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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 5527	ENGLISH NAME Elmer E. Coats	AGENCY Union	NATION Cherokee
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Susie D. Coats, Pryor Ok.	
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD 3/8	AGE 15	HEIGHT
FATHER D.	MOTHER 2.	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 9, 1916	FOR WHAT PERIOD Three yrs	DATE DISCHARGED Mar. 12, 1918	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Termination of leave
TO COUNTRY 2-12-18	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS On leave		FROM COUNTRY

DRAW-WALKER, MUSKOGEE, MICHIGAN. 43445

Months in school before Carlisle, 6 yrs

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....

Grade at date of Discharge, .....

Trade or Industry, .....

Church, Methodist

ok.

5-192a

BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

*Susie D Coats*

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*Elmer E. Coats*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

*Carlisle*

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Date of enrollment, \_\_\_\_\_, 191

Term of enrollment, \_\_\_\_\_ ( 3 ) 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, Penna.

of Elmer E. Coats ; male ; age 15 ; date of birth Sept. 4, 1901 ;  
(Name of child.) (Sex.)  
Cherokee 6938 - 3/8  
(Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. <small>(Both Indian and English.)</small>	LIVING OR DEAD.	TRIBE.	BAND.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>James Coats</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Cherokee</u>		<u>One-Fourth</u>
NAME OF MOTHER.				
<u>Susie D. Coats</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>Cherokee</u>		<u>One-half</u>

I, Susie D. Coats, 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.
1. <u>District Schools</u>				<u>7th</u>
2.				
3.				
4.				

Susie D. Coats  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

P. O. address: Pryor, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1916

J. D. Hillier 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) was voluntary.

(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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 1916

A. D. Wyle  
SUPERVISOR  
Agent or Superintendent.

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

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

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

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

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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.



PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE

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

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.

SPECIAL NOTE

This form must be filled in duplicate with a copy sent from a reservation to a nonreservation school. The superintendent of the nonreservation school will retain the original for his files and the duplicate will be returned to the reservation school official. The reservation official should send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs a copy of the form provided in law. All the blanks must be properly filled in every case. If the information called for on any part of the form is not known, that part should be blank. The parent should be notified by mail or in person. Whether the parent is living or dead, their names must be given. The parent who signs the form on behalf of the reservation should forward the duplicate to the applicant by mailing out the word "parent" or "next of kin" having removed only the name of the applicant to the space.

5761  
June 16, 1917.

Mrs. Susie D. Coats,  
Strang, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Your letter enclosing a draft for \$72.00 to be used for the return home of your son Elmer, has been received.

In reply I have to say that I am not allowing any of the boys to go home to spend the vacation just now, owing to the fact that we have lost a great number of our boys through their joining the Army or Navy, and because of their going under the outing to farm.

We have two farms at the school and need quite a number of boys here to carry on the work connected therewith.

Perhaps later on in the summer if Elmer has not changed his mind at that time about spending his vacation at home, I may be able to spare him and send him to you. If you approve I will place the money you sent to his credit until I am able to tell what we can do about this matter.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

O.P. 217



you again -

your truly -

Lucie D Coats

Strang Okla

Mr John Francis jr -

Dear Sir I am  
am sending \$72.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
for Amos B Coats  
return home during  
vacation. his Carfare  
is \$32.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> each way  
I am sending \$40.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
for his expenses and  
care of me home at  
this time and I will

give him the money  
for his incidental  
expenses when he  
starts back to Colida

in September and  
I wish to say that the  
application Blank sent  
to me to fill out for

Oliver's return has been  
misplaced and I fail  
to find it at all. but  
send me an other one  
and I will gladly fill  
it out and send it  
by return mail when

<sup>3</sup>  
I receive it - and send  
Oliver I am sure  
you will put him  
in care of conductor  
I would be glad if  
he can reach in Payor  
by the 17th or 18th as  
I will be in Payor at  
that time. Thanking  
you for your part of caring  
for Oliver and his  
Report at the end of  
each month has been  
satisfactory. Thanking  
over



CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

4888

No. 5527

NAME. Coates Elmer E.

AGE. 15 TRIBE. Cherokee

DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD. 7/8

NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY. Pryor Reservation, Muskogean, Okla.

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.)		
9/9/16	54		5	1/8	To COUNTRY	FROM COUNTRY	DATE DISCHARGED
			VI		FEB 12 1918		MAR 12 1918

Methodist  
~ 1839 ~

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

May 24, 1917, 191

This certifies that Elmer Coates (Name of student.)

has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School (Name of school.)

