Rapid City Indian Boarding School 1898-1939

Child Deaths

(UPDATED June 2025)

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|  | Date of death | Name | Age | Cause | Tribe | Other Info |
|  | 4/2/1901 | Mabel Holy | 18 | Bright’s disease | Cheyenne River | First recorded death of a child that has been found so far.  From the Rapid City Daily Journal, April 3, 1901: “DIED. At the government Indian school at Rapid City, Tuesday, April 1, 1901, Mabel Holy, of Bright’s disease, aged eighteen years. Miss Holy was from the Cheyenne River agency and was the stepdaughter of a chief named Touch-the-Cloud. She had been declining for some time and Superintendent Davis had written to her parents some time ago of her condition, but the distance from postal communication probably hindered their receiving intelligence of her condition in time to visit her. Rev. M. D. Collins attended the funeral, and all the students marched to the cemetery and paid their last respects to their schoolmate in a beautiful manner under the conduct of Superintendent Davis and his wife.”  In 1929, Leon Holy wrote to the school asking for information on the death of Mabel Holy. Superintendent Sharon R. Mote replied, “I regret to advise that we have been unable to find complete records of this school that far back and therefore can not give you the desired information."  Buried Mountain View Cemetery  April 2, 1901 Mabel Holy (spelled Holey on gravestone)  (Row 42 - buried alone in individual plots section)   * New headstone replaced 2018. Old headstone gifted to family -Violet Catches * Living Family: Cheyenne River - Violet Catches, Frieda Condon |
|  | 5/15/1906 | Bessie Bare Arm Necklace | 15 | Consumption | Cheyenne River | From the Rapid City Daily Journal, May 15, 1906: “Funeral at the Indian School. Yesterday Rev. F. F. Case conducted the funeral service at the Indian School of Miss Bessie Bare Arm Necklace, who had died of consumption. All the pupils were present and took a deep interest in the last sad rites for their comrade. She was buried in Mountain View cemetery.”  Buried at Mountain View cemetery  May 14, 1906 Bessie Bare Arm Necklace  (Row 62 - RCIS Plot – Plot 6; MV 62-895-6) |
|  | 06/09/1906 | Tommy Afraid of Thunder | 9 | Tuberculosis of the brain | Cheyenne River | Full blood  School chapel - Walked to the cemetery  From the Rapid City Daily Journal, June 13, 1906: “DIED. At the Indian school, Friday June 9, 1906, Tommy Afraid of Thunder, of tuberculosis of the brain, aged about nine years. When it was known that the little fellow could not live, Superintendent House telegraphed for his father, and, receiving no answer, he telegraphed to Agent Brennan, from whom he also received no reply. A student was dispatched in haste across the reservation, and met with better success, returning with the family of the boy. They were too late to find him alive. Deceased had only been sick one week. Monday afternoon Rev. S. G. Butcher conducted the simple service, in the Indian School chapel, all the students being present. When the friends of the lad started with the remains for the cemetery, the students started to the cemetery, the boys filing in one long string, and the girls in another. The last words were said as twilight descended, and the Indian School pupils sang very effectively “Jesus Lover of My Soul.” Mr. Butcher said that it was one of the most impressive burials he ever attended. The parents bore their grief quietly but felt their loss the same as white parents do.”  Buried at Mountain View Cemetery:  June 11, 1906, Tommy Afraid of Thunder  (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 5; MV 62-895-5) |
|  | 1/26/1909 | Joseph Kills A Hundred | 9 | Pneumonia | Pine Ridge | Information found in a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He died of pneumonia and was buried at Mt. View Cemetery although we cannot find any record of his death or attendance at the school other than the letter. He is not listed as being buried at Mt. View either, only recorded death date on the state death index. |
