

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

NUMBER 439	ENGLISH NAME Big Horse, Fred	AGENCY Rosebud	NATION Sic
BAND	INDIAN NAME Big Horse	HOME ADDRESS Bear Stands up Headman	
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD Full	AGE 12	HEIGHT 4"
FATHER, Living	MOTHER, Dead	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP. 30
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Nov. 14, 1883	FOR WHAT PERIOD 5 years	DATE DISCHARGED July 21, 1892	FORCED EXPR. 27
TO COUNTRY	PATRON'S NAME AND ADDRESS	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE SEX. M.	
Aug. 29, '85	Phineas Briggs, Dolington, Bucks Co. Pa.	May 16, '86	
July 2, '86	Hugh Scroggy, Marlton N. J.	Sept 11, '86	
Apr. 8, '87	Edward Sharpless, Landenburg, Chester Pa.	Sept 13, '87	
June 15, '88	J. Robbins, Morrisville, Bucks Co. "	" 15, '88	
May 8, '91	M. White, Tullytown " "	Jul. 25, '91	
SHAW-WALKER MUSKOGON 5478			

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Cutmeat. S. D.

Jan. 30. 1909.

Mr Moses Friedman,

Supt. Indian School
Carlisle, Pa.

Yours of the 13th Inst. came to hand. I ask me in reference to the doings of the returned students of Carlisle. And I will give you some facts about some of these boys. Through my observation in this community there are several Carlisle boys who are doing good for themselves, to their people, as well as doing good for the name of Carlisle, by occupying various positions since leaving that great Institution. While I have a chance of speaking of my tribe school mates at Carlisle I wish to make my statement more fully about these boys because some of them were known as the "First Party" that went to Carlisle. At the same time I was thinking seriously about we boys and girls who went to Carlisle with known nothing of the world and come home with the knowledge of where the world stands, what the world is doing, and what is to be done to make it better. Where were we boys and girls be if that great institution had not been established for our benefit. Had it not been for Carlisle and through the influence of its students.

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The whole Indian nation will be ten years behind
where there are now today. ^{Many have occupy positions that}
^{millions of white men can not occupy.} and we should all be
thankful for the education we received at Carlisle
always. We will now look at one of the boys of 1879.
who is Mr Reuben Quick Bear, he is at present
leading a delegation to Washington, D.C. to confer
the Secretary of the Interior for some treaty matters.
He has been delegated to Washington several
times before. Mr Quick Bear is like many others
has been continuously clerking for the
Jordan Merchandise Co. at this Agency since
returned from Carlisle. He has a good home
with well stock, and is Secretary of the general
council of this reservation. It is through the influence
of this Council ^{that} the old chiefs influences are dying out
and the influence of progression is taking its place.
Here is another 1879 boy Mr Stephen K. Murray.
Mr Murray is like many other boys learned the
trade of carpentry at Carlisle and is a good builder.
Since returned from Carlisle he has make himself
useful by occupying important positions, help
to build churches in various places, being
delegated to various religion gathering in this
country. Member of various religion organizations.
He sees that his people must be christianize and
take the burden upon himself and is now taking
charge of one of the largest missionary station on
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charge of one of the largest Missionary Station on
this reservation as Catechist.

Mr Raymond B. Stewart is another 1879 student
doing well. He has a good home for his family.
stocks to look after. Mr. Stewart is a painter
by trade which he learned at Carlisle.

He will be a busy man in painting houses when
spring comes again.

Mr Maurice Walker is another 1879 boy doing
good for himself and family. he has a nice
dwelling and is a farmer. He is one of the first
party that goes out under The Outing System among
the farmers of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and
I think he will be one of the successful back-bone of this
country. Mr Ralph Eaglefeather is another 1879 boy.
At Carlisle learned how to be a good Carpenter and
since returned here he has held that position
at this Agency until recently, on account of the home
duty he has resigned.

I have already mention to you ^{the} doing several

duty he had resigned.

I have already mention to you ^{the} doing of several of the boys out of the eighty Sioux that went to Carlisle in 1879. And by your judgement you will see that the "First Party" through their action, working for civilization and Christianity among their people. We will now look at some of the boys of 1883, but remember from the year of 1879 to 1887 students that went to Carlisle from Sioux reservations were not very good looking as they arrived at Carlisle but you will see some of them now how well there look. Out of the 1883 party Mr Chauncey G. Robe since graduation in 1895 has occupying important positions through civil service employment through out the country, and has not being with his father, mother, sisters, and brothers a month since went to Carlisle in 1883 and is still away from the reservation. He is at present at Rapid City school as farmer and drill master. Mr Clarence W. Thunders is one of the boys went to Carlisle in 1883 ~~and~~ a graduate of 1897 is Assistant District Farmer here.

