Just the Telling
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Racism is far from being dead and gone but it is very much alive. This is something very wrong with America that nags at the pit of the tummy of every African American and Native American and person of color. Perhaps you need to have a forum where people can tell their story.

Bishop Desmond Tutu, NPR interview, 1998
Greater Carlisle Heart & Soul
Principles of Heart & Soul

- Involve Everyone
- Focus on What Matters
- Play the Long Game
“Just the Telling”
Digging Up an Uncomfortable Past

Carlisle Indian Industrial School
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 1879 - 1918
P. N. Pratt
Carlisle School
Feb 10, 1883

Official report on the
Arapaho pupils from
Wyoming. Written by
physician of Carlisle
School, and signed by

[Signature]

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Welcome

The Carlisle Indian Industrial School is a major site of memory for many Native peoples, as well as a source of study for students and scholars around the globe. This website represents an effort to aid the research process by bringing together, in digital format, a variety of resources that are physically preserved in various locations around the country. Through these resources, we seek to increase knowledge and understanding of the school and its complex legacy, while also facilitating efforts to tell the stories of the many thousands of students who were sent there.

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So there's -- what's most important, what we like to tell people is that we have a very good record of who was interred in the original cemetery. And every single name that is on -- in fact, if you go to -- I will show you the copy of that original record, which is slide number 8. It looks like a blueprint.

That is the original plat. (Indicating) You can see that is the original cemetery with names. And we know that every name that is on this original cemetery map, there is a corresponding headstone and name on the existing in the new cemetery as well. So we're very confident that any Native American child that was buried in that cemetery was identified on this map.
Native American Interment List at Carlisle Barracks

# Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery

This is a listing of Native American soldiers buried there.

## Visitor Policy

- **No Drones or Low-Flying Objects:** Drones and low-flying objects are not allowed to be flown in or near the cemetery. They can disturb the peace and quiet of the area.

## Floral Policy

- **Plants and Flowers:** Only plants and flowers that are not harmful to the environment are allowed in the cemetery. This helps to maintain the natural beauty of the area.

## Post Cemetery Registry

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publicity elsewhere for the notable public figures such as Jim Thorpe (no disrespect intended). Most of the students were run of the mill, not public figures.

Dwight, April 7, 2003

I agree, I thought it was to honor the fact that Carlisle Indian School was once located there not to honor just those in the cemetery. I thought the cemetery was chosen because it was easier to get the markers approved for there than on the grounds of the old school. I mean it's nice if there's one on a building there, but unless you go on there, you aren't going to see it.

Michael, April 5, 2003

Hi Again, (to Ory, thank you for pointing out my error. It is good to see all of the responses and suggestions. I just hope that we can keep the wording simple and not put acronyms (specifically CIS) because the school was called "Carlisle". Also remember that although there were students who went to school there and became well known in later life, we are planning the markers for those who went to school at Carlisle and those who died there and are buried there and most of them were children. My main point was that we are talking about the children in that time and place.

Valma, April 3, 2003

I thought the marker was to commemorate the fact that Carlisle Indian School was once located there, not to honor just those individuals in the cemetery. I believe that the original application for the marker stated that it was to commemorate the school and the years of operation.

Ory, April 4, 2003

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Barbara, I'm overjoyed how you've gone from answering inquiries to where you are now as part of the CIS, as well as, your dedication to our legacy (though I am Dine Indian with your direct ties to the school). I remember the afternoon you comforted me after I saw the children's cemetery. The place does have a special spirit. It still reverberates. Thanks to you, this part of history will stand as a reminder to us and others, however that is perceived.

Evelyn Begody
Fort Defiance, AZ

All right I guess I can write a bit. I first got introduced to Carlisle after having a dream of a beautifully manicured lawn with woods at the edge. Moving swiftly from tree to tree was a shadow that was mumbling something. It was only after the 3rd dream that I understood what the shadow was saying. The male voice was saying "Find Me". My great-grandfather Leander Gansworth had passed 5 years prior to my birth so I really only had a minimal amount of tales from my great-grandmother and my grandmother. As time went on and more and more research I have found many family members still living on the Tuscarora Reservation and of course found Barb and Carlisle. Both my great-grandfather (by the way became dearer and dearer the more information I found out about him and his family) and his siblings (Howard and Alberta) were taken and sent to Carlisle. My great-grandfather was affiliated with the Red Man writings and even continued on with his printing (which he learned at Carlisle) for a newspaper in Davenport, Iowa. Howard went on to college but unfortunately Alberta passed away prior to excelling in her life.

I want to say it is my pleasure to get to know everyone here, and want to thank you for all the input regarding the marker. Thank you to Barb again from the bottom of my heart. My great-grandfather isn't buried at Carlisle, but I'm certain there is a part of his spirit that still

But not sure where from there...
Ground Penetrating Radar Survey of the Carlisle Indian School Cemetery Old Burial Ground and the Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery

U.S. Army Corps, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania