

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT.

NUMBER <i>1529</i>		ENGLISH NAME <i>Corbett Lawyer</i>		AGENCY <i>Nez Perces</i>		NATION <i>Nez Perces</i>	
BAND		INDIAN NAME		HOME ADDRESS <i>Archie Lawyer Genesee Ida</i>			
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.
FATHER, <i>Dead</i>		MOTHER, <i>Dead</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>16 5-5 3/4</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>36 1/4</i>	<i>32 1/2</i>
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL		FOR WHAT PERIOD		DATE DISCHARGED		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE	
<i>Dec. 7 1893</i>		<i>5 years</i>		<i>Jan. 3. 1898.</i>		<i>Ill health</i>	
TO COUNTRY		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS				FROM COUNTRY	
<i>June 11, 94</i>		<i>M. Scarborough Pineville Pa.</i>				<i>Sep. 15, 94</i>	
<i>Aug. 30, 95</i>		<i>F. Mitchell Panghorne</i>				<i>" 14, 95</i>	
<i>Jan 2, 96</i>		<i>W. Warman Oakdale N. H.</i>				<i>Aug. 29, 96</i>	
<i>" 17, 97</i>		<i>C. White Panghorne Pa.</i>				<i>Sep. 1, 97</i>	

SHAW-WALKER MUSKOGON 5178

Months in school before Carlisle.

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church.

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Lapwai, Idaho.

March 21, 1910.

Dear Mr. Friedman:-

I willingly give you the information asked for, but would very much rather tell of other Carlisle students who have fought the battle and won, than to write of one who has gone down in defeat. Corbett Lawyer while at Ft. Lewis, Col. married a white woman and brought her here to live, and for a time he was employed in the Gov. school here then afterwards lived on his allotment. They had two children, both dying in infancy. His wife then went to Chicago to take a nurses training, so they could both have positions in the Indian service. During her absence Corbett did not live a very clean life. More than two years ago he held a position in a school in Red Lake, Minn. and his wife went there to him. After about a year Corbett returned to Lapwai, while his wife was transferred as nurse to some school in Dak.

While Mr. Lipps was Agent here Corbett was a great deal in the office and Mr. Lipps thought a great deal of him, and it was during that time that the scheme about the Indian Bank, with Corbett as cashier, was launched but soon came to naught.

There was a Sioux girl here as cook and she and Corbett soon became more than friends, and last summer they went to Moscow and were married. After quite an extended trip around the coast they settled down at her home in Dak. Since he had no divorce, wife No. 1 soon followed him and brought him back for settlement, which we heard was to be on a money basis and she get the divorce.

He is not yet free but is now living with an Indian woman on the Umatilla reservation. I am very sorry to say it, but he never has stood well among his own people.

We do not blame the shortcomings of the Carlisle students on the school, and would like to tell you this story.

More than ten years ago, in Capt. Pratt's time, one of our old Nez Perce women went to Carlisle to the bedside of her daughter, Julia Jonas, who was dying of Tuberculosis. The mother was there six weeks before the end came. After she returned she had a great time telling us how good they were to her in Carlisle. One day she said to my aunt, "Miss M" Beth, if our boys and girls go wrong when they come home, indeed it is not the fault of the school it is just their own bad hearts, for they are well cared for, they have their worship, and are taught to do right there."

Even yet her face lights up at the mention of Carlisle and she often says, "If I just wasn't so old I would go back and see them all." I always felt as though this was a tribute worth much, coming as it did from one of the older uneducated people. My aunt joins me in regards to you and best wishes for the school.

Very sincerely yours,

Mazie Crawford.

Lapwai, Idaho.

Dec 28th 1914.

Mr. O. H. Lipps,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps,

I am so glad you remembered me in your letter to Mr. Shoop. I am really sorry I am not in the eligible list; but as I am not so very busy this Winter I am studying real hard, so that I can pass the Clerk Examination in the Spring. When Ireland was here, he and I, started to take lessons in shorthand, I have kept mine up so I can do real well for ordinary business correspondence. - Lil was so sorry we could not go at this time. She said it would not be lonesome there with Mrs. Lipps and your children!

Did you know Mr. A. A. Bear was here? He is Road Clerk and Indians like him real well because he does all he can for them in securing road damages

for them.

I suppose Mr. Shoop told you I was interpreting for the harrings at \$50 per month. My time will expire next quarter. We have about 8 or 10 cases and few unfinished ones.

