

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, April 3, 1916.

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



Dear Mr. Lipps:

I am enclosing herewith the application of J. H. Cox for the enrollment of Luther Thornton and statements from W. Louis Anderson and Judge J.H.Casteel, of Murray County, Oklahoma. I have asked Judge Casteel to advise me when the boy leaves for Carlisle and I shall immediately notify you.

Luther is enrolled opposite to Roll No.674, Choctaw rolls and he is 7/8 Indian blood. His mother, Sylvia Thornton, is enrolled as 3/4 and his father's name does not appear on the roll; it is presumed that he died before the roll was made.

Very respectfully,

A. S. Wyly,
Supervisor.

Encl.
ASW GH

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

5613

NUMBER 5498	ENGLISH NAME Luther Thornton	AGENCY Union	NATION Choctaw
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS J. H. Co. Sulfur, W. Va.	
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD R	BLOOD 1/4	AGE 16	HEIGHT
FATHER	MOTHER	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Apr. 12. 1916	FOR WHAT PERIOD Five years	DATE DISCHARGED	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE

TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS	FROM COUNTRY
5-31-16	Hugh McCullough, Newville, Pa. R. F. D.	9-1-16
9-8-16	R. K. Edwards, Maryland, Pa.	8-31-17
4-5-18	R. K. Edwards, Maryland, Pa.	
4-16-18	Deserted	

SHAW-WALKER, MUSEUM, MONTANA 43425

Months in school before Carlisle, 5 yrs.

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church, Methodist

1/2 mi. to school

5-192a



BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

J. H. Cox

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Luther Thornton

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Penna.

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, Penn'a.

of Luther Thornton; male; age 16; date of birth _____;
(Name of child.) (Sex.)

Choctaw # 674-7/8
(Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. (Both Indian and English.)	LIVING OR DEAD.	TRIBE.	BAND.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>Bob Thornton</u> NAME OF MOTHER.	<u>unknown</u>			
<u>Sylvia Thornton</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Choctaw</u>		<u>Three fourths</u>

I, J. H. Cox, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to his
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)
 enrollment in said school for a period of five 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.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

P. O. address: Sulphur,
Oklahoma

Two witnesses:

John G. Harte
J. W. Castle

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 18 day of March, 1916

J. A. Adams, County Physician

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 J. H. Cox
(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 3rd day of April, 1916

APPROVED:

A. D. Hyley

SUPERVISOR

Agent or Superintendent.

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby certify that on _____, I made a careful examination of the physical condition of _____
(As soon after arrival as possible.)
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 _____, 1916

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.

April 18th, 1916.

Hon. J. H. Casteel,
Sulphur, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

Luther Thornton arrived at Carlisle last evening and presented the letter of the 10th instant you so kindly gave him. It was arranged at once to have him properly assigned and in a very few days he should be doing our regular school work.

Trusting we can do for the boy what is now anticipated by you and the other friends who are interested in him, I am,

Very respectfully,

HMM.

Acting Superintendent.

4-12-16.

Mr. Meyer -

Luther Thornton arrived at 6²⁰ pm. at Supt's office & I sent him to Mr. Denny for assignment to quarters.

for

April 13th, 1916.

Mr. A. S. Wyly,
Supervisor of Indian Schools,
Muskogee, Okla.

My dear Mr. Wyly:

Luther Thornton arrived at Carlisle last evening and was at once assigned to Quarters and otherwise cared for. This morning he has been examined by our physician and in a very few days he should be doing our regular school work.

Hoping we can soon submit satisfactory reports regarding his progress to you and others who are interested in his welfare, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

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Luther Thornton
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SULPHUR
JANUARY
APRIL
JULY
OCTOBER

DAVIS
FEBRUARY
MAY
AUGUST
NOVEMBER

J H. CASTEEL
COUNTY JUDGE

SULPHUR, OKLA.,

April, 10, 1916.

President, Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter is Luther Thornton, the Indian boy who recently procured permission to enter your school through the assistance of the Honorable A. S. Wyly. He is an orphan boy and has not had good opportunities but I am sure he will make good and that the training and influences of your great school will make him a good and useful man.

Please notify me upon his arrival.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Casteel

Davis Okla


May 27 1946

Further Thornton Dear sir i will
ack your letter and will say that
i am sending you and andrew some
money i will send a check for \$20 dollars
Twenty dollars that will be 10 dollars
a piece will say that i want him to
see the land i think the most of
andrews is all good land i am to get
all i can for you boys to have when
when you come back i will send you
both a littel money a long as you need
it i want you both to write to me
and let me know if you get your money
or not i havent time to write more this
time will write more next time i am
in a hurry we as all will hope you both
the same will close for this time
i remain as ever yours truly
J H Cox



I, J. H. Casteel, the duly elected, qualified and acting County Judge of Murray County, Oklahoma, hereby certify and state that I have known Luther Thornton, an Indian minor, whose application for enrollment in the Carlisle Indian School is hereto attached for several years and know him to be a bright, ambitious, industrious Indian boy.