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
English	V	84
General Exercises		80
Arithmetic		69
Geography		62
Physiology and Hygiene		74
Writing		84
Drawing		77

Effort

Department

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.
Printing		90

and is not eligible to pursue work in the Sixth grade, academic; and (Cancel one.) grade or year vocational.

John Francis Superintendent.

Chas Blair Principal.



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Department

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Printing		90

and is ~~not~~ eligible to pursue work in the Sixth grade, academic; and grade or year vocational.

J. HOWARD LANG  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
PRYOR, OKLAHOMA

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October 11, 1916.

Mrs. Susie Coates,  
Pryor, Oklahoma.

Dear Mrs. Coates:

Your letter of Oct. 3rd enclosing report card of your son Elmer, has been received. I have handed the card to our Principal and no doubt Elmer will now get straightened out in his school work. Our school is graded higher than most public schools and many students who come to us are unable to make the grades they were in at public school.

Very respectfully,

L/B

Superintendent.



MA  
Pryor, Oklahoma, October 3, 1916.

Superintendent U. S. I. S.,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:-

My son who is there in school complains of being put back the in the Fifth Grade and I am herewith enclosing you his report cardso that you may look over it. I thought perhaps the boy was just homesick and using that for an ~~reason~~ excuse to come home.

Yours Truly,

% Susie Coates

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Sept. 27th, 1916.

Elmer

Mrs. Susie D. Coats,  
Pryor, Oklahoma.

My dear Madam:

I have received your letter of the 23rd instant and have noted therein that you would like to have it arranged so that your boy can return home. In reply to your letter I must state that there is no reason at all why such a request should be granted and before any consideration is given it I would have to be advised by Supervisor Wyly what action in the case would meet with his approval.

Your boy cannot well be given much training in one of our trades because he is not old enough and does not have the physical strength to do the manual labor that is required to gain proficiency in a trade. If he remains, however, he can gradually be given the trade work you desire he shall have and will then be profited here as you anticipated when you allowed him to come.

Hoping you will yet decide to let Elmer remain at Carlisle, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supvr. Wyly.)



Prayer Okla  
Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1916

Mr Simpson

Supt of Carlisle  
School

I wish to ask you  
information in regard to  
Elmer Coats my boy at  
The Carlisle Indian School  
I want to know if he can  
come home if I should  
send his fare back home  
at any time. I may need  
him and I can put him

in school. <sup>2</sup> he being so  
young I would like to  
advance him in academic  
I wish for him to learn a  
trade but he writes me  
that he can not for good  
while yet. any favor  
granted me will be highly  
appreciated. and later  
he may be able to return  
to Caliste. I did not  
under stand about your  
school as I should until  
after sending him. I do  
not say that school is  
not good for I do think  
it is grand place. but  
I believe it would have  
been better to have  
advanced more in his  
studies before sending  
him there of which I did  
not give the full consideration  
as I should - please  
inform me at once  
thanking you.

Susie D Coats Pryor



J. HOWARD LANGLEY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
PRYOR, OKLAHOMA

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Feb. 13, 1917.

Mrs. Jennie Coates,  
Pryor, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 8th making inquiry regarding Elmer Coates has been received and referred to the physician in charge at the present time. He reports that he examined Elmer this morning and found his condition normal. Elmer has been in the hospital this winter two times with sore throat and grippe. He is in quarters now apparently very well.

Trusting that this is the information you desire,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

Elmer Coates  
Mrs. Jennie Coates

Rep. 13 JAJA

Pryor, Oklahoma, Feb'y. 8, 1917.

Supt. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please advise me whether or not Elmer Coates is sick or not, I have not heard from him for nearly three weeks and am very anxious to know. Also whether or not he has been suffering from Appendicitis or not. He is subject to it.

I am enclosing stamped envelope for reply.

Yours very truly

Jennie Coates



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May 7, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

I have a letter from Mrs. S.D.Coates  
requesting the return home for the summer of  
her son Elmer who is at present a pupil of this  
school.

Will you please let me have your ad-  
vice and recommendation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

cc Susie D.Coates,  
R.F.D.#2,  
Adair, Okla.

Adair

5/14 1917

John Francis

Dear Sir -

I wish to write

you in regards to my son  
Olmer & Coats. who is in  
Carlisle Indian School and  
will say that I need him at  
home during vacation very  
much I am living on a farm  
and Olmer is part of my dependence  
for help in making our living  
I have just one boy beside Olmer  
large enough to help me I am  
a widow woman and mine



my family 4 boys and  
4 girls - and my self. The  
oldest of my family is a girl.  
and you may have an idea  
about my position but we  
are farming and I want  
Elmer during vacation and  
make an effort for his  
transposition from Carlisle  
you will please let me know  
if I can have Elmer during  
vacation waiting to reply  
I remain

Doris D. Coats.

