

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 2973		ENGLISH NAME Mina Hicks			AGENCY			NATION Cherokee		
BAND		INDIAN NAME			HOME ADDRESS guard. - J. W. Myrick, Baxter Spgs., Kans.					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD 1/4	AGE 16	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX 7		
FATHER L		MOTHER ?		ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 26, 1914		FOR WHAT PERIOD Three years		DATE DISCHARGED 12-5-16		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Personal request
TO COUNTRY 5-29-15		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS J. A. Scott, 119 Woodside, Marberth, Pa.						FROM COUNTRY 6-1-16		

SHAW-WALKER, BIRKEDON, MICHIGAN - 49445

Months in school before Carlisle, 10 yrs.

Grade entered at Carlisle:

Grade at date of Discharge:

Trade or Industry:

Church, Catholic

Reenrolled by 667

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FATHER		MOTHER		ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 5, 1917			FOR WHAT PERIOD		DATE DISCHARGED Oct. 22, 1917		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Annihilation of leave
TO COUNTRY 9-21-17		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS On leave							FROM COUNTRY		

SHAW-WALKER, BUCKEEN, MICHIGAN 43445

10 yrs.

Carlisle, Mo.

charge

Director Industry

Catholic



Narberth Penn.

Oct. 28, 1915

Miss L. M. Johnson  
Carlisle, Penna

Dear Miss Johnson.

As this week is  
near at an end will write you  
a few lines in connection with  
the letter I wrote Mr Lopp  
a few days. The answer to  
the letter I wrote assured  
me you would be out last  
week but you failed to come  
so I am writing to remind

understand what the pupils  
recite but do not study my  
self so I think it would be  
(x) wise to make arrangements  
for me to return.

Trusting to see you in a  
few days

Sincerely

Mina A. Hicks  
Marbuth Pa  
119 Woodside Ave  
Box 21.

your school will start again  
on Monday but I am rather  
undecided whether to go until  
I find out what arrangements  
are being made for me to go  
back to Carlisle.

I consider this a matter  
of great importance because  
when one's eyes are in bad  
condition it is useless and  
dangerous to strain them in  
order to advance yourself  
in school work. I started  
school the first of Oct. enter-  
ing the Freshman class  
of Marbuth High School and



Narberth Penn.  
Oct. 17, 1915

Mr O. H. Lippes.  
Carlisle Penn.

Dear Mr Lippes.

I regret being obliged to inform that it is impossible to continue my school work as my eyes are much in need of treatment. I suffer continually with severe headaches especially during and after school hours

I started school the first week in Oct. entering the

Freshmen Class and with the  
lessons I am obliged to do,  
I can not, when I begin to  
feel the effect of the light I  
simply close my books and  
put them in order for the  
next day. The High School  
teachers are very sympathetic.  
They know we girls are  
kept very busy most of the  
time. I was absent three  
days last week, two of which  
were on account of my cold.  
Today I was dismissed at  
noon on account of a very  
severe headache.  
I have no complaints what-

ever in regard to my country  
home (and) or country parents,  
as they are very kind to me  
and I appreciate it very much.  
I have explained the most  
important facts of my condition.  
Trusting you will not think  
this is a put up job.  
I certainly shall appreciate  
your kindness if you will  
allow me to return to  
Garfield.

Sincerely

Mina A. Hicks.

Warrenton, Penna.

119 Woodside Ave.

7 Mrs J. A. Scott.

WILLIAM B. TOMLINSON  
MOUNT HOLLY, N. J.

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Mount Holly 11/9, 1916

Mr Oscar H. Lippis  
Carlisle Pa  
Dear Sir

Miss Johnson was here  
this afternoon in regards the  
tale Mina Hicks is spreading  
in the school, will it do any  
good if I come to Carlisle to  
see you, as I told Miss Johnson  
everything I know, but if you want  
me will come the week of Nov  
20 if you will set the time  
I think it is foolish for me to come  
as it is Mina word, against mine  
and as I am so hard of hearing  
I dislike to have any discussion  
Yours truly  
Wm B Tomlinson

Mt. Holly, N. J.  
Mar. 26, 1916.

Mr. O. H. Lippes.  
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear Mr. Lippes.

I wish to apologize for the trouble I have caused you within the last few weeks in connection with Mrs. J. A. Scott of Parkersburg Penna and myself. I am sure such trouble will never happen again if I can prevent it.

As the outing pupils are not compelled to attend school after March, I would like to stop with your permission. I know I cannot pass in June. I am sure I would accomplish much more by staying home and helping Mrs. Tomlinson. Mrs. Tomlinson has been sick all winter she has had to fight for life the last two days. They have a trained nurse, the second one this winter.

Trusting a favorable reply.

Respectfully,  
Mina Hicks.

April 1, 1916.

Mrs. W. R. Tomlinson  
Mount Holly, N.J.

Dear Madam:-

I have a letter from Mina Hicks asking to be allowed to stop school now and work for wages. Will you please let me know what you desire.

While our rules require that the pupil attend school 100 days, it is our wish, that wherever possible, the pupil be given longer school privileges. You and Mina can talk this matter over and let me know what seems best to do.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

8721 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa.,

November 12, 1916.

## OUTING SYSTEM

MRS. NELLIE R. DENNY, Manager.

MISS LIDA M. JOHNSTON, Girls' Agent.

MR. D. H. DICKEY, Boys' Agent.

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

Dear Mr. Lipps:-

Following is the report of my interview with Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson in regard to the statements made by Mina Hicks. Mina had told Anna Loren that Mr. Tomlinson had made improper advances to her. Anna told Mrs. Lord, her country mother, who advised her to tell me. Anna repeated to me what Mina had told her. When I returned to Carlisle I questioned Mina as to these statements and she practically told me the same as she had told Anna, namely, - that when Mrs. Tomlinson was away Mr. Tomlinson had come to her room, - that once he had asked her to come to his room, she implied that his motives were not right - that he fondled her by stroking her hair - played with her fingers - on one occasion he remarked that he wished he had a daughter as beautiful as she. Her reply to the last remark was that she was satisfied with her own father. She said that Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson frequently quarreled over her and Mr. Tomlinson told her they did. She told Lillian Perry, another Carlisle girl living near, that Mr. Tomlinson often gave her money, unknown to Mrs. Tomlinson, with which to go to Monday pictures or Saturday afternoons.

Mr. Tomlinson says in answer to these statements that there is undoubtedly something wrong with Mina's mind when she implies that by either deed or word did he ever act with other than a right motive, - that she has definitely construed acts of kindness in a manner entirely unthought of by him.

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CARLISLE, PA.

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Mrs. Tomlinson was ill with grippe. Muiia became ill also. Before the trained nurse came Mr. Tomlinson carried toast to Muiia as she was too ill to rise. Times he went to her room for the same purpose, to take food to her - never did he ask her to come to his room on any occasion - never to his knowledge did he place his hand upon her - never had any conversation relative to having a beautiful daughter like her, etc.

While Mrs. Tomlinson was ill, Mr. Tomlinson helped Muiia with her work so she could get off to school. In the evenings he helped her with her lessons and in general made her a part of their family. I suggested and urged Mr. Tomlinson to have a personal interview with you at Carlisle and have Muiia called to the office where she could make her statements in the presence of both. Mr. Tomlinson said at the close of our interview that he would communicate with you.

On my repeated visits to Muiia while living with Mrs. Tomlinson, she always spoke of her home in very high terms. On my last visit towards spring Muiia did not look well having had grippe and some stomach trouble, I suggested that she return to Carlisle in April. She was given permission by you to do so but she decided to remain and returned to Carlisle in June.

Carlisle girls have lived with Mrs. and Mr. Tomlinson for the past twenty-one years. Theirs has been considered as one of the old patrons' homes where the girls were well trained and well cared for. Both Abraham Arch and Mae Hurman who have lived in this home, say it is one of the best Outing homes in every respect.

I cannot help but feel that Muiia is very much at fault in her interpretations.

Very respectfully,

Lida M. Johnston



Mrs J. A. Scott  
N. J.

Narberth

Penna.

Box 21



Mt Holly, N.J.  
Feb. 14, 1916.

Mrs J. A. Scott  
Narberth, Pa.

Dear Mrs Scott:

I am quite positive  
you have no further use  
for my picture so I kindly  
ask you to return it.

I have an awfully nice  
home and believe the sudden  
change was for my own  
good. I have never tho't  
once of wanting to return to  
Narberth.

The people with whom

I never got one of Emily.

I remain.

Mina A. Hicks

Mr. Hally,

N. J.

Box 723.

I am staying<sup>2</sup> have been  
taking the Indian girls twenty  
two years. I think there is  
no one like them and they  
think the same of me. Not  
one cross word has been  
spoken in any way since  
I have been here.

You evidently did not realize  
the danger you were putting  
on yourself in during the last  
few days I was there.

Trusting I will receive  
my picture within a few days  
If you wish yours back  
alright, otherwise I shall  
keep it 'am only sorry

March 1, 1916

Mr Oscar H. Lippis, Supt.  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir: In reply to your favor of the 25th ultimo. I beg to advise you that Sarah Parkhurst wishes to remain with me for the summer, and I am willing to keep her.

At the suggestion of Miss Johnston, I enclose herewith a letter received from Mena Hicks who was with me prior to Sarah Parkhurst. I have underlined a portion of her letter, I do not know whether she means, that my life was in danger during the time she mentions or not, but I think the letter should have attention from you.

Yours truly

Mrs J A Scott

Barboursville W. Va.

March 3, 1916.

Mina Hicks  
Through Mrs. W.B. Tomlinson  
Mount Holly, N.J.

Dear Mina:-

I have in my possession a letter dated February 15, 1916 which you wrote to Mrs. J. A. Scott, Harberth, Pennsylvania. I want your explanation of the following paragraph in this letter,-

"You evidently did not realize the danger you were putting yourself in during the last few days I was there."

I enclose an envelope for reply.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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Inc.

Mina Hicks Mt Holly. N J

Mar. 4, 1916

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Mr O. H. Sipps.  
Carlisle Penna.

Dear Mr Sipps.

Just received the letter which you wrote requesting an explanation to the following.

"You evidently did not realize the danger you were putting yourself in during the last few days I was there." Those words were in a letter which I wrote to Mrs J. Scott of Karberth Penna. It can be

easily explained, I only regret  
I am compelled to do so by  
means of pen and ink.

The last two or three days  
was at Mrs Scott's. I was treated  
as a servant or slave not  
exaggerating a bit, no one  
but Mrs Scott spoke to me  
and I would much rather  
she would not have. She  
accused me of being a liar  
and deceitful and said I  
would never go to heaven  
telling lies at that rate.

She told Miss Johnson more

lies than I ever heard a person  
tell at one time, she denied every  
thing I said and I could do  
nothing to prevent Miss Johnson  
from believing her. If I would  
have been in Miss Johnson's place  
perhaps I would have believed  
Mrs Scott also. Not only then  
did I suffer from insults. all  
summer Ima, Mrs Scott's oldest  
girl used to tell me every  
other day I was colored and  
not Indian. If Mrs Scott  
should deny that I would  
consider her the biggest liar

on earth and she never said  
"Boo" to Alma. I admit my  
hair is curly and if any one  
can prove I have colored  
blood flowing in my veins  
I am perfectly willing and  
ready to go to the south  
and pick cotton. I was almost  
crazy at times from such re-  
marks. I have been aching  
all along to tell you these  
things and a few more.

I went to Mrs Scotts on  
May, 29<sup>th</sup> on a Saturday and  
the following Saturday Mrs

Scott went to visit a  
sister or some relative so  
I did the days work the  
best I knew how which  
was not very well I am sure  
and about 7.30 o'clock in the  
evening I was called from  
my room and Mr Leon Boutwell  
was there so we talk and  
scouted close not too close tho  
so about nine o'clock Mrs  
Scott came home and she  
was about to take him by  
collar and shake him, she  
thot it was Mr Scott so we  
laughed it off and about

15 minutes later Mrs Scott came  
out and invited us in to have  
some "strawberries & cream"  
which we gladly accepted. So  
on etc until 10:30 I told Mr  
Boutwell it was time to adjourn  
I told Mrs Scott that night if  
she wished she could report  
it because I knew nothing  
at all of him coming. All summer  
long I didn't hear any thing  
but "Mina & Leon are going to get  
married as soon as Leon gets  
enough money" Mrs Scott  
told every body that, that  
visited them except me and

Mrs Beard and if she denies  
this I will simply write or  
have you write which  
event<sup>you</sup> prefer to some of those  
she passed the remark.  
Mr Thos Loes and two daughters  
boarded with Mr & Miss Scott  
during the month of Aug. So  
their faces at times she would  
pie & cake the next minute  
she would be talking about  
them to me. During the sum-  
mer I did two big (not little)  
washings a week also ironing  
besides my regular work

**F** my temper. I know I  
cannot do much but  
what I do I am clean  
about it. My people are  
clean and our home is clean  
and if I am not able to live  
up to this I am ashamed  
to say so.

Well I am happy now with  
Mrs Tomlinson and getting along  
very well in school.

If there is any thing you  
have to say I am perfectly  
willing to answer any questions  
you do not understand about

this mix up.

I want my picture back  
from Mrs Scott and then  
I am done with that  
woman forever.

I remain

Mina A. Hicks

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**Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully**

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**BRIEF.**

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**Application of**

*J. W. Wyrick*

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*Mina Hicks*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

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NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

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Date of enrollment *Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>* 191*4*

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

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Printed by Carlisle Indians.

**Important**—Only those students who desire to come to Carlisle because they have a definite purpose in view will be admitted. Applications for enrollment must be submitted in all cases for consideration before transportation can be made available. Time will then be taken to find out the records students have made in the schools previously attended, and to secure recommendations as to their *moral character* and their worthiness for further attendance at a Government institution.

