE OF DISCHARGE	CAUSE	GRADE
<u>McAlester Public School Poteau</u>	<u>About 1905</u>	<u>Not discharged</u>	<u>Moved to Poteau, 1914</u>	<u>Eighth</u>
<u>Public School</u>	<u>1914</u>	<u>Not discharged</u>		<u>Ninth</u>
3.				
4.				

*D. C. McCurtain*  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Poteau, Ok.

Two Witnesses:

*[Signature]*  
E. E. Mitchell

**PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.**

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find him to be in proper physical condition to attend school, and not afflicted with tuberculosis or any disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This 28 day of August, 1915.

(s) Dr. J. B. Wear

~~Physician~~

~~Agency~~

**CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR SUPERINTENDENT.**

I hereby certify that the statements made in the foregoing application and certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are true, that the consent of \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept, 1915.

A. S. Wiley

Superintendent

Agent or Superintendent.

**SPECIAL NOTE.**

This form must be executed in duplicate when a child is transferred from a reservation to a non-reservation school. The Superintendent of the nonreservation school will retain the original for his files, and the duplicate shall be deposited in the Agency records. The agent will then send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate as provided by law. All the blanks must be properly filled in every case.

NOTE.—Age limits, fourteen to twenty years. Preferably fourteen to eighteen. Students must be at least one-fourth Indian, preferably full Indian. Special cases beyond the age limit will be given consideration. An industrial course only can be taken and the term reduced to three years, in exceptional cases.

## Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully

### **INDORSEMENTS.**

The laws relating to the transfer of Indian children from reservations and schools are as follows:

That hereafter no Indian child shall be sent from any Indian reservation to a school beyond the State or Territory in which said reservation is situated without the voluntary consent of the father or mother of such child if either of them is living, and if neither of them is living without the voluntary consent of the next of kin of such child. Such consent shall be made before the agent of the reservation, and he shall send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate that such consent has been voluntarily given before such child shall be removed from such reservation. And it shall be unlawful for any Indian agent or other employee of the Government to induce, or seek to induce, by withholding rations or by other improper means, the parents or next of kin of any Indian to consent to the removal of any Indian child beyond the limits of any reservation. (28 Stats., p. 906.)

Provided, that hereafter no Indian child shall be taken from any school in any State or Territory to a school in any other State against its will or without the written consent of its parents. (29 Stats., p. 348.)

The rules provide that—

A pupil who has been regularly enrolled in a nonreservation school must not be taken to any other nonreservation school without the consent of both Superintendents and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Superintendents will be held to strict accountability for such pupils taken to their schools.

An Indian boy or girl 18 years old and over may, without the consent of parents or others, personally sign the application form on its being changed to suit the case.

This form is to be used only in transfers from reservations, or Indian schools, to nonreservation schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

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Carlisle, Nov. 13th.,  
1915.

Mr. Meyer:

Please assure Mr. McCurtain that his son Ewart is entirely restored to health. His trouble consisted of an abscess formation of the face. This was incised and drained with perfectly satisfactory results.

I recommend that Lee Nolan be sent home. Although his trouble has undergone improvement the boy is not in good general condition. This state of affairs is entirely the result of the cigarette habit, and I would suggest to the parent that an effort be made to reform the boy.

Respectfully,

Walter R. Rindert m. d.

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McCURTAIN & SONS  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

Nov. 13th, 1915.

Mr. D. C. McCurtain,  
Poteau, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

When your letter of the 9th instant was received here yesterday I referred it at once to our School Physician with a request that he advise me regarding the condition of your son Ewart's health. This morning a report as follows was submitted:

"Please assure Mr. McCurtain that his son Ewart is entirely restored to health. His trouble consisted of an abscess formation of the face. This was incised and drained with perfectly satisfactory results."

Assuring you that we want you to keep in the closest possible touch with us regarding your son and thanking you for this opportunity to make so favorable a report regarding the condition of his health, I remain,

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.

MCCURTAIN & McVAY  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

Nov. 9, 1915.

Hon. O. H. Lipps,  
Supt., Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We have just received a letter from our son, Ewart McCurtain, stating that he is in the hospital at the school, and he says for us not to be alarmed at his being in the hospital, that his only ailment is a boil, which he says is on the side of his head. He mentions the carefulness of the school authorities in matters of the boys' ailments, which is, of course, gratifying and assuring. The fact, however, that he has been put in the hospital naturally puts on inquiry and makes us uneasy as to the real extent of his trouble. He might not know himself just how serious, if at all serious, his trouble is, and in view of the fact that he at one time had scarlet fever, which not infrequently leaves trouble in the ear or throat glands, I thought I would write you to please get a report from the School Physician or other person in charge just as to the extent of his trouble, -- whether there is any mastoid trouble indicated by his present ailment, or whether it is nothing more than a boil, and advise us as soon as you can do so.

