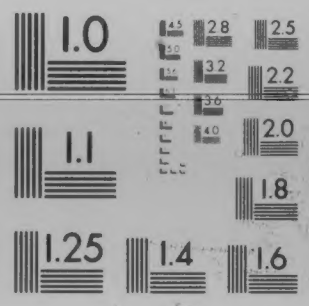
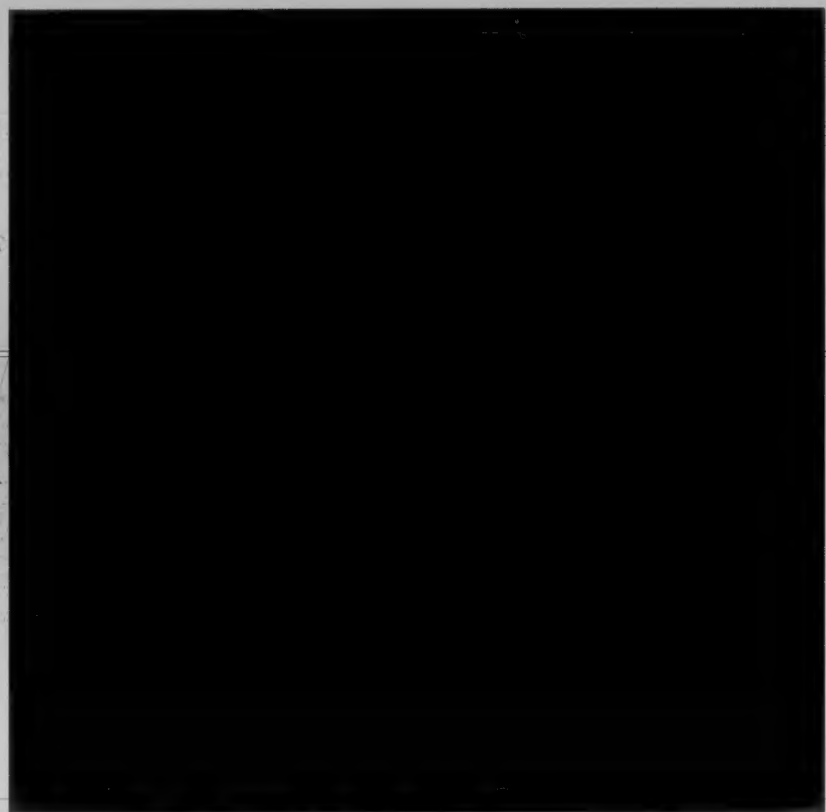
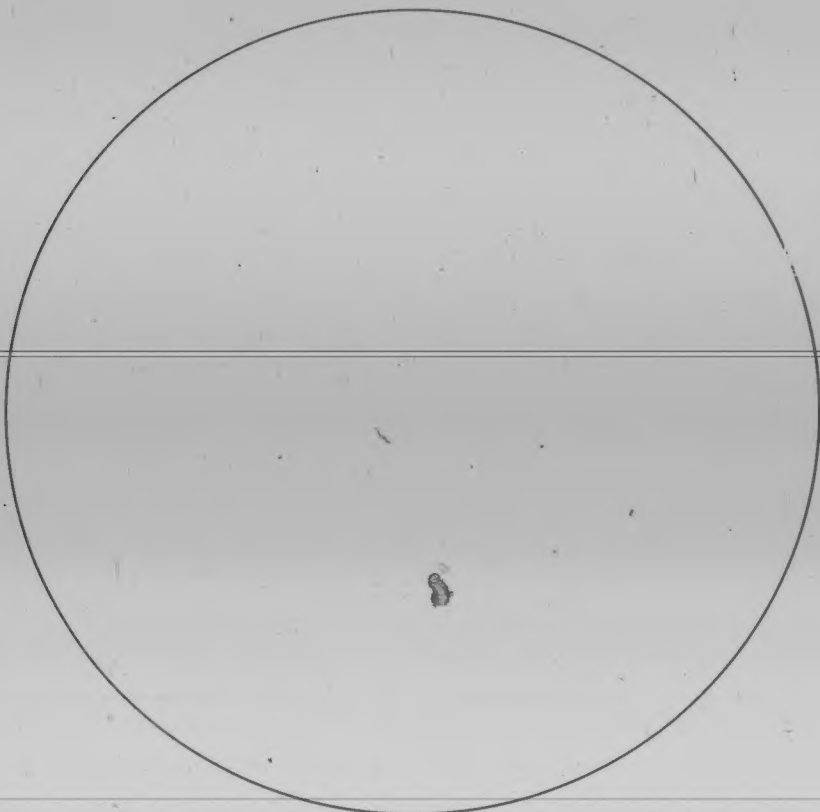
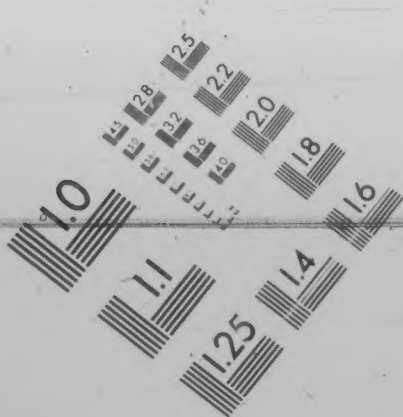
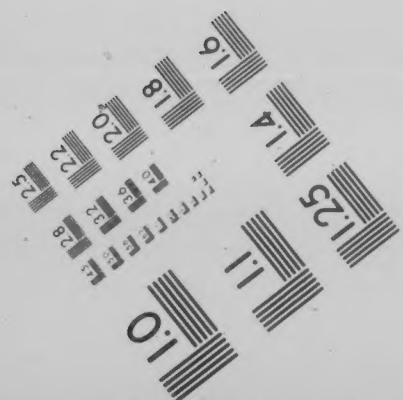
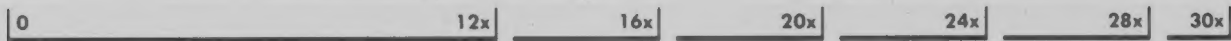


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Choc FR 886 Rufus Colbert

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application of Rufus Colbert, said Colbert being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

I do not know how old I am exactly. My mother's name was Sophie Wagoner. She belonged to Mary Walker, a Choctaw. I have lived here in the Choctaw Nation all the time. I am married to my wife. I married in the Choctaw Nation at Cross Roads, Isaac Kemp married a . . .

(Certificate of marriage is to be forwarded to the Commission.)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon the official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. McDonald*



IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Cloria F. Colbert*

*by adoption*  
as a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved OCT 1 1902 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Clorin F. Colbert, born on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1902  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Rufus Colbert, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: D. V. Colbert, a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
 Post-Office: Caddo, Ok.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Ouellet District.

I, D. V. Colbert, on oath state that I am 25  
 years of age and a citizen, non of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Rufus Colbert, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female child was  
 (Male or female.)  
 born to me on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1902 that said child has been  
 named Clorin F. Colbert, and is now living.

D. V. Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1902

A. H. Blum  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Ouellet District.

I, Mary Stirling, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. D. V. Colbert, wife of Rufus Colbert,  
 on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
 date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (Male or female.)  
 named Clorin F. Colbert.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1902

A. H. Blum  
Notary Public.

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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Eric Eugene Colbert*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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*[Signature]*  
ACTING COMMISSIONER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Rozie Emma Colbert born on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1900  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Rufus Colbert a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Doe Colbert a citizen of the non Nation.  
 Post-office Caddo, Ark.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Doe Colbert, on oath state that I am 25  
 years of age and a citizen, by non of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Rufus Colbert, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was  
 (male or female.)  
 born to me on 5<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1900, that said child has been  
 named Rozie Emma Colbert, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK: Doe Colbert  
 (Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1902  
C. H. Collins  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Polly Howell, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Doe Colbert, wife of Rufus Colbert  
 on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1900, that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female.)  
 named Rozie Emma Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK: Polly Howell  
 (Must be Two Witnesses.) mark  
Ransom Sharnter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1902  
C. H. Collins  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## Certificate of Record of Marriage.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, SCT  
THIRD JUDICIAL DIVISION

I, JOSEPH W. PHILLIPS, Clerk  
of the United States Court in the Territory  
and Division aforesaid

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the license for,  
and certificate of the Marriage of  
Mr *W. C. Calbert* and  
Mrs *He Moore*  
were filed in my office in said Territory and Divis-  
ion the *1st* day of *Sept* A. D. 18*93*,  
and duly recorded in Book *51* of marriage  
Records page *221*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court,  
at Ardmore, this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept* A. D. 18*93*

JOSEPH W. PHILLIPS, Clerk  
BY *Jno. A. McLean* Deputy.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

United States of America, )  
 THE INDIAN TERRITORY, ) AN  
 THIRD JUDICIAL DIVISION.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to  
 Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

*Your names as mentioned in your  
 application are hereby approved and  
 you are granted a license to marry  
 R. P. Gilbert                      Wiley*

*Miss Lee Moore                      Wiley*  
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WITNESS my hand and Official Seal this 17 day of Aug A. D. 1893

*Jos A McChesney*

*Joseph W. Champ*  
 CLERK OF THE U. S. COURT  
 DEPUTY

**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.**

United States of America, )  
 THE INDIAN TERRITORY )  
 THIRD JUDICIAL DIVISION

*I Isaac Kemp*  
*a Minister of Gospel*

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 17 day of Aug A. D. 1893  
 I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the  
 Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named

WITNESS my hand this 18 day of Aug A. D. 1893

My credentials are recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court,  
 Indian Territory, 3 Judicial Division, Book 7 Page 149

*Isaac Kemp*  
*a Minister of Gospel*

NOTE: This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory from whence it was issued, within six days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.)



Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 16, 1902.

Rufus Colbert,

In care of Homer & Elting,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

On May 7, 1901, the Commission received an application for enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation of Posie Emma Colbert, infant daughter of Rufus and Dee Colbert, and the same was returned to Homer & Elting, Attorneys at Law, Caddo, Indian Territory, for the reason that it appeared from our records that the mother of the child was a non-citizen, and the father a citizen by adoption and not a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation as stated in the affidavit of the mother.

A blank for the purpose of making a new application for the enrollment of this child as a Choctaw freedman was also enclosed in our letter and information given to Homer & Elting that upon return of the same, properly executed, the matter would receive further consideration.

Re response to the communication of the Commission referred to above, having been received, your attention is called to the matter at this time and a blank for the purpose

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of making an application for enrollment of your child as  
a Choctaw freedman is enclosed you herewith.

Yours truly,

B. C.

Acting Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 7, 1901.

Romer & Elting,  
Attys at Law, Caddo, Ind, Ter.  
Gentlemen;-

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Rozie Emma Colbert, the infant daughter of Rufus and Dec Colbert born February 6, 1901, and the same is returned to you for the following reasons.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that she is 23 years old and ~~is~~ citizen by marriage of the Choctaw Nation, and the lawful wife of Rufus Colbert who is a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

You are informed that the records of the Commission show that Rufus Colbert is Choctaw Freedman, and that his wife Dec Colbert is a non-citizen. You will therefore understand that application should be made for this child, as a Choctaw Freedman, and not as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

A blank ~~application~~ for the enrollment of an infant child is enclosed you herewith, which if returned properly executed in accordance with the facts in the case, the matter of the enrollment of this child as a Choctaw Freedman will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

17-886.

Acting Chairman.



17-886

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

Rufus Colbert,

Care of Homer & Elting,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Rastus and Rozie Emma Colbert, children of Rufus and Dee Colbert, has been filed with the Commission. The Commission forwarded you on May 17, 1901, a blank application to be filled out and returned in the matter of the enrollment of Rozie Emma Colbert, but the same has not been received at this office. Two blank applications are inclosed herewith, which you should have executed and return, if you want these two children enrolled as Choctaw freedmen. No further action can be taken relative thereto until the proof of their births has been furnished. In having the applications executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses. You should give this matter immediate attention.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Inv.  
S B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-886.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 20, 1902.

Hoyer & Blting,

Attorneys at Law,

Okado, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 15th inst., relative to the enrollment as Choctaw freedmen of Rufus Colbert and his minor children requesting to be advised whether the proof of birth of Rastus Colbert has ever been furnished the Commission.

You are informed that it appears from our records that no evidence of the birth of Rastus Colbert, minor child of Rufus and Eva Colbert, has ever been filed with the Commission.

Under date of October 15th, Rufus Colbert was informed that no proof of the birth of his minor children, Rastus and Rozie Emma Colbert, had ever been filed with the Commission; and two blank applications for the enrollment of infant children, with instructions as to the proper execution of the same, were enclosed him.

Proof of birth of Rozie Emma Colbert was received and filed with our records November 12, 1902.

H A N D

You are requested to inform Rufus Colbert that it will be necessary that he furnish the Commission, with as little delay as possible, with proof of birth of his minor child, Rufus Colbert; and a blank application for the enrollment of an infant child is enclosed herewith for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

B.C.

17-200.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 12, 1902.

Homer & Elting,

Attorneys at Law,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th inst., enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Rosie Emma Colbert, infant daughter of Rufus and Dee Colbert, born February 5, 1900; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

You request to be advised as to the enrollment of Rufus Colbert and his family as Choctaw freedmen; also whether or not his wife, Dee Colbert, is recognized as a Choctaw freedman.

You are informed that it appears from our records that on August 23, 1899, Rufus Colbert, 28 years of age, of Caddo, Indian Territory, and his minor children, Gertrude, Virdie and Rastus, were duly listed for enrollment by this Commission as Choctaw freedmen.

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Glorie and Roxie Emma Colbert have since been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen upon presentation of proper evidence of birth. Evidence of the marriage of the parents of the above named children was filed with our records May 18, 1902.

You are further informed that it does not appear that any application was ever made for the enrollment of Dec Colbert as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-336.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 10, 1903.

C.H. Elting.

Attorney at Law,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 4th inst., enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Clarie F. Colbert, infant daughter of Rufus and Dee Colbert, born March 7, 1903; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



Choc FR 887 Lizzie Overton

FR 887

FREEDMA

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Lizzie Overton, Nancy Burroughs being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als. , testified:

I know Lizzie Overton. I have known her for 25 years. She lives with me. She is 45 years old. She belonged to Big John, a full blood down on Red River. She has always lived in the Territory. She was born a slave. Big John was a full blood Choctaw. I know that he was a Choctaw. Lizzie Overton's name before she married Overton was Sims.

Lizzie Overton Being sworn, testified:

I am 45 years old. I belonged to a Choctaw Indian named Big John and I have always lived in the Territory.

(This should be attached to the testimony of Lizzie Overton taken on the 21st of August.)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, from my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes

B. W. C. O. C. C.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 21, 1899.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Lizzie Overton, said Overton being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I am 43 years old. I was born a slave. Big John owned me. He was Choctaw. I was born in the Nation. I have been here in the Indian Territory since I was turned free. I am not married, but have been. I enrolled at Caddo three years ago. Dave Gardner being sworn, testified:

I know Lizzie Overton. She belonged to Mrs. Jackson, a widow. She was a Choctaw. The widow Jackson lived in Blue county. She owned this woman. I did not know anyone by the name of Big John.

(Excused to find further witnesses to establish her citizenship. She appeared next day with a white lady who did so fully corroborating her evidence in regard to Big John's ownership of her. Her testimony will be found in the proceedings of Aug. 22nd.)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Wm. A. Jones*

Choc FR 888 malinda Sims

FR 888

Muskegee, Indian Territory, September 4, 1901

William Sims,

Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Cheetaw Freedman of Sarah Bell Sims, the infant daughter of William and Malinda Sims, born July 22nd, 1900, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a Cheetaw Freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 19, 1906.

Melinda Sims,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 12, 1906, in which you ask if the application for the enrollment of your child John S. Oliver was received in time as you stated you had the same executed and forwarded to this office about July 16, or 17, 1906 and you have heard nothing from it.

In reply to your letter you are advised that John S. Oliver is not identified as a minor Choctaw freedman under the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 and if you claim that application was made for the enrollment of this child prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear at the Choctaw Land Office at any time prior to January 1, 1907 relative to presenting testimony of the submission of such an application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.



FREEDOM.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Malinda Sims, said Sims being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am married my husband is a state man. I have one child. I have always lived in the Nation. I am 20. Lizzie Overton is my mother and she belonged to Big John, a Choctaw Indian.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Stenographic copy of the testimony of Malinda Sims, as given in my stenographic notes.

*Malinda Sims*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Goodland, Indian Territory.

In the matter of the enrollment of Malinda Sims as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation; E. D. Colbert, being sworn and examined by Commissioner McKennon, testifies as follows:

Q How old are you Mr. Colbert? A Sixty-five, will be this coming July.

Q Do you know Malinda Sims? A I seen her when she was a child girl about ten years old, not quite so old.

Q Did you know her mother? A Yes sir, I got acquainted with her, just got acquainted with her.

Q You know whether she is Indian or not? A She is an Indian I guess.

Q How much Indian? A She is a Daney, looked like all Indians to me, why I got acquainted with the family, I just got acquainted with her, that is all I know about her, she looks like an Indian, her mother was named Lizzie Daney.

Q What was she, her mother? A Indian I guess, looks like an Indian; she was said to be an Indian; she drawed in this let Proceeds payment.

Q How do you know? A They say they did, that is what they said. I got acquainted with this Lizzie Daney and saw this little child with her; they say this is the same child, I don't know her to be the same child, but I saw the child with her.

Q Mr. Colbert you are a freedman? A Yes sir.

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Richard Wilson, being sworn and examined by Com. McKennon, testifies as follows, to-wit:

(Malinda Sims, Richard Wilson witness, '2)

Q What is your name? A Richard Wilson.

Q Are you a freeman? A Yes sir.

Q How old are you? A Fifty two.

Q Do you know Malinda Sims? A I know her when I see her; I never was living right with her but I have been right there her and her mother was living.

Q Did you know her mother? A Yes I met her several times; she represents ~~and~~ an Indian and a full-blood at that; she is a crippled woman.

Q Malinda Sim's mother? A Yes sir. She is a crippled woman; I met them down there last summer not far from Gardo.

Q Did you ever see them before that? A Yes sir, but she was very small the first time I saw her.

Q Who? A This Malissa Sims; Lizzie and her daughter was together, they represent full-blood Indians.

Q That is they have that appearance? A Yes sir, their appearance, and generally speaking of them they pass for Indians; all I know about them myself is what I told you, I met them as an Indian and left them as an Indian.

Q Do they speak the Choctaw language? A Yes sir.

Q That's all? A That's all I know about it.

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Wesley McKimney, being sworn and examined by Commissioner McKennon, testifies as follows:

Q Your name is Wesley McKennon? A Yes sir.

Q Are you a freeman? A Yes sir. I am forty-six years old.

Q What do you know about Malinda Sims? A I don't know as I know anything about her particular. No more than I seen her with

(Malinda Sims, Wesley McKenney witness, #2)

Sarah Dancy, and she said that was her daughter, and I don't know whether it is her daughter or not.

Q How often have you seen her with her? A Not more than half a dozen times in my life I reckon.

Q Is Sarah Dancy the same as Sallie Dancy? A I think not.

Q They are two women? A I think so.

Q And her mother is Sarah Dancy? A Yes sir.

What kind of a woman is she? A A kind of a crippled woman. The woman I speak of has one leg shorter than the other.

Q What is her appearance? A She appears to be Choctaw.

Q You know whether she speaks the Choctaw language? A I think she did; I think she can talk some pretty good English.

Q Where does she live? A On a place, near Caddo, in the Choctaw Nation.

That about all you know about it? A Yes sir.

