



**Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully**

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1917

**BRIEF.**

**Application of**

**R. A. Howard**

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

**Cora James**

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

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

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

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, Pennsylvania

of Cora James ; female ; date of birth April 10, 1903  
(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>James</u>	<u>dead</u>	<u>Choctaw</u>		<u>full</u>
NAME OF MOTHER				
<u>Mollie Amos</u>				
<u>formerly James</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>Choctaw</u>		<u>full</u>

I, R. A. Howard, guardian, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to her enrollment in said school for a period of four 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. <u>St. Agnes Academy</u>	<u>Sep. 10 1910</u>			<u>6th</u>
2.				
3.				
4.				

*R. A. Howard Guardian*  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Ardmore, Carter County

Two Witnesses:

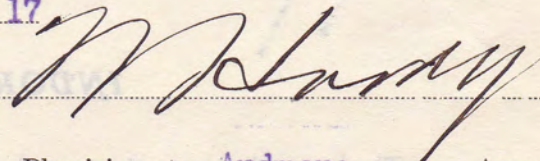
Oklahoma

*Selma Schoof*  
*C. W. Rollins*

**PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.**

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find her 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 2nd day of April, 19 17



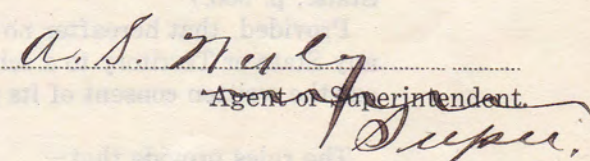
Physician at Ardmore Agency.

**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 R. A. Howard was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.

(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

This 2nd day of April, 19 17

  
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.*

*Important—Only those students who desire to come to a public school should be transferred. 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 of students have made in the schools previously attended, and to secure recommendations as to their mental character and their worthiness for further attendance at a Government institution.*

# 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.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

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April 9, 1917.

A. S. Wyly, Supervisor,  
Five Tribes Schools,  
Muskegee, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I have the application of R. A. Howard for the enrollment of his ward Cora James, and find the application satisfactory.

If Mr. Howard wishes to send this girl to Carlisle at her own expense I can take her at any time.

Our transportation fund is about exhausted and I am not able at this time to pay the transportation of any new students.

Let me know if Mr. Howard can do this.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS  
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, April 4, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

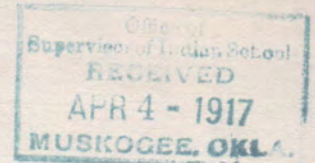
I am enclosing herewith the application of  
R.A. Howard, guardian, for the enrollment of Cora James,  
a fullblood Choctaw girl about 14 years of age, Roll No. 10119.  
A letter giving information concerning Cora is also enclosed.

The girl is eligible as to age, degree of Indian  
blood and advancement in school, to enrollment at Carlisle,  
and in view of the further statements made by the guardian I  
have approved the application. If you have a vacancy I would  
thank you to let me know at your convenience and I will advise  
the guardian.

Very truly yours,

*A.S. Muley,*  
Supervisor.

Encl.  
ASW-GH

**Sigler & Howard**ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

April 2, 1917.

Supervisor of Indian Schools,  
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

My dear Mr. Wyley:

Heretofore I have discussed with you the proposition of placing Cora James in school at Carlisle. She is at present in the St. Agnes Academy. She has been there a long time, and has maintained a good record.

As I heretofore explained to you her allotment is non-revenue producing and has no funds with which to maintain her. Of course the \$300.00 payment that I got last year has in a way provided her with some funds, but in a school like the St. Agnes Academy where some have considerable funds, it takes more to run her than it would if she was in a strictly Indian school.

Another thing, she has been there so long, and has grown so large that it takes more now than the Sisters to manage her properly. In other words, she is no longer a child.

She ought to be taught music, and at the St. Agnes Academy, that comes extra, and with her other expenses, I cannot pay for that.

I am enclosing an application for her admission to Carlisle, and if she can be admitted now, I will arrange to take her about the middle of May at her own expense.

Her mother is in the asylum, due to a blow received by her on the head some years ago, and her father is dead, and



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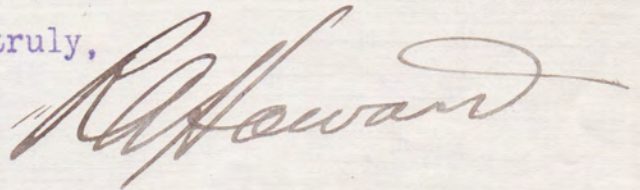
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

when I was appointed guardian and took charge of her, she was practically running wild in the brush, and now has absolutely no place to go.