# 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 Mina Hicks ; F ; date of birth 1897  
(Name of Child) (Sex)  
Cherokee  
(Tribe)

NAME OF FATHER <small>(Both Indian and English)</small>	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
<u>John Q. Hicks</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>Cherokee</u>		<u>3/4</u>
NAME OF MOTHER		<u>Probably white</u>		

I, J. W. Wyrick, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to her 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
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

J. W. Wyrick  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)  
 P. O. address: Barstow Springs  
Kansas.

Two Witnesses:

Harvey K. Meyer

## PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

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I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find.....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..... day of....., 19.....

.....  
Physician at..... Agency.

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## CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR SUPERINTENDENT.

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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..... day of....., 19.....

.....  
Agent or Superintendent.

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## SPECIAL NOTE.

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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.

**Important**—Only those students who desire to come to Carlisle because they have a definite purpose in view will be admitted. Applications for enrollment must be submitted in all cases for consideration before transportation can be made available. Time will then be taken to find out the records students have made in the schools previously attended, and to secure recommendations as to their *moral character* and their worthiness for further attendance at a Government institution.

Minna Hicks

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Jan. 21st, 1915.

Mr. J. H. Wyrick,

Baxter Springs, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Wyrick:

I regret very much that I am compelled to write to you about your daughter, Mrs. Smith. She has been visiting at Carlisle for about a month with her baby and recently her presence here has seemed to interfere with the progress that should be made by your other daughter and several other girls with whom she has become closely associated.

There are no objections at any time to relatives of our students visiting here, but since Mrs. Smith has been here so long and has failed to start for her home as she said several times she would do I am bringing the matter to your attention. It has also occurred to me that you may not know where Mrs. Smith is.

Please let me hear from you without delay.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Dear Mr Leipsoe,  
Minia Hicks one of the girls in  
the room where Mrs Smith is visiting  
with her baby, became so impudent  
this P.M. when I questioned her as to  
why she was not prepared with her music  
lessons or rather her recital tonight, that  
I have had to take her in hand.

Heretofore, she has seemed to be so lady  
like that it was a very great surprise to  
me. For more than a week the occupants  
of that room are doing no good and  
seem to feel as if that should not  
be corrected. I don't know whether or  
not Mrs Smith makes the difference.

Respty,

Y. G. Ewings

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Seneca School & Quapaw Agency,  
Wyandotte, Oklahoma.  
June 3, 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Lipps:-

This is to acknowledge the receipt of carbon copy of letter addressed to John Hicks, Strang, Oklahoma, pertaining to his two daughters, Mina and May, who appear to be enrolled students in your school whose applications for enrollment was signed by J. W. Wyrick of Baxter Springs, Kansas.

I have to advise you that the names of John Hicks, nor his children, Mina and May do not appear on any of the Indian rolls of this Agency, hence are not under my jurisdiction.

By inquiry, I have learned that they are of Cherokee Indian extraction and were attending the St. Mary's Catholic Mission School located on this Agency and were taken to Carlisle by Mr. Wyrick, a white man whose wife is an Osage Indian.

Very respectfully,

*W. H. Weaver*  
Superintendent.

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June 6th, 1916.

Mr. John Hicks,  
Strang, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

When your letter of the 29th ultimo was received here the request contained therein was taken into consideration with your daughters. Mina stated that she would like to spend the summer months at home, but Mae desires to have me state that she would prefer to remain at Carlisle. Please let me hear, therefore, what your wishes in the matter are and I will then endeavor to have them carried out.

If Mina or both the girls are to return home an amount sufficient to pay round trip transportation should be placed on deposit.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Mr. Wyrick.)

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Strang Okla May 29-1916

Hon Oscar W. Lepps Supt.  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Mr. Lepps

I suppose you have recd. request from Mr. Wyrick of Baxter Springs Kans. to allow Miss and Neal Hicks to spend the Summer vacation months at home with me. I Recd. letter from Mr. Wyrick informing me that Mr. Dewar of Reynolds Co (Indian agent) had no jurisdiction over Cherokee.

You are aware that the Indian agents to the Cherokee has jurisdiction over the fullbloods only. I believe I am the only person except

Carlisle School manager  
has any jurisdiction over my  
girls, and I trust that the  
requests that has already been  
mad is sufficient for you to  
allow them to come home for  
the Summer vacation

yours very truly  
John Hicks

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Baxter Springs, Mo.

5/20/16

Supt Lippo  
Indian School  
Carlisle Penna.



Dear Sir:

I would like for  
Mae and Mina Hicks to  
spend their summer  
vacation <sup>with</sup> their father.

I suppose you have  
received a letter from  
Supt. Beaver informing  
you that he has no jurisdiction  
over the Hicks girls as  
they are Cherokees

Hoping my request will  
be granted, I am,

Very truly yours  
J. H. Wyrick.

Box 423.

Wm. H. Cuy, N. J.  
Feb. 11, 1916.

Mr O. H. Sippe,  
Carlisle Penna.

Dear Mr Sippe.

Just a few lines this evening to let you know how I am getting along because I am sure you are always anxious to know how the outing pupils are getting along.

I have been in New Jersey but a very short time and I know the sudden change was for my own good, it is a blessing for which I am very grateful

As you know Mrs Tomlinson  
has been taking the Indian  
girls for twenty two years and  
I wish every country mother  
could be as nice as Mrs Tomlinson  
no one can make me believe  
there is a nicer patron, I feel  
the same way as Miss Johnson  
I wish you would have a  
chance to meet my country  
mother she heard General Pratt  
and Mr Friedman speak and  
met both of them. Addie Foster

was here before I came both  
Mr & Mrs Tomlinson were very sorry  
to hear of her death, they speak  
very nicely of Addie but they were  
afraid she would have pneu-  
monia, I can be thankful I  
had the chance to come here.

When I was transferred an  
unsatisfactory report was sent  
to Carlisle but I think or am  
sure I am innocent and am  
sure you will agree with me  
when I have a chance to explain  
my past troubles, I was under-  
stood wrongly but it is not too

to have things straighten  
something sudden and severe  
happens.

Well I can say I am very  
very happy with my country  
home and am doing my best  
every day and if my best is  
to be improved I shall gladly  
do so.

Sincerely

Mina A. Hicks  
P.S. Mr Sippo I have \$5.00 in the  
Carlisle bank from my summer  
earnings would you kindly  
allow me the \$5. because I am  
need of a few things.  
Very Thankful to you.





Mina Hicks

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October 6, 1916.

Mr. John Hicks,  
Strang, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a bill for \$4.13 for glasses furnished your daughter Nina. As Nina <sup>Hicks</sup> has no money to her credit here I will appreciate it very much if you will send me this amount in order that I may settle the bill promptly.

Very truly yours,

J/B

Superintendent.

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May 8th, 1916.

Mr. John Hicks,

Strang, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

I have noted in your letter of the 6th instant that you desire to have your daughters, Mina and May, at home for the summer vacation months. In reply thereto I must state that Mr. J. W. Wyrick of Baxter Springs, Kansas, gave his consent to their enrolment here and that now their return home should not be effected except at Mr. Wyrick's request and with the consent of Superintendent Deaver of the Seneca Agency. It is suggested, therefore, that this matter be taken into consideration with Superintendent Deaver so that a definite recommendation in the premises can be placed on file with me.

In this connection I must add that I would prefer to have the girls remain at Carlisle until their periods of enrolment terminate at the close of the next school year.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Deaver.)

Strang Okla May 6-1916  
Mr. Oscar H. Lipps  
Supt.

Sir.

I want  
my children Mina and Mae  
Hicks to spend the summer  
at home with me during  
vacation, let me know the  
amt. of money it will take  
to bring them to Strang Okla.  
and I will send it at once  
so they can start home as  
soon as school closes.

Respectfully

John Hicks

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October 25, 1916.

Mr. J. W. Wyrick,

Baxter Springs, Kan.

Dear Sir:

Your ward, Mina Hicks, has had some dentist-ry work done which cost her \$2.50. As she has used up her outing earnings, she has no money in bank to pay this debt. I will appreciate it if you will send me this amount so that I may settle with her dentist.

Very truly yours,

D/B

Superintendent.

9/8/16

D/5

October 18, 1916

H. H. Boyd & Co.,  
120 S. 13th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a money order for \$4.13 endorsed payable to your order, which is to cover your bill of September 8, 1916, for spectacles furnished Nina Hicks, a pupil at this school.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

CVP:LG

Enc.

Copy to John Hicks.

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PHILADELPHIA

9/8/16.

Carlisle Indian School  
Carlisle, Pa.

TO H. H. BOYD & CO., DR.

MANUFACTURING OPTICIANS

120 S. THIRTEENTH STREET

BOYD'S PAT

EYE GLASS A

SPECTACLE

MOUNTINGS

GRINDERS OF

AMETHYST TINTED

LENSES

1 pair Gold Filled Spectacles.

	550	
25%	<del>137</del>	413

Mina Hicks.

O.K.  
Dr. W. R.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

OUTING SYSTEM

MRS. NELLIE R. DENNY, Manager.  
MISS LIDA M. JOHNSTON, Girls' Agent.  
MR. D. H. DICKEY, Boys' Agent.

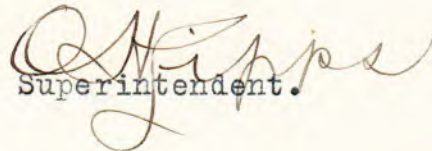
October 6, 1916.