(Questioned by Simon Lewis)

Q You mean she looks like an Indian? A Yes sir.

Q You can't tell Choctaw from any other? A They are so mixed up I don't know.

Q You mean she looks like an Indian? A Yes sir.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of the original report of the witness, and that the same has been compared with the original and found to be correct.

*W. M. McKenney*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Sarah Bell Sims*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved, SEP - 4 1901

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*C. R. Beckwith*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

I, N. R. K. Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Sarah Bell Sims*, born on the *22* day of *July*, 19*00*  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *William Sims*, a citizen of the *United States* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Malinda Sims*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-office, *Academy, I. T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central Judicial* District.

I, *Malinda Sims*, on oath state that I am *22*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption*, of the *Choctaw Nation* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Will Sims*, who is a citizen,  
of the *United States* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *22* day of *July*, 19*00*; that said child has been  
named *Sarah Bell Sims*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*George M. Bath*  
*Sarah George*  
*Malinda Sims*  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *31* day of *August*, 190*0*.  
*H. H. Nuttall*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central Judicial* District.

I, *Phillis Clark*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Malind Sims*, wife of *William Sims*,  
on the *22* day of *July*, 19*00*; that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Sarah Bell*  
(male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*George M. Bath*  
*Sarah George*  
*Phillis Clark*  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *31* day of *September*, 190*0*.  
*H. H. Nuttall*  
NOTARY PUBLIC



Choc FR 889 Sylvia Read

FR 889

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 10, 1902.

A. H. Nuttall,

Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Cashey Stephenson, the infant son of Silus and Alice Reed Stephenson, born January 1, 1902, and such application being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

You are requested to forward either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between Silus Stephenson and Alice Reed as authority for the changing of the name of Alice Reed upon our records from her maiden name to her present married name.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application of Sylva Read, said Read being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 46 years old. I belonged to Israel Folsom, a Choctaw. I have lived all my life since I was ~~born~~ turned free right here. I am married. My husband is a citizen. He was a Chickasaw and has been registered. I have some ~~children~~ children.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. Edwards

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Coaley Stephenson*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved, MAR 10 1902 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Cashy Stepherson* (Here insert name of child), born on the *first* day of *January*, 190*2*  
Name of Father: *Sibus Stepherson*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Alice Reed Stepherson*, a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
Post-office, *Academy, I.T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
*Central judicial* District. }

I, *Alice Reed Stepherson*, on oath state that I am *twenty*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Sibus Stepherson*, who is a citizen, by  
*Adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *male* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *first* day of *January*, 190*2* that said child has been  
named *Cashy Stepherson*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
*Alice Reed Stepherson*  
*her mark*  
(Must be Two Witnesses) } *Emma Louing*  
} *Jackson Boheman*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 190*2*

*A. H. Nuttall*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
*Central judicial district*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
*Central judicial* District. }

I, *Emma Reed*, a *Mid wife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Alice Reed Stepherson*, wife of *Sibus Stepherson*,  
on the *first* day of *January*, 190*2* that there was born to her on  
said date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *Cashy Stepherson*

WITNESSES TO MARK  
*Emma Reed*  
*her mark*  
(Must be Two Witnesses) } *Emma Louing*  
} *Jackson Boheman*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7* day of *March*, 190*2*

*A. H. Nuttall*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
*Central judicial district*

Choc FR 890 Lucilla Butler

FR 890



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lucilla Butler, said Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am the daughter of Sylva Butler; she was a slave and belonged to Israel Folsom, a Choctaw. I have lived all my life in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, under my official seal as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. Donald*

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1901.

Mrs. Lucilla Butler,  
Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Oscar Butler, the infant son of Lucilla Butler, father unknown, born April 9, 1901 and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 26, 1901.

Mr. Roland N. Butler,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant relative to the application for the enrollment of Oscar Butler, the illegitimate child of Lucilla Butler, who was formerly your wife.

You are informed that the records of this office show that on September 16, 1901, Oscar Butler, infant son of Lucilla Butler, father unknown was duly listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

It is stated in your letter that the father of this child is Frank Smith, a non-citizen and that he is now the lawful husband of Anna Smith, and you state that you do not think it right that the child should be listed for enrollment under the name of Butler.

You are informed that the mother of this child in her application signed her affidavit as Lucilla Butler, and being unmarried, there appears to be no reason why she should not

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give the surname of Butler to her illegitimate child.

Yours truly,

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Commissioner in charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

Lucilla Butler,  
Bokchits, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Pearl Butler, daughter of Bud and Lucilla Butler, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your daughter, Pearl Butler, as a Choctaw freedman until the proof of her birth has been supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 29, 1908.

Bad Butler,

Cando, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Lucilla Butler Smith and Silvia Reed relative to the birth of your minor child, Pearl Butler, October 14, 1898; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

It is noted that the mother states in her affidavit that her present name is Lucilla Butler Smith. If you and Lucilla Butler have been divorced, and she is now the wife of a man named Smith, legal evidence of the divorce and of her marriage should be furnished the Commission as authority for the change of her name upon our records from her former name of Butler to her present name of Smith.

This matter should receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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### Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, DISTRICT

*Cerevol* DISTRICT

*J. J. [unclear]*, Clerk  
of the United States Court in the Indian Territory  
of the District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that  
the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of  
Mr. *Frank Smith* and  
Miss *Lou Butler* was

filed in my office in said Territory and District the

*7* day of *July* A. D. 190*7*  
and duly recorded in Book *2* of Marriage  
Record Page *119*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court,

at *Aloka* this *7*

day of *July* A. D. 190*7*

*E. J. Fanning*

*J. K. Carter*



No. 11741

Form No. 508.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between *Mr. Frank Smith* of *Coodo* in the Indian Territory and *45* years, and *Miss Lou Buller*

of *Coodo* in the Indian Territory, aged *25* years, according to law, and do you officiating sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this *19* day of *April*, A. D. 190*2*

*J. C. [Signature]*  
Deputy

*E. J. [Signature]*  
Clerk of the United States Court

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

I, *Frank Smith*, do hereby CERTIFY, that on the *26* day of *April*, A. D. 190*2* I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANNES OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this *27th* day of *April*, A. D. 190*2*

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book *66*, Page *331*

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

NOTE.—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Oscar Butler

as a citizen of

Choctaw

Nation.

Approved, SEP 16 1901

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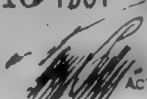


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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Oscar Butler, born on the 9 day of April, 1901  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: illegitimate, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucilla Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Academy St

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central Judicial District.

I, Lucilla Butler, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the ~~lawful~~ separated wife of R. M. Butler, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901 that said child has been  
named Oscar Butler, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses  
Saml. Morley  
Joe R. Knight

Lucilla Butler  
her  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of September, 1901.  
A. H. Nuttall  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central Judicial District.

I, Silva Reed, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lucilla Butler, wife of R. M. Butler,  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Oscar Butler.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses  
Doct. James  
Wilson Elwood Mox.

Silva Reed  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of September, 1901.  
A. H. Nuttall  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Leah Butler*

as a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved *A. H. Besinger*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Carl Butter, born on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1898 190  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Bud Butter, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucilla Smith, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Luado St.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Cent District. }

I, Lucilla Butter Smith, on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a citizen, by husband, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I ~~was~~ <sup>am</sup> the lawful wife of Bud Butter, who is a citizen, by  
husband, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1898 190; that said child has been  
named Carl Butter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1898 190

J. H. Rappole  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Cent District. }

I, Silvia Reed, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs Lucilla Butter, wife of Bud Butter,  
on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1898, 190; that there was born to her on said  
date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Carl Butter.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 190 2

J. H. Rappole  
Notary Public.

Choc FR 891 Charlotte Butler

FR 891

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Charlotte and her grand-child, Charlotte Norris, Butler, said Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I don't know how old I am. I belonged to Sampson Loring, Choctaw. I have lived in the Territory ever since I was freed.

Maria Norris was my step-daughter and she is dead. She was the mother of my grand-child, Charlotte Norris. Maria Norris' mother belonged to Tom Pitchlynn. Her name before she married Norris was Maria Pitchlynn.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Sheldon*

Choc FR 892 Jane Lewis

FR 892



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jane Lewis, said Lewis being ~~exam~~ sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

My mothers name was Elsie Hoturby and she belonged to a Choctaw named Hoturby. I have lived in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. Donald*

choc FR 893 Lila BATTIEST

FR 893

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lila Bateese, said Bateese being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified :

I am 51 years old. I belonged to Mike LaFlors, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the testimony of Lila Bateese, as given to the undersigned stenographer on the 22nd day of August, 1899, at Caddo, I.T. This transcript is a true and correct copy of the original notes of my stenographic notes.

W. H. Donald

Choc FR 894 Charley Road

FR 894

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 9, 1901.

Mr. Charlie Reed,

Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Mannie Reed, the infant daughter of Charles and Mandie Reed, born September 6, 1900, and the same is hereby returned to you for further information relative to the mother of the child. In the affidavit of the mother to the birth of this child, it is stated that Mandie Reed is 15 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation. If this is correct, you are requested to inform the Commission when and where she was listed for enrollment as such, stating the names of other members of her family, together with such other information as you may have, that will enable the Commission to identify her as a Choctaw freedman.

You are informed that it will be necessary in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child as a Choctaw freedman, that you supply the Commission with either the original marriage license and certificate, or a certified copy thereof, between yourself and Mandie Reed. Upon receipt of this application, together with the information requested

C.R.--8.

herein, and the original marriage license and certificate, or a certified copy thereof, the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-894  
BdB--188.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 23, 1901.

Mr. Charles Reed,

Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 20th inst., containing an application for the enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Minnie Reed, the infant daughter of Charles and Maudie Reed, born September 6, 1900, and the same is hereby returned to you for further evidence relative to the mother of this child. It is stated in the affidavit of the mother to the birth of this child, that her name is Maudie Reed, that she is 18 years old and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation.

The Commission is unable to identify either Maudie Reed or Maudie Williams as a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation. You are requested to inform the Commission when and where she appeared for enrollment, stating the names of the other members of the family with whom she was enrolled, and such other information as you may have that will enable the Commission to identify her as a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the marriage license and certificate between T. M. Reed and Maud Williams. Your

C.R.--B.

Letter explaining why the name of T. M. Reed appears in your marriage license instead of Charles will be accepted by the Commission and filed with the other papers in your case.

Your marriage license and certificate is returned to you herewith. Upon return of the application together with the information requested herein, and also the return of the marriage license and certificate, the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child as a Choctaw Freedman will receive further consideration.

You are further informed that the rules of the Commission require that either the original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof, must be returned with the application for the enrollment of your child, to be filed with the papers in your case.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-894.  
DoB-167.



Huskegee, Indian Territory, June 4, 1901.

Charles Reed,

Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 1st instant enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Mammie Reed, the infant daughter of Charles and Maudie Reed, born September 6, 1900, and the same being in proper form has been accepted by this Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

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~~You also enclose the marriage license and certificate~~  
between yourself and Maud Williams, the mother of this child and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for the enrollment of this child.

In your letter you state that your wife is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation but that her father and his family have always lived in Arkansas and that they have never been enrolled as citizens of the Choctaw Nation. You therefore state that the name of your wife should have appeared in the affidavit made by her as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation. The Commission notes that you have changed the same in conformity with this information.

As to your question if it will be necessary for you to file an application to have your wife enrolled as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation, you are informed that our

records show you to have been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw  
freedman and freedmen cannot confer any rights upon non citizens  
by marriage.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application of Charlie Read, said Read being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 25 years old. My mother's name was Sylva Read and she belonged to Israel Folsom. I have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Wm. E. ...*

No. *2195*  
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## CERTIFICATE OF RECORD OF MARRIAGES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
The Indian Territory  
CENTRAL DISTRICT

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the License for, and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr. *J. M. Reed* and  
Miss *Maudie Williams*

were filed in my office in said Territory and District the *11* day of *July* A. D., 189*8* and duly recorded in Book *8* of Marriage Record page *141*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at

*Do Measter* this *21*  
day of *July* A. D., 189*8*

E. J. FANNIN, Clerk  
Deputy

By

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**

JUN 4 1901

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

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# Marriage License

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

The Indian Territory )

Central District )

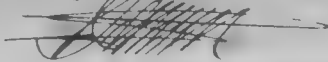
To Any Person Authorized By Law to

SS.

Solemnize Marriage—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between *Mr. Wood* of *McCallister* in the Indian Territory, aged *23* years, and *Ms. Maud Williams* of *McCallister* in the Indian Territory, aged *19* years, according to law and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS My hand and Official Seal, this *28* day of *May* A. D. *1898*



Clerk of the U. S. Court

Deputy

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

Indian Territory )

Central District )

I, *Rev. A. W. Kaper* Minister of the Gospel

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That on the *28* day of *May*

A. D. *1898*, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named

WITNESS my hand this *28* day of *May* A. D. *1898*

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book *4* Page *11*

*Rev. A. W. Kaper*

NOTE This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, in sixty days from the date thereof or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100).

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

*Winnie Reed*  
INFANT CHILD

*Winnie Reed*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved, JUN - 4 1901 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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JUN 4 1901

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw Nation* Nation,  
of *Mammie Reed* , born on the *6* day of *September*, 190*0*  
Here insert name of child.  
Name of Father: *Charles Reed* , a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
Name of Mother: *Maudie Reed* , a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-office, *Academy ST*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central judicial* District.

I, *Maudie Reed* , on oath state that I am *Eighteen*  
years of age and a citizen, by *marriage* of the *Choctaw Nation* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Charles Reed* , who is a citizen, by  
*Adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *girl* child was  
male or female  
born to me on the *Sixth* day of *September* 190*0*; that said child has been  
named *Mammie Reed* , and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*George W. Sattall*  
*J. H. Rueloff*  
*Maudie Reed*  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27* day of *January* 190*1*.  
*A. H. Sattall*  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1903 NOTARY PUBLIC  
*Central judicial District*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central judicial* District.

I, *Mittie Carson* , a *Granny* , on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Maudie Reed* , wife of *Charles Reed* ,  
on the *6* day of *September* 190*0* that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Maudie Reed* .

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*A. H. Sattall*  
*Mittie Carson*  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *4* day of *July* 190*1*.  
*Frank G. Denning*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Choc FR 895 Bettie Prince

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 30, 1907.

Bettie Prince,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Bettie Prince and Georgiana James to the birth of Rena Frasier, child of Wonace Frasier and Bettie Prince, December 16, 1893 and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*Handwritten initials and numbers:*  
M.D.  
(118)

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 16, 1907.

Bettie Prince,  
Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:--

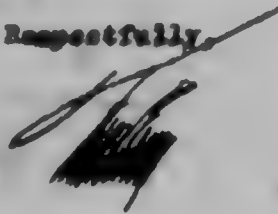
It appears from the records of this office that on March 5, 1906, there was filed with the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a petition praying for the transfer of the name, among others, of your minor child Rena Frazier, from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, but there was no proof of birth filed for your said minor child, Rena Frazier.

In order that the rights of your said minor child, Rena Frazier as a Choctaw freedmen may be properly determined you are advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with proof of birth of said child and in order to assist you in this matter there is enclosed herewith blank proof of birth which you should have properly executed and return to this office not later than January 25, 1907.

This matter should receive your prompt attention and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof may

deprive your child of such rights to enrollment as a District  
freemen as such child may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be a cursive name, possibly "W. J. ...".

Commissioner.

B.C.-INC.-MVS.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I. T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Bettie Prince, said Prince being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al. , testified:

I am 32. My mother was Dilcy Harris and belonged to Daniel Harris, a Choctaw. I live in Blue county.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon the official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. Meson*

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**IN RE**

**Application for Enrollment of**

**MINOR CHILD**

Act of Congress Approved  
April 26, 1906.

.....  
as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190.....

.....  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedomer</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Rena Gray, born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1893  
 Name of Father: Wandee Gray <sup>(Here insert name of child)</sup> freedomer citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Bettie Prince freedomer citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Tribal enrollment of father: Choctaw freedomer Tribal enrollment of mother: Choctaw freedomer  
 Postoffice: Bokehito, D. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,

Central District,  
 I, Bettie Prince, on oath state that I am about 30  
 years of age and a freedomer citizen by Choctaw of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I <sup>was</sup> the lawful wife of Wandee Gray, who is a freedomer citizen, by  
Blood of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was  
 born to me on 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1893 that said child has been named  
Rena Gray, and was living March 4, 1906

Bettie Prince  
*for mark*

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Jacob Pentec  
Nellie Carson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1907

W. L. Leavelle

Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,

Central District,  
 I, Georgiana James, a widow, on oath state that I  
 attended on Bettie Prince, wife of Wandee Prince  
 on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1893, that there was born to her on said date a female  
 child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Rena Gray

Georgiana James

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 1907

W. L. Leavelle

Notary Public

choc FR 896 minnie Jefferson

FR 896

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Minnie Jefferson, her husband, Tony Jefferson, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by Him et als., testified:

My wife's mother's name is Violet Vinson and she belonged to Polly Hampton, a Choctaw. My wife has been here all the time.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as stated above, and I am a Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes and certify that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. K. Jones



Choc FR 897 · mahala Neal

FR 897

FRIEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mahala Neal, said Neal being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother was Betsy Thompson and she belonged to Giles Thompson. I have been living in the Indian Territory all my life. I am a Choctaw.

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Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office,  
Washington, D. C.

*B. M. Friedman*

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of the children of Rosa Neal, (now deceased); and the enrollment of Mahala Neal, second wife of Alex Neal, the said Alex Neal being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als. , testified:

~~My (first) wife's mother belonged to George Hawkins. She is dead now. I want to enroll the (her) children.~~

My second wife was a slave and belonged to Giles Thompson, an intermarried Choctaw. She has always lived in the Territory. Her name is Mahala.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the said Commission that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*A. McDonald*

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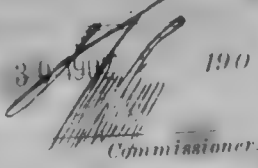
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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Mahala Neal*  
a citizen of the Freedmen

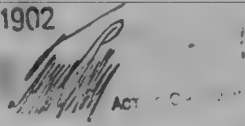
*Choctaw* Station.

Approved DEC 30 1902

  
Commissioner.

FOR THE INTEREST OF  
THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
FILED

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Mahala Neal  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a freeman Choctaw  
(Here insert name of post office.) Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
So. McAllester, Ind. Ter., and died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
December, 1899.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )

I, Alex Neal, on oath state that I am 43  
years of age and a ~~citizen~~ freeman of the U.S Nation;  
that my post office address is So. McAllester, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
Husband of Mahala Neal  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freeman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Mahala Neal died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
December, 1899.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

Fred Kiunkate  
Alex White  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December, 1902

Alex Neal  
J. C. Humphrey  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )

I, Sam McCoy, on oath state that I am 39  
years of age, and a ~~citizen~~ freeman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is So. McAllester, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Mahala Neal  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freeman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Mahala Neal died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
December, 1899.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

Fred Kiunkate  
M. Wilson  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December, 1902

Sam x McCoy  
J. C. Humphrey  
Notary Public.

Choc FR 898 Ed Neal

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of the children of Rosa Neal, (now deceased); and the enrollment of Mahala Neal, second wife of Alex Neal, the said Alex Neal being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als. , testified:

My (first) wife's mother belonged to George Hawkins. She is dead now. I want to enroll the (her) children.

My second wife was a slave and belonged to Giles Thompson, an intermarried Choctaw. She has always lived in the Territory. Her name is Mahala.

