

**Sophia Two Arrows**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE**

Pine Ridge Agency, So. Dak.,

August 21st, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Francis:

In the matter of the heirship to the estate of Julia Two Arrows, deceased Oglala Sioux allottee #7795, it appears that Sophia Two Arrows, a daughter of the decedent, is enrolled in your School.

I inclose herewith a copy of the Will of Julia Two Arrows, and you are requested to read and explain same to Sophia and to take her testimony in duplicate showing whether or not she objects to the approval of the Will.

Julia Two Arrows was survived by John Jones, husband, Sophia Two Arrows, daughter, and Emanuel Two Arrows, son, and under the laws of descent of the State of South Dakota, each of her heirs receive a 1/3 interest in her estate. Under the terms of her Will, if same be approved, John Jones will receive half of her allotment and Sophia and Emanuel a quarter interest each.

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Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I  
am

Yours very truly,

*Edward S. Stewart*  
Examiner of Inheritance.

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County of Pennsylvania)  
County of Cumberland ) ss  
Personally appeared before me, John Francis, Jr.,  
Superintendent of Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania,  
this 28th day of August, 1917, Sophie Two Arrows a student of the  
United States Indian School, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and made  
answer to the following questions.

- I, ....., do hereby swear that the  
statements made in the above testimony are true.
- Q. What is your name?  
A. Sophie Two Arrows.  
Q? How old are you, Sophie?  
A. Will be 18 in December.  
Q. Sophie, I have just read to you a copy of the will of  
Julia Two Arrows made on the 19th day of February, 1916.  
Sophie, who is Julia Two Arrows?  
A. My mother.  
Q. Is she dead.  
A. She is dead.  
Q. When did she die?  
A. March 11, 1916.  
Q. Sophie, who is John Jones?  
A. My stepfather.  
Q. When did your mother marry John Jones?  
A. Fall of 1913.  
Q. Sophie, who is Emanuel Two Arrows?  
A. My little brother.  
Q. Sophie, under the laws of the State of South Dakota the  
Examiner of Inheritance, Mr. Edward S. Stuart, who is  
settling the estate of your mother, advises me that in  
this case each one of you, that is John Jones your step-  
father, Emanuel your brother, and yourself, would be  
entitled to 1/3 interest in the estate. However, under  
this will your stepfather, John Jones, gets 1/2 and you  
and Emanuel each get 1/4 interest. In other words under  
your mother's will you don't get as much of the land as  
you would if you follow the law. Now I have asked you to  
come here this morning, Sophie, to find out which you want  
to do. Do you want the wishes of your mother as shown  
in the will carried out, or do you want to stand on your  
legal rights and ask for 1/3 for yourself and for your  
brother.  
A. Yes Sir.  
Q. You want the 1/3?  
A. Yes sir, because he has land and my brother and I have no  
land at all and he is trying to get 1/2 of my mother's land  
from us, and my mother did not want to make this will but  
he was the one to put the will down and my mother was too  
sick to do anything for herself, so she had to do what John  
Jones said to her. I want to have equal with both of them,  
my brother and my stepfather.  
Q. Sophie, how do you know that your mother was too sick to  
understand?  
A. Because my uncle wrote to me and I have all the letters he  
wrote in my trunk. I wanted to go home but Mr. Lipps told  
me not to go home because if she died I would not have any  
place to stay at all. My stepfather didn't treat my mother  
right even when I was home he used to kick her and everything.

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- Q. Sophie will you get me those letters so that I may send them out to the Examiner of Inheritance?  
A. Yes sir.  
Q. If you get me those letters and bring them up I will attach them to this statement which I will have written out and you can sign, and I will send it to the Examiner.  
A. Yes sir.

I, ....., do hereby swear that the statements made in the above testimony are true.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this ..... day of .....1917.

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Aug. 18th, 1915.

Mr. John R. Brennan,  
Superintendent, Pine Ridge Agency,  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

My dear Sir:

There is being enclosed herewith a communication from Sophie Two Arrows, one of the girls enrolled at Carlisle from the Pine Ridge reservation, authorizing Mr. C. E. Redfield of Porcupine, South Dakota, to make a selection of an allotment for her.

Sophie has filled out the blank at the request of Mr. Redfield and I am having it sent thru your office as is desired by him.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

(Copy to Mr. Redfield.)



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Aug. 23rd, 1916.

Mr. John R. Brennan,  
Superintendent, Pine Ridge Agency,  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

My dear Sir:

I return to you herewith the power of attorney that has been signed by Sophia Two Arrows and otherwise executed, authorizing Mr. Mark Marston to select an allotment for her, as was requested in the communication you addressed to me on a recent date.

Sophia desires also to be advised whether an allotment could be selected for her brother Emanuel, who is now at the home of Mr. Jack Brings Horses at Little Eagle, South Dakota.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

HKM.

Superintendent.

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Narberth Pa.,  
Oct. 25, 1916.

Dear Mr. Lipps.

I would like  
to ask you to write to  
my Agent at Pine Ridge  
Mr. Brennan, and ask  
him for my trusting  
money which I suppose  
to get last Spring.  
And I haven't got the  
money yet.

So I would like to  
have the money now.  
The Indians at home  
got their money  
and I did not get  
mine yet. So please  
write to him at

Narberth Pa.,  
Oct. 25, 1916.

Dear Mr. Lipps

I would like to ask you  
to write to my agent at  
Pine Ridge Mr. Brennan,  
and ask him for my  
[illegible] money which I  
suppose to get last Spring.  
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for the money.

Write and tell me  
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need the money.

I will close

I am,

Sophia Twoarrows.

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October 28, 1916.

