Carlisle Indian Industrial School Interments Within Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery
History of Carlisle Barracks

Continuing historical research indicates that the original Carlisle Indian Industrial School (CIIS) cemetery was located in the vicinity of multiple previously existing cemeteries.

- The British established a military encampment at Carlisle during the 7-Years War (1757-1763)
- Carlisle was used for various recruitment, training, and detention functions in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War
- An 1820 Map illustrates a mid-18th century grave yard, possibly the family plots of Jonathan Holmes, in the general vicinity of later CIIS cemetery
- In the 1870s, military interments were estimated between 50-100 and poorly marked. As records are incomplete, an unknown number of military burials were relocated to Ashland cemetery in 1871
- CIIS operated 1879-1918: and the school established the CIIS cemetery in 1880
- In 1927 the Army relocated the CIIS cemetery to its present location as the Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery (CBPC)
Detail of Engles 1820 Map illustrating a “Grave Yard’ in same vicinity of later CIIS cemetery.
Detail of 1918 map showing location of CIIS cemetery
1927 Plat of CIIS cemetery
Satellite Map with Cemetery Locations
Geo-Referenced Aerial Showing the Projected Location of the Old Burial Ground and the CIIS Cemetery

Source: Bing Imagery (2010). Carlisle Indian School (1918) (1872)
Verification Efforts

- Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey of the Old Burial Ground identified a number of utility locations as well as seven indeterminate anomalies.

- Geo-referencing of historic maps indicate these anomalies are outside the CIIS cemetery boundaries and within the Old Burial Grounds.

- Army will consider ground-truthing the anomalies after concluding tribal consultation on this undertaking.

- The report may be downloaded from: http://www.belvoir.army.mil/ANMC/ReturnOfNativeAmericanRemains.asp
Consultation Outcomes

- The Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery will remain in place and under Army’s care in perpetuity

- Honor familial requests to disinter remains buried at the Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery

- Honor familial requests for remains to stay in place in a dignified manner

- Honor familial requests for new grave markers to correct inaccurate information

- Consult with tribes on possible replacement of memorial plaque
Carlisle Barracks Concept Sketch

Key Dates

31 Jul - 3 Aug: Set-up
4 Aug AM: Rehearsals
4 Aug: ANMC/CB Ldr Walk Thru
6-7 Aug: Tribal Walk Thru
7 Aug: Media Walk Thru
8 Aug: Disinterments Begin
14 Aug: Estimated Completion
15-17 Aug: Tear down