|  | 10/19/1909 | Adolph Russell | 10 | Boiler room explosion | Pine Ridge | Family oral history is that Adolph was hungry and trying to cook a potato secretly on the boiler when it exploded and killed him.  Living Family: Kibbe McGaa-Brown  Buried on the Pine Ridge Reservation with family. |
|  | 11/20/ 1909 | Charles Crowdog | 18 | ? | Crow Creek | ½ blood  Superintendent Evan W. Estep of the Yankton Indian School in Greenwood, South Dakota, wrote a letter, dated November 22, 1909, to Superintendent J. F. House of the Rapid City Indian School. The letter asked House to render assistance to the bearer of the letter, Isaac Dion, who would accompany Charles' body to the cemetery at the Yankton Indian School, to be buried there with other members of his family. Originally, Estep had asked to have Charles buried at the Rapid City cemetery. Charles’ family members later raised the money to have his body transported to the Yankton school.  Buried cemetery at the Yankton Indian School |
|  | 10/16/ 1910 | James Means | 15 | Run over by train sleeping on train tracks trying to escape | Pine Ridge | ½ blood  “Ran Away October 15th, and was run over and killed October 16th”  From the Oglala Light on September 1, 1910, (?)- Joe Sherman and James Means, two boys belonging to this reservation, were killed by the railroad train at Scenic SD on the 17th of October. They were running away from the Rapid City Indian School. Sherman was immediately killed, and James Means was so seriously injured that he died the following day in the Rapid City Hospital. The body of James Means was brought to Pine Ridge and buried in the Episcopal Cemetery. He was well remembered here as he had been in our boarding school the previous year.”  Buried in Pine Ridge, SD at the Episcopal Cemetery |
|  | 10/16/ 1910 | Mark Sherman | 17 | Run over by train sleeping on train tracks trying to escape | Pine Ridge | ¼ blood  “Ran Away October 15th, and was run over and killed October 16th”  Had a brother George Sherman, 15, who was attending at the same time, He was “excused on account of his brother.” Mabel Brown Ears, 15, was also “Excused Nov 1, 1910, account death of Mark Sherman”  Oral History From Lori Pourier:   * Uncle Ben Sherman is my mom's brother * Lizzie (Mark Sherman's mom) was my Grandpa Mark "Jumbo" Sherman's grandmother. * My Great Aunt Geraldine Sherman volunteered and worked with the women at Mother Butler until her passing several years back. * Mabel Brown Ears was the daughter of Emma Brown Ears (Eagle Shirt), Lizzies half-sister. Mabel would have been a cousin of Mark. * Lizzie and Frank were married at the Genoa Indian Industrial School in Nebraska. They both worked there. Genoa was one of the largest Indian Boarding schools and two of their daughters attended Genoa, Emma and Rosalie. * All of Lizzie and Franks children were 3/8 degree Indian blood. 1/8 Ponca and ¼ Lakota.   Oral History from Ben Sherman (September 2018):  Mark was our lala William Sherman's younger brother, son of Lizzie and Frank. He and three schoolmates were running away from school. Mark and one other were sleeping on the railroad tracks and were killed by a train. It happened toward Interior. I told the story to the ladies who did the research on the boarding school.  Mark Sherman, fourth child of Frank and Lizzie Sherman, attended Rapid City Indian Boarding School in 1910. Conditions at the boarding school were not the best, and student runaways were a common occurrence.  On Saturday, October 15, 1910, six boys took off from school, with Scenic as their first destination. They walked along the railroad tracks on a clear and warm day. They stopped to rest along the way, with four boys lying on the embankment. James Means and Mark Sherman rested on the tracks.  Their sleep must have been sound as they did not hear or feel the approaching train. The train struck the two boys, killing Mark immediately and fatally wounding James. Mark was 17 years old.  Mark was buried at the cemetery a mile south of Kyle. Lizzie and Frank are there. If Aunt Mae was correct I know where Mark is buried. The grave is unmarked. I showed it to Vicki and Marilyn but they would never be able to find it again, only me.  The cropped photo of Mark came from the attached larger photo of Lizzie and her children. Lizzie survived the Carlisle Indian Boarding School only to see her son die trying to get away from boarding school.  Photo From the left: Mark, Emma, William, Rosalie and George.    Living Family Members  Ben Sherman <[sherman1491@gmail.com](mailto:sherman1491@gmail.com)> Lori Pourier <[Lori@firstpeoplesfund.org](mailto:Lori@firstpeoplesfund.org)> Marilyn Pourier <[mpourier@olc.edu](mailto:mpourier@olc.edu)>  Amy Wynn <[awynn50@hotmail.com](mailto:awynn50@hotmail.com)>  Gerald Sherman <[geralds@montana.net](mailto:geralds@montana.net)>  Marlon Sherman <[Shermansg@aol.com](mailto:Shermansg@aol.com)>  Mark Sherman <[rienzel@hotmail.com](mailto:rienzel@hotmail.com)>  Richard Sherman <[rtsherman43@gmail.com](mailto:rtsherman43@gmail.com)>  Buried at the cemetery a mile south of Kyle with family. |
|  | 1914 | James Tatiyopya | 18? | “sickness and death” | Crow Creek | He is mentioned as passing away before he could graduate, newspaper clipping in newspapers.com reads “Out of an Indian population of about 10,000 persons on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, I believe these two young persons have the distinction of being the only ones who have ever graduated from a regularly organized high school of this state. Of the other members of that class, William Schimdt and Paul Presho have each completed three years of work in high school, but owing to sickness and conditions over which they had no control they will not be able to receive their diplomas until the end of another year. Of the other member, James Tatiyopa, it is with sadness that we recall his sickness and death about a year ago.”   * He is listed as a student in 1910 and 1912. * Ancestry.com lists his DOD as 1914. |
|  | 7/2/1915 | Joshua Little Crow | 10 | Died | Cheyenne River | Letter to Commissioner of Indian Affairs details his death and also questions his age. |
|  | 6/24/ 1916 | Isadore Eagle Feather | 17 | “Died.” | Rosebud | Full blood  Buried at White Horse Cemetery in Parmelee, South Dakota |
|  | 2/17/ 1917 | Alonzo Little Chief | 16 | “Died.” | Cheyenne | Full blood  Buried in Busby, MT |
|  | 5/15/ 1917 | Luke Shell Necklace | 17 | Died in the hospital following an operation | Cheyenne River | In the Rapid City Journal on May 19, 1917: “Luke Shell Necklace, an Indian, died yesterday morning at the hospital in this city following an operation. He has been in attendance at the Rapid City Indian School. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the Nichol undertaking parlors, Rev Wilson of the Episcopal church, having charge of them. Internment was made in Mountain View Cemetery. The young man was nineteen years of age. His parents live at Cherry Creek. He had been ill but a short time.”  Buried at Mountain View Cemetery:  May 18, 1917, Luke Shell Necklace  (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 11; MV 62-895-11) |
|  | 5/19/ 1917 | Martin Hart | 17 | Tuberculosis | Crow | In the Rapid City Journal on May 22, 1917: “Martin Hart, an Indian boy attending the Rapid City Indian School, died at the school Friday at midnight and his remains will be shipped to the home of his parents at Crow Agency in Montana this morning. He was eighteen years of age and had been attending the local school for some time. He had been a sufferer from tuberculosis for a short time, and this was the cause of his death.”  Likely buried in Montana at Crow Agency. |
|  | 9/1/ 1917 | Joseph Face Darkling | 14 | “Died.” | Rosebud | Full blood  Other children named Sam and Laura with the same last name attended in the same period. Sometimes the name is listed as Face Darling or Dark Face.  Burial unknown. |
|  | 9/1/ 1917 | Martin Williamson | 13 | “Died.” | Yankton | ½ blood  Buried at Greenwood Presbyterian Cemetery in Greenwood, SD |
|  | 9/30/1917 | Mary Galligo | 18 | “Died.” | Pine Ridge | ½ blood  Burial unknown. |
