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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 5649		ENGLISH NAME Leonard McClanahan			AGENCY		NATION Cherokee			
BAND		INDIAN NAME		HOME ADDRESS T. B. Cornelius, Vian, Okla.						
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD 1/4	AGE 17	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.		
FATHER		MOTHER		ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Feb. 2, 1917			FOR WHAT PERIOD		DATE DISCHARGED Apr. 20, 1917	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Too white
TO COUNTRY		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS						FROM COUNTRY		
3-22-17		On leave								

SHAW-WALKER, MUSKOGON, MICHIGAN. 49445

months in school before Carlisle. 9

Trade entered at Carlisle. 9<sup>th</sup>

Trade at date of Discharge, .....

Trade or Industry, .....

Church. Methodist



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Tian Olla Mar 29.

Hon O. H. Lipps -  
Garfield Pa.

Dear Sir:

Arrived at  
Tian Saturday Mar 24th

Resph Yours  
Leonard M<sup>c</sup>Clavahan

Tian Olla

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February 5, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Benjamin Cummings, Billie Byrd, and Leonard McClanahan arrived at the school in good condition last Friday evening.

Benjamin seems like a nice young man and I hope that we can do something for him. He is going to have a little difficulty in getting along on account of his advanced age and low grade, but he seems willing and may come out all right.

We were quite disappointed to have an Indian like Leonard McClanahan. We have made a great effort in the last few years to have enrolled only Indians and have in many cases returned to their homes pupils who came here and who showed too much white blood. McClanahan shows no trace of Indian blood, and as I said before we dislike to enroll him especially since we had no previous correspondence with you or his guardian about him. Leonard himself already feels that he is out of place here both as to color and grade, and I think it will just be a short time before we may have to return him to you, provided his guardian can send him the necessary transportation. I am willing



A.S. Wyly

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to give the fellow a chance here and will do so as long as he proves himself worthy as to character. He has already complained to the disciplinarian that he is unhappy here and does not want to stay, but he was told that he must wait until he gets over his homesick spell before taking any steps to return home. The principal has placed him in the ninth grade.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Chief Clerk in Charge.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. Jan.31,1917.

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

Dear Mr. Lipps:

I am enclosing the application of Leonard L. McClanahan, a Cherokee boy about 17 years of age and who states on his application he is able to do 10th grade work but who now says he desires to enter the 9th grade. This young man is enrolled as a quarter blood Indian, although his mother is said to have been a fullblood. However, she died before the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation was made and there is no way by which her degree of Indian blood can be definitely determined. Leonard's father was not an Indian citizen and both parents are dead. He has been making his home with a man by the name of T.B. Cornelius, who has been acting as his guardian, at Vian, Oklahoma.

I explained to Leonard this afternoon very fully about the course of study at Carlisle, the fact that it was an industrial school and that all pupils are required to devote at least half of their time to industrial work. I explained to him, also, that the academic course did not extend beyond the 10th grade and that the most he could hope for



two years in academic work provided he enters the 9th grade. After a full explanation Leonard states that he still desires to enroll and I have therefore approved his application.

As a general thing I would not favor the enrollment of a boy as far advanced and having as little Indian blood as Leonard, but on account of the fact that he is an orphan and his income from his allotment is about \$100 a year and he has no other source of income, I have concluded it might be a good thing for him to get him into your school and I trust that he may be admitted.

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Ryley,*  
Supervisor.

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MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

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BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

*Leonard L. Mc Clanshaw*

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*himself*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

*Carlisle, Pa.*

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

.....

Date of enrollment, ....., 191

Term of enrollment, ..... (.....) years.

NAME OF PERSON ARRANGING FOR THE TRANSFER:

.....

Position, .....



APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN A NONRESERVATION 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 Leonard L. McClanahan male, age 17; date of birth Don't know;  
(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>Willis Mc Clanahan</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>not Indian</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>none</u>
NAME OF MOTHER.				
<u>Louisa Mc Clanahan</u> <u>nee Five Killer</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Cherokee</u>		<u>Full blood</u>

I, J. B. Cornelius, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to his  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)  
 enrollment in said school for a period of three years, and also obligate myself to abide by  
(Not less than 3.)  
 all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE.	GRADE.
<u>1. Zion High School</u>	<u>1906</u>	<u>not Discharged</u>		<u>Tenth grade</u>
<u>2.</u>				
<u>3.</u>				
<u>4.</u>				

X J. B. Cornelius  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

P. O. address: Zion, Oklahoma

Two witnesses:



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 20<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1917

Chas. H. Morris, M.D.

