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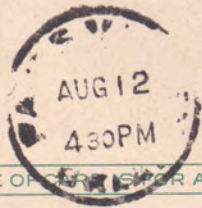
Hallo There ~~Placher~~

Mrs. J. F. Duran:

Dear Sir:

I will drop to you a  
 great pleasure to you want  
 you to send me Carlisle-  
 arrow for Graduating Class Picture  
 19-17, and, 1918, both Please. I for  
 got about it, when I left the Carlisle  
 yours truly M. M. Cotton, Ardmore.  
 ans. soon. Okla.

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THIS SIDE OF THE SEAL OR ADDRESS

1918

Mr. Jacob F. Duran  
 Carlisle Ind. School,  
 Penna.

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

5170

NUMBER 5520	ENGLISH NAME Willie Cotton	AGENCY Union Choctaw	NATION
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS P. O. Dings, Edm. Edmore, Okla.	
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE 4/4 19	HEIGHT
FATHER <i>D</i>	MOTHER <i>Z</i>	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 9, 1916	FOR WHAT PERIOD Three years	DATE DISCHARGED July 22, 1918	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS	FROM COUNTRY	

SHAW-WALKER, MUSKOGEE, MICHIGAN. 43445

Months in school before Carlisle, *4 years*

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....

Grade at date of Discharge, .....

Trade or Industry, .....

Church, *Baptist*

OK ✓  
**Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully**

RECEIVED  
SUP. CIVIC TRIBES  
AUG 9 1916  
72425

**BRIEF.**

Application of

P. C. Dings - Gdn.

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Willie Cotton

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 Penn

of Willie Cotton; male; date of birth Sept. 25. 1897

(Name of Child)

(Sex)

Miss. Choctaw - 756 - 7.

(Tribe)

NAME OF FATHER (Both Indian and English)	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
	Dead.	Miss. Choctaw		Full
NAME OF MOTHER				
<u>Eliza Isaac</u> <u>Wm.</u>	Living	Miss Choctaw		Full

I, P.C. Dings, Gdn of Willie Cotton, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to his

enrollment in said school for a period of three years, and also obligate myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian Schools.

(Not less than 3)

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL	DATE OF ENROLLMENT	DATE OF DISCHARGE	CAUSE	GRADE
1.			<u>County schools of Ardmore</u>	<u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
2.				
3.				
4.				

P.C. Dings - Gdn

(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Ardmore Ok

Two Witnesses:

[Signature]  
[Signature]

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1916

W. Hardy  
Physician at Anderson 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.

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

A. S. Wiley  
Agent or Superintendent.

SUPERVISOR

**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.

## 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.

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

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SUPT. 5 CIVIC TRIBES  
AUG 9 1916  
No. 72425

Date of report

Name of child Willie Cotton Age 19 Grade 8th grade.

Home post office Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Tribe Mississippi Choctaw Degree of Indian blood full-blood.

How many acres of land do you own 230<sup>60</sup> Location Garvin Co. Okla

What is the annual income from your land One Hundred Fifty dollars

Do you have any other income Yes How much Govt. per capita payments

Is your father living No.

Father's name Dont remember. died in State of Mississippi

Home post office Ardmore

Tribe \_\_\_\_\_ Degree of Indian blood Full

Is he a citizen No.

How much land does he own Did not remain to Okla. has no land Allotment No. \_\_\_\_\_

What is its estimated value Nil

What is the annual income from his land Nil

Does he have any other income Nil

If so, how much Nil

Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property Nil

Is your mother living Yes

Mother's name Olivia Jacobs

Home post office Ardmore Okla

Tribe Miss Choctaw Degree of Indian blood Full

Is she a citizen Yes

How much land does your mother own 200 acres Allotment No. \_\_\_\_\_

What is its estimated value \$3000<sup>00</sup>

72425

What is the annual income from her land 200<sup>00</sup> per yr.  
Does she have any other income Yes Govt per capita payt of Tribal Trust  
If so, how much \_\_\_\_\_  
Does your mother pay taxes on her land or on personal property No. (Exempt)  
With whom do you make your home Mother + Mr. father  
How many rooms in the house 3  
How many live in the house 7  
How far is your home from the nearest public school 3/4 miles  
Why do you not attend that school \_\_\_\_\_  
Attend  
How many teachers employed there one  
How many grades maintained 7  
How many months of school each year 8  
Did you ever attend a public school Yes  
If so, how long 5 years Where Park Co. Orla  
How many brothers of school age have you No  
How many sisters of school age have you No  
Are they in school ✓  
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.





CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

May 24, 1917, 191

This certifies that William Cotton (Name of student.)

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

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
English	111	72
Arithmetic		56
Music		81
Writing		85
Drawing		85
Civics		50

Effort

Department

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.
Farm		59

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



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November 2, 1916

Mr. P. C. Dings,  
% Guaranty State Bank,  
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Your ward, Willie Cotton, advises me that he needs about \$25.00 with which to buy a suit of clothes, hat, shoes, etc. I recommend that you send him \$25.00 if it is possible and convenient.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

CVP:LG

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December 15, 1916.

Mr. P. C. Dings,  
Guarantee State Bank,  
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Your ward, Willie Cotton, has come to this office with a request that we send to you for some money. If you decide to send him any you can mail the check to Supt. Lipps and we will place it to Willie's account in bank and supervise the expenditure of the same.

Very truly yours,

D/B

Chief Clerk in Charge

# THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$95,000

N. B. FEAGIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

Ardmore, Oklahoma,

December 18th, 1916.

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Mr. C. N. Peel, Chief Clerk in Charge,  
United States Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.,

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 15th relative to my ward, Willie Cotton, beg to state that I am enclosing herewith my check payable to O. H. Lipps, Supt., for \$25.00, same to be held by the Superintendent or yourself in escrow and given to Willie under your supervision.

Yours very truly,

*P. D. Feagin*  
*G. L. Feagin*

PCD-M.

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February 9, 1917.

Mr. P. C. Dings,  
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Your ward, Willie Cotton, now a pupil of this school, comes to me with a request that you send him some money from his funds in your hands. If you approve of his request you can send me whatever amount you deem proper and I will be glad to supervise the expenditure of same.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Chief Clerk in Charge.

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April 5, 1917.

Mr. P. C. Dings,  
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Your ward William Cotton, a pupil of this school, comes to me with a request that you send him \$35.00 of his money in your hands.

You can make a check for whatever you think best to send him, payable to me as superintendent of this school, and I will be glad to supervise the expenditure of the same.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.



# THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$95,000

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P. C. DINGS, PRESIDENT

Ardmore, Oklahoma,

April 9, 1917.

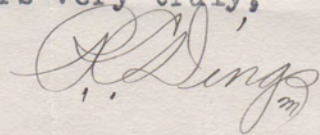
Mr. John Francis, Jr., Supt.,  
U. S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th and note its contents. You will find enclosed my check payable to your order for \$25.00 which you may use for Willie Cotton, a pupil in your school, in the manner you deem advisable.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Yours very truly,



PCD-M.  
Enc.

April 17, 1917

Mr. R. C. Dings,  
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of  
the 9th instant enclosing a check in the sum  
of \$25.00 for Willie Cotton.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

LG

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May 31, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Willie Cotton comes to me with a request to return home. He has turned over to my care an express money order in the sum of \$50.00. Willie tells me that his stepfather has requested his return home and that his guardian Mr. P. C. Dings of Ardmore sent the money to him. The way the matter has been handled is rather irregular and I would be pleased if you would investigate and advise me of the premisses.

I do not want to return boys to their homes unless there is a real necessity for their presence or unless they have plans which will make their summer <sup>of</sup> ~~be~~/affirmative value to them.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

DE:R

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS  
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. June 29, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

Referring again to your letter of May 31, with reference to Willie Cotton returning home for the summer vacation, I have a letter from the Field Clerk at Ardmore in response to my letter of the 7th instant, in which he states Mr. Dings, the guardian, advises that in view of the fact that the surroundings at home would not be best for the boy he recommends that he be kept at Carlisle during the vacation months.

In view of the report of the Field Clerk it is respectfully recommended that Willie be not permitted to come home for the summer vacation.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Wyly.*  
Supervisor.