While he has had rather poor opportunities, he is ambitious to obtain a good education and is especially anxious to be enrolled in the Carlisle School for the reason that he has a half brother, Andrew Goforth, now in that institution, and for the further reason that he has often been told that the students turned out of this institution are well equipped for good citizenship and the sundry duties of a successful life.

A circular embossed seal of Murray County, Oklahoma, is visible on the left side of the page. It features the words "MURRAY COUNTY, OKLA." around the perimeter and "J. H. CASTEEL" in the center.
J. H. Casteel
County Judge.

Pupil's Report Card

MURRAY COUNTY

Public Schools

MISS NOLA R. HILL, *Superintendent.*



School Year 1915 1916

Report of

Luther Thornton
Rocky Point School

Class A Grade 3rd

Promoted to Fourth B Class

W. Louis Anderson
Teacher

REPORT OF GRADES

SCHOOL YR.

191 5 191 6

REPORTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AGRICULTURE									
ARITHMETIC	80	82	84	80					
CIVICS									
COMPOSITION	82	84	83	81					
DRAWING									
DOM. SCIENCE									
GEOGRAPHY									
GRAM or LANG	80	83	80	82					
HISTORY STATE									
HISTORY U. S.									
MUSIC									
PHYSIOLOGY									
READING	89	92	94	92					
SPELLING	90	93	92	90					
WRITING	80	84	84	82					
CARE TEETH									
CLEANLINESS									
DAYS ABSENT	3	1	0	4					
TIMES TARDY	0	0	0	0					
TIMES TRUANT	0	0	0	0					

EXPLANATION OF GRADES

1—Excellent, 90 to 100 per cent

3—Fair or Pass, 70 to 79 per cent

2—Good, 80 to 89 per cent

4—Unsatisfactory, 60 to 69 per cent

5—Poor, Less Than 60 per cent.

PLACE CROSS MARK (X) OPPOSITE ITEM TO
WHICH ATTENTION IS CALLED

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
WASTES TIME									
CARELESS WORK									
COPIES TOO MUCH									
GIVES UP TOO EASILY									
IMPROVING									
INATTENTIVE									
PROMOTION IN DANGER									
CAPABLE OF DOING BETTER									
WORK FALLING OFF									
GRADE TOO DIFFICULT									
NEEDS HOME STUDY									
WORK SATISFACTORY									
TAKES INTEREST		X							
INCLINED TO MISCHIEF									
NERVOUS									
WHISPERS TOO MUCH									
IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE									
CONDUCT GOOD		X	X						
TOO MUCH TARDINESS									
EYES WEAK									
HEARING DEFECTIVE									

HOME CREDIT REPORTS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

To the Parents

This report is sent to you in order that you may know of the work that is being done by your child in school. Please examine it carefully each time received and talk it over with your child. If the marking is not satisfactory please confer with the teacher about the matter.

“THE HOME AND THE SCHOOL SHOULD WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHILD.”

After examining card please sign promptly and return to teacher.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

1st Report

2d Report

3d Report

4th Report

5th Report

6th Report

7th Report

8th Report

9th Report



State of Oklahoma,)
) ss.
County of Murray.)

I, W. Lewis Anderson, being of lawful age, do state that Luther Thornton has been a student of Rocky Point School District Number Twenty-three, of Murray County, Oklahoma, for the past three years, and has been under my charge for the past school term; that he is an apt pupil and has done exceptionally well considering the difficulties under which he has labored.

Herewith attached find Report of Grades covering this term up to the present time. He is capable of doing Fourth Grade work.

W. Lewis Anderson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 14th. day of March, 1916.

Dessal L. Harris
Deputy Court Clerk.



Nov 11 - \$20 - Denny
Dec 20 - \$20 -

220

February 13, 1917.

Russell K. Edwards,
Ivyland, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Luther Thornton has written to Mrs. Denny saying that he is in need of a warm sweater and other clothing and would like to have the \$20.00 which came from his home recently for him sent to him. It was not very long ago that I sent Luther a check for \$20.00. If you think that he needs any more clothing will you please let me know about how much money he needs and I will sent it to you to be spent under your supervision. I hardly think that he would need all of the \$20.00.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

5 Dec 16

\$35.22

the money to buy the stamps
with. Because they will be
glad to hear from you.
How much money have
you drawn from the bank
here? They sent you
twenty dollars didn't they
some time ago if that is
all they have sent you.
Well you have twenty
more in the bank here
so if you need any write
to Mrs Nellie R. Perry.
Cousin Will says you
are 17 or 18 years old but
know exactly I don't

think your are more than
16 years old. Do all you
can in school to advance
in your grades. I hope
you are working harder
than I am in school.