|  | 10/20/1918 | Hattie Black Horse | 13 | Influenza | Rosebud | Found in newspapers.com “Hattie Black Horse, the 13 year old daughter of Tom Black Horse and wife died Sunday, from the effects of influenza and was buried in the Episcopal cemetery south of town.  She was a student at the school in 1918. She may be one of the last two unnamed children who died during the Spanish Flu that was referenced in a physician’s report. |
|  | 10/23/ 1918 | Josephine  Spotted Bear | 17 | “Died” | Standing Rock | Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Burial unknown. |
|  | 11/10/1918 | Melissa Rencountre | 16 | “Died” | Lower Brule | Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza”. It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Buried at St. Albanas Episcopal Cemetery- Lyman County, South Dakota |
|  | 11/11/1918 | Pearl White |  | Influenza | Rosebud | Name listed in a letter to one of the physicians from the superintendent of the school. She is not listed as attending the school in 1918 or at all.  Death index says she died 11/8/1918 in Pennington County |
|  | 12/8/ 1918 | Adolph Bissonnette | 12 | Influenza | Pine Ridge | ¼ blood  Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Burial unknown.  From the Chadron Record on October 11, 1918:: “Adolph Garrett Bissonette, aged 17 years, died at Rapid City on Tuesday night. This young man whose parents live in Chadron, was attending the Government Indian School at Rapid City and had been there but a week. He was a bright young man and was fitting himself for usefulness. He was taken to Pine Ridge where the funeral was held from the Episcopal church and he was buried in the Episcopal cemetery near the church. His parents have the sympathy of all their friends.”  Buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. |
|  | 12/10/ 1918 | Nicholas  Eagle Horn | 17 | “Died” | Rosebud | Full blood  Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  From the Rapid City Journal on October 17, 1918: “At 4:30pm Nicholas Eagle Horn of the Rosebud reservation, was called away. The father of Nicholas is fighting for his country in France and was the first South Dakota man to win the Croix de Guerre.”  Buried at Mountain View Cemetery:  October 18, 1918 Nicholas Eagle Horn  (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 10; MV 62-895-10)  No headstone |
|  | 12/10/ 1918 | Jennie  Pretends Eagle | 18 | “Died” | Standing Rock | Full blood  From the Rapid City Journal on October 17, 1918- “At 2:30pm yesterday Jennie Pretends Eagle, from the Standing Rock reservation, passed away, a victim of the prevailing epidemic.”  Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Buried at Mountain View Cemetery:  October 18, 1918 Jennie Pretend Eagle  (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 9; MV 62-895-9) |
|  | 10/18/ 1918 | Ida Logan | 18 | “Died” | Rosebud | Full blood  From the Rapid City Journal on October 19, 1918- “Ida Logan, a young woman at the Indian School, who is here from the Rosebud Reservation, 18 years old, died yesterday afternoon.”  Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Burial unknown |
|  | 7/6/1919 | Spencer Ruff | 17 | “Died” | Pine Ridge | ½ blood  There was also an Emma and Alberta Ruff that attended around the same time.  Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Burial unknown |
|  | 10/8/ 1919 | Louis  Long Horn | 19 | “Died” | Pine Ridge | Full blood  Also a Lizzie Long Horn attending around same time  Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Possibly buried as Louie Long Horn at the Presbyterian at Corn Creek Cemetery in Allen, South Dakota. |
|  | 10/9/ 1919 | Sophia Fleury | 17 | “Died” | Crow Creek | ½ blood  Louise and Angelic Fleury attended around the same time period.  Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Burial unknown. |
