

Minnie Atkins

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Mrs. Virginia Croisette,
American Hotel, Apt. 4,
East Francis Street,
Pampa, Texas.

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Dear Mrs. Croisette:

We have your letter of April 14, with further reference to Minnie Burgess. You state that you have now learned that her name was Minnie Atkins and that she was adopted by the Burgess family.

You further say that you would like to have the name of her father and mother, the name of the tribe to which she belonged, her address, and her married name, as it will "clear matters up considerably."

As this would involve further searching of the old Carlisle records here, we would like to know in what connection you desire this information. Will you please write us again and state what use will be made of any information that may be furnished you?

Sincerely yours,

G. A. COLLINS

G. A. Collins
Administrative Assistant
Education Division

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GEM OIL COMPANY
P. O. BOX 597
TULSA, OKLA.

July 19, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Denny:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 15, 1915, with reference to the postal card and letter, which you loaned me from your files, with reference to Minnie Atkins, the postal card from George H. Hyde to Captain Pratt and the letter from Miss Nellie Hyde to Captain Pratt.

I confess I have been very negligent in not having written you.

When I returned to Oklahoma, we thought the trial of the case would be set, and the letter and postal we hoped to use as exhibits. No date for the trial has been set yet. I am therefor returning the postal and letter herewith.

I hope you will preserve them, as they may be of great value to us, when the case goes to trial.

I recall my visit to Carlisle with great pleasure. The courteous, obliging treatment accorded me is sincerely appreciated.

After I left Carlisle, I had a very pleasant visit with General Pratt, in Washington. He gave me several hours of his time, and went over all his letter books, of the years in question, and found several copies of letters which furnished most valuable information.

Again thanking you for the favors extended me while at your School, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Mrs. Nellie R. Denny,
United States Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

S. A. Collins
c/o Paul L. Pickinger
Bureau of Education Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

April 14th 1939.

Dear S. A. Collins, Statistician: -
a few month ago I wrote
you in regards to a Minnie Burgess of Oklahoma, and her
School Records at Carlisle Indian School, Penn.

You Replied
that you had no Records of her under the name Burgess, since
many old timers are living still who went to school with
her there at Carlisle in Penn., about 1881 to 1884. and
they know her well. I have since received signed and sworn
statements from the Burgess family - that they had adopted
her, she being an orphan - and that was after she had
left Carlisle, her Right Name had been Minnie Atkins, and
The Hampton Road School claims to have no Records of
her under her own name nor Burgess Name, and her adopted
People claim that she attended only Carlisle Indian
School, Penn. An old Cheyenne Scout or Dog Soldier claims to
have captured her and her mother, and later her Father had died
trying to gain their release, I suggest that you search
the files of Eucha - no. 210 - who was her Father and mother - ?
her Mothers maiden name and tribe, was it Delaware, Cherokee
what Schools did she attend and who did she marry - and
where was her last residential Address. This I am sure
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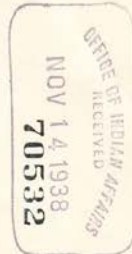
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Wed. Nov. 9th 1938

Bureau of Vital Statistics
Carlisle Indian School.
Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.



Dear statistician? -

Have you on the Carlisle
Indian School Records, any mention of Minnie Bull
or Minnie Burgess, if so what was her Race or Nation,
and what years did she attend Carlisle, if at all,

did she attend The Hampton Roads School
of Virginia, or did she teach there, and what
years if she did, is her Parents still living.

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Respectfully Yours,

Mrs V. K. Croisette.

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Mrs. V. K. Croisette,
Grays Court,
Higgins, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Croisette:

We have your letter of November 9 asking for certain information concerning Minnie Bull, or Minnie Burgess.

The Carlisle Indian School was discontinued in 1918 and the records were transferred to this Office. In many instances these old records of the Carlisle School are incomplete. We have been unable to find anything among them to show that Minnie Bull, or Burgess, ever attended the Carlisle School.