If I let her go to any of her kin folks for the vacation, I am afraid I would never get her back in school. It is remarkable how she has developed. She can play on the piano by hear most any piece of music that she has heard that is not too difficult, that is simple music, and I am anxious that she receive a training along this line.

I am enclosing a letter received by me from Supt. Lipps for your consideration in connection with this case.

Yours truly,



RAH:SS

Wm. C. See, Oklahoma  
212 BELLAIR BOUL. OF INDIAN

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CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

No. <b>3165</b>	NAME. <b>James, Cora</b>	AGE. <b>14</b>	TRIBE. <b>Choctaw</b>	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD. <b>Full</b>	NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY. <b>Ardmore, Okla</b>
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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.		
		On entering here.	At date of this report.		(Temporarily absent, outing, deserters, on sick leave, special authorities for enrollment, etc.)	To COUNTRY	FROM COUNTRY
<b>5-18-17</b>							<b>JUN 11 1917</b>

Progress from \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date) (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*								
Department..... standing*								
Physical condition.....								

Remarks:.....

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February 13, 1916.

Miss Cora James  
St. Agnes Academy, Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Cora, - I have your letter saying that you want to return to Carlisle and bring a friend with you.

This is to advise you that I do not think it best to have you return to Carlisle considering all things.

Very truly yours

NRD

Superintendent

St Agnes Academy,  
Andover Okla  
Feb 1918

Dear Sir

I am writing to you and ask you if you please take me back After I got back here I didn't want to stay I might bring my friend along with me if her Guardian get her a place here at Carlisle I made up my mind to work while I was there so please accept this invitation I told Mr Howard

that I was going to stay  
there for two years only  
Please answer this and  
write and let me know,  
your sincerely  
Cora James

Sigler & Howard  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

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June 14, 1917.

Mr. R. A. Howard,  
Attorney at Law,  
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 8, 1917, regarding the return home of Cora James.

I think it is only fair to you to give you some information regarding the matter other than contained in my telegrams to you.

Cora James, through correspondence, made certain representations which caused the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to direct her return to her home, and my action was based on these instructions.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

## Sigler &amp; Howard

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

June 8, 1917.

Supt. Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:

I received your telegram as follows:

"Please place by wire transportation Carlisle to Ardmore for Cora James, whose personal wish to return home has been approved by the commission."

to which I replied by wire:

"County Judge and U. S. Probate Attorney disapproved sending transportation for Cora James."

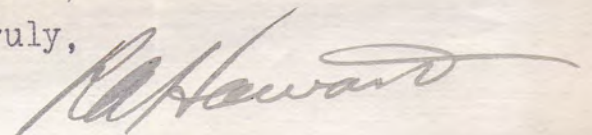
If you will refer to the correspondence between me and Mr. Wyly with reference to the placing of Cora James in Carlisle, you will observe she had practically finished the course in St. Agnes Academy, and could no longer stay there, and that she had no other place to go, and that if she returned to her natural haunts, getting her to return to school next fall would be highly improbable. It was therefore necessary to put her in some school for the summer rather than permit her to return to some relative, who would take her back to the condition of the original Indians in this country.

Mention was also made of some accomplishments that ought to be developed in her. She has now been in your school about three weeks, and being only 14 years of age, she naturally would get homesick and want to come home. And as you state in your telegram, it is her personal wish to return home. I can hardly understand how it is that you permit the inmates of your institution to entertain and cultivate such extravagant ideas.

I have discussed this matter quite at length with the County Judge, who supervises me in paying out guardianship money, as well as the U. S. Probate Attorney and the Field Clerk, Col. S. A. Mills, all whom are well acquainted with Cora James, and they all agree that it would be the height of folly for her to come back to Oklahoma for such a reason as assigned by you in your telegram.

RAH:SS

Yours truly,



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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June 8, 1917.