**Department of the Interior,**

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*A. McDonald*

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 5, 1903.

Ed Neal,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the marriage license and certificate of Ed Neal and Mrs. Martha Mitchell; and the same are returned to you herewith, a certified copy having been prepared and filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment of Martha Mitchell as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Choctaw Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 11, 1903.

Ed Neal,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 8, asking if you will have to have a surveyor locate your land for you.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it is expected that citizens will be informed as to the location of their land at the time they make application therefor to the land offices to be established in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, April 15, 1903. The Commission has, however, for several years past, had parties in the field platting and locating improvements, and will be in a position to assist the citizens materially in the location of their respective allotments, but cannot at this time delegate any surveyors for the specific work of locating allotments.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc FR 899 Uiccy Gardner

Granted Jan 4, 1906

Refused SEPT 1, 1906  
as a citizen by blood

Granted SEPT 1, 1906  
as freedman

Record forwarded DEPT. SEPT 6, 1906

FR 899

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Record in the matter of the application for the  
enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen of----

Vicey Gardner, et al.,

Choctaw Freedmen-899

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Vacey Gardner, Roladn Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als testified:

I know Vacey gardner. I don't know who she belonged to. I know she was a slave, but I don't know exactly who she belonged to. I think she belonged to some of the gardners. She has been living in the country all the time. I am about 50 years old.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. C. Donald*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Vacey Gardner and her children, Tennie Gardner and Penny Gardner and Hannibal Hodges, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Vacey Gardner, being first duly sworn on her oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Vacey Gardner.  
Q How old are you? A I do not know, about 58.  
Q What is your post office address? A Caddo.  
Q Do you claim rights as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation?  
A As a colored.  
Q Have you got any children? A Tennie and penny, the oldest one Hannibal Hodges.  
Q To whom did you belong? A Belonged to Jefferson Gardner.  
Q Was Jefferson Gardner a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he living now? A I reckon.  
Q Were you the slave of Jefferson Gardner at the time of the beginning of the war of rebellion? A Yes sir, war was going on, I was little girl.  
Q Do you remember the war? A Yes sir, I remember the war.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Nellie Carn.  
Q What is your father's name? A I do not know.  
Q Was he Choctaw Indian? A I do not know, I was little you know.  
Q Where have you lived since freedom? A Since I was freed stayed right here.  
Q Always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You have always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.

Roland H. Butler, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Roland H. Butler.  
Q How old are you? A Forty-seven years old.  
Q Do you know the applicant, Vacey Gardner? A Yes sir.

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- Q How long have you known her? A About twenty-one or twenty-two years.
- Q You did not know her during slave time? A I have known her since about '66.
- Q Since you have known her has she always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Never been outside of the nation to establish a home? A Not to my knowledge.
- Q Is she a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q Was she a slave herself? A Not as I know personally.
- Q She was always supposed to be? A Yes sir.

Daisy D. Daubin upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Daisy D. Daubin*

Sworn to before me this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September  
A. D., 1904.

*J. H. Humphreys*

Notary Public.

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**First National Bank**  
Capital Stock, \$25,000  
C. L. BARTER, Cash. E. W. FREY, Cashier  
Dechitto, Ind. Ter.

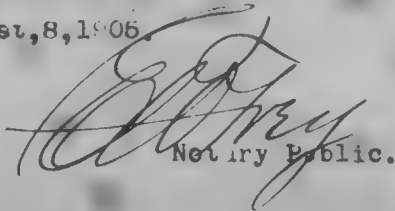
DOES A GENERAL AND CONSERVATIVE  
BANKING BUSINESS

Dechitto, Ind. Ter.

INDIAN TERRITORY, CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Personally appeared before me, E. W. Frey, a Notary Public in and for said District and Territory, Vacey Gardner, who upon oath says that she is the mother of Tennie and Penny Gardner, who are now about 15 years old. That she was the slave of Jeff Gardner, a Choctaw Indian by blood, and that she was held as a slave by the said Jeff Gardner, until the emancipation in 1865.

Subscribed to and sworn to before me,  
This, August, 8, 1906.

  
Notary Public.

*let Gardner*  
Vacey x .....  
mark

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
FILED

 CH. HARRIS



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
FILED

*[Handwritten signature]*

# First National Bank

Capital Stock, \$25,000

C. L. SAWYER, Pres. E. W. FREY, Cashier

Dokchits, Ind. Ter.

DOES A GENERAL AND CONSERVATIVE  
BANKING BUSINESS

Dokchits, Ind. Ter.

## INDIAN TERRITORY, CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Personally appeared before me, E. W. Frey, a Notary Public in and for said District and Territory, Wheeler Butler and Emeline Butler, who upon oath say that they are personally acquainted with Vicey Gardner, the mother of Tennie and Penny Gardner and have known her for the last <sup>50</sup> forty years and that when we first knew her, she was the slave of Jeff Gardner and continued to be until her emancipation in 1865. *That we were both slaves and are now upwards of 60 years old.*

They further swear that they are personally acquainted with the said children, Tennie and Penny Gardner and that they personally know them to be the children of the said Vicey Gardner and George Fisher.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, )

This, the 8th day of August, 1905. )

*E. W. Frey*  
.....  
Notary Public. )

*Wheeler* <sup>his</sup> *Butler*  
.....  
*Emeline* <sup>mark</sup> *Butler*  
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<sup>mark</sup>

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Capital Stock, \$25,000

C. L. SAWYER, PRES. E. W. FREY, CASHIER

Bakchito, Ind. Terr.

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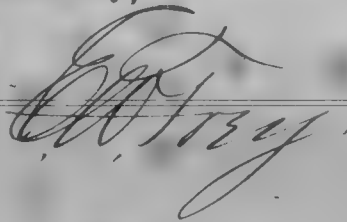
August, 8, 1905.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have known Wheeler Butler and Emeline Butler for the last three years and have had considerable business dealings with them and that I have always found them honest, upright and industrious and that their statements are worthy of full credit and belief.

I further certify that I have no interest or concern in the matter in which this certificate is to be used.

Respectfully,



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Vacey Gardner, et al. as Choctaw Freedmen.

D E C I S I O N .

It appears from the record herein, and from the census card record in this case that on August 22, 1899 Vacey Gardner appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of herself and her three children, Tennie Gardner, Penny Gardner and Hannibal Hodges as Choctaw Freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application before the said Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory September 6, 1904. The matter of the application for the enrollment of Hannibal Hodges being differently classified is not passed upon in this decision.

The evidence in this case shows that the principal applicant, Vacey Gardner, was at the beginning of the War of the Rebellion a slave of a recognized Choctaw Indian; that she continued to remain as such slave in the Choctaw Nation until the close of said war; that the applicants, Tennie and Penny Gardner, are the minor children of said Vacey Gardner and one George Fisher, a non-citizen; that all the applicants herein, namely, Vacey Gardner, Tennie Gardner and Penny Gardner have resided continuously in the Choctaw Nation from the date of their birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that Vacey Gardner, Tennie Gardner and Penny Gardner should be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495) and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and it is so ordered.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

JAN 19 1906

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1906.

COPY.

Viccy Gardner,

Caddo, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 19, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and two daughters, Tennie and Penny Gardner, as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of this decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against your enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the names of Viccy Gardner, Tennie Gardner and Penny Gardner, will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*James Birby*  
Commissioner.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1906.

George Fisher,  
Bokchito, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on January 19, 1906, rendered his decision granting the application for the enrollment of Vicoy Gardner, Tennie Gardner and Penny Gardner as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against their enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the names of Vicoy Gardner, Tennie Gardner and Penny Gardner will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED  
*Lame Kirby*

Commissioner.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1906.

CC:

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered January 19, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Vioey Gardner, Tennie Gardner and Penny Gardner as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the enrollment of said applicants. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNATURE

*Tamm Dixby*  
Commissioner

Registered.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Hannibal Hodges as a Choctaw freedman.

Deposition of the applicant Hannibal Hodges taken  
at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas April 8th 1905.

- Q State your name and age? Hannibal Hodges. Age 24.
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- Q Where do you reside? Am in Federal Prison, Ft. Leavenworth,  
Kas. Before I came here I lived in Boswell, I. T.
- Q How long have you lived there? I had been living in Boswell  
about one year.
- Q Have you applied to the Commission to the Five Civilized  
Tribes for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman? No. I applied  
for enrollment as a Choctaw Indian by virtue of blood, as I  
was recognized heretofore as a Choctaw by blood.
- Q If so through whom do you claim the right to such enroll-  
ment? My father is Hodges Law-it-aya, a full blood Choctaw.  
My mother is Viza Gardner, but I am unable to state whether  
she is recognized or enrolled on Tribal Rolls as a Freedwoman  
or not.
- Q Where were you born? Lukfatah, Boktuklo, Co. Choctaw Nation,  
I. T.
- Q State the various places at which you have resided from  
the date of your birth up to September 25, 1903 and how  
long you lived at each place? To the best of my recollec-  
tion I was 8 or 9 years old when I went from Lukfatah, to Red  
River Co, near Shawneetown, I. T. I remained there until I  
moved to Boswell about a year prior to the time I came here. I  
came here in 1903.



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- Q What is the name of your mother? Viza Gardner.
- Q Was she a Choctaw freedman? I am unable to state.
- Q What is the name of your father? Hodges Jaw-it-aya.
- Q Is he a Choctaw freedman? No. He is a Choctaw Indian by blood.
- Q Where did you reside on June 28, 1898? My home was at Shawneetown, I. T.

- Q If you are not now a resident of Indian Territory state when it was and under what circumstances you left the Territory? I left the Territory December 1903, as a Federal Prisoner for Ft. Leavenworth, Kas. I was convicted & sentenced to serve 3 years at this place, in December 1903, at Antlers, I.T.

Signed: Hannibal Hodges.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on the 8th day of April 1905.

Seal

J. C. Ripley,  
Notary Public  
My Com. expires  
Sept. 1st, 1908.

Endorsed on back:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED

Apr. 11 1905

Tans Bixby, Chairman.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1906.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Hannibal Hodges as a Choctaw freedman.

HANNIBAL HODGES, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commissioner:

- Q What is your name? A Hannibal Hodges.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, about twenty-five, I think.  
Q What is your post office? A Stigler.  
Q Do you wish to be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman?  
A I don't like to be enrolled, but guess I'll have to.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Vacey Gardner.

Vacey Gardner, the mother of the applicant, is identified  
upon Choctaw freedman field card, number 899, opposite  
number 5352, approved by the Secretary of the Interior  
\_\_\_\_\_ , 1906.

- Q What is the name of your father? A Lawitaya Hodges.  
Q What is he? A Choctaw.  
Q Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.  
Q Were your father and mother ever married? A That is what I  
don't know.  
Q Since you were born have they ever lived together? A No.  
Q Is your mother married at this time? A Yes she married an-  
other man.  
Q What is his name? A Fellow named Garland.  
Q Was she ever married to George Fisher? A No sir, if she did,  
I don't know.  
Q Where were you born? A Bektukle County.  
Q What relation are you to Tennie Gardner, a half-brother?  
A She is my half-sister.  
Q What relation are you to Penny Gardner? A She is my half-  
sister.  
Q These two are twins? A Yes sir.  
Q You have been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman,  
haven't you? A Yes sir, I think so.  
Q Where have you lived since your birth? A I used to live in  
Bektukle County, until about nine years or so, when I moved to  
Red River County, and principally lived in Red Rived County.  
Q How long did you stay in Red River County?  
A I was eighteen or nineteen years old before I moved to Jackson  
County.

- Q How long did you live in Jackson County? A Lived since then in Jackson County.
- Q Didn't you serve a sentence in the Penitentiary? A Yes sir.
- Q When did you go there? A Went in the year 1903.
- Q Had you always lived in the Choctaw Nation from the date of your birth until you went to the Penitentiary? A Yes sir.
- Q Is your mother living at this time? A I think she is. She lives at Caddo.
- Q Do you make your home with her? A No sir, I live at Bossville.
- Q Did you live with your mother up until you left and went away for yourself? A No, I never lived with my mother at all; always lived with my father.
- Q Always lived with your father? A Yes, lived with my father until I was eleven years old and moved to Red River County with my aunt.
- Q Your father and mother never lived together? A Why, I think they did before I was born.
- Q They were never married? A That is what I don't know.
- Q Did you draw any money in 1893? A I don't think I did. I was small then.
- Q You have never been enrolled by any of the tribal authorities? A I don't think I was.
- Q Your mother made application for you didn't she in 1899? A Well, I don't know.
- Q Do you claim to have any rights as a Choctaw by blood? A No, I guess not.
- Q Had you, prior to September 25, 1902, ever made application for yourself? A No.
- Q You have no reason to believe that your father and mother were married have you? A No sir.

(Witness excused.)

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Lenora B. Ashton, as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, upon oath states that she reported the testimony taken in the above entitled cause on the 12th day of April, 1906, and that the foregoing is a full and true transcript of her stenographic notes, taken on said date.

Lenora B. Ashton.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April, 1906.

[Signature]  
Notary Public.

Acting Chairman.

In replying to this letter,  
please refer to Choctaw Freedman 899.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 7, 1906.

Mr. Hannibal Hodges,

Care V. M. Locke,

Antlers, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of April 6, in which you request a certified copy of the enrollment of Vices Gardner, et al. a Choctaw freedwoman. The records of this Commission show that Vices Gardner, fifty years of age, with her daughters, Tannie and Penny, each eight years of age, and Hannibal Hodges, her son, have been duly listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen by this Commission, Freedmen Roll of the Choctaw Nation, Field Number 899.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

In replying to this letter,  
please refer to Choctaw Freedman 899.

Choctaw Freedman  
899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 16, 1904.

Hannibal Hodges,

Register Number 3873,

P. O. Box 7, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 7, asking if you can have your mother select allotment for you under power of attorney, and if so you ask to be furnished a blank power of attorney in order that you may have it filled out for this purpose.

In compliance with your request there is inclosed you herewith a blank power of attorney, and you are advised that upon the approval of the enrollment of yourself and your mother, Vacey Gardner as Choctaw freedmen, she will be permitted to select allotment in your behalf under power of attorney.

You are informed, however, that neither your name nor that of your mother has been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior, and until you have been enrolled by the Commission and such enrollment approved by the Secretary of the Interior no selection of allotment could be made for you.

Respectfully,

Choctaw Freedmen.  
899.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 21, 1904.

Vickey Gardner,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 17, in which you ask if the enrollment of yourself and your children, Tennie and Penny Gardner, has been approved.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that Vickey Gardner and her children, Tennie and Penny Gardner, and Harrihal Hodges, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-899.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Viscy Gardner,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children Tennie, Gardner, Penny Gardner and Hannibal Hodges, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as soon as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Tishomingo Land Office September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-899.

Muskogee, Indian Territory March 21, 1905.

Hannibal Hodges,

Register No. 3873, P O Box #7,

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, you will find inclosed herewith a list of questions to be answered by you under oath and returned to this Commission as early as possible. You will please appear before a notary public at Fort Leavenworth and have him put the questions to you and reduce your answers to writing and when the same are completed have him attach his seal and signature together with his certificate that the deposition was taken before him on the date mentioned therein.

There is also inclosed herewith an envelope for the return of the deposition and you are advised that the same should be attended to without delay as the Commission is desirous of disposing of your application in the near future.

Respectfully,

CHAIRMAN.

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Choctaw Freed-  
man 299.

Muskagee, Indian Territory, April 14, 1905.

Hanibal Hedge,  
Register No. 3873,  
Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit in  
interrogatory form in the matter of your application for en-  
rollment as a Choctaw Freedman and the same has been filed  
with the records in this case.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 28, 1905.

Hannibal Hodges,

Register No. 3873,

Post Office Box 7,

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 25, 1905, relative to the enrollment of yourself and your mother and sisters as Choctaw freedmen.

In reply to your letter you are informed that your name, the names of your mother Vicy Gardner and your sisters Tennie and Perry Gardner have not yet been placed upon schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior, but you will be advised of further action as may be taken in this case.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 28, 1908.

Hannibal Hodges,

Register No. 3873,

Post Office Box 7,

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 25, 1908, relative to the enrollment of yourself and your mother and sisters as Choctaw freedmen.

In reply to your letter you are informed that your name, the names of your mother Vicy Gardner and your sisters Tennie and Peuny Gardner have not yet been placed upon schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior, but you will be advised of such further action as may be taken in this case.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 21, 1905.

George Fisher,

Okchito, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 11, 1905, asking if Tennie and Penny Fisher, heirs of George Fisher and Vacey Gardner, have been approved as Choctaw freedmen.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that Tennie and Penny Gardner children of Vacey Gardner and George Fisher are applicants for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but that it will be necessary for the mother, Vacey Gardner, to appear at this office accompanied by witnesses to establish the fact that she was the slave of Jeff Gardner. Such appearance should be made at the earliest practicable date, in order that disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of Vacey Gardner and her children, as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 12, 1905.

George W. Fisher,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 8, 1905, transmitting affidavit of Vacey Gardner and joint affidavit of Wheeler and Aelaine Butler and certificate of E. W. Fry which you offer in support of the application for the enrollment of Vacey Gardner and her children as Choctaw freedmen and the same have been filed with the record in this case.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner..

17-899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 18, 1905.

George Fisher,

Pokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 10, 1905, asking if your children Tennessee and Penny Fisher have been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the application for the enrollment of Vioey Gardner and her children Tennie and Penny Gardner has not yet been determined, but the same is now receiving consideration and it is not believed that further evidence is necessary in support thereof.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 6, 1905.

Hannibal Hodges,

Register No. 3873,

Post-office Box 7,

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 27, 1905, asking in regard to your application for enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that you now claim the right to enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation and this office has not yet passed upon your case. You will be notified of such action as is taken therein.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 12, 1906.

Hannibal Hodges,  
Register No. 7833,  
Box 7,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is heroby acknowledged of your letter of March 5, 1906, in which you ask the status of your application for enrollment.

It appearing that you claim a right to enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation your case has not yet been passed upon, but you will be notified of such action as is taken in this case.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.



17-899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 14, 1906.

Hannibal Hodges,  
Register No. 7833,  
Box 7,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 5, 1906, in which you ask the status of your application for enrollment.

It appearing that since the submission of your original application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman you have made a claim to enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, your claim has not yet been passed upon, but you will be notified of such action as is taken in this case.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

17-899

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 4, 1906.

Vickey Gardner,  
Caddo, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that on May 28, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior approved the enrollment of yourself and two children Tennie and Penny Gardner as Choctaw freedmen, and your names appear upon the final roll of such freedmen opposite Nos. 5352, 5353 and 5354, respectively.

You are now entitled to allotments, and applications therefor should be made without delay at the Land Office for the Nation in which the prospective allotments are located.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

17-899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 25, 1906.

G. W. Fisher,

Mokohito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 25, 1906, asking if the enrollment of your children Tennie and Penny Fisher has been approved so that you can now file on their allotments.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the enrollment of Tennie and Penny Gardner, children of George Fisher and Vacey Gardner as Choctaw freedmen was approved by the Secretary of the Interior, May 28, 1906, and selection of allotment may now be made in their behalf in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the selection of allotments and the designation of homesteads in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Commissioner

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

17-899

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 21, 1906.

Hannibal Hodges,

McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 12, 1906, asking if your application for enrollment has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on September 1, 1906, a decision was rendered refusing your application for enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation and granting your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and on the same date the record in this case was forwarded the Secretary of the Interior. This office has not yet been notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

17-899

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 27, 1906.