Relative to your inquiry about the Hampton Roads School of Virginia it is assumed that you have reference to the Hampton Institute at Hampton, Virginia (near Hampton Roads) which is for colored students and which accepted Indian students for a time. From 1878 to 1912 this school received annual appropriations from the United States for its Indian work, and during these years Indian students were enrolled at the Institute. The appropriations were withdrawn in 1912 because of the number of schools then in operation which were strictly for Indian students. Although the school received no appropriations from the United States for its Indian work since 1912, Indian students appeared on the campus as late as 1923. If you will write to the Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, they no doubt can tell you from the records there at the school whether Minnie Bull, or Burgess, ever attended there as a student, or whether she ever taught there, and if either is the case, they can probably give you the date.

There is not sufficient information in your letter to enable us to locate Minnie Bull, or Burgess, on any of the records of the Indian Office and therefore we are unable to furnish you information concerning her parents; however, if you can ascertain (perhaps after you correspond with Hampton Institute) with which Indian tribe she is affiliated, and if you will send us that information, we can give you the name of the local superintendent to whom you could write to find whether her parents are still living.

Sincerely yours,

Collins

Paul L. Fickinger,
Associate Director of Education

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Febr. 19th, 1915.

Mr. Allen,
National Attorney,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs I forward herewith an affidavit to the effect that Minnie Atkins, a Creek Indian girl, was enrolled at Carlisle from January the 22nd of 1881 to July the 8th of 1884.

Kindly let me know if I can be of further service in the matter.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

HCM.

Supervisor in Charge.

(Copy to the Office of Indian Affairs)

I, Harvey K. Meyer, being duly sworn, depose and say that the records now on file at this school indicate that Minnie Atkins, a Creek Indian girl, was enrolled at Carlisle on January the 22nd of 1881 and that she left on July the 8th of 1884, after the full three year period of enrolment had terminated.

Secretary.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this nineteenth day of February, 1915.

Supervisor in Charge,
Carlisle Indian School.

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State of Pennsylvania)
County of Cumberland) ss.

I, Harvey K. Meyer, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Secretary of the Carlisle Indian School, that the records of said school show Minnie Atkins, a Creek Indian girl, to have been enrolled at said school on January the 22nd, 1881, age at that date being recorded as fifteen years. Her home address is recorded as Thomas Atkins, Tulahasse Mission, Creek Nation; that said Minnie Atkins left said school on the 8th day of July, 1884, after the full three year period of enrolment had terminated.

Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to this twenty-third day of February, 1915.

Supervisor in Charge,
The Carlisle School.

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GEM OIL COMPANY
P. O. BOX 597
TULSA, OKLA.

March 6th, 1915.

The Superintendent,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the Minnie Atkins case, regarding which you have already kindly furnished us some information, we will thank you very much if you will advise us at your earliest convenience as to the name of the laundress at your school during the year 1884. If there was more than one laundress employed, during this year, please give us the names and the period of employment. Also kindly give us, if it is shown on your records, the present name and Post Office address of the laundress or laundresses.

We are advised that the school laundress during the year 1883 was Mary Spain, now Mrs. Claud A. Hamilton, of Denver, Colorado. We desire the names of the laundresses who succeeded Mary Spain.

Thanking you for this information and assuring you of our appreciation for favors already rendered, we are

Very truly yours,

GEM OIL COMPANY,

By *[Signature]*

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*Mary Spain - Laundress
Deduce H. Carter
Minnie R. Jordan
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G. W. GRAYSON,
INTERPRETER

R. C. ALLEN
NATIONAL ATTORNEY FOR CREEK NATION
MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

January 21, 1916.

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Mr. O. H. Lipps,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

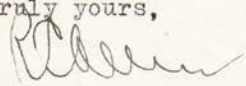
Dear Mr. Lipps:

I have a copy of an affidavit executed before you by Harvey K. Meyer, Secretary, on the 19th day of February, 1915, in which he states that the records now on file at your school show that Minnie Atkins was enrolled on January 22, 1881 and that she left July 8, 1884.

I wish you would have Mr. Meyer get these records in readiness to produce before Honorable Giles A. Penick, Examiner appointed by the United States Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, in the case of The United States vs. Minnie Atkins, et al.

Mr. Penick will reach Carlisle about noon next Tuesday, January 25th, and wants to leave on the 2:30 train. He will be accompanied by myself and various other attorneys in the Atkins case.

Very truly yours,


Creek National Attorney.