|  | 1919 | Laura Pretty Voice |  | - | Rosebud | Oral history provided by family at Sioux San 80th anniversary celebration. It is possible that she was sent home and died at home, which was frequent. It is also possible she is one of the unnamed female victims of the influenza/Spanish flu.  “Laura Pretty Voice Hawk, Rosebud, 1919  Sister Mary Pretty Voice, potentially brother named Joe”  There is a Laura Pretty Voice Hawk listed in 1919, and a Joe Pretty Voice Hawk listed as well. There is also an Effie listed. All from Rosebud. |
|  | 1919 | Female Child 1919-#1 | ? | Influenza epidemic | Unknown | Nine unnamed children, second and third quarters of 1919. Hospital reports list the deaths of two boys and seven girls. Influenzas.  NOTE: Likely the nine listed above. But here we have 5 females and 4 males listed. So we account for the potentially missing 2 females with the unknown listing.  Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Our count above has 5 girls and 4 boys, both add up to 9 but 2 girls names are missing |
|  | 1919 | Female Child 1919-#2 | ? | Influenza epidemic | Unknown | Nine unnamed children, second and third quarters of 1919. Hospital reports list the deaths of two boys and seven girls. Influenzas.  NOTE: Likely the nine listed above. But here we have 5 females and 4 males listed. So we account for the potentially missing 2 females with the unknown listing.  Likely Spanish Flu. This was during the height of the Spanish Flu. A doctor’s report from the school files states that 9 children died in the second and third quarters from “influenza.” It states that it was two boys and seven girls but does not name them.  Our count above has 5 girls and 4 boys, both add up to 9 but 2 girls names are missing |
|  | 2/12/ 1920 | Charles  Long Turkey | 15 | Obstruction of the bowel | Lower Brule | From Lower Brule Reservation, Charles Long Turkey was hospitalized in Rapid City for an obstruction of the bowel. Despite surgery, he later died. His father took Charles’ remains home.  Buried in Lower Brule, SD. |
|  | 3/18/ 1920 | Robert  Cedar Boy | 16 | Embolism | Standing Rock | From the Rapid City Journal on March 18, 1920: “Robert Cedar Boy, a seventeen-year-old Indian boy attending the school here, died Sunday afternoon of embolism. At first it was thought that he had obtained some poison but an autopsy did not reveal symptoms of poison. The remains were shipped to the lad’s home in McLaughlin last night.”  Buried in McLaughlin, SD. |
|  | 8/6/1920 | Infant Naomi Goings | ? | Unknown |  | We do not have confirmed information on this child.   * “August 6, 1920” is one of the notes in the cemetery files. * Another notes states “1931 Infant Goings (not from RCIS; moved from Flandreau October 22, 1954)” * We do have records of a Leta Goings being sent home for being pregnant on March 13, 1926. There is always a chance that the cemetery records are inaccurate and this infant was buried August 6, 1926 rather than 1920. But the cemetery believes both their map and records are for 1920.   Buried at Mountain View Cemetery  Infant Naomi Goings, August 6, 1920  (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 9) |
|  | 10/1920 | Unknown Child  [Illegible] | 14 | “Deceased” | Sioux | Full blood  This was difficult to read. |
|  | 3/9/1921 | Susan “Lottie” Blue Horse | 8 | Complication of diseases | Rosebud | From the Rapid City Journal on March 8, 1921: “Lottie Blue Horse, aged 8 years died at the Indian School Sunday morning, her death being caused by a complication of diseases. The little body is being held at the Behren’s undertaking rooms awaiting the instructions from the child’s parents, Mr and Mrs Claude Blue Horse who are living on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.  Buried at Mountain View Cemetery  Susan “Lottie” Blue Horse March 9, 1921  (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 7) |
|  | 4/20/ 1921 | James Short Tree |  | Suicide | Northern Cheyenne | Listed as a student for 1918, 1919 and 1920. Likely 18 or older as seems to have enlisted in the army.  Telegram from Rapid City Boarding School superintendent JF House, to Cheyenne Agency Superintendent in Lame Deer, MT. “Have just received newspaper clipping saying James Short Tree committed suicide Saturday at Camp Grant, Illinois.” |