Mr. John Hicks,  
Strang, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a bill for \$4.13 for glasses furnished your daughter Nina. As Nina has no money to her credit here I will appreciate it very much if you will send me this amount in order that I may settle the bill promptly.

Very truly yours,

  
Superintendent.

J/B

Information regarding pupils to test eligibility and whether in need of Federal aid.

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Date of report April 26, 1915.

Name of child Mina Hicks Age 16 Grade 7<sup>th</sup> A

Home post office Strang Okla.

Tribe Cherokee Degree of Indian blood 1/4

How many acres of land do you own I know not Location 7 miles east of

Adair Okla., Mayes Co.

What is the annual income from your land I do not know

Do you have any other income No How much None.

Is your father living Yes

Father's name John Hicks

Home post office Strang Okla.

Tribe Cherokee Degree of Indian blood 1/2

Is he a citizen Yes

How much land does he own I know not Allotment No. I know not

What is its estimated value I do not know

What is the annual income from his land I do not know

Does he have any other income No

If so, how much None

Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property personal property

Is your mother living No

Mother's name Alice Hicks

Home post office Strang Okla.

Tribe white American Degree of Indian blood None

Is she a citizen She was

How much land does your mother own None Allotment No. \_\_\_\_\_

What is its estimated value \_\_\_\_\_

What is the annual income from her land.....

Does she have any other income.....

If so, how much.....

Does your mother pay taxes on her land or on personal property.....

With whom do you make your home *My married brother*

How many rooms in the house *6 rooms*

How many live in the house *5*

How far is your home from nearest public school  *$\frac{1}{2}$  mile*

Why do you not attend that school *Surroundings not being as they*

*should. for proper education*

How many teachers employed there *1*

How many grades maintained *7*

How many months of school each year *8*

Did you ever attend a public school *Yes*

If so, how long *5 yrs* Where *Regnow Okla.*

How many brothers of school age have you *1*

How many sisters of school age have you *1*

Are they in school *Sister yes -- Brother no*

Where *" Carlisle Indian School*

Remarks and recommendations of superintendent with reference to eligibility and need of Federal aid:

Superintendent.

NOTE.—One of these blanks should be filled out by each pupil at Government boarding schools, preferably with the assistance of the superintendent or some one designated to act as his representative. If the superintendent is of opinion from the information given that the pupil is entitled to enrollment he should so indicate by signing the blank in the proper place and filing in the individual pupil's folder. In the case of pupils concerning whose eligibility or need of Government aid there is some doubt, superintendents should make proper remarks and recommendations in the space indicated and forward the form to the Indian Office for consideration.

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December 12, 1916.

Miss Mina Hicks,

Strang, Okla.

Dear Mina:

Since you left the school I have received Dr. Line's bills and note that there is a bill of \$1.50 against you for some work he did for you. Will you please send this amount to me by check or money order at your earliest opportunity so that I may settle your indebtedness.

Very truly yours,

D/B

Superintendent



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July 17, 1917.

Mr. A. S. Wily  
Supervisor Schools Five Tribes  
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst relative to Mina A. Hicks, a Cherokee girl, former pupil of this school who has made application for enrolment at the Haskell Institute in order that she might take the commercial course.

Our records show that Mina was brought to the school September 26, 1914 by her guardian J. W. Wyrick, who signed an application for her enrolment two days later. The application is not approved by any superintendent. It shows that her father John Hicks of Strang, Oklahoma is  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cherokee and that her mother was probably a white woman.

Mina has not completed the course here and according to the Indian Office regulations, she should return to Carlisle and do this before making plans to take the commercial course at Haskell.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PA.

July 17, 1917

Mrs. Denny:

I would advise that she be advised to return to Carlisle and finish the course here before going to Haskell for the commercial course. It will take her three years to finish the course here, and too it would take her that long to be properly prepared for the commercial course. The rules say that no student shall leave a school until ~~the~~ he has completed the course given at that school, which she lacks three years of doing.

I have her in my records as  $\frac{1}{4}$  instead of  $\frac{1}{8}$  blood, but I suppose the supervisor is right about that.

If she would go to Haskell she would be three years there before she could enter the commercial course. Of course I cannot promise that she would finish the course here in three years, as she is very weak in arithmetic, but she might.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Blair*  
Principal

Office of  
Supervisor of Indian Schools  
RECEIVED  
JUL 10 1917  
MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

Strang, Okla.

July 10, 1917.

Mrs. Jno. Francis Jr.

Supt. of Carlisle Indian Sch'l.  
Carlisle, Penna.

My dear Sir:

I hereby request a transfer from Carlisle to Haskell in order that I may take a commercial course at that institution. I had over one year to attend Carlisle and would have continued school there had not my father needed me at home to keep house for him and had I not desired a commercial education.

I was honorably discharged from Carlisle for above reasons and I refer you to the former Supt. and teachers as to my conduct while a student there.

It is urgently requested

that you take immediate action  
in this matter as I have been  
advised to communicate with you  
relative to this transfer.

Thanking you in advance  
for any efforts you may make in  
aiding me to secure a commercial  
education and extending to you  
my best personal regards,

I am,

Yours respectfully,

Mina A. Hicks.

What do you advise in this case?  
Respectfully

*J. P. Denny*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS  
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. July 11, 1917.

Sept. John Francis, Jr.,  
U.S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Francis:

Mina A. Hicks, a Cherokee girl about 19 years of age, has applied for enrollment at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas. The statement is made that she was enrolled at Carlisle on September 21, 1914, and remained there until November 5, 1916, at which time she left the school on account of the death of her mother.

Our records do not show that her application was approved here, as we do not have a duplicate copy of it. Her name appears as an unrolled pupil at Carlisle but we are unable to find out who approved the application, as she has only 1/8 Indian blood. I would thank you to look into this case and advise whether she was enrolled as a pay pupil or not, and whether you would approve a transfer for her to Haskell, since she has not completed her term of enrollment at your school.

Miss Hicks states she desires to attend Haskell to get a business education. I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed to you by Miss Hicks.

Very truly yours,

*A. J. Meyer*  
Supervisor.

Encl.  
ASW-CH

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August 1, 1917.

Miss Mina Ricks,  
Strang, OKIA.

Dear friend:

I am in receipt of your letter to Mr. Francis relative to your return to Carlisle this fall, and have to advise that I shall be glad to have you return any time so that you will be here to begin school September 1st.

As you went home on leave you will have to pay your own transportation back to Carlisle. Please let me know when I may expect you.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Chief Clerk in Charge.

Muskogee, Okla.

July 28, 1917.

Mr. John Francis Jr.  
Supt. Carlisle Ind. Schl.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Wylie the Supervisor of Indian Schools has informed me that according to your letter, which refers to the Indian Office regulations it will

the course there in order  
that I may receive the  
commercial training that  
I desire.

Trusting an early reply.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Mina Hicks.

P.S. My address:

Strang, Okla.

be necessary for me to  
complete the course at Carlisle  
in order that I may take  
the commercial course at  
Haskell, so, I shall return  
to Carlisle this fall as I  
have about one and a half  
years to attend. Advise  
me about what steps to  
take about returning as  
I am very anxious to finish

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Muskogee, Okla.

Aug. 20, 1917.

Mr. C. V. Pell,  
Carlisle, Penna.

My dear Sir:

Receipt of your letter of the 1st. inst.  
is hereby acknowledged and in answer to same I  
have to say in regard to my returning to Carlisle  
that I shall arrive there on the afternoon of the  
31st. of August.

I wish to thank you for the nice letter,  
also I want to assure you that I shall make the  
most of my time at Carlisle.

Extending to you and the faculty my  
best personal regards,

I am,

Very respectfully,

Mina Hicks.

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October 18, 1917

Mr. D. S. Wister,  
Adams Express Co.,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr. Wister:

Referring to my letter of September 19, 1917 in which I enclosed a claim of Miss Mina A. Hicks, a student of this school, for damage to a typewriter said to be valued at One Hundred Dollars and enclosed you an affidavit of Mr. Harry V. Brown regarding the packing of the machine and also of Mr. R. W. Johnson and the statement of Miss Hicks. I am now enclosing the original receipt of the Express Company for the machine. With this information I hope you will be able to settle the claim and make settlement with Miss Hicks who is now living at 700 Grand Avenue, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Any further correspondence should be with her personally.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

JF-E

Tahlequah, Okla.

Oct. 14, 1917.

Supt John Francis.

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

It seems as if there has been quite a delay in regard to the typewriter. Before I left you promised to attend to the matter without my request but I have heard nothing of it. Now that machine cost me actual cash

and I have a claim of  
\$100 on it. Please present  
those affidavits to the  
express company at once  
or forward them to me  
so I can attend to the  
affair before it is too late.

Thanking you for your  
kind assistance.

I am,

Respectfully,

Mina A. Hicks

P.S. Address all communications  
to 700 Grand Ave.  
Sahlequah,  
Okla.

Melton's  Hotel  
European 

J. H. MELTON  
Owner & Mgr.

Muskogee, Okla. Sept. 26 1917.

Mr. John Francis  
Carlisle, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Reached home safely.  
Entered the Northeastern State  
Normal yesterday, so far I am  
well pleased.

Enclosed find Uniform  
Express Receipt. Trusting  
that you will be success-  
ful in getting the claim and  
forwarding the money to me  
at Strang, Okla.