Yours truly,

*W. McCurtain*



Dec. 23rd, 1915.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Ewart McCurtain is this day being given permission to leave the Carlisle Indian School at his father's request in order that he can enroll at some other school nearer his home.

During the time the young man has been enrolled at this school he has made an entirely satisfactory record.

HKM.

Superintendent.

Dec. 23rd, 1916.

Mr. D. C. McCurtain,  
Spiro, Okla.

My dear Sir:

Although I have not heard from Supervisor Wyly regarding the matter of returning your son Ewart home, as you assured me in your favor of the 18th instant I would hear, arrangements are being made to have the boy leave here this evening with a ticket for his use to Fort Smith in order that he can arrive at your home on Christmas Day.

Hoping the boy can report a pleasant trip home and that you will succeed in having him placed in school elsewhere for the next term's work, I remain,

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supervisor Wyly.)

D. C. McCURTAIN      SAM A. NEELY  
**McCURTAIN & NEELY**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
SPIRO, OKLAHOMA

Dec. 18, 1915.

Hon. O. H. Lipps,  
Superintendent, Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am desirous of bringing Ewart McCurtain home and think now I'll enter him in the State School at Tishomingo. My reason for doing so is that I believe the course of study there is more suited to his present advancement, and as Ewart is now getting to that age where he will have to proceed as rapidly as he can before reaching his majority, I will ask that you please let him come upon receipt of this letter. I am today sending him St. Louis exchange for \$50.00, which I presume will amply provide for his transportation and other necessary expenses on the trip. I will ask that you please assist him in getting cash on the exchange.

I communicated with Mr. A. S. Wyly today over the long distance telephone, and he will write you this date in regard to the matter.

Thanking you for your courtesies in the past and Carlisle's good care of my boy while he was with you, I am,

Yours very truly,

*D. C. McCurtain*

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ALBERT S. WYLY, SUPERVISOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF INDIAN SCHOOLS..

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, Dec.28,1915.

Supt. O. H. Lipps,  
U.S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps:

A few days ago I had a telephone call from Mr. D.C. McCurtain, of Spiro, Oklahoma, relative to the return home of his son Ewart from your school. Mr. McCurtain said that he thought the boy could obtain better school advantages near his home and that he was somewhat advanced in his studies for the course at Carlisle. I promised Mr. McCurtain I would write you immediately but forgot to do so. I am just in receipt of carbon copy of your letter to Mr. McCurtain, of December 23, and am glad to know that you have permitted the boy to return home. I am sure that the father will do the very best thing possible for his boy under the circumstances.

Very respectfully,

*A. S. Wyly*

Supervisor.

ASW-GH

201 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Ft. Smith, Ark.

Jan. 8, 1916

Dear Mrs. Denny:-

Find enclosed two  
two cent stamps for return  
postage of package addressed  
to me.

Thanking you for past and  
future favors I am

sincerely yours,

Ewart M. Cartain.

Mr. Meyer - 4442

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CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

January 25, 1916.

Mr. D. C. McCurtain,  
Spiro, Oklahoma.

Dear sir:-

With respect to your letter of the twentieth instant relative to the library book which your son Ewart failed to turn in before his departure, I will say that the matter may be allowed to drop where it is. No doubt Ewart explained this matter to me as you say in your letter and I failed to make any record of it, as of ten happens in the case of such small details.

We shall perhaps recover this book next spring when we make a general clean-up of the boys' dormitories.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Superintendent.

JDD/-

*Book found in L.B.  
Ans. 4-20-16 & returned by  
dispen to Librarian,  
JDD*



INDIAN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
Carlisle, Penna.

January 12, 1916.

Mr. Ewart McCurtain,  
C/o Mr. D. C. McCurtain,  
Spiro, Oklahoma.

Dear sir:-

Our Librarian informs me that upon your leaving this school you failed to turn in a library book you had taken out. The name of the book is "Kidnapped," by the author Robert Louis Stevenson.

Will you be so kind as to advise us what disposition you made of this book upon leaving Carlisle?

Very truly yours,

Assistant Superintendent.

NOTE - Envelope enclosed herewith is for your reply.  
You need not place any stamp thereon.

D. C. McCURTAIN      SAM A. NEELY

**McCURTAIN & NEELY**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
SPIRO, OKLAHOMA

January 20, 1916.

Superintendent, Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter (J.D.DeHuff) written to Ewart McCurtain, in which you state that your Librarian informs you that upon Ewart's leaving school he failed to turn in a library book he had taken out, was duly received.

Ewart says he told Mr.DeHuff about the book, "Kidnapped", being taken from his room, and that he was unable to locate it; Mr. DeHuff has probably forgotten Ewart's telling him about it, or didn't take any particular note of it at the time. However, if you are unable to find the book, please let me know the price of it and I will remit the same to you, or replace the book with a new one.

Yours truly,

*D.C. McCurtain*