Rt 2

Adair Okla.

561

May 15, 1917.

Mrs. Susie D. Coats  
Adair, Oklahoma. RFD#2

Dear Madam:-

I have Supervisor <sup>Carly</sup>'s recommendation that Elmer Coats be allowed to go home to spend his summer vacation, provided his conduct while at Carlisle warranted his having this privilege granted him.

Elmer has made a good record here and I have no objection to his going home for the summer. I enclose herewith a Vacation Request blank for you to fill and return to me. You will note that we require a deposit of money enough to pay his fare home and also enough to pay his way back to Carlisle in September. You can send a check when you return the Vacation blank.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD-Inclosure

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. May 11, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

Replying to your letter of the 7th, relative to Elmer Coats returning home for the vacation months, I know of no reason why permission should not be granted him to do this provided his record is good at Carlisle and he and his mother comply with your requirements.

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Mule*  
Supervisor.

ASW-GH



561

June 27, 1917.

Mrs. Susie D. Coats  
Adair, Oklahoma. ~~RRD~~#2

Dear Madam:-

It will not be possible for me to send your son Elmer home until after harvest. We have put in large crops which must be cared for. While Elmer probably does not work on the farm, he is doing other work which is necessary to keep up the school. I will be better able to tell you about the middle of July, whether Elmer can be spared for a few weeks' visit home.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Adair Okla.

6/23 1917

Mr John Francis jr.  
Dear Sir -

Your letter

of 16<sup>th</sup> just received  
acknowledging the receipt  
of Draft of \$42.00 for  
Vacation Expenses. I  
am sorry that Mr  
Caw not return at this  
time I had hoped so  
much that he could come  
as I stated before that  
I needed him so much  
when I requested for  
his privilege of coming  
home - as I stated that

2  
I have only one boy at  
home that I am depend-  
ent on him and our  
family of little children  
are so small to be any  
help to us, and my boys  
health is not very good  
which adds our need  
of help, and people  
in our Country are  
gaming so extensively  
this year that it is  
almost imposible to  
get help and large  
portion of the boys  
in this Country have  
also joined the army  
or navy, I regard the  
rules and regulation of-



3  
Miss School, and  
am sorry that my  
condition and circumstances  
are such that I am  
asking you a favor if  
there is any chance that  
you can spare a letter  
to send him to me.

I can send you proof  
to my statement if  
you desire. I will again  
wait for immediate  
response to my petition.

Yours truly  
Susie D. Coats

Alair  
Okla

Rt 2

561 6/21 1917

Mr John Francis jr.

Dear Sir

As I have not  
received no word from  
you since sending you  
the Draft of \$72  $\frac{00}{100}$  for  
Ellmer & Coats expenses  
and car fare from  
Carlsle to Puy or home  
during vacation. I send  
it on 12<sup>th</sup> of June  
and have not heard from  
him or from you, and  
I am very anxious to know  
some thing about it  
please let me hear from  
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you at once and the  
amount I sent was  
all so for his car fare  
back to Carlisle in  
September hoping  
for early response

Yours truly  
Susie D. Coats

Adair  
Rt 2. Okla.



561

July 11, 1917.

Mrs. Susie D. Coates,  
E. F. D. #2,  
Afton, Okla.

Dear madam:

Complying with your request that I return to you the money which you had deposited here for the return home of your son Elmer, I enclose herewith a check for \$69.00.

You will note that Elmer has drawn out \$3.00 of this amount.

I have talked with Elmer and have read him your letter, and of course while he felt disappointed I think he has become reconciled now to the idea of remaining here for the summer. He is well and is getting along nicely with his work in the print shop. He has gained considerably since he came last fall and is very much stronger looking. I think you will be pleased to know this.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

ENC.

7/2 1917

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LANDS

John Francis Jr.

Dear Sir —

I wish to say in Response to your letter in regards to Elmer's return home during vacation. His return after the harvest time will not help me out so please return the money back to me as soon as I am in need very much. and please talk to Elmer. and tell him as kindly as you know how. That it will be impossible for him to see his mother and home folks this year. he has wrote me and ask me to let him come and see during this summer knowing Elmer's love for home I make this request of you. and I am sorrow the conditions are such that he cannot come

Thank you

yours truly

Susie D. Coats

Adair

Okla

R.R. 2



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.