The Honorable  
Cato Sells,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sells:

In accordance with your instructions I am arranging to return Cora James to her home at Ardmore. In view of the fact that she has only been here about a month and is reputed to be wealthy I have wired her Guardian to place transportation for her return. This seems to me to be the proper course as she has been here so short a time that I do not think the Government would be justified in paying her expenses, unless you feel that the situation demands such immediate action that this should be done. Also, I want to arrange for her to go with the home party of girls which leaves on Monday and one member of which goes to Oklahoma.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

JF/S



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

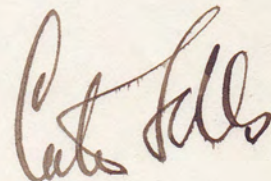
Mr. John Francis, Jr.,  
Supt. Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

I have information to the effect that Cora James, one of the pupils at your school, has had some difficulty with two of the girls, and that she desires to be returned to the Saint Agnes Academy, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

I believe it advisable to comply with her wishes, and you will please arrange to return her there at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,



Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS  
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, April 18, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

Referring to the application of R.A. Howard for the enrollment of Cora James in the Carlisle School, you are advised that an error was made in our letter of April 12, asking for the return of the application for approval. Inasmuch as the application was enclosed with my letter of April 4, bearing my approval, the application is again forwarded.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Wyly*  
Supervisor.

Encl.  
CE-GH

*[Handwritten initials]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. April 16, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

Referring to the application for the enrollment of Cora James, a Choctaw Indian girl at your school, the guardian, Mr. R.A. Howard, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, advises that he will take the girl to Carlisle on May 15 and that all her expenses will be borne from private funds.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Wyly,*  
Supervisor.

ASW-GH

April 12, 1917.

Mr. R. A. Howard,  
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Mr. Howard:

This office has a letter from the Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School, stating that you have forwarded application for the enrollment of Cora James in that school. He also states that the application is satisfactory and if you can send the girl to Carlisle at her own expense he can receive her at any time.

Kindly advise this office at once and the matter will have prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

(S) A.S.WYLY.

Supervisor.

CB-GH  
CC Carlisle.

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

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TELEGRAM

Ardmore, Okla.,  
June 19, 1917 191.....  
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*Sent to*

John Francis, Jr., Supt.,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Cora James arrived last  
evening.

E. A. Howard.

Paid.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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WASHINGTON

*June 7, 1917*


My dear Mr. Francis:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written by Cora James, one of your pupils.

Please look into the matter quietly, and take such steps as you can to prevent a reoccurrence of difficulties of this character. In a separate letter, I am advising you to return Miss James to the convent at Ardmore.

Please treat this letter and enclosure as confidential.

Sincerely yours,



Commissioner.

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,

Supt. Carlisle Indian School.

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FROM

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

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Copy.

Carlisle, Penn.,

May 27, 1917

Dear Father:-

I will inform you today to send for me to go back to the Convent in Ardmore, because there were two girls I had a fuss with about the Sisters and priest in France what they do before they become Sister. These two girls said something nasty about the Sister and priest. I told them I've been with a sisters for seven long years and I never did see them do anything. Send for me before next Sunday. I sure did fuss. We were in bed when she told this to another girl and I began to put my mouth into it. I sure was angry, for what they said about the Sister. They said the people think Sisters and Priest live a pure and holy life. But come to some that were nasty do bad deeds when I began put my mouth into it made her angry. I sure did give hard and heavy. I like the School and Teachers and everything. But when anybody begin to talk about the Sisters and Priest I told them I wasn't going to stand there and let these two girls talk about the Sisters. I am not going to stand for it.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Cora James.

Be sure and send for me.



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June 14, 1917.

Hon. Cato Sells,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 7, 1917, regarding the return of Cora James, a pupil at this school.

In accordance with your instructions Cora was returned to her home on Monday, June 11. Her two room mates left at the same time, so this cleared the matter up.

Mrs. Ewing and I are not so sure but that the complaint was the very wise scheme of a homesick girl to be sent home. She was not advised of the fact that she was going home until a few hours before train time because we were fearful that others might try the same plan. There is a widespread feeling of unrest all over the school at this time. Pupils seeing the home parties leaving become anxious to go home and make all sorts of plans and schemes to carry out their wishes.

We propose, in a diplomatic way, to impress upon the girls the importance of not discussing or criticising each others religious beliefs and this should prevent anything of the sort happening in the future.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

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CARLISLE PA.

COUNTY JUDGE AND UNITED STATES PROBATE ATTORNEY DISAPPROVES

SENDING TRANSPORTATION FOR CORA JAMES

R A HOWARD.

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Phoned 430 PM  
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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

(CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT)

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SELLS,

COMMISSIONER.

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

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3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this telegram over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Messages will be delivered free within the established free delivery limits of the terminal office. For delivery at a greater distance a special charge will be made to cover the cost of such delivery.
5. No responsibility regarding messages attaches to this Company until the same are presented and accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if any message is sent to such office by one of this Company's messengers, he acts as the agent of the sender for the purpose of delivering the message and any notice or instructions regarding it to the Company's agent in its said office.
6. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the telegram is filed with the Company for transmission.
7. The above terms and conditions shall be binding upon the receiver as well as the sender of this telegram.
8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

CHARLES C. ADAMS,  
VICE-PRESIDENT.