Hannibal Hodges,

Box 296,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 19, 1906, asking the status of an application for enrollment.

It is believed that you desire to inquire the status of your application for enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation and as a Choctaw freedman and you are advised that on September 1, 1906, a decision was rendered denying your application for enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation and granting your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and on the same day the record in this case was forwarded the Secretary of the Interior. This office has not yet been notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LLR.

D. C. 9338-1907. WASHINGTON.  
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L. R. S.

February 14, 1907.

Direct.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

September 1, 1906, the Acting Commissioner transmitted the record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Hannibal Hodges as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation and as a Choctaw freedman, including your decision of the same date, denying the application for his enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and granting the application for his enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Reporting February 11, 1907 (Land 76275-1906), the Indian Office recommended that your decision be approved. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department concurs in said recommendation, and your decision is hereby affirmed.

The papers in the case and a carbon copy hereof have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Thos Ryan,

First Assistant secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

Land:  
76275-1906.

February 11, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is forwarded herewith report of the acting commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 1, 1906, relative to the application for the enrollment of Hannibal Hodges as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation and as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner, dated September 1, 1906, denying the application for his enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation and granting the application for his enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

The record herein shows that on August 22, 1899, vicey Gardner appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of herself and her three children, Tennie and Penny Gardner and Hannibal Hodges, as Choctaw freedmen.

The Commissioner says that the application for the enrollment of Vicey Gardner, Tennie Gardner and Penny Gardner has heretofore been determined, their names appearing opposite numbers 5352, 5353 and 5354, respectively, on a list of persons entitled

to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, approved by the Department on May 26, 1906.

The applicant, Hannibal Hodges, claims to be possessed of Choctaw blood, and his rights as a Choctaw by blood are also considered herein.

The evidence shows that Hannibal Hodges was born about 1881 and is the illegitimate son of Vacey Gardner, above mentioned; that his father is alleged to have been one Hodges Lawitaya, a recognized and enrolled citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation; and that the applicant was a resident in good faith of the Choctaw Nation on June 28, 1898.

The records in the possession of the Commissioner, according to his report, do not show that Hannibal Hodges has ever been enrolled by the Choctaw tribal authorities as a citizen by blood of the Nation, or admitted to Choctaw citizenship by a duly constituted court or committee of the Nation, by the commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, or by the United States court in Indian Territory.

On this state of facts it is the opinion of the Office that the applicant, Hannibal Hodges, is not entitled to enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation and that his application as such should be denied.

It appearing, however, that Hannibal Hodges is the son of Vacey Gardner, a duly enrolled Choctaw freedman, and that he was



a resident in good faith of the Choctaw Nation on June 28, 1898, it is recommended that he be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman, under the provisions of the Acts of June 28, 1898 (30 stat.L., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 stat.L., 641).

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior.

Commissioner to the Five Civilised Tribes,  
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.

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Hannibal Hodges,

Stigler, Indian Territory.

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by J. F. Lutz P.M. Stigler IA*



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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING.

17-899

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 1, 1906.

Hannibal Hodges,  
Stigler, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered September 1, 1906, denying the application for your enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and granting the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

*W. C. Smith*  
Acting Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-899.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1906.

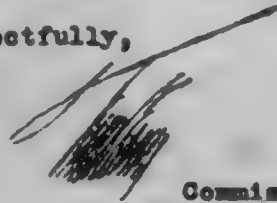
Vickey Gardner,  
Caddo, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 19, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and two daughters, Tennie and Penny Gardner, as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of this decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against your enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the names of Vickey Gardner, Tennie Gardner and Penny Gardner, will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-899.

Choc FR 900 Ellen Wilson

FR 900



Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 7, 1901.

A. H. Nuttall,

Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing certificate of marriage between Max Stribling and Ellen Wilson and the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Lena Striblin, the infant daughter of Max and Ella Striblin, born July 26th, 1901.

The evidence of marriage enclosed in your letter has been duly filed with the records of this office and the application for the enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Lena Striblin, being in proper form, has also been duly filed, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-900

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 12, 1903.

Ellen Wilson,

Platter, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 30, relative to the enrollment of yourself and your children, as you state that you desire to select your allotments.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Ellen Wilson and her two minor children Creasie Colbert and Lena Striblin have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedule of Choctaw Freedmen now being prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. Relative to the selection of your allotments at this time, your attention is invited to Section 16 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Selection of Allotments and the Designation of Homesteads in the Choctaw Nations, a copy of which is inclosed you.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Rules for allotment.

17-900

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1903.

Ellen Wilson,

Mountain, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant, requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of yourself and your two minor daughters, Creasia Colbert and Lena Striblin.

You are informed it appears upon our records that Ellen Striblin and her two minor daughters, Creasia Colbert and Lena Striblin, have been enrolled by the Commission as Choctaw freedmen and their names forwarded on a schedule of freedmen of said Nation to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

It appears from our records that Ellen Striblin was listed for enrollment under the name of Ellen Wilson and that she is now the wife of Mac Striblin, a non-citizen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Creasie Colbert, N. H. Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 42 years old. I know Ellen Wilson; she is a citizen. I know her child, Creasie Colbert. I know it to be her child and living with her. It has always lived in the Territory and so has Ellen. She is a Choctaw. Ellen Wilson's mother belonged to Lewie La Flore.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. Donaldson

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ellen Wilson, Roland Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

Ellen Wilson's mother was Easter Butler and she belonged to Lewis LaFlore, a Choctaw. She has been living in the Territory all the time.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes

I, *Frederick M. McDonald*, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as filed in my office on the 22nd day of August, 1899, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as filed in my office on the 22nd day of August, 1899, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as filed in my office on the 22nd day of August, 1899.

*Frederick M. McDonald*

Double Springs Choctaw Nation 19

on November 23<sup>d</sup> - 1899 to all whom it  
may concern I did solemnize the Bonds  
of matrimony between Mr Mac Stribling  
and Miss Ella Wilson on the above date  
mentioned in the presents of A. R. Freeman  
and others I give this statement  
showing I did perform this marriage  
Ceremony legally

Rev J. W. Warmble

Central  
Judicial District

I certify the above to be  
a true & correct Copy of the certificate  
of the marriage of Mac Stribling and  
Ella Wilson

A. H. Nuttall  
Notary Public

Central Judicial District

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF THE BUREAU OF CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lena Stritling*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved, SEP - 7 1901

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*C. R. Bredinger*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Sena Striblin* born on the *26* day of *July*, 1901  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: *Mac Striblin*, *adopted* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
Name of Mother: *Ella Striblin*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-office, *Academy 27*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |  
INDIAN TERRITORY |  
*Central Judicial* District. |

I, *Ella Striblin*, on oath state that I am *25*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Mac Striblin*, who is a citizen, by  
*Marriage*, of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *girl* child was  
male or female  
born to me on the *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, 1901; that said child has been  
named *Sena Striblin*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Ella Striblin*

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *23* day of *August*, 1901.  
*A. H. Nuttall*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |  
INDIAN TERRITORY |  
*Central Judicial* District. |

I, *Violet Vinson*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Ella Striblin*, wife of *Mac Striblin*,  
on the *26* day of *July*, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a *girl* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
male or female  
named *Sena Striblin*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Violet Vinson*  
mark

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)

*George M. Bath*  
*J. W. Moore*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this *23* day of *August*, 1901.  
*A. H. Nuttall*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Choc FR 901 Roland Butler

Ophelia Butler trans from 17-D-51  
May 20, 1905

FR 901

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 26, 1901.

Mr. Roland Butler,  
Oadde, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 23rd instant, enclosing certificate of marriage between yourself and Ophelia Ward, and other information relative to your wife, and the Commission is not able to identify her as being listed for enrollment on Choctaw Freedman card, field No. D 51, as Ophelia Ward, seventeen years of age, and the daughter of Sampson and Vina Ward.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the application for enrollment of a Choctaw Freedman of Willie May Butler, the infant daughter of Roland and Ophelia Butler, born February 27, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

You are informed that it is necessary that your marriage certificate be retained, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission.

Yours truly,

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Commissioner in charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 31, 1901

Mr. Roland Butler,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of an application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Willie May Butler, the infant daughter of Roland and Ophelia Butler, born November 27, 1901, and the same is hereby returned to you for further information relative to the mother of this child. It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that her name is Ophelia Butler, that she is 20 years of age, and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation, and the lawful wife of Roland Butler, who is a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation.

The Commission is unable to identify Ophelia Butler as a Choctaw freedman. You are requested to inform the Commission when and where she appeared for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, stating the name of other members of the family with whom she was enrolled, together with such other information as you may have which will enable the Commission to identify Ophelia Butler as a Choctaw freedman.

You are further informed that it will be necessary to supply the Commission with either the original marriage license

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and certificate, or a certified copy thereof, between yourself and Ophelia Butler. Upon return of this application together with the information requested herein, and the original marriage license and certificate, or a certified copy thereof, the matter of the application for enrollment of your child as a Choctaw freedman, will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 28, 1903.

Roland M. Butler,

Caddo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 26, asking that the Commission pass upon your application for enrollment of yourself and your daughter, Willie May Butler, as Choctaw Freedmen, and in reply you are advised that it appears from our records that Roland Butler and his daughter, Willie May Butler, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1903.

Roland W. Butler,  
Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 9, asking the status of the enrollment of Ophelia Butler as a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has not yet passed upon the application of Ophelia Butler for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. If any further evidence is necessary to enable the Commission to determine her right to enrollment she will be duly notified. As soon as a decision is reached in her case she will be advised of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 11, 1901.

Mr. Roland Butler,  
Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, in which you state that the Roland Butler whose wife is Caroline Royd, and was listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, is your uncle who bears the same name as yourself. The information contained in your letter has enabled the Commission to identify you as Roland M. Butler, twenty-eight years of age, who was listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman at Caddo, Indian Territory, August 22, 1899. The statement in your letter has been filed and made a part of the record in the matter of your application as a Choctaw freedman.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the application for enrollment of your child, Willie May Butler, as a Choctaw freedman, was mailed to you at Caddo, Indian Territory, June 26, 1901.

No certificates of enrollment can be issued to any person at this time for the reason that the rolls of citizenship of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations as being prepared by this Commission, have not up to this time been completed; and until the same have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, no certificates of



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enrollment can be issued to any person.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 23, 1901.

Mr. Roland H. Butler,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant relative to the application for the enrollment of Oscar Butler, the illegitimate child of Lucilla Butler, who was formerly your wife.

You are informed that this records of this office show that on September 16, 1901, Oscar Butler, infant son of Lucilla Butler, father unknown was duly listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

It is stated in your letter that the father of this child is Frank Smith, a non-citizen and that he is now the lawful husband of Anna Smith, and you state that you do not think it right that the child should be listed for enrollment under the name of Butler.

You were informed that the mother of this child in her application signed her affidavit as Lucilla Butler, and being unmarried, there appears to be no reason why she should not

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give the surname of Butler to her illegitimate child.

Yours truly,

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Commissioner in charge.

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Mustoge, Indian Territory, October 9, 1902.

Roland W. Butler,

Cadiso, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 4th  
inst., requesting to be advised whether your infant child, Willie  
Way Butler, has been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman,  
stating that you never received any acknowledgment of the receipt  
of the application for the enrollment of this child:

You are informed that it appears from our records that  
proper acknowledgment of receipt of the application for the  
enrollment of your child, Willie Way Butler, as a Choctaw freedman  
was mailed to you at Cadiso, Indian Territory, June 26, 1901.

It further appears from our records that on July 11,  
1901, you were also advised that the application for the enrollment  
of your child, Willie Way Butler, as a Choctaw freedman had been  
received.

Both of our letters referred to herein were addressed to  
Roland Butler, Cadiso, Indian Territory, neither of which have been

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returned to this office. It is therefore believed that the same  
must have been delivered.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 4, 1902.

Roland L. Butler,  
Caddo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 28, asking the status of the case of your wife and her brothers and sisters, Sophie Ward, Jesse Ward, Tandy Ward, Lilly Ward and Henry Ward. You desire to know whether your wife, Ophelia Ward, has been placed on a straight card with you as a Choctaw Freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Ophelia Ward, and her brothers and sisters, Sophie, Jesse, Tandy, Lilly and Henry Ward, have been listed among the doubtful claimants to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen. No decision nor opinion has yet been reached relative to their rights as such Choctaw Freedmen. As soon as a decision is reached you will be notified of the action of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 19, 1904.

J. G. Ralls,

Attorney at Law,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 13, relative to the case of Ophelia Butler, formerly Ward, and May Ward, applicants for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen in which you state that Willie M. Butler, child of Ophelia Butler has been approved and allotment selected in her behalf.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Willie Kay Butler, child of Ophelia and Roland M. Butler, has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman, through her father, who has also been enrolled and approved as a Choctaw freedman.

You are informed that it would be well for Ophelia Butler to appear before the Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6 and 7, or at Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 8 and 9, in company with such witnesses as she may be able to secure, to testify relative to her right to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. From the information contained in your letter it is impossible to identify May Ward as an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 10, 1904.

Roland M. Butler,

Sokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 6, 1904, asking the status of the enrollment of your wife Ophelia Butler.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has not yet passed upon the application of Ophelia Butler for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. As soon as a decision is reached in this case she will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 30, 1904.

J. G. Ralls,

Attorney at Law.

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 25th instant, requesting that a copy of the evidence taken at Atoka, Indian Territory, in the case of Ophelia Butler as an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman be furnished you.

In reply to your request there is enclosed herewith the testimony of Ophelia Butler, Lolani Butler, Sampson Ward, and Ben Chalk in support of the application for enrollment of Ophelia Butler and family as Choctaw freedmen, together with a receipt for the same which you are kindly requested to sign and return with as little delay as possible.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 6, 1905.

Sampson Ward,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 28, 1905, asking if Ophelia, Sophia, Jessie, Tandy, Lillie, and Henry Ward have been approved so that they may now select their allotments.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the names of Ophelia Butler and Sophia, Jesse, Tandy, Lilly and Henry Ward have been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen which has been forwarded the Secretary of the Interior but this office has not yet been notified of Departmental action thereon. You will be notified when their allotment is approved.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Roland Butler, Jr., Roland Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and being examined by him et als., testified:

Roland Butler, jr., is my nephew. His mother was Lucy Butler; she is dead. She belonged to Robert Jones; who is a Choctaw. He is 28 years old. He has lived in the Indian Territory all his life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, under my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. Donald

In the matter of the application for enrolment of Ophelia Butler, Sophia Ward, Jesse Ward, Tandy Lillie Ward and Henry Ward as Choctaw Freedmen.

Ophelia Butler called as a witness, after being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q What is your name? A Ophelia Butler.  
 Q How old are you? A I am twenty-four  
 Q What is your postoffice? A Tokohito  
 Q Do you claim rights as a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
 Q What is your father's name? A Samson Ward  
 Q What is your mother's name? A Paulina Ward  
 Q Have you always lived in the Choctaw Country? A Yes, sir.

Samson Ward called as a witness, after being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q What is your name? A Samson Ward  
 Q How old are you? A Forty-five  
 Q Are you any relation to the applicant Ophelia Butler?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q What are the names of your other children?  
 A Sophia and Jesse and Tandy, Lillie and Henry  
 Q What is the name of the mother of these children?  
 A Paulina Ward  
 Q These are all your children by Paulina Ward? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Where have these children lived since their birth?  
 A In the Choctaw Nation.  
 Q Lived with you? A Yes, sir, in Blue County  
 Q Are you a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Are you enrolled and approved by the secretary? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Have you filed? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Were you married to Paulina Ward the mother of these children  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q What is your postoffice address? A Caddo, I. T.  
 Q And do all of these children except Ophelia Butler live with  
 you? A Yes, sir.

Ben Chalk called as a witness, after being duly sworn testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q What is your name? A Ben Chalk  
 Q How old are you? A I am fifty-seven or fifty eight years old  
 I guess, I don't know, sir, or old I am  
 Q Do you know Samson Ward? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Do you know his wife Paulina Ward? A Yes, sir.  
 Q What do you know about the marriage of Paulina Ward and  
 Samson Ward? A I wasn't at the marriage but I know they have  
 been living together ever since and married Samson  
 Q It is the general understanding in the neighborhood that they  
 were husband and wife? A Yes, sir.  
 Q And they have always lived together? A Yes, sir  
 Q And still live together at the present time? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Do you know the names of the children of Paulina Ward and  
 Samson Ward? A No, sir, I don't know the names of all of them  
 Q Do you know how many there are? A No, sir, I think there is  
 about five, five or six, is what I always heard there was.

Roland H. Butler called as a witness, after being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

- Q Do you know Samson Ward? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his wife's name? A Paulina Ward  
Q Do you know whether or not Paulina and Samson Ward were married? A Yes, sir.  
Q How near do you live to them? A About three miles  
Q Were you present at their marriage? A No, sir.  
Q Do you know the name of the preacher that married them?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What was his name? A William Butler  
Q Do you know of your own knowledge they were married and since their marriage they have lived together as husband and wife and raised a large family of children? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know the children's names? A Yes, sir.  
Q Name them? A Ophelia, Sophia, Tandy, Jesse, Lillie and Henry  
Q That is all the children? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were all these children living on September 25, 1902?  
A Yes, sir, they were.

Samuel Osterhold, stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, being duly sworn, on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of his stenographic notes as taken by him in the proceedings had in the above entitled cause at Atoka, Indian Territory, on September 6, 1904.

*Samuel Osterhold*

Sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 1904.

*Notary Public*  
Notary Public.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Willa Mae Cotton*

as a citizen of

*Alabama* Nation

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*C. A. Burch*  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw Nation (Indian)*  
 of *Willie May Butler*, born on the *27* day of *February*, *1901*  
 Name of Father: *Roland Butler*, a citizen of the *Choctaw (Indian)*  
 Name of Mother: *Opheia Butler*, a citizen of the *Choctaw (Indian)*  
 Post-office, *Caddo, Ind. Ter.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Caddo* District.

I, *Opheia Butler*, on oath state that I am *20* years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation; that I am the lawful wife of *Roland Butler*, who is a citizen, by *Adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *female* child was born to me on the *27th* day of *February*, *1901*; that said child has been named *Willie May Butler*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
*Opheia Butler*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *15th* day of *May*, *1901*  
*Chapman* NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Caddo* District.

I, *Bettie Green*, *midwife*, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. *Opheia Butler*, wife of *Roland Butler*, on the *27* day of *February*, *1901*; that there was born to her on said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named *Willie May Butler*.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
*Bettie Green*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27* day of *May*, *1901*  
*Chapman* NOTARY PUBLIC

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I. T. August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Willie Stakahaka, Lila Bateese being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

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(Note in stenographic report says see testimony of Lila Bateese for citizenship of this boy; the testimony of Lila Bateese in her own enrollment is this:)

" I am 51 years old. I belonged to Mike DeFlore, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory."

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office,  
Washington, D. C.  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct  
stenographic report of the testimony of LILA BATEESE  
transcribed from the original stenographic notes of  
my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 25, 1903.

J. G. Ralls,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 23, relative to the enrollment of Mary Lee, whose former husband was Belvin. You state that it appears that her two daughters, Neta and Barbara have been enrolled by the Commission as Choctaw freedmen and their enrollment has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, but her name has not been approved.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Neta and Barbara Belvin have been enrolled by this Commission as Choctaw freedmen, and on April 8, 1903, their enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

It further appears from our records that Mary Belvin is an applicant to this Commission for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, but her final right to such enrollment has not been determined. As soon as a decision is reached in this case

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she will be notified of the action of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 13, 1903.

C. W. Edens,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 5, in which you state that you believe that Barbara Belvin of Caddo, Indian Territory, is not entitled to citizenship and request that the matter be investigated.

In reply to your letter, you are informed it appears from our records that Barbara Belvin, daughter of Mose Belvin, has been enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw Freedman and on April 8, 1903, her enrollment approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 6, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

On June 16, 1904 (I.T.F. 4825-1904), the Secretary of the Interior referred to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, for report and recommendation, the communication of Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish under date of June 9, 1904. With their communication, Messrs. Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish transmitted the affidavits of H. M. Stewart, F. M. Bushnell and J. A. Wilho, relative to the case of the child of Barbara Belvin, a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, whose name appears on the schedule of Freedmen of said Nation, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, on certificate number 1933.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish allege that in these affidavits it appears certain false statements were made to the Commission with reference to the time of the birth of the child and that she could not possibly be the child of Hans Belvin. They therefore request, on behalf of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, that the Commission be directed to investigate the matter and if it finds the facts to be as alleged herein, that the name of Barbara Belvin

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be stricken from the schedules of Choctaw freedmen. In the affidavit of R. L. Turnbull, transmitted with the communication of Mansfield, Le Murray & Cornish, it is stated that Mary Selvin was killed during the month of August, 1891; while in the affidavits of C. A. Hill and J. L. Stewart, it is stated that Barbara Selvin was born in the year 1892.

Reporting in this matter, we have the honor to advise that it appears from our records that a petition was filed for the enrollment of Barbara Selvin, daughter of Mary Selvin and Henry Selvin, on August 24, 1890, at which time her age was given as six years. It further appears that her name was placed on the 1896 Census Roll of Choctaw Freedmen, Pike County, and that she appears thereon opposite number 686 as Popkey Selvin. It also appears from our records that Mary Selvin, mother of Barbara Selvin, is an applicant to the Commission for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and the right thereto has not yet been determined.

We have further to report that, while the 1896 Census Roll of Choctaw freedmen is not deemed authentic or final in establishing the right to enrollment of Choctaw freedmen, in those instances where the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation have placed the names of persons upon the 1896 Census Roll of Choctaw freedmen, it has been deemed a circumstance proper to be considered in the determina-

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tion of the right to enrollment of such person; and where no protest had been entered by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and no suspicious circumstances were known to the Commission, these persons were enrolled by the Commission and their names placed upon schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

The right of Mary Belvin, the mother of Barbara Belvin, to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman not having been determined, and it appearing from the affidavits accompanying the communication of Messrs. Mansfield, McJurray & Corrish that the said Barbara Belvin is not the child of Moss Belvin, she was a recognized Choctaw Freedman, we have to recommend that the Commission be directed to receive and testimony as may be introduced by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the applicant relative to the claim of Barbara Belvin to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and that it be authorized to notify the attorneys for the Nations and the applicant to that effect.

The communication of Mansfield, McJurray & Corrish, together with the accompanying affidavits, is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR      MAY  
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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of August 8, 1904, requesting authority to receive such testimony as may be introduced by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the applicant, relative to the right of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw freedman, you are advised to proceed with the investigation in the manner suggested. The three affidavits submitted by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations are herewith inclosed, together with a copy of the Commissioner's letter of August 29th, submitting your report and concurring in your recommendation.

Respectfully,

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

August 29, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

June 16, 1904, the Department referred to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, for consideration, report and recommendation, a communication from Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish, Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, dated June 9, 1904, forwarding affidavits of R. T. Stewart, R. L. Turnbull and C. A. Bilde, relative to the date of birth of Barbara Belvin, a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, whose name appears on the approval partial rolls opposite No. 1952. They requested that the Commission be directed to investigate the matter and that if the facts were found to be as set forth in the affidavits, the name of said freedman be stricken from the Choctaw freedman rolls.

The Commission say that it appears from their records that application was made for the enrollment of Barbara Belvin, daughter of Mose and Mary Belvin, on August 22, 1899, at which time her age was given as six years; that her name was placed on the 1896 census roll of Choctaw freedmen, Blue County; that it appears thereon opposite No. 636, as Bobbey Belvin; that Mary Belvin, the

mother of Barbara Belvin, is an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman; that her right to enrollment has not yet been determined by the Commission; that while they do not concede that the 1896 roll of Choctaw freedmen is authentic, it is deemed a circumstance proper to be considered in the determination of the right to enrollment of a person whose name is found thereon, and that where no protest has been entered by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations or suspicious circumstances known to the Commission, persons whose names are found on such roll are enrolled by the Commission.

The right of Mary Belvin, the mother of Barbara Belvin, to enrollment, has not been determined.

As it is alleged that Barbara Belvin is not the child of Mose Belvin, a recognized Choctaw freedman, the Commission recommends that they be directed to receive such testimony as may be introduced by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the applicant relative to the right of the applicant to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and that they be authorized to notify the attorneys for the nations and the applicant to the effect mentioned.

R. L. Turnbull says in his affidavit that he was personally acquainted with Mose <sup>said</sup> Belvin, a Choctaw freedman, and that he personally knows "that Mose Belvin was killed during the month of August, in the year 1901." It would seem, therefore that the action proposed by the Commission should be authorized, and

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no recommend.

Very Respectfully,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 19, 1904.

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen :-

On June 16, 1904, the Secretary of the Interior, with his letter of that date, (I.T.D.4829-1904), referred to the Commission for report and recommendation your communication of June 9, 1904, relative to the time of the birth of Barbara Belvin, a Choctaw Freedman, whose name appears upon the schedule of Choctaw Freedmen as approved by the Secretary of the Interior, opposite number 1953. With your communication of June 9th, you transmitted the affidavits of R.L Stewart, R.L.Turnbull, and C.A.Bilbo, and allege that certain false statements have been made to the Commission with reference to the time of the birth of the child, Barbara Belvin, and that she could by no possibility be the child of Mose Belvin, who was the slave of a Choctaw Indian. You request of the Department that the Commission be directed to investigate the matter, and if it finds the facts to be as alleged that the name of Barbara Belvin be stricken from the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen.

Your letter was referred to the Commission for report and recommendation, and on August 8, 1904, the Commission recommended that it be directed to receive such testimony as might be introduced

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by you on behalf of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

The Commission is now in receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, under date of September 2, 1904, (I.T.D. 32926, 6938-1904), advising the Commission to proceed with the investigation suggested in our report of August 8, 1904 to the Department. For your information there is enclosed you herewith a copy of Departmental letter of September 2, 1904, with the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of August 29, 1904, accompanying the same.

You are hereby notified that the Commission will, at its office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, within thirty days from the date hereof, hear the testimony of such witnesses as you may desire to present in support of your contention that Barbara Belvin is not entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman. You will advise the Commission of the time that you anticipate introducing the testimony of such witnesses, and also serve notice of the time and place of taking such testimony, upon Mary Belvin, the mother of the child, Barbara Belvin.

Respectfully,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 19, 1904.

Mary Belvin,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam :-

You are hereby advised that the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have alleged that your minor child, Barbara Belvin, is not entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, inasmuch as she is not the child of Wose Belvin, but of some unknown person.

On September 2, 1904, the Secretary of the Interior directed the Commission to receive such testimony as might be presented by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations tending to show that your child, Barbara Belvin, was erroneously enrolled by the Commission as a Choctaw Freedman. The Commission has this day furnished Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish with a copy of Departmental letter of September 2, 1904, and advised them that they will be allowed thirty days from the date hereof within which to introduce the testimony of such witnesses as they desire to the effect that your child, Barbara Belvin, was erroneously enrolled by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as a Choctaw Freedman. They have been notified, further, that it will be necessary for them to serve upon you notice of the time of taking such testimony.

For your information there is enclosed you herewith copy of Departmental letter of September 2, 1904, accompanied by the report

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of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of August 29, 1904, in refer-  
ence to this matter.

You are further advised that the Choctaw Land Office of the  
Commission has this day been directed to take no further procedure  
in reference to the allotment of lands to your child, Barbara Belvin,  
until the question of her alleged erroneous enrollment is disposed  
of.

Respectfully,

ART. 114.

Chairman.



Choctaw Freedman  
903

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 1, 1904.

Mansfield, Murray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 26, asking for six blank summons for use in connection with the hearing of the case of Barbara Belvin.

In compliance with your request there are inclosed you herewith six subpoenas for use in the hearing of testimony in the case of Barbara Belvin. As you have not yet advised this office of the date on which you expect to present this testimony, the date in the inclosed subpoenas is left blank.

Your attention is invited, however, to that portion of our letter of September 19, in which you were requested to advise us of the date on which you anticipate taking the testimony in the case of Barbara Belvin, and I have now to ask that you give us this information as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

(COPY)

Y. P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NAV

D.C. 32926-1904.

I.T.D. 6938-1904.

WASHINGTON

September 2, 1904.

L.R.S.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of August 8, 1904, requesting authority to receive such testimony as may be introduced by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the applicant, relative to the right of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw freedman, you are advised to proceed with the investigation in the manner suggested. The three affidavits submitted by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations are herewith inclosed, together with a copy of the Commissioner's letter of August 29th, submitting your report and concurring in your recommendation.

Respectfully,

4 inclosures.

Thos. Ryan.  
Acting Secretary.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 20, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

The Department, with its letter of September 2, 1904 (I.T.D. 6938-1904), relative to the right of Barbara Belvin to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, directed the Commission to proceed with the investigation as suggested in its letter of August 9, 1904.

On September 19, 1904, Messrs. Mansfield, Veltarray & Gornish, the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, were advised that the Commission would, at its office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, within thirty days from said date, hear the testimony of such witnesses as they desired to present in support of their contention that Barbara Belvin is not entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

They were further advised that service of notice of the time of the taking of such testimony upon Mary Belvin, the mother of Barbara Belvin, would be required by the Commission. Similar notice was also forwarded to Mary Belvin at Caddo, Indian Territory.

On October 15, 1904, the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations presented the testimony of Charles A. Bilbo,

Secretary, I.

Robert L. Stewart and Robert Turnbull. The testimony of these witnesses is herewith transmitted for the consideration of the Department.

The Commission, in its letter of August 2, 1904, reported fully in reference to the enrollment of Barbara Helvis as a Chester freedman.

Respectfully,

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Chairman.

M. S. C.  
Incl-10192.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 20, 1904.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request there is inclosed herewith  
copy of testimony taken October 15, 1904, in the matter of the exam-  
ination of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw Freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

AB 5-20

Choctaw Freedman  
903

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 26, 1904.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 22, inclosing brief in the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw freedman. The same has this day been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for consideration in connection with the record in this matter which was transmitted October 20, 1904 .

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-903

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 26, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

On October 20, 1904, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes had the honor to forward, for Departmental consideration, the record in the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw Freedman.

There is now transmitted, for consideration in connection with the original record in this case, the brief of Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-903

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Received of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
one copy of the testimony taken at Muskogee, Indian Territory, Octo-  
ber 15, 1904, in the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin  
as a Choctaw freedman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
October 28, 1904.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles M. Smith", followed by a horizontal line.

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Choctaw Freedman  
903

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 28, 1904.

Charles E. McPherron,  
Attorney at Law,  
Caddo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of October 26, there is inclosed you herewith copy of the testimony taken at the general office of the Commission, Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1904, in the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw Freedman. Kindly sign and return the inclosed receipt therefor.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

AB 5-28

Choctaw Freedman  
903

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 7, 1904.

Charles E. McPherron,

Attorney at Law,

Caddo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 4 stating that it is the desire of the mother of Barbara Belvin to introduce testimony showing the date of the birth of said child if it is considered that the testimony submitted by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations is of such weight as to require this action.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the testimony in the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw freedman was forwarded the Secretary of the Interior on October 21, 1904.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-903

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 25, 1905.

Chief Clerk,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 22, 1905, referring to office letter of September 19, 1904, directing you to take no further action in the matter of an allotment for Barbara Belvin, Choctaw freedman roll card No. 1952, pending an investigation of certain matters relative to her enrollment; you state that you have received no further instructions in regard to this matter and now desire to be advised as to the status of the enrollment of said Barbara Belvin.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on October 15, 1904, testimony was taken in the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw freedman in compliance with Departmental instructions of September 2, 1904, and on October 20, 1904, and report was submitted to the Department, but this office has not yet been notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 23, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Departmental letter of November 9, 1905 (I.T.D. 5514-1905), requesting to be informed whether there is now pending before this office an application for the enrollment of Mary Belvin as a Choctaw freedman, and if such application exists the Department desires that the record be forwarded as soon as possible for action thereon.

Reporting in this matter I have the honor to advise that on August 22, 1899, application was made by Mary Belvin for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. The applicant is the daughter of Emeline or Emily Fields, who is also an undetermined applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Before disposition can be made of the application for the enrollment of Emeline or Emily Fields, or her descendants, as Choctaw freedmen, it will be necessary that additional testimony be secured. The applicants have on numerous occasions been notified that the record in their cases is not sufficiently conclusive to warrant the preparation of a decision and have been

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urged to present such additional testimony as they may possess, at the earliest practicable date.

As soon as the necessary testimony is secured the application for the enrollment of Eueline or Emily Fields and her descendants, including Mary Belvin, will be disposed of.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *James Bixby.*

Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LLB  
WASHINGTON.

1710-1906.  
I.T.D. 5514-1906.  
L.R.S.

February 17, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

For the purpose of adjudicating the right to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Barbara Belvin, whose name appears opposite No. 1952 upon the partial roll of Choctaw freedman approved April 8, 1903, you are requested to forward immediately to the Department the record in the matter of the application of Mary Belvin, the mother of said Barbara Belvin, for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, shown in the Commission's letter of August 8, 1904, to be then pending and undetermined before it.

In your report of December 23, 1905, in the same matter, it is shown that application was made by Mary Belvin on August 22, 1899, at the same time that application was made for the enrollment of her daughter, Barbara Belvin, who has been duly enrolled upon the approved partial roll of Choctaw freedmen. It appears that the application of Mary Belvin is still pending and undetermined.

No good reason appears for such continued delay in the adjudication of the citizenship claim of Mary Belvin, the

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mother of Barbara Belvin, as said applications appear to have been filed at the same time, on August 22, 1899.

You are also requested to forward to the Department the record, if such exists, in a Choctaw allotment contest entitled Charles A. Bilbo vs. Mary Belvin et al., referred to in testimony of Charles A. Bilbo on page 6 of the record in the matter of the investigation of enrollment of Barbara Belvin upon the approved partial roll of Choctaw freedmen, opposite No. 1952 thereon, which record was transmitted with your letter of December 23, 1905."

Respectfully,

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Thos Ryan.

First Assistant Secretary.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Luskogee, Indian Territory, March 22, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Departmental letter of February 17, 1906 (I T D 5514-1905 1710-1906) in the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin whose name appears at No. 1952 upon the roll of Choctaw freedman, as a Choctaw freedman, in which this office is directed as follows:

"You are requested to forward immediately to the Department the record in the matter of the application of Mary Belvin, the mother of said Barbara Belvin, for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, shown in the Commission's letter of August 8, 1904, to be then pending and undetermined before it.

In your report of December 23, 1905, in the same matter, it is shown that application was made by Mary Belvin on August 12, 1899, at the same time that application was made for the enrollment of her daughter, Barbara Belvin, who has been duly enrolled upon the approved partial roll of Choctaw freedmen. It appears that the application of Mary Belvin is still pending and undetermined.

No good reason appears for such continued delay in the adjudication of the citizenship claim of Mary Belvin, the mother of Barbara Belvin, as said applications appear to have been filed at the same time, on August 22, 1899.

You are also requested to forward to the Department the record, if such exists, in a Choctaw allotment contest entitled Charles A. Bilbo vs. Mary Belvin et al., referred to in testimony of Charles A. Bilbo on page 6 of the record in the matter of the investigation of enrollment of Barbara Belvin upon the approved partial roll of Choctaw freedmen, opposite No. 1952 thereon, which record was transmitted with your letter of December 23, 1905."

Reporting in this matter I have the honor to advise that it appears from the record in this case that application was



Made by Mary Belvin for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, August 20, 1899, and that application was made for the enrollment of her children Neata and Barbara Belvin on the same day.

It appears, from the records in the possession of this office that these children were entitled to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen through their father, Mose Belvin, and the record in the matter of the application of Mary Belvin for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman being insufficient to determine her right to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, the application for the enrollment of Neata and Barbara Belvin was adjudicated and their names were placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen which was forwarded the Secretary of the Interior, March 16, 1903.

I have further to report that Mary Belvin is a daughter of Emline or Emily Fields who is an undetermined applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and that her case has been consolidated with that of her mother, Emily Fields, and that these applicants have repeatedly been notified that the record in their cases was not sufficient to warrant the preparation of a decision and have been urged to present such additional testimony as they may possess at the earliest date practicable. Their attorney of record Charles E. McPherrren of Caddo, Indian Territory, has also been notified of the necessity for the presentation of additional testimony as to the rights of these applicants.

I have also to report that Emily Fields and her descend-

ants were on March 5, 1906, notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes would, at his office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, on April 5, 1906, hear the testimony of such witnesses as might be offered in support of the claim of the applicants to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen. Notice was also given Charles E. McPherran, attorney for the applicant, and Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, of the date fixed for the hearing of this case. If no additional testimony is presented on that date the applications of Emily Fields and her descendants for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen will be adjudicated upon the present record, and the record together with decision will be forwarded the Department for review.

~~For the information of the Department there is inclosed~~  
herewith a copy of the testimony of Mary Belvin of August 24, 1899 in the matter of her application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

I have in conclusion to report that a contest has been filed by Mary Belvin against Charles C. Bilbo, minor son of Charles A. Bilbo, for ten acres of land but the right to enrollment of Mary Belvin not having been determined, this contest has not been set for hearing and no testimony has therefore been taken relative to said contest.

Respectfully,

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 1, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Departmental letter of April 25, 1906, (I.T.D. 5514-1906) calling attention to the request of the Department of February 17, 1906, for an immediate report in the matter of the application of Mary Belvin, mother of Barbara Belvin, for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and also the record, if such exists, in a Choctaw allotment contest entitled "Charles A. Bilbo vs. Mary Belvin, et al." The Department has not yet been advised in accordance with the above request and action is desired in the matter.

Reporting in this matter I have the honor to advise that on March 22, 1906, a full report was forwarded in the matter of the application of Mary Belvin, mother of Barbara Belvin, for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Department was advised that a hearing would be had in the consolidated Choctaw freedman case of Emily Fields, et al., of which the application of Mary Belvin had been made a part, at the General Office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 8, 1906.

I have now to report that a hearing was had in the Choctaw

freedmen enrollment case of Emily Fields, et al., and on July 10, 1906, a decision was rendered refusing the applications for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen of the persons who were included in the consolidated Choctaw freedmen case of Emily Fields, et al., and on the same date the record in this case was forwarded the Department.

Referring to the request of the Department that the record in Choctaw Allotment Contest Case entitled "Charles A. Bilbo vs. Mary Belvin" be forwarded, I have to advise that the records of this office do not show a contest under this title, but it is believed that Choctaw Allotment Contest Case entitled "Charles A. Bilbo vs. Barbery Belvin, a minor, Mary Lee and Walter Valen, heirs of Neata Belvin, deceased" is the case to which reference is made, and I have the honor to report that the original record in this case was, on July 3, 1905, forwarded the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on appeal and is now with the records of the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner.

17-903

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 14, 1907.

