

RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name Clarence Butler '98

1. Are you married and if so to whom? _____

2. What is your present address? Rockford, Wash.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school and dates if possible. _____

4. What is your present occupation? Salary? (\$12.00) One thousand Two Hundred up to a short time ago.

5. Do you own your home? Owned

6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms? Plain, four rooms

7. How much property do you possess?

Stock Two Horses

Land one 1/4 section.

Interested in two groups of mining claims.

Real Estate

City property in Oregon.

8. Do you have money in the bank? yes How much? (\$100) one hundred dollars

9. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? yes.

Engineer & Electrician. Five years in

Oregon, one year in Washburn, D. S.

One year and four months in

Montana.

10. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? Locomotive engineer

on the Railroad, Manager in one "Dip"

mining Company. Physical director on the

side. Plumber & Steamfitter at various times.

11. Have you done anything for the betterment of your people? Write fully. Have tried

to, but as you know the condition of

things on our Indian reservation has

it is run by a lot of grafters & some

employed by the Government and

some corporations interfering in the

welfare of all concerned on the reservation.

(Council of these reserves.) I have been looked

down on and shamed by these grafters

on account of being a hardy graduate

and ^{being} to all their crooked work. One

can not do much with all this opposition.

12. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life

Was in the confectionary business in Spokane for several months, but did not like it on account of too much confinement, so of course quit the business. I then took it in to my head to go prospecting and mining. I have followed this kind of work most every summer since 1901 working from one to two months at each time I took my vacation.

Have not followed Electric work, but very little of late years on account of my interests keeping me away. This work has always been very interesting to me, and I like the work.

I belong to two lodges, and several other organizations in Spokane and take prominent parts at times.



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St. Marie, Idaho Dec 22 1913

Name *Clarence (Butler) Routelir*
(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribes *Coeur d'Alene*

Present Address *St. Marie, Idaho.*

Former Address

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation *Farmer*

Remarks: *Thanking you all for the interest you take in our welfare.*

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Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

Pennsylvania

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

January 21, 1907

Clarence Butler
Warm Springs, Oreg.

Dear friend;-

Please oblige by answering the questions below accurately and promptly and return this paper to me in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Are you married and if so to whom? *No.*
What is your Post Office address? *Browning, Mont.*
What is your occupation? *Electrician & Steam Engineer.*

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each? *1. Yes, 2. Electrician & Steam Engineer and temporary Disciplinarian and Industrial Teacher. I have been in the Indian Service (altogether) 7 years.*

Have you lived in the East any part of the time since your graduation and if so, where, how long and what positions did you fill? *No.*

Your friend

W. A. Mercer

Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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St. Maries Idaho Jan. 6 1913

Name Clarence Butler
(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribe Coeur d'Alene

Present Address St. Maries, Idaho.

Former Address 223 Polson Bldg. Spokane, Wash.
(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation Real Estate and farming

Remarks: Was married in Oct. 1911 in Spokane.

Am now living on the St. Joe River near St. Maries

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Pennsylvania

REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE

NAME AT CARLISLE

Clarence Pantler

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PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1907	Self	Crowning, Mont.	Electrician & Steam Engineer.	In Ind. Service 7 years	
1909	"	Rockford, Wash. E. 1018 Indiana Ave.	Salary \$1200	In mining business.	
1910	"	Spokane, Wash.	Interested in allotment.		
1913	"	St. Maries, Idaho.	Real Estate + Farming		
1914	"	"	Farmer		

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Clipping from the N.Y. Tribune
Jan. 23, 1910.
Clarence Butler 1898.

Voicing somewhat the same sentiments, though actively instead of passively, a young Indian wrote from the State of Washington: "I cannot claim to own my house or quarter section of land, as my rights are being contested by some corporation grafters who infest this district. From all reports everything is in my favor, though, and we are trying to get the government to investigate the methods of some of these corporations, which are doing all they can to enrich themselves at the expense of the Indian. Just now I am in Spokane, expecting to go to work on a salary again, but if I was only free to run my farm I could make a few thousand dollars out of it each year."



C. L. Butler Chief Engineer in Electric-lighting & steam-heating plant, with air-compressor in the rear.

I was standing in the pump house
door. and so much in the shade



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CORRESPONDENCE HERE

NAME AND ADDRESS HERE

*a Happy and successful
New year to you all.
This is a jolly crowd
at our home.*

*Yours truly
Clarence Butler*

*Mr. M. Friedman,
Supt. U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle,
Pennsylvania.*

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East 1018 Indiana Ave.,
Spokane, Washington.
February
Twenty-Fourth,
Nineteen-ten.

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To the Alumni:-

As the time for the Commencement Exercises at the Carlisle Indian School is in order, I take pleasure in writing you my Annual Letter.

I am sorry that I did not devote a little more of my time, at least, with an occasional letter to the school, but the only excuse that I can give is on account of being such a poor correspondent. Although "Old Carlisle" is to me the morning and evening star." It has inspired in each of our hearts the love and kind remembrance of our old "Home Sweet Home" days. It has been the air and light of our hearts.

I remember well the days I left Carlisle. It was to me the saddest parting I ever experienced, with the exception of when I first left home.

My intention from the start was to remain in the East and complete the course I had chosen after I had finished Carlisle School, but instead of remaining to complete my course (like many others), I was discouraged by the Disciplinarian) I left for the West after a two weeks visit in Philadelphia. I will not deal in this subject, and will endeavor to give you a brief synopsis of interest.

No doubt you all know that the Coeur D' Alene Indian Reservation is open for settlement and that we are all well pleased to see the interest that is taken, and are very anxious to have all restrictions removed.

Prior to the drawing in July 1909, which took place at Coeur D' Alene City, I received letters daily, asking about the Coeur D'Alene Reservation. While a volume could be written about this valuable tract of land, and the Indians who have inhabited it, I shall only give a brief out-line as to what the Reservation is to-day:

"It's rolling prairies of rich soil, it's wealth of timber and it's picturesque scenery is enchanting to say the least. Seemingly nature has been kind to this section of the country and it's people, and left nothing undone that would add to their happiness and the happiness of those who are to follow in the procession of time. It has been my home for over twenty-three years and when I look back over the past and see the wonderful transformation which has occurred among these people "The Coeur D'Alene Indians" as well as the development of this country, it seems like awaking from a dream. The wigwam and tepee have gone, and the Indian with the blanket and long hair is no more; industry and prosperity is stamped upon the face of the red man in civilian clothes, who are living in attractive homes with orchards, gardens and fields of golden grain, and still after all these changes have taken place, I am led to believe opportunity is knocking at the door of every man and woman that will be able to hold claim thereon! As there are many things to be carefully considered besides farming, townsites, summer resorts, undeveloped mines and mill-sites, etc., which will reward the effort set forth to secure them.

I sincerely hope that all of you who have just finished the School will appreciate the value of your training and will take advantage of the opportunities which will arise from time to time.

Wishing you all success and prosperity in all your undertakings., I hope to be remembered by all.

Your friend and former student,

Clarence T. Butler

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E 1018 Indiana Ave.,

Spokane, Wash.

Feb. 28, 09.

Mr. M. Friedman, Supt.,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Friend:- Am sending you a picture of myself as per your request.

The reason I stated it was doubtful whether I owned my land, was on account of my rights being contested by some grafters. From all reports everything is in my favor. We are trying to get the Gov. to investigate some of these corporations that have been taking advantage of them in every way they get a chance. This is the reason I have not been able to do anything with my farm for a number of years.

I have had a good income and money in the bank until lately. It cost me all I had to fight our case. At this writing am back to Spokane expecting to go to work on a salary again. If I was free to run my place the way it ought be run, I could make a few thousand Dollars each year on it.

You ask if I know any thing of returned students. All the returned ^{students} I ever met since my return are doing very well, and have no trouble in making a good living. I have never met any one from Carlisle in this part of the country, so could not give any information on return pupils from this section. I am the only one from the Coeur d'Alene Reservation.

I tried hard to get pupils from Coeur d'Alene to go to Carlisle, but there has always been a great objection. You may know as well as I. They are never encouraged to go out into higher schools. There is no use of me trying to get out and speak to the Indians about sending their children out to get a good education, for I would be opposing our Supt. If however the U. S. Gov. gets a man as Supt. on our Reservation that will work for the interest of the tribe, we will be able to do some thing. Under the present condition we are just as a lot of out caste. Remember me to Francis Bacon. Best regards to you all, and wishing you great success.

I remain your friend
C. L. Butler

Department of the Interior,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Browning, Mont.

Mar. 16, 1907.

Maj. W. A. Mercer, 11th Cavalry & Supt.
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 21, '07: just received.
Enclosed you will please find the
same with questions properly answered.

I am sorry that you did not have
my address, but no one is to blame but
myself, for I have not kept up with
Carlisle as I should have.

If I have neglected my correspondence
with the "Carlisle School" it is simply because
I would not take the time to write, but never-
theless I think just as much of Carlisle as ever.
The Alumnae ought to ~~be~~ all help Carlisle
along whenever we can, and be grateful
for what we have received.

My best regards to all.

With best wishes and success I am yours

truly

Clarence Butler

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Rockford, Wash.

Jan. 27, 1909.

Mr. Moses Friedman,
Corlick, Pa.

My Dear Sir: - Yours of the 1st.
inst. just received, and contents
noted.

Was not in a position to furnish
you with the full particulars, and am
sorry. At the present time I am helping
one of my brothers to build a house on
his farm, and of course that means one
must get out by 5 a.m. and to bed by
10 P.M. for we have several miles to
drive to the place.

Will try and send you some
pictures of myself and places of interest.

Thanking you very much for the
interest you have taken in me, and hope
I may be of some service to ^{you} some time.
Yours truly,

C. L. Butler.