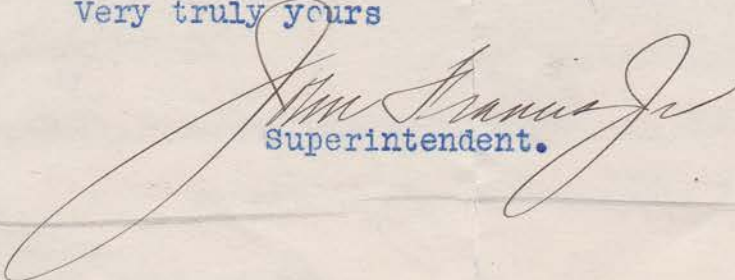
June 27, 1917.

Mrs. Susie D. Coats  
Adair, Oklahoma. RFD#2

Dear Madam:-

It will not be possible for me to send your son Elmer home until after harvest. We have put in large crops which must be cared for. While Elmer probably does not work on the farm, he is doing other work which is necessary to keep up the school. I will be better able to tell you about the middle of July, whether Elmer can be spared for a few weeks' visit home.

Very truly yours

  
Superintendent.

NRD



OFFICERS  
J. W. SHUTT, President  
H. A. SMITH, Vice President  
J. T. YEATES, Vice President  
ARTHUR CARNES, Cashier

THE FIRST STATE BANK

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July 27, 1917.

Mr. Arthur Carnes, Cashier  
The First State Bank  
Strang, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

I am returning herewith check for \$69.00  
on the Farmers Trust Company, Carlisle, Pa. made  
payable to Mrs. Susie Coats and signed by Elmer E.  
Coats, as per the request contained in your letter  
dated July 23, 1917.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Inclosure.

# THE FIRST STATE BANK

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.00

STRANG, OKLA.

DIRECTORS

J. W. SHUTT

R. A. SMITH

J. T. YEATES

KARL J. MOORE

ARTHUR CARNES

July 23, 1917.

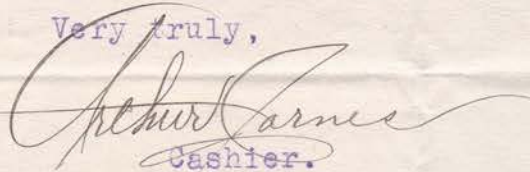
Mr. John Francis Jr.,  
Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:

You will please see that the attached check is properly signed and return same to us in the enclosed self addressed and stamped envelope.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly,

  
Cashier.

Check favor Susie D. Coats \$69.00

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December 13, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst recommending the return home of Elmer Coats a pupil of this school. You do this for the reason that Elmer is un-restricted, will have good school advantages near his home and because his mother needs him .

Elmer has no funds here with which to pay his expenses home. I will comply with your recommendation and send him to his mother when she sends the necessary funds to pay his expenses home.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD  
Copy to Mrs. Susie D. Coats



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS  
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, Dec. 8, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

Referring to Elmer Coats, a 3/8 blood Cherokee Indian enrolled at Carlisle, a blank to test eligibility was recently sent to his mother but yesterday she came to Muskogee to see me relative to his release.

Mrs. Coats says that she lives in the country on her farm and that there is a village school within about two miles, where ten grades are maintained. Mrs. Coats' husband is not living and her oldest son has been drafted for Army service and she represents that Elmer is badly needed at home to assist her in keeping the family together and running the farm.

Inasmuch as Elmer is unrestricted and now has good school advantages near his home and his mother needs his services, I respectfully recommend that he be given permission to return home provided his expenses are paid from personal funds and the school is reimbursed money that may have been advanced on account of transportation.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Wely.*  
Supervisor.

ASW-GH

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January 7, 1913.

Mrs. Susie D. Coats  
RFD#2  
Adair, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:-

The money you sent for the return home of your son Elmer has been received and placed to his credit.

I telegraphed Mr. Wily on the 19th of December asking him to give me a general report on the cases of children from his jurisdiction whose parents had requested their return home so that I might be able to put the entire matter up to the Indian Office at one time. I have not heard from Mr. Wily yet but when I do, I shall take up the matter of your son's return home again.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Copy to A. S. Wily

Adair Okla RR &

Mr John Francis jr -

Dear Sir -

Having not heard  
from you or Elmer since I  
sent the Draft of \$43.57 for  
the Car fare and expenses of Elmer  
return home, and I am  
very anxious to know what  
is the matter I have not heard  
from either of you nor  
Elmer has never arrived  
home. please let me know  
some thing about it immediately  
Yours truly -

Susie D. Coates

Adair Okla

RR-2.