Mary Belvin,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 7, 1907, asking the status of Barbara Belvin as you wish to file on land for her.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw freedman is still pending before the Department and you will be notified of any action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, March 11, 1906.

Subject:

Enrollment of Barbara  
Belvin, a Choctaw  
freedman.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite the attention of the Department to the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin, whose name appears opposite No. 1952 upon a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 6, 1903.

This matter has been the subject of considerable correspondence between the office of the Secretary of the Interior and that of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, and particular attention is invited to Departmental letters of September 2, 1904 (I. T. D. 6938-1904), November 9, 1905 (I. T. D. 5814-1905), February 17, 1906 (I. T. D. 5814-1906, 1716-1906), and April 25, 1906 (I. T.

D. 5514-1906), and reports thereon from this office under dates of October 20, 1904, December 23, 1905, March 23, and August 1, 1906.

It does not appear that this office was informed as to the final action taken thereon by the Department, and I have the honor to request that I be advised whether this office is authorized to make an allotment in the name of Barbara Belvin, Choctaw Freedman Roll No. 1962.

Respectfully,

WPC(VB)

Acting Commissioner.

Through the  
Commissioner of  
Indian Affairs.

17-003  
D.C. 774-1908.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COPY J.P.Jr.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

April 29, 1908.

Land  
19832-1908

E.B.M.  
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Subject:  
Allotment to Barbara  
Belvin, a Choctaw  
freedman.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Referring to your report dated March 11, 1908, you are advised that the Department, on April 22, authorized you to make an allotment in the name of Barbara Belvin, whose name appears opposite No. 1952 on a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen.

There is enclosed a copy of approved Office letter dated April 21, 1908.

Very respectfully,

S.D.

(Signed) P. M. Conser  
Chief Clerk.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COPY  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON. April 21, 1908.

EBM  
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Subject:  
Enrollment of Barbara  
Belvin, a Choctaw freedman.

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed report of Acting Commissioner Ryan, dated March 11, 1908, inviting the attention of the Department to the enrollment of Barbara Belvin, whose name appears opposite No. 1952 on a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, approved by the Department on April 8, 1903.

Mr. Ryan calls attention to the correspondence between the Department and the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, relative to the enrollment of Barbara Belvin, and says that his office was not informed as to the final action taken by the Department relative to the enrollment of Barbara Belvin, and requests to be advised if the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes has authority to make an allotment in the name of Barbara Belvin, Choctaw Freedman Roll No. 1952.

It appears from the records of this Office that subsequent to the approval of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin

as a Choctaw freedman that Messrs. Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish filed with the Department three affidavits to the effect that false allegations had been made to the Commission with reference to the time of the birth of Barbara Belvin, and that she could not possibly be the child of Moses Belvin, deceased, a recognized Choctaw freedman. These affidavits were transmitted with Departmental letter of June 16, 1904 (I.T.D. 4825), to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for investigation and report. With Departmental letter of March 27, 1905, there was referred to this Office, for report and recommendation, the testimony taken by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes relative to the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw freedman. From the report it appeared that Barbara Belvin is a daughter of Mary Belvin, whose citizenship status was at that time undetermined. The Office, in letter of May 12, 1905, recommended that no action be taken relative to the enrollment of Barbara Belvin until Mary Belvin's case was disposed of. The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, in his decision of July 10, 1906, denied the right of Mary Belvin to be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.

The Office, on January 16, 1907, transmitted to the Department the record in the matter of the application of Emily Fields, et al, and concurred in the decision of Commissioner Birby that Mary Belvin was not entitled to be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman. The Department, in its decision of March 4, 1907, denied

the application of Mary Belvin for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. No further action appears to have been taken relative to the enrollment of Barbara Belvin.

Inasmuch as the name of Barbara Belvin appears on the rolls of the Choctaw Nation as a freedman citizen thereof, the Office is of the opinion that she is entitled to an allotment of land in the Choctaw Nation, and the Office requests authority to notify the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes to make an allotment in the name of Barbara Belvin, enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.

Very respectfully,

SD

C. F. Larrabee

April 22, 1908.

Acting Commissioner.

APPROVED:

Signed Jesse E. Wilson  
Assistant Secretary.  
G.W.W.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
TISHOMINGO, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
September 9, 1904.

19-827.  
19864.

In the matter of the enrollment of Nellie Ligon and Frank Ligon  
as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Nellie Ligon, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. Did you apply for your girl, Caroline Moore, when you appeared  
before the Commission in 1898? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is Caroline? A About 42; along there.  
Q Was she a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q Belonged to Elsie Harris? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was she freed as a slave at the same time you were, and the same  
place? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where has she been living ever since? Where have you made your  
home? A In the Chickasaw Nation; been out sometimes, working around  
Q Where has Caroline been living all the time? A Chickasaw  
Nation.  
Q She hasn't been living in Texas? A No, sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Caroline Moore --  
Q Has she any children? A No, sir.  
Q The next one is what? A Ruthie Smith.  
Q Has she any children? A Jamie and Jodie Smith, and Lucy  
Thomas and Frank Thomas.  
Q Who is your next child? A Joe Tilman.  
Q Who is he married to? A Margaret Jones.  
Q Who is your next child? A Frank Ligon.  
Q Where is Ruthie Smith living? A Chickasaw Nation.  
Q Has she always lived here? A Yes, sir, born here.  
Q Was Joe born here? A No, sir, but pretty close here, down  
across the Red River.

(SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT.)

Elsie E. Ashton, being first duly sworn, states that, as steno-  
grapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly  
reported the proceedings above, and this is a full, true and correct  
transcript of her stenographic notes.

Elsie E. Ashton.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <sup>nd</sup> 22 day of October, 1904.

Charles H. Sawyer  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, I.T., OCTOBER 15, 1904.

In the matter of the examination of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw Freedman, whose enrollment as such was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 8, 1903, and whose name appears upon the final roll of the Choctaw Freedmen opposite No. 1952.

Appearances:

Charles E. McPherran, by Eck E. Brook,  
For Barbara and Mary Belvin.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, by G. Rosenwinkel,  
For the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION.

On June 9, 1904, Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior a communication enclosing the affidavits of C. A. Bilbo, R. L. Stewart, R. L. Turnbull, alleging in such affidavits that it appears certain false statements have been made to the Commission with reference to the time of the birth of Barbara Belvin, and that she is not entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. This communication was referred to the Commission on June 16, 1904, for report and recommendation. On August 8, 1904, the Commission recommended that it be authorized to receive such testimony as might be introduced by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the applicant, relative to the right of Barbara Belvin to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

On September 2, 1904, the Department returned the affidavits above referred to and directed the Commission to proceed with the investigation in the matter as suggested by the Commission in its report of August 8, 1904.

On September 19, 1904, the Commission advised Messrs. Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish and Mary Belvin, the mother of Barbara Belvin, that testimony would be heard relative to the right to enrollment of the child, Barbara Belvin at the office of the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, within thirty days from that date.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations were further advised that it would be necessary that they serve notice of the time of taking such testimony, upon Mary Belvin, the mother of Barbara Belvin. On October 11, 1904, the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations advised the Commission that they would introduce the testimony of witnesses in the matter of the enrollment of Barbara Belvin as a Choctaw freedman at the office of the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, October 15, 1904.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations offer proof of service of service of a copy of the notice to take testimony at this time and place.

MR. BROOK:

To which we object for the reason that the Nations notice given is not such notice as is contemplated by the statute.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

We haven't anything further to say about that except that we think that is such notice as the Commission requires.

THE COMMISSION:

The objection noted, and we will take the testimony.

MR. BROOK:

We would like to have the rule as to the introduction of this testimony.

CHARLES A. BILBO, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

- Q. What is your name? A. Charles A. Bilbo.  
Q. Your age? A. 47.  
Q. Your post office address? A. Caddo.  
Q. Are you a citizen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations? A. Yes, sir, I am Choctaw.  
Q. A citizen by blood of intermarriage? A. By blood.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

Are you acquainted with Mary Belvin, whose name is now Mary Lee, and who is also the mother of Barbara Belvin? A. Yes, sir.

- Q. Were you acquainted with Mose Belvin? Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you know when Barbara Belvin, the child of Mary Belvin or Mary Lee was born? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. State when that was. A. In the spring of '93.

MR. BROOK:

Your name is Bilbo, is it? A. Yes, sir.

- Q. Are you a Choctaw citizen by blood? A. I am, yes, sir.  
Q. You live at Caddo? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How long have you known Barbara Belvin? A. Well, I have been in Caddo ten years and she was born since I have been there; ever since 1893.  
Q. Is Barbara Belvin a negress? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Did you know Mose Belvin? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A. He was living there when I came there eighteen years ago, Mose Belvin was.  
Q. Are you acquainted with Mary Belvin? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What relation was she to Barbara Belvin? A. She is the mother of Barbara Belvin.

- Q. Do you remember when she was born? A. In '93.
- Q. How do you know that it was in '93? A. Well I remember that the payment was made then and I was running a mill and I had a boy born the same year in July.
- Q. Did you preserve or make a record of the birth of your child?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Have you a copy of the record here? A. No, sir; I know we drew the money in 1893.
- Q. Didn't the Choctaws have a payment in 1891? A. I will take the back my eldest boy drew that money.
- Q. Then she was born in 1891, was she not? A. No, sir.
- Q. Wasn't she born the same time as your oldest son? A. No; my 11 year old boy was the one born in '93.
- Q. Then you are mistaken about the birth of this child of yours?
- A. No; I just got the two boys mixed.
- Q. When did you first testify in this case, Mr. Bilbo? A. Three or four months ago, I suppose.
- Q. How came you to testify? A. Because I was the sheriff of the county and it was my duty.
- Q. Is it the duty incumbent upon an officer of the Choctaw Nation to report these matters? A. If he feels disposed to.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

I object to that testimony. I do not think it makes any difference as far as this proceeding is concerned what the duties of an officer are. I think it is the privilege of any citizen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations to report a matter of that kind.

MR. BROOK:

We expect to show, if the Court please, that this man has a motive in coming before the attorneys for the Choctaw Nation and making this affidavit. He did not intervene prior to the time of this person was enrolled or approved by the Secretary of the Interior in 1893.

THE COMMISSIONER:

The objection is noted and the witness may answer the question.

MR. BROOK:

- Isn't it a fact, Mr. Bilbo, that you are endeavoring to get hold of this piece of land filed upon or claimed by this applicant? A. No, sir, I will swear to that.
- Q. You are under oath now. A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Then tell the Commission why you are making this affidavit.
- A. Because I thought it was my duty as a Choctaw by blood.
- Q. That is your real motive, then, that prompted you in coming here? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Who is paying you? A. I suppose the Choctaw Nation will pay me. I expect them to.
- Q. Did you go to Mansfield, Mc Murray & Cornish in all of the cases? A. Yes, sir, all that I can catch on to.
- Q. You gave the name of Mr. Stewart? A. Yes, sir, R. L. Stewart.
- Q. R. L. Turnbull also? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You made a visit to South McAlister, did you not? A. I saw them on the train and at Tishomingo.
- Q. Mr. Bilbo, didn't you know this state of facts to exist before -- prior to 1903? A. No, sir.
- Q. When did you find it out? A. When I was appointed sheriff of the County in June, 1903.



- Q. Then you claim to represent your nation? You didn't feel like it was your duty prior to your election as sheriff? A. I didn't know until I inquired.
- Q. You are not getting paid anything at all for coming here? A. No sir, but as I say I expect the Nation will pay my expenses as a witness.
- Q. You are absolutely certain, are you, as to the date this child was born? A. In 1893, yes, sir.
- Q. Do you remember the month? A. No, sir.
- Q. Do you remember the month your child was born? A. My wife told me my son was born in July.
- Q. You say your wife told you? Then you didn't know of your own knowledge? A. Of course I--
- Q. Didn't you say your wife told you? A. Well she keeps up with that.
- Q. I will submit to the Commission that he said he did not remember. A. My wife remembers that too, as well as myself.
- Q. Then you cannot tell the Commission of your own knowledge when this child was born? A. Yes, sir, in 1893.
- Q. What month? A. In the spring; I don't know what month.
- Q. How do you know it was in the spring? A. I can remember.
- Q. You are absolutely certain? A. Yes, sir; I moved out of the mill in June.
- Q. Where was this child born? A. Southeast of town on the hill.
- Q. How long after she was born did you see the child? A. I do not remember when I saw the child, I do not know.
- Q. Did her mother come and tell you of the birth of this child? A. How does people know of all of such things?
- Q. Were you interested in the child? A. No, sir.
- Q. Interested in her mother? A. No, sir.
- Q. Do you know the date of the birth of all of those children around in that country? A. No, sir.
- Q. Then you have no means of stating to the Commission why you chronicled the birth of this child? A. Why of course I have; My knowing her husband was killed in August, 1891, was one thing.
- Q. When did Mose Belvin die? A. He was killed in the latter part of August, 1891; the records of our Choctaw Court show it; he was deputy sheriff at the time.
- Q. Wasn't it a fact that this child was born seven months after the death of her father? A. No, it doesn't show by that.
- Q. I am asking you now, How long after the death of Mose Belvin was this child born? A. A little over a year, I think.
- Q. This statement, then, of the mother, relative to the birth of this child seven months after the death of its father is not true?

MR. ROSENWINCKEL: Mary Belvin came in here and gave the date of birth and we are bring testimony to show that the statements made in referace to the age of this child are not true, I think--

MR. BROOKS:

We submit he has no right to answer back at all.

THE COMMISSION:

The records of the Commission show that when the application was made for this child in August, 1892, the age of the child was given as six years.

MR. BROOKS: What does the Commission rule on this?



THE COMMISSION:

There is nothing to rule on it. You can ask the witness a question if you want to.

THE NATION:

We object to going into that.

MR. BROOK:

You know very little about this case, do you not, Mr. Bilbo?

A. I do not know whether you would consider it little or not.

Q. You are not certain about any of the testimony you are giving?

A. I know what I am giving.

Q. Your information is gleaned from your wife? A. No, sir, from myself and wife too if you want it that way.

Q. You claim to be interested in the welfare of the Nation of which you are a member. A. Certainly.

Q. Then you state that you didn't make any investigation about the enrollment of this child until after you were made sherriff.

A. I did when I found it out. I told Mr. Len Hawkins one of the Commission in August after I was appointed in June.

Q. And you also state that it is a part of your duty as a sheriff to investigate citizenship matters? A. I deem it my duty wherever I knew of any fraud.

MR. ROSENWIKER:

Mr. Bilbo, both as an officer of the Nation and patriotic citizen you deemed it your duty to report cases where people were fraudulently enrolled to the Commission or the officers of the government or the Nation? A. Yes, sir.

Q. That is the only interest you have in the matter? A. Yes, sir.

Q. In 1893 the Choctaws made a payment, didn't they? A. Yes, sir.

Q. The leased district money was paid? A. Yes, sir.

Q. That assists you in associating-- that helps you to place the time? A. Yes, sir.

MR. BROOKS:

Mose Belvin died on September 8, 1891? A. Yes, sir.

Q. To refresh your memory I will ask you if Barbara, the child of Mary Belvin was not born on the 9th day of April, 1902? A. No, sir.

Q. Well, wasn't it about seven months after his death before this child was born? A. No, sir.

THE COMMISSION:

You say you knew of the birth of this child, Barbara Belvin? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who was the father? A. I could not tell you; she wasn't married.

Q. You made the statement that you deemed it your duty as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation to report what you considered was fraud or an imposition on the Nation as you discovered it? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did you first discover that Barbara Belvin was not the child of Mose Belvin? A. I was in the District Court in August after I was appointed sherriff.

Q. When were you appointed? A. June 19, 1893. I mean 1903.

Q. You knew this child, Barbara Belvin when she was born? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You say she was born in 1893 but you did not report the matter between 1893 and 1903? A. I didn't know anything about it until after then.

Q. Not until after you were appointed sheriff? A. She had two children by Wese Belvin and one of them died and that is why I did not know that this one had been filed until she filed.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

Mr. Bilbo, isn't it a fact that the first knowledge you had of this child being enrolled was given in a letter written by the Commission from Atoka to you?

MR. BROOKS:

We object to that question for the reason that it is leading.

THE COMMISSION:

The objection noted; you may answer the question.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

It is here-- the letter is here and I am asking him is it the first intimation he had in the case because I was-----

A. No, because I was talking at the District Court and then I inquired at the Commission's office at Atoka.

MR. BROOKS:

We object to this method of interrogating this witness.

THE COMMISSION:

Objection noted.

MR. BILBO:

I went to the land office and they investigated it and they said they would write me a letter on it.

THE COMMISSION:

How did you happen to make that inquiry? A. I was up there filing for myself.

Q. Have you no personal interest in the transaction of this matter? A. No, sir, not at all. I have got a contest with one of her children and I am not interested in this. I am not uneasy about that case at all. It is just a ten acre contest against her mother and not this child.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

You say you have a contest? A. Yes, sir, I have a contest with her eldest child.

MR. BROOKS:

Do you know Charlie McPharren? A. Yes, sir, pretty well.

Q. Did you ever tell Mr. Charlie McPharren at Caddo, if you didn't win a piece of land on which you have filed contest you intended to have this child stricken from the roll? A. No, sir, I never.

Witness excused.

ROBERT L. STEWART, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

- Q. What is your name? Robert L. Stewart.  
Q. How old are you? A. 53.  
Q. What is your post office address? A. Caddo, Indian Territory.  
Q. Are you a citizen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations? A. Yes, sir.  
Q.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

How long have you lived at Caddo? A. 13 years the 5th of next month-- November.

Q. Mr. Stewart, when did you come to Caddo? A. The 5th of November, 1891.

Q. Are you acquainted with Mary Belvin who resides at Caddo? A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you acquainted with Mose Belvin? Were you acquainted with him during his life-time? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are you acquainted with Barbara Belvin, the child of Mary Belvin? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now, at the time that you came to Caddo on the 5th of November, 1891, was Mary Belvin living with Mose Belvin at that time? A. No, sir; he was killed before I came there.

Q. Had Mary Belvin remarried? A. No, sir, she was a widow at that time.

Q. When were you married yourself, Mr. Stewart? A. In March, 1892.

Q. The spring of 1892? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When was your first child born? A. In February, I think it was, 1893.

Q. I will ask you if you know when Mary Belvin's child, Barbara, was born with reference to the time your child was born. A. I am not-- I cannot give the exact date, but it was some months after mine was born.

MR. BROOK:

Of what year? A 1893.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

Sometime after the 6th of February, 1893? A. Yes, sir, April or May; something like that.

Q. You know that of your own personal knowledge? A. I was farming about a mile east of where they live and I passed there every day.

MR. BROOK:

You say you are a citizen of the Choctaw Nation? A. No, sir.

Q. A state raised man, are you? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where did you live prior to your coming to Indian Territory?