|  | 12/6/1923 | Raymond Barker | 10 | “Death” | Sisseton | Full blood  From the Rapid City Journal on December 7, 1923- “Raymond Barker, a 12 year old Indian boy, died yesterday afternoon at the Indian School after a lingering illness of several weeks. The body was taken by his father to Sisseton, where it will receive burial.”  Likely buried in Sisseton. |
|  | 12/22/ 1925 | Mary Charboneau | 11 | Typhoid fever | Turtle Mountain Chippewa | ½ blood  From the Rapid City Journal on December 24, 1925: “The body of little Mary Charboneau, an 11 year old Indian girl who died at the US Indian School here, left last night for Narrows, North Dakota, where her parents reside. Funeral services were held at the Indian school chapel yesterday afternoon, the Rev John O’Hara officiating. All students and faculty of the school were present and sang the favorite hymns of the dead girl. A quartette, composed of Indian school employees, sang. Superintendent S.R. Mote and Father O’Hara gave talks. The little girl died following a protracted illness from typhoid fever. Despite the services of physicians and a trained nurse, she grew steadily worse and the end came Monday. Her parents are destitute; the government authorized shipment of the body.”  Likely buried in North Dakota according to article. |
|  | 12/31/ 1925 | Abner Kirk | 12 | “Dead”  “Chorea died” | Sisseton | ½ blood  Potentially brothers, Llewellyn 8, Percy 11, and Simon 15 Kirk – all attended at the same time.  Burial Unknown |
|  | 4/21/ 1926 | John Telcostair | 13 | “Dead” | Flathead | Full blood  Appears to have siblings Joseph, 15, and Antoine, 12, who “went home April 22” Also from Flathead of the same last name. Both listed with “Active tuberculosis”  From the Rapid City Journal on April 20, 1926: “John Tellcostair, small Indian boy, is dangerously ill with hemorrhages of the nose, according to Rev John O’Hara of the Indian school. Word was sent to his mother in Montana and she is expected to arrive this evening.”  Likely buried in Montana |
|  | 5/29/1926 | Rose Little Shield | 16 | “died of appendicitis” | Cheyenne River | Full Blood    From the Rapid City Journal on May 28, 1926: “Rose Little Shield of the Rapid City Indian School was admitted to the hospital yesterday.”  2021 Living relatives on Cheyenne River: Valentina Little Shield  Buried at the UCC Cemetery on the Cheyenne River Reservation. |
|  | 6/30/ 1926 | Female Child 1926 |  |  | Sioux | ½ blood Sioux Female  Physicians end of year summary June 30, 1926  Possibly Mary Charboneau but blood quantum don’t match |
|  | 6/30/ 1926 | Male Child 1926 |  |  | Flathead | ¾ blood Flathead Male  Physicians end of year summary June 30, 1926  Possibly John Telcostair but blood quantum doesn’t match |
|  | 1925 | Unnamed Child 1925 |  |  |  | Per the doctor's note, five children died in the 1925-1926 school year. The doctor did not list names. However, we were only able to identify 4 children. So we list the 5th child as unnamed.  Five unnamed children, 1925-1926 school year  In a letter dated June 7, 1926, District Superintendent O. C. Upchurch wrote the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, “Notwithstanding the carrying out during the year of a definite and comprehensive health program, the school has been unfortunate in the loss by death of five pupils, three of whom died at the school, apparently from unavoidable causes.  “86 children are posted as having trachoma and required to report at the dispensary every morning for treatment. This seems to me an alarmingly large percentage. I recommend that the attention of the Health Department be directed particularly to Rapid City School." June 7, 1926 |