Mr Henry Howe Looking is another '83 boy. Although not graduated has occupy the position of harness maker at Rosebud since came back from Carlisle but recently resigned and went back to his ranch to look after his own interest. Mr Frank Janis is also one of the party of '83. is successful farmer and ranchman. He has a nice dwelling and improved farm.

Here is another 1883 boy. Mr Clement W. Soldier. His wife is also a Carlisle girl both doing well. Mr Soldier is a very progressive man. has holding positions of importance in various place in the country. At present occupying one of the desk in the Agents Office.

Many other boys have doing well I heard but I have not visit them myself but I will some day and make another report to you.

Respectfully Yours.

Frederick T. Jones

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March 21, 1910.

Mr Moses Friedman. Supt. of
United States Indian School
Carlisle Penna.

Sir,

I was very much please
to received an invitation from the class of
1910. And I wish to sent my thanks to them
through your hand. And if time permit I
will be there to shake hand with them. But
if time do not permit I shall be disappointed
in every turn. There are days gone by and days
to come, but I considered, if for no others,

commencement day is an important day at
Carlisle. For that day means separation
from classes and class-mates. It means the
breaking up of school day ties. The breaking
up of the associates of the school. It means
the beginning of a personal career. Every boy
or girl who is to graduate this year has

a teacher as guidance, as he or she pursue studies but on that commencement day when he or she receives the Diploma that signifies that their education is fitted them to go forward with confidence in the great work of teaching themselves and to guide themselves on the right road. Although nearly half of us were in our grave since the beginning of the graduation of the Red man at Carlisle. We were nearly six hundred strong to go forward with the work which Carlisle lay the foundation for the education of the red man. And it is a work that must be carried forward, and if it is to be carried forward at all, let not those in their grave stand for the good of it. But we must do it ourselves, we must solve for our ownself, all the problems and difficulties which will be set us in our chosen calling. Henceforth we must work out our own salvation individually, and let the people see that we can prove all things and hold

fast to that which is good in their ways.
And let our pale-face Brothers see that we
are not merely to follow the standards of
others but we are to set a standard for our
ourselves individually by holding fast to
that which is good in their ways. And
let our pale face brothers see that we are a
good example for our own people by
holding fast to that which is good in
their ways. Let not the best friends of the
Red man have sorrow in their hearts but
hold fast to that which is good according
to their wishes in their ways.
We must try to save Carlisle by proving
our selves all things before the people and
hold fast to that which is good in her way.
With best wishes for all.

Very Respectfully Yours.
Frederick B. House.

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RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name

Fred Big Horse

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1. Are you married and if so to whom? Married to the daughter of Black Crow.

2. What is your present address?

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3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school

and dates if possible.

Have not attend no school since leaving Carlisle.

4. What is your present occupation? Salary?

Have no occupation at present but working for my own self.

5. Do you own your home?

Have a nice home

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

A dwelling with 3 rooms.

7. How much property do you possess?

I have several hundre dollan live stock is much more better in this part of the country.

Stock

Have stocks

Land

I have 1440 acre of land.

Real Estate

8. Do you have money in the bank? *yes* How much? *12.00*

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

10. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle? *I was additional Farmer for several years but my health compelled me to resign and have not been in service since.*

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

When I first came back here from Carlisle my people just came back from the war path, and they have opposed in all white man's way. My own brothers and relations taking an active part in Ghost-Dance, and fighting Uncle Sam's soldiers near Wounded Knee and around the vicinity of Pine Ridge Agency. And came back here still worn "The Holy Shirts" next to their body expecting their messiah appear in any moment and destroy the disbelievers of Ghost dance. Been an active member of Y. M. C. A. at Carlisle. I feel the responsibility is up to me in bringing my own brothers and relations to my true God. And I called my brothers together and tell them of Jesus. Love for them, and

tell them of more of His love every day until all accept
the Lord Jesus as their true Messiah, and they want
a church build so they could hear more of Him, and
this was done after hard working. There are six camps
in the district which I live, and the fact is that there
is Missionary Station on the reservation for many years
but never thought of building a church in these camps. In
visiting one of these camps the people told me that they wish to go to
church every Holy Day but the church is too far away for them.
And I told them that they didn't need to go to church but we
can have service in the open, and this was done, and now
every one of these camps have build a church of their own.

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

I am also interested in Christian Society work.
I am at present President of the Brotherhood
Christian Unity. This organization is the
largest among the Dakotas, and has over
thousand dollars invested in the work.
And this organization has become a
recognized power for good.
This is the first time I ever write anything
about myself since returned from
Carlisle, and my friends in East think
I am lost, but I feel that I am safe because
the work I do is much more important to me
than to hold a position without a home.
In regard to farming, all of my crops are
marked No. 1. in The Reservation Fair last
Fall. I do not expect to get this number but simply take my
samples there to show the people what a Pennsylvania Farmer
can do in South Dakota.