Mr Lipp isn't Superintendent
out here any more.

I am going to write to
Cousin Bill and Aunt
Maggie today.

I will try to write
more next times
Good bye.

Andrew.

You well...

Farm

ELL K. EDWARDS
MARKET GARDENER

IVYLAND, PA.,

191

Mrs. Denny,
Dear Friend,

Andrew wrote
me last week and said I
have Twenty dollars more in
Bank. Said I should write
to you if I needed any
money. I would like to buy
a warm sweater & some
other clothes, so would you
kindly ^{send} me the Twenty dollars
that is in Bank for me.

I am well, go to school
& try to study. Trust this finds
you well.

Yours Respt.
Arthur Shortton
Ivyland Pa.

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CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



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Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT

130 West High St.
Carlisle, Pa.

3G-S

21 GOVT

MUSKOGEE OKLA 1034 AM APL 16 1918

FRANCIS SUPT

CARLISLE PA.

LUTHER THORNTON BORN JULY TWENTY FIFTH NINETEEN HUNDRED AND LEON
MELVILLE DECEMBER NINTH NINETEEN HUNDRED ONE.

WYLY

1152 AM

Telephone No.	
Telephoned to Mrs Denney	
Time Delivered 1154 am	
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Attempts to Deliver	

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TO OFFICER SENDING TELEGRAM.

1. Keep copy on this form for your files.
2. Mail confirmation to addressee indicating that purpose by check mark in this circle. ☐
3. Mail copy to your Supervising Field Office, if any.

MEMORANDUM COPY
OF OFFICIAL TELEGRAM

Will NOT be accepted if presented by Telegraph Company attached to bill for tolls, in lieu of original message.

Receiver's No.—	Time Filed—	Paid <u>2024</u>	Word <u>day</u>	Government rate—Toll, \$
Sent by <u>Western Union</u>		(Day or night.)		
(Name of company.)		Telegraph Co.	<u>Carlisle, Pa.</u>	<u>April 16, 1916.</u>
<u>Wily, Supervisor</u>			(Place.)	(Date.)
To <u>Muskogee, Oklahoma.</u>		From <u>John Francis, Jr.</u>	(Print or typewrite name of sender.)	
		<u>Superintendent.</u>	(Title of sender.)	

Wire definite date of births of Luther Thornton and Leon Melville.

Carlisle Indian School, Pa.

Charge : _____
(If not paid in cash, insert name of office to which bill should be presented for payment.)

PAID _____ By SENDER.
(Insert "In cash," if so paid.)

Appropriation: _____

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April 17, 1918.

Mr. Russell K. Edwards
Ivyland, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter telling me of Luther Thornton's desertion, received. If he is located, we can arrange to return him to you as I have no other boy to send you from the school now.

If Luther does not return to you, please send his clothing to the school, charges collect unless he has money in your hands to pay the express charges. Did he remain with you long enough to earn the fare you advanced for him ?

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

April 25, 1918.

Mr. J. H. Cox
Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

This isto inform you that on April 5th
your ward Luther Thornton was placed in an outing
home with Russell K. Edwards of Ivyland, Pennsyl-
vania and that a few days later he deserted from
this home. If you hear from him from any other
address than the above, please wire me so we may
have him returned to the school.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

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

Confirmation of Telegram

Churchill, Pa., April 15, 1918.

John Francis, Jr.,
Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.

Luther Thornton left his home yesterday.
Has not returned.

Russell K. Edwards.

Col. W.U.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT RATE { PAID
COLLECT

Charge.....

Sent M.
(Eastern time.)

By
(Name of Telegraph Company)

.....
Superintendent.

Per

All messages phoned to city telegraph offices, unless otherwise noted.

OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

220

Name of Student

Luther Thornton

Home Address

J. H. Cox.

Tribe

Choctaw

Age at Entrance

16

Date of Entrance

4-12-16

Shop

JAN.

FEB.

MAR.

APR.

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUG.

SEPT.

OCT.

NOV.

DEC.

TOTAL OR AVERAGE

Patron

Locality

Days in School

Address

R. R. Station

Conduct

Recommended by

Grade in School

Ability

Grade of Home

Church

Health

Date of Outing

4-12-16

Date Returned

9-1-16

Wages

Earnings

P. R. Edwards
Dryden d. Pa.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

June 14, 1918., 191

This certifies that Luther Thornton
(Name of student.)
 has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School
(Name of school.)

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
English	Fourth	70
General Exercises	"	59
Arithmetic	"	31
Physiology and Hygiene	"	70
Geography	"	71
Writing	"	69
Drawing	"	69

Effort _____

Deportment _____

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.
Industrial		89

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

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