Physician at \_\_\_\_\_ Agency.

CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR BONDED 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 \_\_\_\_\_ was voluntary. (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

(Here state whether the child lives within reach of a public school, whether the State laws permit it to enroll therein, and if it lives near the public school why it can not attend such school.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I recommend the transfer of the said child.

This 3 day of Jan, 1917

A. D. Muley  
Agent or Superintendent

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, I made a careful examination of the physical condition of \_\_\_\_\_, the child named in the foregoing application, and found \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ (As soon after arrival as possible.)

I therefore recommend that the said child be \_\_\_\_\_ enrolled in this school.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1917

School Physician.

SPECIAL NOTE.

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

If the information called for on any part of the blank is not known, that fact should be stated. No space should be left unfilled. Whether the parents are living or dead, their names must be given.

The person who signs the blank as consenting to the transfer should indicate his relation to the applicant by marking out the word "parent," "guardian," or "next of kin," leaving unmarked only the title appropriate to the signer.



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 are living, and if neither of them are 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.)

That no Indian pupil under the age of fourteen years shall be transported at Government expense to any Indian school beyond the limits of the State or Territory in which the parents of such child reside or of the adjoining State or Territory. (35 Stat. L., 781.)

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 but in all cases where the parents are living they should first be consulted.

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



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

Office of Supervisors of Indian Schools  
RECEIVED  
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Date of report *Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1917*

Name of child *Leonard L. McCanahan* Age *17* Grade *10<sup>th</sup>*

Home post office *Vian, Oklahoma*

Tribe *Cherokee* Degree of Indian blood *enrolled as 1/4 but is really 1/2*

How many acres of land do you own *200* Location *Township*

*13 north, Range 21 East, Sequoyah County, Okla.*

What is the annual income from your land *about \$100<sup>00</sup> per annum*

Do you have any other income *no* How much *none*

Is your father living *no*

Father's name *Willis McCanahan*

Home post office *Vian, Okla.*

Tribe *not Indian* Degree of Indian blood *none*

Is he a citizen *no*

How much land does he own *none* Allotment No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

What is the annual income from his land \_\_\_\_\_

Does he have any other income \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how much \_\_\_\_\_

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

Is your mother living *no*

Mother's name *Louisa McCanahan, nee Finestiller*

Home post office *Vian, Okla.*

Tribe *Cherokee* Degree of Indian blood *Full Blood*

Is she a citizen *yes*

How much land does your mother own *No, she did prior to allotment* 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 *Yes*

With whom do you make your home *J. B. Cornelius, My Guardian*

How many rooms in the house *7 am*

How many live in the house *3*

How far is your home from the nearest public school *1 Block*

Why do you not attend that school *Have been attending, but believe I can learn more in outside school*

How many teachers employed there *Seven*

How many grades maintained *Twelve*

How many months of school each year *nine*

Did you ever attend a public school *yes*

If so, how long *Eleven years* Where *Uian, Okla.*

How many brothers of school age have you *none*

How many sisters of school age have you *none*

Are they in school *no*

Where \_\_\_\_\_

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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February 13, 1917.

A. S. Wyly, Supervisor  
Five Civilized Tribes School,  
Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Your communication relative to Leonard McClanahan has been received. The disciplinarian in charge of the small boys quarters, where Leonard is, tells me that this boy seems much more satisfied now, appears to be a very good boy, and is getting along nicely in every way. I am not able at this time to make any statement about his school work as he has hardly had a fair chance to show that he can do in the grade in which he has been placed. I shall be glad to give Leonard a chance here and did not, from the first, intend to turn him down except on account of his showing so much white blood.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.



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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, Feb. 8, 1917.

Mr. C. V. Peel,  
Chief Clerk in Charge,  
U.S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Peel:

I have your letter of the 5th instant, with reference to Benjamin Cummings, Billie Byrd and Leonard McClanahan, Five Tribes pupils who have recently enrolled at Carlisle. I note what you have to say with reference to Leonard McClanahan and that you are quite disappointed to have in the school an Indian like him.

In this connection, I desire to call your attention to my letter of January 31, and while Leonard has not the Indian characteristics as to appearance he is enrolled as a quarter-blood. His mother is reported to have been a full-blood and if this was true Leonard should be enrolled as a half-blood. The rolls of the Indians of the Five Tribes determine the degree of Indian blood, age, etc. Leonard is an orphan, and if you will refer to the blank to test his eligibility and whether in need of Federal aid you will see that the income from his allotment is very little and not



ugh to keep him in school. It was for these  
that his application for enrollment was approved  
it is believed that he stands in need of aid much more  
than perhaps some of the full-bloods or near full-bloods  
who have large incomes and are able to pay their way.

In any event, I trust that you will give Leonard  
a fair trial and encourage him to stay with the school.  
This is his first time away from his guardian and it is  
to be expected that he will get homesick.

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Wiley.*  
Supervisor.

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February 19, 1917.

Mr. T. E. Cornelius  
Vian, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter requesting the return home of your ward, Leonard McClanahan and have to inform you that I am this day writing to Mr. A. S. Wily for his advice and recommendation. If he approves of your request, he can let you know and you can send the necessary funds for Leonard's transportation home.

Leonard is a good boy and has complied with all our rules since he has been here but I think that he feels entirely out of place in an Indian School. He made a mistake in deciding so hastily to come to Carlisle.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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Copy to Mr. A. S. Wily



T. B. CORNELIUS  
COUNTY SURVEYOR  
OF SEQUOYAH COUNTY

VIAN, OKLA., FEB 12 1917

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERINTENDANT of the Carlisle school pen

dear sir i sent LEONARD Mc CLANAHAN to your school some time ago and

he is so dissatisfied i want to get him back home i am his guardian  
his father was a mason and i am a mason and i went to see him on his  
death bed and it was his request for me to take the children him and  
his sister and i have them for 13 years and i think as much of  
him if he was my own child i have no children of my own living just me  
and my wife and my wife want him at home so bad we are getting old  
and we miss him so much i think this trip will help him so much  
we have a good school here but he got behind and did not want to  
go but i think he will go now i have plenty to finish him up here  
he taken a notion to go out there so i gave my consent for him to  
go and he want to come home so bad i think he will go to school here  
i am interested in him so much that i want to give him finish ~~education~~  
education so please advise me how i am to get him back home i will send  
send him the money to come on any time that i can get him off  
i have got all of his land yet he has a very good farm

so i will close please let me hear from you soon yours respt

T. B. Cornelius



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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. March 17, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Lipps:

Referring to a letter written by you to Mr. T.B. Cornelius, of Vian, Oklahoma, under date of February 19, carbon of which was sent to me, with reference to Leonard McClanahan, I have recently had a letter from Mr. Cornelius renewing his request for the release of Leonard. I endeavored to explain to him why it would perhaps be better to permit Leonard to remain at Carlisle until the close of the term but he is most insistent that the boy come home at this time.

I have decided, therefore, to ask you to let him come home and am advising Mr. Cornelius of the amount of money he should send you to pay Leonard's transportation and incidental expenses enroute.

Very truly yours,

*A. B. Wiley*  
Supervisor

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March 22, 1917.

Mr. A. S. Wyly,  
Supt. Five Tribes Schools,  
Muskogee, Okla.

My dear Mr. Wyly:

Leonard ~~McClenahan~~ received a  
check for \$50.00 from his guardian yesterday and  
arrangements are being made to return him to his  
home this evening.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.



Muskogee, Okla.  
Super. Five Tribes  
Ex. v. S. HAJA

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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. March 17, 1917.

Mr. T. B. Cornelius,  
Vian, Okla.

Dear Mr. Cornelius:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I am writing the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, requesting him to permit Leonard McClanahan to return home. You should therefore send the Superintendent immediately \$50 for Leonard's railroad and incidental expenses.

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Wiley*  
Supervisor.

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