Special Agent Christie is investigating some charges against Dr. Alley. Louis Boy from Standing Rock named Joel Doyy wrote to Washington reporting somethings that needed looking after. Dr. Alley send Joel home about two weeks before Mr. Christie came. It is reported that some of the charges against Dr. Alley are true, but I do not know anything about it myself.

George Pesper tak and John McConnell wrote to Washington asking for permission to go to Washington. Commissioner answered them saying there was ^{no} necessity for them to visit Washington, but if they come to ^{sure} make _^ to have enough money _^ to meet rail-

road fare both ways and expenses while in Washington. I saw John the other day he said he + Pess + Tak + Lias are preparing to call on Commissioners this Spring.

If there is anything I can do for you here or anywhere else let me know I will be glad to do ^{it} for you.

Lil says our boy and girl will be old enough to go to school by the time I pass my examination so we can go to Carlisle.

Lil joins in kind wishes to you and Mrs. Lips.

Respectfully
Corbett.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

NEZ PERCE AGENCY.

Lapwai, Idaho. March 31st 1907.

Major W. A. Mercer, 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent in Charge,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Penn.

Dear sir:-

Referring to your ^{letter} dated March 8th 1907, I have to state that there are only six of the graduates, (including myself), living. One, Lewis Williams '05, having died a drunkard altho he made his living by farming a small patch of ground. Others are occupied as indicated herewith:-

- 1.-David McFarland '08 recently resigned the position of Captain Police and Acting Disciplinarian, on account having other business matters to attend to that would bring more work, pleasure and money as well. He is considered well to do and honest.
- 2.-Lillian T. Complainville (Keller) '08, was employed as Teacher in the Grand Junction School, Colo. for long time. Married Mr. Keller (white man) who is now practicing physician in a little town (Troy) and Lillian is keeping house for her husband. They are doing well.
- 3.-Ralph Armstrong, '08 he has no force whatever to make a living, is married to Indian woman. He is a draw-back to better class of Indians, who are trying to understand and follow the ways of the white people. What little influence he has, he uses same in such way that Carlisle Graduates as well Teachers would be ashamed to acknowledge that such person ever received Carlisle Diploma. He has long hair and was here in the Office few days ago claiming that the children ought not to work, that work in the Indian Schools were hard.
- 4.-Annie Parnell (Little) '03 is married to ~~Charles~~ Charles Little, well to do Indian of this reservation and are doing well, she is keeping house for her husband.

5.-Jesse Davis '07 he is doing well.
He married one of the School girls from this school
and as far I know they are doing well. Jesse is farming
on larger scale than he did last year and I believe
that he will do well.

Other pupils of the Carlisle school are doing well and are living
in good houses.

Jesse Paul one of the first students is the only Indian
on this reservation that makes farming pay. (SUCCESSFUL)

In conclusion I wish to thank you for the invitation
and program that I received few days ago. I am sorry to say that
I am unable to leave my work to attend your Commencement Exercises
If there is anything that I can do to promote the interest of
Carlisle Indian School I WILL DO IT, only awaiting your orders.

Very respectfully,

Orin B. Brown
Class '04

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Craft.

RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name Corbett Lawger '99

1. Are you married and if so to whom? Yes. Madge Cunningham Lawyer.

2. What is your present address? Lapwai, Idaho.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school and dates if possible. Snate Fe Normal School, New Mexico. 1899.

4. What is your present occupation? Salary? Clerk at \$60.00 per month.

5. Do you own your home? Yes.

6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms? Ordinary farm house with three little rooms.

7. How much property do you possess?

Stock

Land have my own allotment besides other inherited lands.

Real Estate I have bought little property along the flat
for an investment.

8. Do you have money in the bank? Yes How much? My accounts shows I have
checked out over Eight hundred dollars in three months.

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

Have been in the Indian Service since I left Carlisle as

Disciplinarian, Ind. Teacher, Laborer, and as Clerk.

10. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? Nothing outside of the
Indian Service. Farmed two years on my own ranch.

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

Our people are divided, viz:- the old Indians and return stu-
dents from the various schools and it is very hard for any
one of us to do anything for these old Indians as they have had
a Missionary who has been here for last thirty years and she has
a very low opinion of the graduates from non-reservation schools
and she sets the old Indians against us. Nov. 25th the Re-
turned Students met and organized a society for own protection
in the community. Their aim being to handle the politics to-
gether and elect their own people to the various County Officers.

Reference First National Bank, Lewiston, Idaho.
Bank of Cullisae, Cullisae, Idaho.

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

My aim has been to break away from the tribal relations al-

together but so far have found ut that it takes a hard work.