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.  
EDWARD REYNOLDS, VICE-PREST. AND GENERAL MANAGER.

CHARLES P. BRUCH,  
VICE-PRESIDENT.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Send by:

Washington, D. C.

POSTAL

TELEGRAPH CO.

June 9, 1917.  
(Date)

To

Francis, Supt.,  
Carlisle, Pa.

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Yours eight. You may pay transportation Cora James.

Ed-Schools  
R H H

*Cato Kelly*

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Commissioner.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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June 16, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the  
11th inst. relative to the return home of  
Cora James, I have to advise that I have  
written Mr. Howard the reason why it seemed  
best to return Cora to her home.

I enclose a copy of this letter  
for your information.

very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. June 11, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

Mr. R. A. Howard, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, the guardian of Cora James, who was recently enrolled at your school, has written me with reference to a telegram he received from you advising that you had been ordered to return Cora to her home, and stating that she should pay her own transportation expenses. He also quotes a telegram sent the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, asking that the girl be kept at Carlisle.

The letter of Mr. Howard does not disclose why Cora is being sent home other than that she desires to return. The duplicate application on file here discloses that she is eligible as to degree of Indian blood, age and advancement in school, and unless there is some other urgent reason why she should be returned I respectfully recommend that she be kept at Carlisle. The guardian very much desires that she remain there and states that there is no other school in which she could be enrolled at this time.

Trusting to have an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Muley,*

Supervisor.

ASW-GH



**Sigler & Howard**

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

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August 20, 1917.

Mr. H. A. Riddle,  
General Passenger Agent,  
C. V. R. R. Co.,  
Chambersburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th <sup>inst</sup> ~~at~~ which is in reply to my letter of the 10th in regard to my claim as guardian of Cora James, a little Indian girl formerly a student at the Carlisle Indian School, the claim being based on the refund value of unused portion of the ticket.

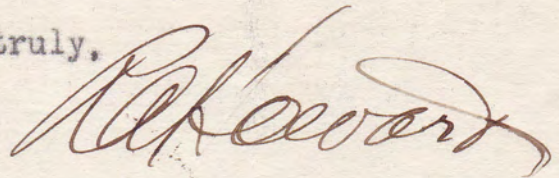
You state that you have sent the matter to Pennsylvania Railroad with instructions to adjust the matter with the Indian school. This is perfectly satisfactory with me, and the statement made by Mr. Francis is correct. However, Mr. Francis has called on me to reimburse the school for the amount of the ticket and has advised me of the amount send him. I was waiting until this matter was adjusted before sending him the amount.

I will, therefore, be pleased to have you advise me the basis of the settlement, so that I may settle with the Indian school.

Yours truly,

RAH:SS

C. C.  
John Francis, Supt.  
Carlisle, Pa.



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September 4, 1917.

R. A. Howard,  
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

I am in receipt of P. R. R. voucher #26644 for \$2.55 which was refunded on a ticket from Carlisle, Pa. un-used from Ardmore, Oklahoma, which ticket was purchased for Cora James through the authorities of this school.

The original ticket for Cora James was \$38.66 which less the \$2.55 refunded leaves the cost to the school for the transportation of Cora to be \$36.11.

As you have advised me of your willingness to re-imburse the school for the transportation of Cora home, you are informed that the amount now due is \$36.11 and I will be pleased to have you remit to me as the superintendent of the school.

Thanking you for your usual courtesy,  
I remain

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

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September 1, 1917.

Mr. W. A. Bender  
Ticket Agent C.V.R.R.  
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of a P.R.R. voucher #26644  
for \$2.55 this being a refund on a portion of a ticket  
Carlisle, Pa. to Ardmore, Oklahoma, un-used from ~~Enid~~,  
Oklahoma, this ticket having been purchased for the  
use of Cora James from Carlisle Indian School funds.

*El Reno*

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Copy to R. A. Howard  
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

4769  
The Cumberland Valley Railroad Company

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 30th. 17.

cc

Mr. Kohn Francis Jr.

Supt. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I enclose P.R.R. voucher No. 26644 for \$2.55  
in favor of the Carlisle Indian School . This is in refund of  
the value of unused ticket , El Reno to Ardmore, Okla. issued  
to Cora James , an Indian girl, on June 11th. 1917, referred to  
in papers I had referred to you some days ago.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of same .

Yours very truly,

*W. F. Bunde* T.A.

OR. 305-

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