A. I lived in Omaha, Nebraska about eight years and lived in Nashville, Tennessee before that.

Q. When did you leave Nashville? A. In '70 something. I do not remember the year exactly now; I went to Omaha in '80.

- Q. When did you leave Omaha? A. I left Omaha about the fall of 1891.
- Q. Where did you go to from there? A. To Texas; Down around in California, and in Denison; then I went to the Territory; Up to Gale a few months.
- Q. Did you go from Texas to Indian Territory? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, when did you come to Indian Territory? A. In the fall of 1891.
- Q. Are you certain of that? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Where did you locate after you came to Indian Territory? A. At first I stopped at Gale a few months.
- Q. Where did you go to from there? A. Caddo.
- Q. What month was it you arrived in Caddo? A. November.
- Q. Have you lived there continuously since? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. When did you first meet Barbara Belvin, a year or two after she was born? A. I never met the child like I would meet a person until it got big enough to walk and visit my child-- probably a couple or three years old-- something like that.
- Q. How long after you came to Caddo before you met Mary Belvin. A. Two or three weeks -- something like that.
- Q. Was Mary Belvin the mother of Barbara Belvin at that time? A. Well, I suppose she is.
- Q. Why do you remember when this child was born? A. I knew the family and passed the house continuously and it would be an incident anybody would know.
- Q. Did you know Mose Belvin? A. No, sir.
- Q. Was Mose Belvin living when you came to Caddo? A. He had been dead some time.
- Q. Do you know how he met his death? A. I hear he was shot.
- Q. You do not know? A. No, sir.
- Q. How long had he been dead when you came to Caddo? A. I do not know.
- Q. Had he died a year before? A. No, I think it must have been during that same year.
- Q. He died, then, during the same year you came to Caddo? A. I think that must be right, they say he died along about that time. I do not know anything about it myself.
- Q. Now, to refresh your memory, wasn't it on September 8, 1891---

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

I object to that. He brought out from this man that he did not know Mose Belvin at all; he did not come to Caddo until after his death; I object to his questioning him about anything that happened prior to that time.

MR. KROOKS:

We will with-draw the question.

- A. I will ask you if along about the year-- about the 19th of April 1892, this child was born? A. I would not be positive about that.
- Q. That could be true, could it not? A. Yes, sir. --I-- no, sir, I could not say-- I can say that could not be the case.
- Q. You keep well informed as to dates? A. I know the time I was married and I knew the people-- All I know about is what passed when I am there and comes under my personal knowledge.
- Q. Who called your attention to this particular case and asked you to testify in the case? A. The first I knew anything about it was in conversation with Jule Hampton and Frank Lawrence and I told them how long I had been there and about how long I had been married and the month that I came to Caddo and the age of my first

child and then it seemed like they wanted to find out about May Belvin's child; well, I remembered this child being born after mine but I had no idea of coming to this court though when I said that.

Q. Isn't it a fact that this man Bilbo met you there on the street of Caddo and engaged you in conversation about this matter? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And isn't it a fact that he told you at that time that he had a contest with this girl's mother? A. No, sir.

Q. Well, he told you he had a contest? A. I do not remember that conversation. When he spoke of the child it was in a crowd. Jule Hampton, Frank Lawrence and maybe Mr. LeFlore.

Q. You know he is contesting? A. Yes, sir; I do now, but at that time I did not.

Q. Isn't it a fact that Bilbo told McPherran and others around Caddo that if this woman would relinquish this filing on this piece of land that he would not have her child taken off this roll? A. No, sir.

Q. You have heard it? A. No, sir.

Q. It is a fact, isn't it? A. I could not say that. I know nothing about it.

Q. You have not a memorandum of the birth of your own child and your marriage certificate with you? A. No, sir; it is on the wall in our house and the births are in the bible.

Q. You could be mistaken, couldn't you, a year? A. No, sir; it doesn't look natural I could be mistaken a year in my own child's age.

Q. Then you are certain that your child was born a year before the birth of this child? A. No, sir.

Q. What did you say about the birth of this child? A. No, I wouldn't say my child was born a year before this one; a few months after my first child was born this one was born.

Q. When was yours born? A. The 6th of February, 1893.

Q. Can you read and write? A. Yes, sir, a little bit.

Q. Did Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish ever talk to you about this case? A. I do not know the gentlemen.

Q. The Choctaw attorneys. A. I do not know them.

Q. Who paid your way up here? A. I have paid it out of my own pocket.

Q. Didn't Mr. Bilbo say he would defray your expenses? A. No, sir, but I would like to have him tell me that before I start back.

MR. ROSENWITZ: I object to that--

MR. BROOKS:

I will ask that my question be stricken, then.

Q. Do you know Neota Belvin? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When was she born? A. I do not know.

Q. Why don't you know? A. Well she was a good sized girl when I came there and I never asked how old she was.

Q. The fact of the business is you never made any inquiry about any of the others except this one child. A. No, sir; I never made any inquiry about any of them. There is only two little girls and when I came there they told me their father was killed.

Q. Did you hear the report in Caddo after you moved to Caddo about how Rose Belvin died? A. Well, yes, sir, something about how he died.

Q. Did they tell you at the same time when he died? A. Well, I do not remember the date or the day.

Q. About how many months? A. Why it seems like three or four months.

Q. About how long was it after that before this child was born?  
A. This was in '91 when I came there and he had been shot six then, two or three months before I came and this child was born in 1893 after my first child was born.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

ROBERT TURNBULL, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

What is your name? A. Robert Turnbull.  
Q. How old are you? A. 24.  
Q. What is your post office address? A. Bekchito, Indian Territory.  
Q. Are you a citizen of the Choctaw Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. A citizen by blood? A. Yes, sir.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

Have you always lived in the Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Are you acquainted with Mary Belvin? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. With Barbara Belvin? A. No, sir.  
Q. Were you acquainted with Mose Belvin, the husband of Mary Belvin during his lifetime? A. Yes, sir, I knew him.  
Q. Do you know when Mose Belvin was killed? A. In 1891; he was shot in August.  
Q. In 1891? A. Yes, sir; in 1891.  
Q. You are certain about that? A. Yes, sir.

MR. BROOK:

Do you know when he died? A. He died in September, I think, I rather think that it was in August; it is possible that he died the first of September; but about that time.  
Q. He might have died September 8, 1891? A. Yes, sir; he only lived a few days but how long I do not remember.  
Q. Do you know anything about the birth of any child to Mose Belvin and Mary Belvin? A. No, sir.  
Q. Do you know Barbara Belvin? A. No, sir.  
Q. You do not know anything about her application, or anything about her citizenship, or anything connected with this case? A. No, sir.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

R. L. STEWART, recalled.

MR. BROOK:

Were you ever convicted of any crime? A. No, sir.  
Q. Have you ever been arrested? A. Yes, sir, once.



Q. What for?

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

We object to the witness answering that.

THE COMMISSION: Objection sustained.

MR. ROSENWINKEL:

I move also that the question be stricken.

THE COMMISSION:

The objection was sustained.

MR. BROOK:

At this time we desire to ask that the testimony of Charles A. Bilbo as to the birth of his own child and also as to the birth of Barbara Belvin, the applicant, be stricken, for the reason that the record of the birth of not only his own child, but that of the applicant is the best evidence, and this objection is made in view of the fact that the witness was asked as to whether he had a written record of the birth of these children, and he said that he had, and the same objection is also made as to the testimony of R. L. Stewart.

THE COMMISSION:

Objection noted.

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Mildred S. Cummings, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly reported the proceedings and testimony in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Mildred S. Cummings*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of October, 1904.

*Charles D. Sawyer*  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE,  
Atoka, Indian Territory, July 14, 1903.

17-Roll-1951.

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17-903

In the matter of the application of Neata Belvin for an allotment of lands in the Choctaw Nation, her name appearing as No. 1951 on the approved roll of Choctaw Freedmen.

Neata Vaten being first duly sworn testifies:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name ? A Neata Vaten.  
Q Is that your married or your maiden name ? A That is my married name.  
Q What is the name of your husband ? A Walter Vaten.  
Q What was your name prior to your marriage to Walter Vaten ? A Belvin.  
Q When and where were you and Walter Vaten married ? A The 3rd day of last March.  
Q What is the name of your father ? A Moses Belvin.  
Q What is the name of your mother ? A Mary Belvin.  
Q How old are you ? A I will be seventeen years old the 5th day of next October.  
Q Were you married under United States License ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where did you obtain that License ? A He got them at Durant.  
Q Have you either the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate with you at this time ? A No, sir. I have neither with me but I have my marriage certificate at home in my trunk.  
Q What is your post office address -- where do you live ? A Caddo, Indian Territory.  
Q Upon your return to Caddo, will you forward to the Commission, either the original or a certified copy of your marriage certificate ? A Yes, sir, I will.

This witness is identified as No. 1, on Choctaw freedman card field No. 903, approved roll No. 1951.

Witness excused:

Mary Belvin being called as a witness and sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:



Neata Belvin 2

- Q What is your name ? A Mary Belvin.  
Q What is your post office address ? A Caddo, Ind. Ter.  
Q What is your age ? A I am twenty nine I think.  
Q Are you in any way related to Neata Vaten, nee Belvin, who has just testified here ? A Yes, sir; I am her mother.  
Q You are her mother ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she married ? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of her husband ? A Walter Vaten.  
Q Were you present at the marriage -- did you see them married ? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did that marriage take place ? A In March some time.  
Q In March 1902 or 1903 ? A Yes, sir, 1902.

This witness is identified as Mary Belvin  
Choctaw freedman card field No. "R" 10.

Witness excused.

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Fred V. Kinkade being first duly sworn on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full the proceedings had in the matter above referred to at Atoka, Indian Territory, July 14, 1903; that the above and foregoing is a true, full and correct translation of his stenographic notes as taken therein on said date.

*Fred V. Kinkade*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of July 1903.

*David Shelby*  
Notary Public.

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17-904

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 18, 1902.

Brigham Y. Harrison,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Paul and Floyd Harrison, sons of Brigham Y. and Mary Harrison, has been filed with the Commission. Two blank applications for enrollment of infant children are inclosed herewith. In having them executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

It is also necessary the Commission be supplied with evidence of the marriage between you and your wife, Mary Harrison. You should forward the original marriage license or a certified copy thereof, or supply other legal evidence of such marriage.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your two children, Paul and Floyd Harrison, as Choctaw freedmen until proof of their birth is supplied and evidence of the marriage of their father and mother is furnished.

Brigham Y. Harrison 2

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Rev.  
B. B. C.

Commissioner in Charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 5, 1902.

T.V. McReynolds,

Boswell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 1st inst., enclosing affidavits of Mary Harrison and Belle Vinson relative to the birth of Paul Harrison, infant son of Brigham and Mary Harrison, November 25, 1897; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the affidavits of Mary Harrison and Belle Vinson relative to the birth of Floyd Harrison, infant son of Brigham and Mary Harrison, January 21, 1898; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of this child.

Further acknowledgment is made of the affidavits of Ezra Gordon, Belle Vinson and Thomas Gordon relative to the marriage between Brigham Harrison and Mary Vinson, December 18, 1896; and the same have been duly filed with our records in the matter of

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the applications for enrollment of the above named children.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman

19-904

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 28, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are requested to examine duplicate Chickasaw freedman enrollment card, No. 904, in your possession, whereon appears the names of Fanny and Freddy Vance, and advise this office immediately whether any check marks appear opposite Nos. 3 and 4 thereon, or whether any notation appears thereon indicating that affidavits relative to the birth of Nos. 3 and 4 were to be supplied.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

17-904

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 18, 1907.

Brigham H. Harrison,  
Mayhew, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of this office that on March 5, 1906, there was filed with the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a petition praying for the transfer of the names, among others, of your minor children, Carl H. Harrison and Brillie May Harrison, from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, but there was no proof of birth filed for your minor children.

In order that the rights of your said minor children, Carl H. and Brillie May Harrison, may be properly determined as Choctaw freedmen, you are advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with proper proof of birth for each of said children, and in order to assist you in this matter there are enclosed herewith blank proofs of birth which you should have properly executed and return the same to this office not later than January 28, 1907.

This matter should receive your prompt attention, and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof may deprive



your children of such rights to enrollment as Chestaw freedmen  
as said children may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be a cursive name, possibly "J. B. C.", written over a horizontal line.

JEL

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Commissioner.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Brigham Young Harrison, said Harrison being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him, testified:

My mother's name was Kisiah Harrison and she belonged to Joe Taylor, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

I am married. My wife is a citizen. Her father was Alfred Vinson and belonged to Zack and Ellis Jones. I have two children.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Washington, D.C.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my stenographic notes.

D. M. Howard

Freedman

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Paul Harrison

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved DEC 5 1902

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

**FILED**

DEC 5 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Choctaw Freedman

#804

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Paul Harrison*, born on the *25* day of *Nov*, ~~190~~ <sup>1902</sup>  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: *Brislam Harrison*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Mary Harrison*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Post-Office: *Watox Ind Ter*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
*Central* District. }

I, *Mary Harrison*, on oath state that I am *24*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Brislam Harrison*, who is a citizen, by  
*birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *male* child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on the *25* day of *November*, ~~190~~ <sup>1887</sup>; that said child has been  
 named *Paul Harrison*, and is now living.

*Mary Harrison*

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1* day of *Dec*, 1902.

*Thomas W. Reynolds*  
 Notary Public.  
 My Commission expires *Apr 24-1905*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
*Central* District. }

I, *Belle Simon*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Mary Harrison*, wife of *Brislam Harrison*  
 on the *25* day of *Nov*, ~~190~~ <sup>1887</sup>; that there was born to her on said  
 date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
 named *Paul Harrison*.

*Belle Simon*

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1* day of *Dec*, 1902.

*Thomas W. Reynolds*  
 Notary Public.  
 My Commission expires *Apr 24-1905*

Freedman

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Floyd Harrison*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved

DEC 5 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
A. T. NG CHAPMAN

*Choctaw Freedman*

#904

*Freedman*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Floyd Harrison*, born on the *21* day of *Jan.* <sup>1898</sup> <sub>1902</sub>  
Name of Father: *Brigham Harrison*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Mary Harrison*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Medley Indian*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *Mary Harrison*, on oath state that I am *24*  
years of age and a citizen, by *birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Brigham Harrison*, who is a citizen, by  
*birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *male* child was  
born to me on the *21* day of *Jan.* <sub>1902</sub>; that said child has been  
named *Floyd Harrison*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

*2* day of *Dec.* 1902

*Thomas D. McByrd*  
Notary Public.  
*My comm. expires Sept. 29-1905*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *Belle Deinger*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Mary Harrison*, wife of *Brigham Harrison*  
on the *21* day of *Jan.* <sub>1902</sub>; that there was born to her on said  
date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Floyd Harrison*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

*1* day of *Dec.* 1902

*Thomas D. McByrd*  
Notary Public.  
*My comm. expires Sept. 29-1905*

*Freedman*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Monte Malik Harrison*

as a citizen of the

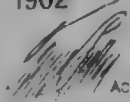
*Choctaw* Nation.

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Commissioner

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*Choctaw Freedman*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Monte Mabel Harrison, born on the 21 day of Dec., 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Brigham J Harrison, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Mary Harrison, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Wato

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Choctaw District.

I, Mary Harrison, on oath state that I am 24  
 years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Brigham J Harrison who is a citizen, by  
birth, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on the 21 day of Dec., 1901; that said child has been  
 named Monte Mabel Harrison, and is now living.

WITNESSED TO MAKE.

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of Dec., 1902.

W. M. Reynolds  
 My com expires Jan 7-1905 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Choctaw District.

I, Beulah Harrison, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Mary Harrison, wife of Brigham J Harrison  
 on the 21 day of Dec., 1901; that there was born to her on said  
 date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
 named Monte Mabel Harrison.

WITNESSED TO MAKE

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of Dec., 1902.

W. M. Reynolds  
 My com expires Jan 7-1905 Notary Public.



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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Phyllis Harrison*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

*Choctaw Freedman*

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*Freedom*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Clyde Harrison*, born on the *5* day of *June*, 190*2*  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: *Bingham G Harrison*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Mary Harrison*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Waynes*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
*Centret* District.

I, *Mary Harrison*, on oath state that I am *24*  
years of age and a citizen, by *birth* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Bingham G Harrison*, who is a citizen, by  
*birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *male* child was  
(Male or female.)  
born to me on the *5* day of *June*, 190*2*; that said child has been  
named *Clyde Harrison*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Mary Harrison*

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1* day of *Dec.* 190*2*.

*Thomas M. Reynolds*  
*My Commission Exp. 27-1905*  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
*Centret* District.

I, *Mizzia Harrison*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Mary Harrison*, wife of *Bingham G Harrison*  
on the *5* day of *June*, ~~190~~<sup>1902</sup>; that there was born to her on said  
date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Clyde Harrison*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Mizzia Harrison*  
*mark*

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

*Thomas Gordon*  
*My Commission*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1* day of *Dec* 190*2*.

*Thomas M. Reynolds*  
*My Commission Exp. 27-1905*  
Notary Public.

17-904.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 8, 1902.

Brigham Y. Harrison,

Mayhew, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Clyde Harrison, infant son of Brigham Y. and Mary Harrison, born June 5, 1900; also the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Monte Mable Harrison, infant daughter of Brigham Y. and Mary Harrison, born December 21, 1901; and the applications being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and these children listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen.

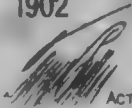
Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEC 5 1902



ACTING CHAIRMAN

Central District } SS  
Ind. Terr. } \_\_\_\_\_

I Emma Gordon  
was present at the marriage of  
Brigham Harrison and Mary Vinson  
daughter of Alfred Vinson and Belle  
Vinson.

They were married at the home  
of Alfred Vinson near Mayhew  
Jackson County Ind. Ter.

they were married by Rev.  
W. H. Ware on 16 day Dec. 1886  
without license that being the common  
law marriage then in vogue.

Emma Gordon  
do solemnly swear to before  
me this 1 day Dec. 1886

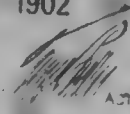
Wm. H. Ware

Min. of Ind. Terr. Dec. 1886

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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SEP 5 1902

  
A. J. NEASE, CHAIRMAN

Central District } S.S.  
Indian Territory }

I Belle Winsor was  
present at the marriage of my daughter  
to Brigham Y Harrison, they were  
married at our home in Jackson  
County Indian Territory, near  
Mayhew Indian Ter.

They were married on the 6  
day Dec 1886 by Rev. W.H. Wape  
and they were married without  
marriage license, that being the  
custom then in vogue,

<sup>my</sup>  
Belle Winsor  
mark.

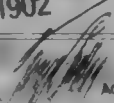
Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 1st day Dec - 1882

Thomas W. Reynolds  
My comm. expires 4th Dec. 1885

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MAY 5 1902



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Central District } S.S.  
Indian Territory }

I Tom Gordon testify  
that I was present at the home  
of Alfred Vinson in Jackson County D.S.  
near Mayhew on 16 day Dec 1886  
and witnessed the marriage of  
Bridget Haney Harrison and Mary Vinson  
daughter of Alfred and Belle Vinson  
and they were married by Rev. H. H. Ware  
they were married without license  
that being the common law  
marriage when in use.

Thomas Gordon

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this Dec 1-1902

Thomas Nespyotik  
my comm expires 7/29/01

Choc FR 905 Becky Hilliard

FR 905

Choctaw Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 13, 1903.

Nelson W. Hilliard,  
Oberlin, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 16, 1902, advising that none of your family have died since the time they were registered as Choctaw Freedman, and give their names, Rebecca Hilliard, Ophelia Shoals and Virginia Hilliard.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Becky Hilliard, wife of Nelson Hilliard, and her two minor children, Annie Hilliard and Ophelia Shoals, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-905

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1903.

Becky Hilliard,  
Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 16th inst., requesting to be advised whether you can forward affidavits relative to the birth of your child, Henrietta Shoals, May 15, 1900.

You are informed that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, the Commission is now without authority to receive or consider the original application for enrollment of any person whomsoever as a citizen by blood or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Your request for classification of certain land described in your letter will be made the subject of a separate communication.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-905

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 29, 1906.