|  | 2/25/ 1927 | Evelyn Day | 14 | ? | Crow Creek | ½ blood  In an internal memorandum dated February 26, 1927, Rapid City Superintendent Sharon R. Mote wrote, “Funeral service for Evelyn Day will be held this afternoon at four o’clock at the Behrens Undertaking Parlors. Reverend Rouillard officiating. The classmates and other special friends who wish to attend the funeral service may be excused at three o’clock or in sufficient time to get ready and go down to the services beginning at four.”  Rapid City Journal Death Notice: “Dead. Evelyn Day, 14, student at the Rapid City Indian School died Sunday evening and after a short service conducted in the Behrens funeral chapel was sent to Chamberlain for burial.”  Physicians end of year summary June 30, 1927  Death, ½ Sioux, no name, was not under 3; did not have tuberculosis  NOTE: Likely Evelyn Day  Possibly buried at Saint John the Baptist Cemetery in Buffalo County, SD |
|  | 10/13/ 1927 | Dorothy Crier | 12 | Pneumonia | Pine Ridge | Full blood  Physicians end of year summary June 30, 1928  Female, Full blood, pneumonia  NOTE: Likely Dorothy Crier from October 1927  Buried at Saint Agnes Catholic Cemetery in Manderson, South Dakota |
|  | 1928 | Infant Foreman | ? | ? |  | “Baby Foreman” 1928  Buried Mountain View Cemetery  (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 8)  Buried in the Boarding School plot. No information on the infant. There is a Marion v. Foreman buried nearby on 4/20/53. There are no Foreman’s in the school roles that we have found so far. |
|  | 1/26/ 1928 | Alfred Old Dog | 16 | Tubercular meningitis | Gros Ventres | Full blood  “Deceased January 26, 1928”  Physicians end of year summary June 30, 1928  Male, full blood, Gros Ventre, Tubercular meningitis  NOTE: Likely Alfred Old Dog  Buried at Queen of Peace Cemetery in Raub, North Dakota |
|  | 10/24/ 1931 | Hubert “Phillip” Moore | 18 | Ruptured intestine in a football game | Rosebud | Rapid City Superintendent S. A. M. Young wrote to Sam J. McLean, Athletic Director of the Pierre Indian School, “On account of the death of Philip Moore as a result of last Saturday’s game with Wall, we have decided as a mark of respect not to play any more games this season.”  THE DAILY PLAINSMAN (Huron, SD) 27 October 1931  INJURIES ARE FATAL TO R.C. GRID PLAYER  RAPID CITY, Oct. 27--Philip Moore, 18, student at the United States Indian School here, died yesterday morning in a local hospital after suffering a ruptured intestine in a football game with Wall Saturday afternoon. His home is at Okreek on the Rosebud Reservation.  Coach James Ottipoby of the Indian School announced that the remaining four games on the schedule this year have been canceled because of the tragedy. These included three Hills games and one with the Pierre Indians.  https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/43840356/hubert-phillip-moore  Buried at Calvary Cemetery in Okreek, South Dakota, USA PLOT Lot 33 |
|  | 10/13/ 1932 | Male Child 1932 |  | Appendicitis |  | Scott Riney notes on the death of children. 10/13/32 Boy dies of appendicitis |

Mountain View Cemetery

Rapid City Indian School Students:

1. April 2, 1901 Mabel Holy (spelled Holey) (Row 42 - buried alone in individual plots section)
2. May 14, 1906 Bessie Bare Arm Necklace (Row 62 - RCIS Plot – Plot 6; MV 62-895-6)
3. June 11, 1906 Tommy Afraid of Thunder (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 5; MV 62-895-5)
4. May 18, 1917 Luke Shell Necklace (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 11; MV 62-895-11)
5. October 18, 1918 Jennie Pretend Eagle (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 9; MV 62-895-9)
6. October 18, 1918 Nicholas Eagle Horn (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 10; MV 62-895-10) (No marker)
7. August 6, 1920 Infant - Naomi Goings (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 9)
8. March 9, 1921 Susan “Lottie” Blue Horse (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 7)

Other individuals in the RCIS Plot

1. 1928 “Baby Foreman” (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 8)
2. 1931 Infant Goings (not from RCIS; moved from Flandreau October 22, 1954)
3. April 20, 1953 Marion (“Mary”) V. Foreman (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 4)
4. April 23, 1983 Letha Cessna (Row 62 - RCIS Plot –Plot 12)
5. Plots 1, 2, and 3 unoccupied

Unknown burials:

1. Joseph Face Darkling
2. Mary Galligo
3. Josephine Spotted Bear
4. Ida Logan
5. Spencer Ruff
6. Sophia Fleury
7. Abner Kirk