I believe the best way to cure an Indian is keep in the East
and not let him return to the reservation. Some of our graduates
here are wearing blnakets and going around like the rest of
the old Indianswho have had no advantages of an Education.

In case you desire my Photo will remit whenever yu another
request for it.

Very respectfully,

Corbett B Sawyer,
Class 1899—

Corbett Sawyer - Cashier of the Nez Perce Bank.
May 1909.



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Name

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

Tribe

Present Address

Former Address

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation

Remarks:

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Department of the Interior.

Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

Pennsylvania



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

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January 21, 1907

Corbett Lawyer
Ido, Ida.

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? Madge Cunningham.

What is your Post Office address? Fort Lapwai School, Idaho.

What is your occupation? Clerk.

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each? Have been in the Indian service ever since I graduated as Disciplinarian and Industrial Teacher. Have been out of Service several times but have gone back.

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.

P.S.

Hoping you all success.

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NEZ PERCE SUBSCRIBE AND WILL START BUSINESS AT LAPWAI.

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A bank in which the principal stockholders are Indians of the Nez Perce tribe is to be started at Lapwai, Idaho.

The incorporators of the bank are Corbett Lawyer, a white man; Edward Riboy, Indian interpreter at Fort Lapwai, and Thomas Moore, another white man. The bank has a capital of \$15,000, \$12,000 of which is subscribed by Indians. All the directors, with one exception, will be Indians.

This Indian bank, which is the only one of its kind in the country, has been incorporated for the purpose of taking care of the funds in the shape of annuities which come to the Indians.

This year there will be \$120,000 of government money for distribution among the Indians as interest on the money owed to the Indians for the sale of their land, and an additional \$25,000, which is the interest on the money owed by the government for the Nez Perce forest reserve.

January 4, 1914

Mr. Corbett Lawyer,
Lapwai, Idaho.

My dear Corbett:

I was mighty ^{glad} to get your letter of December 28th. I have nothing very attractive here at Carlisle now for you, the only thing being an assistant clerk's position at \$480 per annum. We also have a vacancy in the position of assistant cook at \$480 per annum. I thought, perhaps, if you were eligible for appointment as clerk, I might give you and Lilian these two positions. Why don't you take the examination for assistant clerk? This does not include stenography, and I believe you could pass that examination without any trouble.

I am glad that you and Lilian are getting along nicely, and that both of you are in good health; I am also delighted to know that you have two nice children, and that they will soon be old enough to attend school.

With kind regards and best wishes for both you and Lilian, and also with best wishes for all of my old friends at Lapwai, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

OHL:SR

Supervisor in Charge.

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Hessington Springs, S. D.
Box 240. July 27, 1907.

Superintendent,
Carlisle Indian School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Corbett B. Lawyer, a Nez
Perce Indian, from Lapwai, Idaho
graduated from your school about
10 years ago. Will you please give
me his record as to conduct or
behavior while he was at your school?
He told me that he was on the stone
pile six (6) months & was in the jail
or dungeon four (4) months while
he was there. Please answer my
information soon as I desire to know.

He (C. B. L.) was a Laborer un-
der my charge when I was Principal
of the Cross Lake Boarding School,
Dorchester, Minn. He was kept there

by having a "pull" with the Supt.
of Spl. Div. Agent E. W. Allen from
Sept. 15, 1907 to July 25, 1908 & he
was no kind of an employee

I trust you will give me all
the information you can about him.

I am, Yours very truly,

G. G. Davis.

Entered Dec. 7-'93 - Age 16
Discharged Jan. 3-'98 All Beach
Re entered Oct. 3-'98
Dis. Mar. 11-'99. Grad.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLSLE, PA.
August 12, 1909.

C. G. Davis
Wessington Springs, S. D. Box 240
Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 27th making inquiry regarding Corbett Lawyer, a Nez Perce Indian from Idaho, I have to say our records here show the following facts:-

Corbett Lawyer, a Nez Perce from Idaho, entered this school, December 7, 1893, at the age of 16 years. He was discharged January 3, 1898 on account of ill-health. He re-entered ~~March 3~~ March 3, 1898, was graduated in March 1899 and discharged March 11, 1899. He was out under the outing three summers while connected with the school and made a good record.

Our records do not show anything against him and those of the old employes who knew him, remember nothing that was to his dis-credit.

Trusting that this information is what you desire,

I am

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

Corbett Lawyer

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PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1907	Self.	Ft. Lapwai, Ida.	Clerk	Ind. Rev. 10 yrs. Discip. + Indus. Tr.	
1909	"	"	\$60 per mo.		
1911	"	"	"		
1913	"	Three Ridge, S.D.	Ranching		