I am,

Respectfully,  
Mina Hicks

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October 18, 1917

Miss (Mina A. Hicks)  
700 Grand Ave.,  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

My dear Miss Hicks:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 14, 1917 regarding your claim for damage to your typewriter. I have just returned from a trip to the South on official business. I find the record shows that the claim was filed on September 19, 1917. The Company has requested to be furnished with the original receipt which was sent by you in your letter of September 26, 1917 and which was held awaiting my return. I have this day mailed the receipt to the agent here.

It seems to me that as you are apparently dissatisfied in the way the matter is being handled, you should handle it yourself. The address of the agent is Mr. D. S. Wister, Adams Express Company, Carlisle, Pa. I have advised him of your address and suggested that he correspond with you for anything further that may be necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

JF-E

September 19, 1917.

Mina A. Hicks a student of the Carlisle Indian School hereby certifies that on or about September 3, 1917 H. W. Johnson of Claremore, Rogers County, Okla. shipped to me at Carlisle, Pa. in care of the Wells Fargo & Co. Express one typewriter valued at \$100.00, and that when this machine was unpacked it was found to be seriously damaged, which damage was done by an injury received by the machine in transit.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed to before me this      day of September 1917.

September 19, 1917.

Mr. D. S. Wister  
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

Miss Mina A. Hicks a student of this school has invited my attention to the fact that on September 8, 1917, your company delivered to her at the school one L. C. Smith Typewriter packed and shipped to R. W. Johnson, Claremore, Rogers County, Oklahoma, who in turn without examining the box shipped it to Miss Hicks at this school.

Mr. Johnson was at the school at the time the machine arrived, and he unpacked it, when he found it was literally destroyed. The carriage and part of the frame around keyboard was broken off and mechanism destroyed in part.

I enclose herewith an affidavit of Mr. Harry V. Brown regarding the packing of the machine, and also an affidavit of Mr. R. W. Johnson, and a statement made before me by Miss Hicks.

Miss Hicks who is an inexperienced girl receipted for the machine, before appreciating the fact that she should have examined the machine. On behalf of her I am now making claim for the damage done to the machine.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

F-S

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September  
Twenty-second,  
1 9 1 7.

The Honorable  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that I yesterday asked Mina Hicks to sever her connections with this school. Mina is a girl 19 years of age who enrolled at the school on Sept. 26, 1914 for a period of three years. She was permitted to return home on December 5, 1916. During the summer she requested to be permitted to attend Haskell for the purpose of taking Stenography and Typewriting. As her records showed that she had not received instruction in English which would justify her in taking up Stenography and Typewriting the permission was refused her and she was told that under the regulations she must complete her course here.

Mina returned to the school about two weeks ago, paying her own traveling expenses. While she was apparently satisfied at first it was apparent that the discipline was irksome to her. On Thursday night she was reprimanded by the Matron for some minor refraction of the rules. This seemed to irritate her exceedingly and she came to me yesterday morning and expressed a determination to go home at once. Her mental attitude toward the school was such that it was very apparent that the school could do but little for her.

In view of her age, the fact that she was only a quarter blood Indian and had the mental ability to appreciate the value of an education, I deemed it proper to permit her to leave the school, paying her own expenses home.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

JF/S

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November 2, 1917

Miss Mina A. Hicks,  
700 Grand Avenue,  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

My dear Miss Hicks:

I am now in receipt of a postal card dated October 31, 1917 from the recently appointed Agent of the Adams Express Company at Carlisle regarding your claim for damages upon the typewriter shipped by you to this school.

You will see, from this, that they now ask you to send a bill for the amount of damages. You have already furnished them with affidavits as to the condition of the machine. I suppose if you had it repaired you will have to send them the bill of the cost of the repairs or if it cannot be repaired, I presume, the best evidence would be the affidavit of the typewriter agent that it could not be repaired. The card is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

JF-E

Enc.

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December 13, 1917.

Miss Mina Hicks  
Claremore, Oklahoma.

Dear friend:-

Your type-writer is at the office building ready to be taken to the Adams Express office in town as soon as their driver comes out to the school. As it did not cost anything to get the machine in to town, I am returning the dollar you enclosed with your letter dated November 30, 1917.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Enclosed  
Letter from F. McLmaultz

Claremore, Oklahoma.

November 30, 1917.

Mr. John Francis Jr.

Carlisle Indian School,

My dear Sir:

The inclosed letter is self explanatory. I am sending you a dollar with which to defray the expenses of sending my damaged L.C.Smith Typewriter to the Adams Express Company. When I left, the machine was in the Model Home Cottage on the table, and in the front bedroom. If it is not there now, Miss Keck, or Mrs. Ewing would probable know where to find it.

If you will kindly have someone to take the machine into the Companys' Office, I will appreciate the favor.

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter,  
I am,

Very respectfully yours,

.....Mina Hicks.....