Department of the Interior.



Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

Pennsylvania

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March 18, 1913

Name

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

Tribe

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Present Address

Cut me at. S.D.

Former Address

“ “ “ “ “ “
(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation

Farmer & stock raiser

Remarks:

Stock-raising is my latest ambition,
and have more land than I can use
in farming, and hoping to acquire a
better business from it.

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

January 21, 1907

*Fred Bighorse
Rosebud, S.D.*

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? *Miss Gallie B. Crow*

What is your Post Office address? *Rose Bud. S.D.*

What is your occupation? *I have no occupation in regard to employment. But attend to my own.*

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each? *For four years I was*

Assistant District Farmer.

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?

Never went East.

Your friend

W. A. Mercer

Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

Feb. 7, 1907.

Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 24, 1910.

Mr. Fred Bighorse,

Cut Meat, S. D.

Dear Friend:

I have received the list of ex-students from this school which I sent to you sometime ago, and desire to thank you for helping me in getting the information wanted. In my attempts to get information regarding the returned students, I have found it very hard to reach the first students who came to Carlisle. Your list will help greatly, and I thank you again for sending it to me so promptly.

Very truly yours,

NRD-MID.

Superintendent.

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St Francis to Dakota
January 9th 1917.

To the Carlisle Arrow
Carlisle Pa.

I wish to report of
brother, Fred Big Horse, is passed away,
on the 2nd day of January 1917. He died
at Rosebud Govt Hospital. He left
big family, five children. He all
know, that I always recommend
Mr Big Horse, is the best & amou
epistudent of Carlisle Indian School.
Return to Rosebud Agency, S.D. in the
year of 1893. From that time
until now, they used him faithful
any thing go on, among Rosebud
people.

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I never was before: any epistudent of
Carlisle return here at Rosebud and
did, my song for it; on account
of Mr. Big Horn, we had him used
especially Fair times at Rosebud,
and great Sioux Nation Councils
to be held.

Now I was so glad
about all his friends & epistudent
of Carlisle, presents, at the funeral,
were here:

All the rest of pretty well
doing so far so good.
I remain
your very Respectfully,

Henry Horse Locking
St. Francis
D. A.

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Sept. 8th, 1914.

Mr. Frederick Big Horse,

Cut Meat, South Dakota.

My dear Friend:

I take pleasure in advising that I have this day placed transportation to the order of Supervisor Davis at Valentine for the use of your son William and that Mr. Davis has been notified to that effect.

As it will be necessary to have your son examined by the Agency Physician to test his physical fitness for enrolment at Carlisle it is hoped you can arrange without delay to attend to that formality. Transportation has also been placed for the use of Homer Whirlwind Soldier and Stephen W. Foot and the young men can then come on to Carlisle together.

Hoping that we can do for your son what is so kindly anticipated and that we shall see him at Carlisle soon, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

(Copy to Supervisor Davis)

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Clippings from the N.Y. Tribune
Jan. 23, 1910.
Fred Bighorse 1893.

One sincere letter which accompanied a record of his life since he left the school was from Fred Big Horse, who married the daughter of Black Crow and was living in Cutmeat, S. D. He was graduated from the school in 1893, and his letter read:

"When I returned from Carlisle my people had just come back from the warpath. In all things they had been opposing the white man's way, my own brothers and relatives having taken an active part in the ghost dance. They had then been fighting Uncle Sam's soldiers near Wounded Knee and in the vicinity of Pine Ridge Agency, and returned wearing the holy shirt next to their bodies, fully expecting that

the Great Spirit would return at any minute and destroy all unbelievers who doubted the ghost dance. As I had been an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association at school I felt that it was my duty to teach my own brothers and the rest of the tribe, if I could, what it meant to worship a true God. So I called them together and told them the old story of Jesus and how he died for men, for the red man as well as the white. At first they doubted, but at last, one by one, I won them over to my faith, and then they all wanted a church built right away so that they could worship on every holy day. I told them that we could worship in the open just as well as in the church, and that is the way we began. Now we have a church of our own, a growing congregation, and the desire to go on the warpath is a thing of the past."

This letter continued at length to tell of the growth of churches among others of the Dakotas, of the progress of the tribes since returned students from Carlisle and other schools had begun to work among them and of the prosperity that had come to the students who were working for the betterment of their people. In

a different way it told the same story that most of the other letters told—a story of the Indian's growing regard for the ways of peace, of his many successes and of his cheerfulness in the face of all conditions.