Mr. A. R. Brennan, Supt.,  
Pine Ridge Agency,  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

Dear Sir:

I have an inquiry from Sophia Twoarrows, a pupil of this school now under the Outing, relative to her share of the Sioux Benefit Money. I wrote you on the 12th of August relative to this matter but have not heard from you. Sophia is anxious to know when she can have this money and I would be pleased to hear from you at an early date.

Very truly yours,

D/B

Superintendent.

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Aug. 12th, 1916.

Mr. John R. Brennan,  
Superintendent, Pine Ridge Agency,  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

My dear Sir:

Sophia Two Arrows has come to this office to make inquiry about her benefit money. Will you please advise me what information shall be conveyed to the girl?

Very respectfully,

HJH.

Superintendent.

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Narberth Pa.,  
Nov 4, 1916.

Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,  
Carlisle Pa.,

Dear Mr. Lipps,

I received two  
notices enclosed.

Will you kindly let me  
know what to do, or  
what is necessary for  
me to do in the matter  
to protect my interests,  
and oblige.

Please let me know  
right way. So I'll know  
what to do.

I will close

I am

Sophia Two Arrows.

Narberth Pa.,  
Nov 4, 1916

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Carlisle Pa.,

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do.

I will close

I am

Sophia Two Arrows.

November 6, 1916.

Mrs. J. A. Scott  
Harberth, Pa.

Dear Madam:-

I enclose herewith the two notices which were sent to me by Sophie Two Arrows. You can tell her that there is nothing she can do in this case. The law requires that these notices be posted a certain length of time before the hearing. She has relatives out there who will look out for her interests.

I also have a letter from Mr. Brennen, Superintendent at the Pine Ridge Agency, enclosing a check for Four Dollars, this being money she has inherited from the estate. I have placed this money to her credit here.

Mr. Brennen further says that Sophie has never received an allotment of land and is therefore not entitled to Sioux Benefits.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD  
Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pine Ridge Agency, S. D.,

November 1, 1916.

O. H. Lipps, Supt.,

Carlisle, Pa.,

Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$4.00 for Sophia Two Arrows which is the balance of her credit at this office.

This girl has never received an allotment and is not entitled to Sioux Benefits. The money which is enclosed is inherited from the estate.

In regard to your letter of the 12th, which you state was written relative to this matter, you are informed that there is no record of such letter being received at this office.

Respectfully,

*John R. Duman*  
Superintendent.

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November 26, 1917.

Sophie Two Arrows:-

The following is what Superintendent Ellis of the Pine Ridge Agency says regarding the notice of hearing to the estate of your mother,-

"Because of the smallness of her funds on deposit with you I do not see where it is very necessary at this time for her to pay her share of the hearing cost. This can be allowed to run until Sophie has a greater amount of funds or until the allotment of this decedent is leased from which the hearing cost can then be deducted.

I would rather see that Sophie retain the small amount she has until she is more able to pay it."

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

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November  
Thirteenth,  
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Mr. C. L. Ellis, Spec. Agent,  
Pine Ridge Agency,  
Pine Ridge, S. Dak.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

Sophia Two Arrows has just brought to my attention a notice of determination of heirs in the estate of Julia Two Arrows dated November 5, 1917.

It appears from this that \$3.25 is due from Sophia as her proportion of the Fifteen Dollars due for the settlement of the estate.

Sophia has on deposit here only \$3.40 which she earned on the outing last Fall and I dislike to have her use this money to pay the cost in this Heirship case unless it is absolutely necessary.

I asked her if she received her Pine Ridge payment last year and she says not. I am wondering if it may not be possible that she has some funds on deposit, with you, with which this could be made. She apparently has no knowledge of whether she has any money under your jurisdiction. I would be glad if you would advise me of Sophia's ~~affair~~ <sup>affair</sup> so that I may advise her in the premises.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

JF-E

ALIS

SPICIAL AGENT

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Copy for Sophie

In reply Please Refer to:  
Lease

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pine Ridge Indian Agency

Pine Ridge, S. D.,  
March 30, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 16th regarding Sophia Two Arrows who has received three selections of allotments has been received. I beg to advise that since she and her brother Emanuel are both orphans and Thomas Two Arrows, their father is dead, and since Sophia was the only adult, these certificates were mailed her. The stake number on the certificates are the allotment numbers of these parties. Schedule on which the allotments appeared was approved December 18, 1917, but thus far the trust patents have not yet been issued. As soon as they are they will be sent to Sophia. The certificates now held by her merely show what land was selected.

Yours respectfully,

*Henry M. Tidwell*  
Superintendent.

RES/MBS

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In reply Please Refer to:  
Lease

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Check #2577

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Pine Ridge Indian Agency

Pine Ridge, S. D.,  
March 27, 1918.

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

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a lease check #2577  
to the amount of Eight Dollars and Twenty-five Cents  
(\$8.25) in favor of Sophia Two Arrows, being her share  
of the rental derived from the allotment of Julia  
Two Arrows.

Please acknowledge its receipt.

Yours respectfully,

*Henry M. Tidwell*  
Superintendent.

Enclosure.  
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March  
Sixteenth,  
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Mr. H. M. Tidwell, Supt.,  
Indian Agency,  
Pine Ridge, S. Dak.

Sir:

Sophie Two Arrows, a student of this school, has come to me bringing three selections for allotment, certifying that Emanuel Two Arrows, Thomas Two Arrows and herself have selected certain acres of land in Section No., Township No. 23N., Range No. 40W. These selections are signed by former allotting agent, John C. Brenner and are said to be invalid unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Sophie is unable to determine just why these certificates are sent her and just what steps, if any, it is necessary for her to take in regard to them.

I will be glad if you will inform me regarding the matter so that I can advise Sophie.

Sincerely yours,

JP-E

Superintendent