ASW-GH

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December  
Fourteenth,  
1917

Mr. P. C. Dings,  
Ardmore, Oklahoma

My dear Mr. Dings:

Your ward, Willie Cotton, comes to me with the request that I ask that he be sent Fifty Dollars to meet his incidental needs which may arise from time to time at the school.

If you care to send this and will send it to me, as Superintendent, I will deposit it to his credit and see that it is used for proper purposes.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

JF-E

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# THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

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CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$105,000

P. C. DINGS, PRESIDENT

ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA,

January 5th, 1918.

Mr. John Francis, Jr., Supt.,  
United States Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.,

Dear Sir:

Find enclosed my check for \$50.00 payable to your order which you are instructed to use for the benefit of Willie Cotton for whom I am guardian and who is now in your school.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Yours very truly,

*P. C. Dings*  
*Gdn*

P. C. DINGS

Enc.

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March 26, 1918.

Mr. P. C. Dings  
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Your ward, Willie Cotton, comes to me with the request that I write you for \$50.00 from his account to be deposited to his credit here. If you approve of his having the money requested, you can send me the check, making it payable to me as superintendent and I will see that he spends it carefully.

He also wishes me to write you relative to his going home to spend the vacation months. Will you consult with Mr. A. S. Wyly relative to this and then advise me of your decision. I enclose a Vacation Request blank which will give you the information regarding our vacation pupils.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

HRD-Enc.

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# THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$95,000

P. C. DINGS, PRESIDENT

Ardmore, Okla.,

April 11th,  
1918.

Mr. Jno. Francis, Jr.,  
Supt., U. S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 26th ultimo, asking for fifty dollars for the account of Willie Cotton, who is now in your school, beg to state that I am enclosing check payable to your order for the amount and trust that you will only let him have the money as is actually needed.

Regarding his vacation, I am afraid that should he get home it might be a difficult matter to have him return to the school again and I would not want to be responsible and guarantee his return.

Yours very truly,

*P. C. Dings*  
President  
*J. D. D.*

PCD-B  
Enc.1



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THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

H. B. PEACOCK

June  
Twenty-First,  
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Mr. A. S. Wyly,  
Supervisor,  
Muskogee, Okla.

My dear Mr. Wyly:

Willie Cotton, a student of this school from Ardmore, comes to me with the request that he be permitted to return home in view of the fact that his mother is ill with tuberculosis and she wishes to see him.

I have advised Willie that if his mother is ill and it is necessary for him to return home, he will be permitted to do so, but on the other hand we have allowed about all of the boys to go home that we can spare from the number necessary to keep the plant running, and that unless there is a real necessity, due to illness in his family, I would not be justified in letting him return home until after the harvest season.

Sincerely yours,

JF-E

Superintendent

# THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$95,500

VICE-PRESIDENT

Ardmore, Oklahoma.

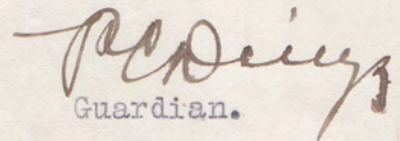
June 3rd,  
1918.

Mr. Jno. Francis Jr., Supt.  
U. S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:

My ward, Willie Cotton, who has been in your school for some time, writes to his people here that he desires to return home and enlist in the Army, and I am enclosing herewith a check payable to your order for fifty dollars, that you may use for his expense and transportation, or such portion of it as is necessary from Carlisle to Ardmore, returning to me a draft for whatever amount is not used.

Yours very truly,

  
Guardian.

PCD-B  
Enc.

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July 3, 1918

Mr. Gabe E. Parker,  
Supt. Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a Lease Contract received  
by Willie Cotton, No. 1358, in favor of R. A. Fox  
of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Please let me know what to  
do in this case whether to let Willie sign it.

Very truly yours,

D-E

Trav. Aud. in Charge

Case E. Parker,  
Superintendent

Department of the Interior  
United States Indian Service

Make all remittances payable to  
M. A. Baker, Cashier

LEASE  
Letter No. 5 7627  
JFK:HB-7-13-18

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**D. BUDDROS**  
Local Offices:

- Ardmore, Muskogee,
- Atoka, Nowata,
- Chickasha, Okmulgee,
- Durant, Pauls Valley,
- Holdenville, Poteau,
- Hugo, Sallisaw,
- Idabel, Sapulpa,
- Locust Grove Tahlequah,
- McAlester, Vinita,
- Wewoka

In re lease of  
WILLIE COTTON.



