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

NUMBER 1149	ENGLISH NAME Wesson Murdock	AGENCY St. Peck	NATION Assinaboine					
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Walking Bull (step father)						
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX.	
FATHER, Dead	MOTHER, Living	Full	16	5 <sup>2</sup>	104	31	28	m.
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL April 15, 1890	FOR WHAT PERIOD 5 years.	DATE DISCHARGED Mar. 19, 1900		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Graduate '00				
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY		
May 27, 90	W. Anderson Pennington N. J.					Sept. 10, 90		
Apr. 2, 91	A. Vanartsdalen Breadysville Pa					Transf.		
Sep. 10, 91	Dr. J. Michener Carversville "					"		
Apr. 2, 92	C. Janney Buckmansville "					Sep. 9, 92		
" 1, 93	A. Vanartsdalen Breadysville "					" 14, 93		
Sep. 15, 94	G. Justice Yardley "					July 11, 95		
Jul. 11, 95	H. Eastburn Newhope "					Sep. 14, 95		
Apr. 30, 96	W. Baldwin Dolington "					" 12, 96		
May 15, 97	H. Scatterthwaite Fallsington "					" 11, 97		

SHAW-WALKER MUSKOGON 5178

Months in school before Carlisle, ..... Aug. 5, 99

Grade entered at Carlisle, ..... June 22, 99

Grade at date of Discharge, ..... H. Scatterthwaite

Trade or Industry, ..... Carman Carlisle Pa.

Church, ..... Aug 6, 99

Apr. 1, 99

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Frazer Mont.

(Place.)

Feb 2 1911

(Date.)

M. Friedman,

Carlisle, Pa.

Friend:- Would like to have  
the copies of your series of lectures  
on Indian Problem.

How can an indian become a  
citizen when he has no proof at the  
Indian Office and still, he is  
self supporting for last ten or  
more years?

A goodly number of Indians  
here can show that they can handle  
their own affairs. But they are  
held together with the ration  
Indians.

I'm your Friend.

Wesson Murdock.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Fraser Mont.

May 17. 910.

Supt. Carlisle Ind. School.

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Friend:—

Some time ago I have  
sent in my record as ex Carlisle student, and in  
that record, I asked you a question. The Pembroke  
Treaty of 1856, and have not a reply from you  
yet. I would like to have a full reply or I  
mean, a history of it if you care.

I am your Friend

Wesley Birdock,

Fraser.

Mont.

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# Record of Graduates and Returned Students.

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PA.

April 15

1910.

NAME Wesson Murdock

1. Are you married and if so to whom? Former Ada Scabby Bear

2. What is your present address? Frazier, Mont.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? No Give names of schools and dates if possible I have not attend any other school since leaving Carlisle.

4. What is your present occupation? My present occupation is Ranching and Farming.

5. Tell something of your present home My present home is midway between Wolf Point Sub-Agy. & Glasgow. is built of Poplar logs as settlers do.

ans to question 7

6. What property in the way of land, stock, buildings or money do you have? Ranching & Farming life kept me from entering the Indian Service.

ans to question 7

7. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each? According to land laws of Mont each Indian shall receive 320 acres grazing land and additional 40 acres of irrigable land and from 20 to 25 acres of timber land there are five of us in my family which amounts to some 1800 acres or more. I have work horses and also some cattle.

8. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? At present, my position as Sec. of Business Committee of Fort Peck Indian Reservation is the most important position I have held.

9. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life: The most interesting topic connected with my life as well as these Indians is The Treaty of 1857. This Treaty is with seven Indian nations, of which Crazy Bear of the Assiniboines is one. Can you tell me some thing of this?

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

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January 21, 1907

*Wesson Murdoch*  
*Wolf Point, Mont.*

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?

*Ada Scabbybear.*

What is your Post Office address?

*Frazier, Mont.*

What is your occupation?

*Ranching*

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each?

*I have not been in the Indian Service since I return from Carlisle.*

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?

*Ranching business kept me from going anywhere.*

Your friend

*W. A. Mercer*

Major 11th Cavalry,  
Superintendent.

1836 No. Hicks Street,  
Philadelphia, Penna.,  
Dec. 12th, 1917.

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your favorable reply at hand and will get in  
touch with Wesson Murdock at once.

Thanking you very much for your suggestion, I  
am

Yours truly,

Norman E. Stirkel.

Ed. Adm.  
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# County of Roosevelt

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
- BOX 367 -

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MAY 19 1941  
Office of Commissioner  
Indian Affairs

Wolf Point, Montana  
May 16, 1941

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Mr. John B. Kemp,  
County Supervisor,  
Comm: Department of Public Welfare,  
Washington, Wolf Point, Montana.

MAY 27 1941

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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Dear Mr. Kemp: Chief Educational Division

We have your letter (43-1630) of May 16, asking for information

shown on the Carlisle Indian School records concerning the age of

Dear Mr. Collier:

Wesson Murdock, to be used in connection with his application for

The above named of Wolf Point, Montana, applied for OAA at this  
Old Age Assistance, 7, 1941. Records at the Fort Peck Agency show  
that Wesson Murdock was born in 1876 but Mr. Murdock claims  
The old Carlisle records are not complete in all instances.

The usual Application for Enrollment at Carlisle showing a student's  
University from April 1890 until April 1900 (a period of 10  
date of birth and other personal history is not in Mr. Murdock's  
University have been moved to the Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
folder. There is, however, a descriptive record card for Mr. Murdock

showing, among other things, that he was 16 years old when he entered  
which Wesson Murdock was enrolled at the Carlisle School and  
Carlisle on April 15, 1890. He graduated from Carlisle in 1900.  
rollment.

Upon request, a photostatic copy of the card could be furnished you.

Your cooperation in furnishing the above information will be  
greatly appreciated and I want to thank you in advance for your  
prompt attention to the matter. If the school record shows that  
Mr. Murdock was 16 years of age (1890) Paul L. FICKINGER present at the  
school in 1890 as he claims we are willing to accept that re-  
cord instead of the record at the Carlisle School in Poplar.

Paul L. Fickinger,  
Associate Director of Education.  
Yours very truly

CV: jf 5/26

ROOSEVELT COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

John B. Kemp  
County Supervisor

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JBK:bc  
cc: Miss Bland Morrow

Handwritten note: Carlisle School



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Carlisle*

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County Supervisor,  
Department of Public Welfare,  
Wolf Point, Montana.

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Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Paul L. FICKINGER

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Associate Director of Education.

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Mr. John Collier  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Chief Educational Division

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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MAY 20 1941  
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Re: MURDOCK, Wesson  
43-1630

Dear Mr. Collier:

The above named of Wolf Point, Montana, applied for OAA at this agency on May 7, 1941. Records at the Fort Peck Agency show that Wesson Murdock was born in 1876 but Mr. Murdock claims that the records are not correct.

During a recent interview he stated that he attended Carlisle University from April 1890 until April 1900 (a period of 10 years). I have been informed that the records of Carlisle University have been moved to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Will you please refer to the records and advise (1) date on which Wesson Murdock was enrolled at the Carlisle School and (2) the attained age claimed by Wesson Murdock on date of enrollment.

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Yours very truly

ROOSEVELT COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE



John B. Kemp  
County Supervisor

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cc: Miss Bland Morrow

*File 5401 Carlisle Folder*

Murdoch Messers, 5401 Ex. Stg.  
Correspondence

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