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

## Confirmation of Telegram

Mail to

Muskogee, Okla.  
Jan. 8, 1918.

Francis, Supt.,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Refer my letter December eighth and your reply  
thirteenth relative Elmer Coates. His mother anxious he  
come home at once.

Wyly.

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Superintendent.

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To <u>Francis, Supt.,</u> <u>Carlisle, Pa.</u>		From <u>Albert S. Wylly</u> <small>(Print or typewrite name of sender.)</small>		<u>Jan. 8, 1918.</u> <small>(Date.)</small>
				<u>Supervisor of Indian Schools.</u> <small>(Title of sender.)</small>

Refer my letter December eighth and your reply thirteenth relative Elmer Coate. His mother anxious he come home at once.

(signed) Wylly

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Supervisor Indian Schools.

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Ind. Sch. F.C.Y. 1918.

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Carlisle, Pa.  
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MUSKOGEE OKLA 952 AM JAN Y 8TH 1918

FRANCIS SUPT.

CARLISLE PA.

REFER MY LETTER DEC EIGHTH AND YOUR REPLY THIRTEENTH RELATIVE  
ELMER COATS HIS MOTHER ANXIOUS HE COME HOME AT ONCE.

WYLY.

1112 AM.

Telephone No.	
Telephoned to	<i>Mrs G</i>
Time Delivered	<i>1118am</i>
By	<i>L To Be Weld</i>
Attempts to Deliver	



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January 31, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 26th inst relative  
to the return home of Elmer Coats, received.

I have requested authority from  
the Office to send this boy with several others  
to their homes. I would very much prefer to  
have these children leave the school at one  
time as it disturbs the pupils here and dis-  
organizes the work of the school, to have them  
leave one or two at a time. If the authority  
is not granted before the 15th, I shall see  
that Elmer goes home anyway. Please notify his mother.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, Jan. 26, 1918.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

Referring to former correspondence concerning Elmer Coats, a Cherokee boy of less than one-half Indian blood, attending Carlisle, I am enclosing herewith a letter just received from his mother. It will be noted she states her older son leaves for the Training Camp on the 15th of February and she is very desirous of having Elmer come home prior to that time.

Please advise me what disposition was made of his case.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Wally,*  
Supervisor.

Encl.  
ASW-GH

1/25-1918

Office of  
Superintendent of Schools  
MUSKOGEE, OKLA.  
JAN 26 1918

Mr A-S-Wy

Dear Sir

I wish to get  
 information in regard to my son  
 in Carlisle and the reason he  
 has not been sent home  
 I have sent the money to  
 Mr Francis for my boy's  
 ticket and expenses as I  
 was requested, and I am  
 very anxious of his return  
 home. as my older son  
 leaves for military training  
 Camp 15<sup>th</sup> of February  
 which leaves me alone with  
 only the small children,  
 thanking you for all the favor  
 given me - your truly  
 Susie D. Costo  
 RR 2 - Adair Okla



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12/19/1917

Mr John Francis jr

a letter to Mr

A-S-Wyly - and a copy  
to myself - in regards to  
Oliver & Coats return home  
was received. and I enclose  
~~with~~ the amount for car  
fare which is \$32.43. out  
Mr. K. T. Pa-line of \$10.37  
for his incidental expenses.  
and wish to pay, kind. Oliver  
as early as possible so I may  
start him to school the second  
December. Thanking you for your  
care and kindness to Oliver during  
his stay in Carleton. Lucie D. Coats  
D. R. 9. Adair Okla

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To <b>Mrs. Susie D. Coats</b> <b>Dryer, Oklahoma</b>		Carlisle, Pa. Feb. 13, 1918. <small>(Place.)</small> <span style="float: right;"><small>(Date.)</small></span>		
		From <b>John Francis, Jr.</b> <small>(Print or typewrite name of sender.)</small>		
		<b>Superintendent.</b> <small>(Title of sender.)</small>		

Minor left Carlisle last evening for Dryer.

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# The Cumberland Valley Railroad Company

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Carlisle, Pa. Feb. 12th. 18.

Indian Industrial School,

To Cumberland Valley Railroad Co. --- Dr.

One ticket Carlisle to Pryor, Okla. ----- \$32.59

Tax----- 2.61

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\$ 35.20

Elmer Coats



Received payment,  
W. T. Seade