Muskogee, Oklahoma

July 13th, 1918.

C. V. Peel, Traveling Auditor  
in charge U. S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Peel:-

I have your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing lease contract for execution by WILLIE COTTON in favor of R. A. Fox, in which you ask to be advised if Willie Cotton should execute same.

In connection therewith you are advised that inasmuch as the land embraced in the contract is a portion of the allottee's surplus allotment, the lease would be valid for a term of five years therein mentioned without the approval of the Department. I am this day forwarding the contract, together with your letter to Mose Chigley, a representative of this office located at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, in whose district the land in question is located, with the advice that he investigate the land, and write you as to whether the rental consideration provided for in the contract is adequate.

Respectfully,

*Joe H. Strain*  
Acting Superintendent for  
the Five Civilized Tribes.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

June 14, 1918.

This certifies that William Cotton (Name of student.)

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

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
Oral English	Third	94
Reading	"	88
Spelling	"	86
Written Language	"	75
Music & Civics	"	83
Arithmetic	"	77
Writing	"	90
Drawing	"	77
General Average	"	81

Effort \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.
Industrial		86

and is ~~not~~ eligible to pursue work in the Fourth grade, academic; and

(Cancel one.)

\_\_\_\_\_ grade or year vocational

*John Francis Jr.*

Superintendent.

*Chas Blair*

Principal.

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# GUARANTY STATE BANK

CAPITAL STOCK \$200,000.00  
SURPLUS \$ 50,000.00

ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA.

P. C. DINGS, PRESIDENT

July 24th,  
1918.

Superintendent,  
Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago, I had a letter from my ward, Willie Cotton, who is in your school, asking me to send him fifty dollars to be used as expense in coming home on a visit. I sent you a check for this amount, but up to date he has not returned and he continues to write his people that he desires to come home.

One of his relatives today presented to me a vacation request to be signed by me as Guardian for this boy, and the conditions in this request are such that I cannot see my way clear to sign it for the reason it might be quite impossible for me to get this boy to return to school at the beginning of the next term, and I would dislike very much to agree to do something that I would be unable to carry out. I have, therefore, modified the vacation request somewhat and signed it and if it is agreeable to you to permit the boy to return upon the request as changed, I would be very glad for you to do so, using the funds that I transmitted to you to defray his expenses home.

Trusting this will be satisfactory and will adjust this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

*P. C. Dings*  
Guardian.

PCD-B  
Enc.

# VACATION REQUEST FOR PUPIL.

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that leave of absence be granted .....

Willie Cotton

from ~~Andrew~~ Carlisle Rd to Ardmore Okla

enable him to visit his home. We hereby agree to pay all expenses, including ~~round-trip railroad fares, sleeping car fares, meals, lodging, stage fares, telegraph and telephone messages, and other incidental expenses connected with the visit.~~ To Ardmore Okla

We further agree that said pupil shall be returned to the Carlisle school on or before the last day of the leave of absence.

We further agree to deposit with the superintendent of the school sufficient money to defray all expenses to be incurred, and should the pupils, or any one of them, fail to return to school at such time as may be agreed upon by the parents or guardian and the superintendent of the school in which the pupils are enrolled, the amount of money remaining with the superintendent, necessary to the return transportation of the pupil or pupils so neglecting to return, shall be forfeited to the Government; provided, however, that in all cases where it can be shown that there were justifiable reasons for the failure of the return of the pupil the forfeiture of the funds shall not take place.

If the pupil neglecting to return is from a reservation, the superintendent of the reservation shall certify to the reasons for the nonreturn of the pupil or pupils. If a pupil's home is not on a reservation, then the certificate of some reputable, disinterested citizen of the community may be requested as to the reasons for the nonreturn of the pupil or pupils.

*Andrew Cotton*  
Father.

.....  
Mother.

.....  
Guardian.

Date: .....

NOTE TO DISBURSING OFFICERS.—All receipts under this agreement must be accounted for officially as Individual Indian Money. However, any forfeitures must be transferred to Miscellaneous Receipts, Class I, and deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the United States.