Nelson Hilliard,

Boswell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 8, 1906, in which you desire a plat of the lands allotted to your minor daughter Virginia Hilliard who is enrolled as a Choctaw freedman; you state that she is the daughter of Becky Hilliard.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that Virginia Hilliard, child of Nelson and Beckey Hilliard has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman nor does it appear that application has been made for the enrollment of said child.

It does appear that Annie Hilliard, child of Nelson and Beckey Hilliard, has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman and her enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior. If this is the person to whom you refer and you will advise this office, the matter of your request for lands allotted to her will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-985

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 2, 1906.

Nelson Hillard,  
Boswell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 8, 1906, in which you desire a plat of the lands allotted to your minor daughter Virginia Hillard who is enrolled as a Choctaw freedman; you state that she is the daughter of Becky Hillard.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that Virginia Hillard, child of Nelson and Becky Hillard has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman nor does it appear that application has been made for the enrollment of said child.

It does appear that Annie Hilliard, child of Nelson and Becky Hilliard, has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman and her enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior. If this is the person to whom you refer and you will advise this office, the matter of your request for plat of lands allotted to her will receive further consideration.

Respectfully

Commissioner.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I. T. August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Becky Hilliard, her husband, Nelson Hilliard, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My wife's name is Becky Chalk and her father belonged to Abner Holmes. Her mother was Susan Alexander, a refugee Cherokee. Her father's name was Henry Chalk and he belonged to Abner Holmes, a Choctaw. My wife always has lived here. The two children were born in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon the official oath as stenographer to the aforesaid Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes

*B. M. O. Neal*

Choc FR 906 Sophronia Little John

FR 906



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Fronie Littlejohn, said Littlejohn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 40 years old and belonged to Daniel Green, a Choctaw. I have been living here all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes as taken at the hearing of the Commission, and that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

J. M. McDonald

Choc FR 907 Isom Jones

FR 907

FREEDMAN:

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Isom Jones, said Jones being sworn by Commissioner Needles and being examined by him et als, testified:

I am 42; I belonged to Robert Jones, a Choctaw. I have lived in the Territory all the time.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*P. M. C. Needles*

Choc FR 908 Louis Shoals .

FR 908

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Louis Shoals, said Shoals being examined by Commissioner Needles and sworn by him, he testified:

I am 26 years old. My mother's name is Liza Garrett. She belonged to Robert Jones. I have been living in the Choctaw Nation all the time. I have some children. My wife is a non-citizen. I am married to my wife.

Erma Alexander being sworn testified:

I know Louis Shoals and know that he is married to his wife; I did not see them married, but I have heard that they were married and they live together as man and wife and are together right now.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*R. M. Howard*

Choc FR 909 Zack Dunford

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for enrollment as freedmen  
of the Choctaw Nation of . . . . .

HATTIE GRAY and ELBERT GRAY, 17 ~~187000~~.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, 11 24 1907.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Hattie Gray & Albert Gray  
as a <sup>freedmen</sup> citizen of the <sup>choctaw</sup> Nation. no 558

Service of a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to  
the Five Civilized Tribes rendered on January 19 1907, to-  
gether with the customary fifteen days within which to protest  
against the said decision is hereby waived.

Mansfield McMurtry Hornish  
Attys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation.



N.B. 358

IN RE APPLICATION FOR  
ENROLLMENT OF  
**MINOR CHILD**

Act of Congress  
Approved April 26, 1906.

*Hattie Gray*

as a citizen of *Prudman*

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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Birth Affidavit.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as Freedman member of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Hattie Gray, born on the 22 day of March, 1900  
Name of Father: James Gray a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rena Gray a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Tribal enrollment of father: intermarried Tribal enrollment of mother: Choctaw  
Enrollment No. of father No. \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment No. of mother No. 4286  
Postoffice: Q Berlin G-7

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, )  
Central District. )

I, Rena Gray, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation,  
that I am the lawful wife of James Gray, who is a citizen, by  
intermarried, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was  
born to me on 22 day of March, 1900; that said child has been named  
Hattie Gray, and was living March 4, 1906.

Witnesses to Mark: J. W. Carraway  
[Must be two] H. C. Powell  
Witnesses.]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of July, 1906.  
B. C. Thurman  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, )  
Central District. )

I, Florida Jackson, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Rena Gray, wife of James Gray  
on the 22 day of March, 1900; that there was born to her on said date a  
female child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and ~~was~~ to have been  
named Hattie Gray.

Witnesses to Mark: J. W. Carraway  
[Must be two] H. C. Powell  
Witnesses.]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of July, 1906.  
B. C. Thurman  
Notary Public.

N. B. 351

IN RE APPLICATION FOR  
ENROLLMENT OF  
**MINOR CHILD**

Act of Congress  
Approved April 26, 1906.

*Albert Gray*

*Fredman* as a citizen of

*Charlotte*

Nation.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 190

Commissioner.

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*C. B. Wain* Sec. ST

N. B. 351, *city*

Birth Affidavit.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as Freedman member of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Olbert Gray, born on the 20 day of July, 1902  
Name of Father: James Gray a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rena Gray a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal enrollment of mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Enrollment No. of father No. \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment No. of mother No. \_\_\_\_\_

Postoffice Cherish Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, )  
Centra District. )

I, Rena Gray on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation,  
that I am the lawful wife of James Gray, who is a citizen, by  
Intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male child was  
born to me on 20 day of July, 1902, that said child has been named  
Olbert Gray, and was living March 4, 1906.

Witnesses to Mark:  
[Must be two] Melissa Hoag  
Witnesses]. C. M. Meadows

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Oct, 1906.  
R. E. Turner  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, )  
Centra District. )

I, Fred Dufford, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Rena Gray, wife of James Gray,  
on the 20 day of July, 1902, that there was born to her on said date a  
Male child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been  
named Olbert Gray.

Witnesses to Mark:  
[Must be two] Melissa Hoag  
Witnesses]. C. M. Meadows

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Oct, 1906.  
R. E. Turner  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, January 2, 1907.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Hattie and Elbert Gray as Choctaw freedmen.

JAMES GRAY, being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commissioner.

- Q What is your name? A James Gray.  
Q How old are you? A About forty-five.  
Q What is your Post Office address? A Oberlin, I.T.  
Q You are not a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw Nation?  
A No sir, I am not a citizen.  
Q You are a United States citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you appear here today for the purpose of giving testimony in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your two minor children, Elbert and Hattie Gray, as Choctaw freedmen?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Did you and your wife receive notice to appear here before January 1, 1907, and give testimony in this matter? A Yes sir, my wife Rena Gray received notice to appear here before January 1, 1907.  
Q Why didn't she get here by that time? A She was sick and I could not do it myself.  
Q When did you get to Atoka? A Last night.  
Q When did you leave your home for Atoka? A Yes terday morning.  
Q You did not leave Oberlin then until January 1, 1907?  
A No sir, not till then.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Rena Gray.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of her father? A Zach Dunford.  
Q What is the name of her mother? A Catherine Dunford.  
Q What kin is ~~his~~ Vacey Dunford to your wife? A Sister.

The name of Rena Gray is identified on the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, at No. 4286, as Rena Dunford, and her name appears on Choctaw freedman field card No. 909, at No. 2 thereon.

- Q There was received by the Commissioner on July 26, 1906, an application for the enrollment of Hattie Gray as a Choctaw freedman and the affidavits of Rena Gray, the mother of Hattie Gray, and Florida Jackson, the mid-wife who was in attendance at the time of the birth of said child, which affidavits were signed and executed before R. E. Tanner, a notary public, on July 22, 1906; there was also received by the Commissioner an application for the enrollment of Elbert Gray as a Choctaw freedman, and the affidavits of Rena Gray, the mother of Elbert Gray, and Jane Dunford, the mid-wife who was in attendance at the date of the birth of said child, which affidavits were signed and executed before R. E. Tanner, a notary public, on October 22, 1906; the

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date of the receipt of this application and these affidavits is not endorsed thereon; were you present when these applications and affidavits were made? A No sir, I was not present at the time.

Q Did you or your wife ever make application for the enrollment of either one of these children before July 22, 1906? A No sir, I don't think so.

Q Do you know what became of the application for the enrollment of Hattie Gray after it was executed on July 22, 1906? A No sir.

Q Did you understand it was to be sent to the Commissioner at Muskogee? A No sir.

Q Did your wife ever tell you what became of these applications?

A No sir.

Q These applications for the enrollment of Elbert and Hattie Gray which are now on file with the Commissioner are the only applications you or your wife ever made for the enrollment of these children are they? A Yes sir, that is all.

(Witness Excused)

I, Charles Bozarth, stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on oath state that the above is a full, true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes as taken in said cause on said date.

Charles Bozarth

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of January 1907.

W. H. Russell

Notary Public.

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Jackson, I. T. Aug. 25, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Muscogee, I.T.

Sirs-

The minor children of Rena Dunford (Gray) it appears is not on the "freedman Roll" on which they belong and are justly entitled to participate in a division of the lands of the Choctaw Nation.

Why this is their misfortune is no fault of theirs, but their parents it seems is guilty of negligence. While they say not - that application for enrollment was duly made at the proper time.

The minors, of whom I speak, are Hattie Gray-age 5 years, and Albert Hilliard- age 2 years.

Please advise me whether they are subject to enrollment under existing circumstances, and as to the method of procedure, etc.

Very respectfully,

W. W. Le Flore.



Commission to Five Tribes  
No. 30816 Received Aug 27 1904



copy

Boswell, I. T., December, 29th, 1905.

Hon. Commissioner to Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T.

Dear Sir:

Zack Dunford, a Choctaw Freedmen living near Bosell, desires to be advised if the names of Albert and Hattie Dunford, aged respectively 4 and 6 years, appear upon the roll of Choctaw Freedmen. The mother of these two children is Rena Dunford and the father, Henry Brown. The children took the names of the mother instead of the father.

Very respectfully,

Armstrong & Hunter.

Commissioner to Five Tribes

No. 57529 Received Dec 30 1905

*Copy*

So. McAlester, I. T., Apr. 25, 1906.

Dawes Commission,

Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

I am requested by Rena Brown, nee Dunford, to find out what the status is of her application for the enrollment of her two children, Elbert Brown, aged four years, and Hattie Brown, aged six years. Rena Brown is a Choctaw freedman, the daughter of Zack Dunford, Address Oberlin, I. T. Please let her hear from you, and oblige

Very truly yours,

J. E. Whitehead.

Commissioner to Five Tribes  
No. 14676 Received Apr 27 1906

17-NB-338.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*St. Louis*

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In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray as Choctaw freedmen.  
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It appears from the record herein that on July 26, 1906, and October 21, 1906, there were received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written applications for the enrollment of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray, respectively, as Choctaw freedmen.

On January 2, 1907, James Gray, the father of the applicants, appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Atoka, Indian Territory, and gave testimony for the purpose of showing whether or not applications had been made for the enrollment of said applicants as Choctaw freedmen within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 157).

The records of this office show that on August 27, 1904, a letter was received from W. W. LeFlore, stating that Hattie Gray and Albert Hilliard, the minor children of Rena Dunford (Gray), had not been enrolled and asking whether they were entitled to enrollment and as to the matter of procedure in the event that they were entitled.

I am of the opinion that the letter above referred to received August 27, 1904, establishes that application was made for the enrollment of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray as Choctaw freedmen within the time limited by the provisions of Section One of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 157), and that the same should now be determined upon its merits, and it is so ordered.

  
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

January 1, 1907.

17-N.B.-358.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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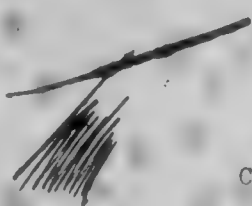
In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray as Choctaw freedmen.

D E C I S I O N .

It appears from the record herein that application was  
duly made for the enrollment of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray as  
Choctaw freedmen within the time limited by the provisions of  
Section One of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats.  
137).

It further appears from the record herein and from the  
records in the possession of this office that the applicants,  
Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray, were born March 28, 1900, and July  
20, 1902, respectively, and are the children of Rena Gray, whose  
name as Rena Dunford appears as No. 428<sup>0</sup> upon the final roll of  
Choctaw freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior June  
28, 1904, and James Gray, a non-citizen, and that said applicants  
were living on March 4, 1906.

I am, therefore of the opinion that Hattie Gray and  
Elbert Gray, should be enrolled as Choctaw freedmen, under the  
provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats.,  
498), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and it is so ordered.



Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

JAN 19 1907

17-N.B-358.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

James Gray,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 19, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that the names of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Commissioner.

Registered.

17-N.B-358.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

W. LeFlore,  
Jackson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 19, 1907, a decision granting the application for the enrollment of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that the names of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

*James D. Doby*

Commissioner.

Registered.

17-N.B.-358.



17-N B-388.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907 .

C. B. Weeks,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 19, 1907, a decision granting the application for the enrollment of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that the names of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Dixie*

Commissioner.

Registered.

17-N B-388.

17-N.B.-358.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

Armstrong & Hunter,  
Attorneys-at-law,  
Boswell, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 19, 1907, a decision granting the application for the enrollment of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that the names of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

W. H. H. Fixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

17-N.B.-358

17-N.B.-368.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

Mansfield, McKurray & Cornish.

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 19, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that the names of Hattie Gray and Elbert Gray will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Tamc Bixby*

Commissioner.

Registered.

17-N B 358.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I. T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application of Zack Dunford, said Dunford being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al, testified:

I am about 51 years old. I belonged to Robert Jones. I have been living here all my life and no where else. My first wife was a Chickasaw and belonged to old man Carr, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*M. B. ...*

United States of America )  
Indian Territory )  
Central District )

On this 24th day of December, 1903 personally appeared before me at my office Chasidy Deunford who after first being duly sworn by me deposes and says: I am about 40 years <sup>of age</sup> but upheld a license is Jackson Ind. I am the mother of Jack Deunford who is the father of Rena, Vicen, and Basil Deunford. I was present when Jack Deunford was married to Catherine Lewis the mother of the victim. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. P. [unclear] several years ago & do not remember when

they lived together several years ~~ago~~ as man and wife until the death of Catherine Deunford in 1903.

Witness: Chasidy Deunford  
F. H. [unclear]  
J. W. [unclear]

Sworn and Subscribed at this 24th day of December 1903  
J. W. [unclear]  
Notary Public

United States of America )

Indian Territory )

Central District )

On this 24th day of December 17<sup>th</sup> 1803, personally appeared before me at my office, Elijah Russell, who after first being duly sworn by me do declare and say, I am 42 years old, of the Indian Territory and I have a sister, viz. Sarah Thompson, wife of James Vincy and also a brother, viz. James Vincy, who was married to Catherine Lewis, a

daughter of the said James Vincy, and she was married to James Vincy, who was married to Catherine Lewis, a daughter of the said James Vincy, and she was married to James Vincy, who was married to Catherine Lewis, a

Witness my hand and seal at the place aforesaid, this 24th day of December 17<sup>th</sup> 1803.

AJ Russell  
Justice of the Peace

I was and subscribed to before me this 24th day of Dec. 1803  
Elijah Russell  
notary public

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17-909.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 17, 1903.

Zack Dunford,  
Jackson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your daughters, Rena, Vicoey and Elsie Dunford, you should immediately furnish the Commission with evidence of your marriage to Catherine Dunford, the mother of these children. Such evidence may consist either of your original marriage certificate or a certified copy thereof, or the affidavits of two witnesses who know of your marriage and that you have since lived together as husband and wife.

This matter should receive your prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



17-309

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 4, 1904 .

Zach Dunford,

Jackson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of  
Charity Dunford and Eliza Garrett relative to the marriage between  
yourself and Catherine Lewis; and the same have been duly filed  
with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application  
for enrollment of Rena, Vicky and Elsie Dunford as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc FR 910 Emma Alexander

FR 910

17-910.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Emma Alexander,  
Jackson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission has information to the effect that your son, Isaac Sholes, has died since the time he was listed for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation. You should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank for proof of death.

You will notice that there is an affidavit for a relative and one for an acquaintance of the deceased person. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are sworn to, attaches his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signature is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

D. C.  
Ray.

Chairman.

17-910

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 9, 1903.

Della Chatman,

Jackson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Ella Shoals relative to the death of your brother Isaac Shoals, September 15, 1899, and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of death of the above named person.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-910

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 9, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Chickasaw Land Office,  
Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to original Choctaw freedman enrollment card,  
No. 910, and the notation appearing thereon which reads as follows:

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"No. 2 affidavit of death to be supplied"

you are advised that the following notation has been added thereto:

"Received and filed October 9, 1903"

You are therefore, requested to make like addition to the  
notation on the duplicate card in your possession, and stamp the  
word "Dead" opposite the name of No. 2.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-910

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 9, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to original Choctaw freedman enrollment card,  
No. 910, and the notation appearing thereon which reads as follows:

"No. 2 affidavit of death to be supplied"

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you are advised that the following notation has been added thereto:

"Received and filed October 9, 1903."

You are therefore, requested to make like addition to the  
notation on the duplicate card in your possession, and stamp the  
word "DEad" opposite the name of No. 2.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chectaw Freedman  
807; 910.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 27, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chectaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 21, 1904, in relation to the testimony of Caroline Chatman to the effect that she was the mother of Della and Estelle Chatman, but that she was married to Alexander, the father of Ruffin Chatman. You state that you have no direct evidence to connect the children of Della Chatman, you also mention the presence of Wm. Alexander for the purpose of giving testimony in this matter.

As Ruffin Chatman appears as the father of both Della and Estelle Chatman, Chectaw freedman roll Numbers 1961 and 3393 respectively, you are directed to have him appear before your office for the purpose of testifying relative to the enrollment of these two children.

R. S. CHAIRMAN,

Chairman.

17-807  
17-910

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 16, 1906.

Harrod & Loden,  
Attorneys at Law,  
Durant, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 10, 1906, in which you ask if Ruffin Chatman and Isaac Shoals have been enrolled.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Ruffin Chatman has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman and his enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior, September 26, 1903.

Replying to that portion of your letter in which you ask relative to the enrollment of Isaac Shoals, you are advised that Isaac Shoals, son of Emma Alexander and Nelson Shoals, was listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, but it appearing that he died prior to September 25, 1902, his application for enrollment was dismissed by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes under the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902.

The matter of the allotment to Cora Frazier will be made the subject of a separate communication.

Respectfully.

Acting Commissioner.



Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 4, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

On September 9, 1903, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes had the honor to transmit for Departmental consideration a schedule constituting part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen nos. 2264 to 2701 inclusive, copies of which have been heretofore returned approved by the Secretary of the Interior, September 20, 1903.

Referring to the name of Estella Chatman which appears thereon at page No. 3393, I have the honor to report that the enrollment of Estella Chatman at No. 3393 upon said schedule is erroneous and should be cancelled.

On December 20, 1904, Caroline Chatman appeared at the Choctaw Land Office and from her testimony it developed that Estella Chatman is identical with Della Chatman, whose name appears upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen at No. 1241.

I have the honor to recommend that inasmuch as selection of allotment has heretofore been made for Della Chatman at No. 1241 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, the enrollment of Estella Chatman at No. 3393 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freed-

may be cancelled upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen in the possession of the Indian Office and the Department and that this office be authorized to make like cancellation upon the copies of such schedules in its possession.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *L. L. ...*

Commissioner.

Choctaw Freedman 807

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Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

17-607

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 18, 1906.

Chief Clerk,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith copy of letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1906, recommending the cancellation of the enrollment of Estella Chatman at No. 3493 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen.

You are therefore directed to withhold the issuance of citizenship certificate and the making of allotment to this citizen until otherwise further directed.

Respectfully,

B. 2-18

Acting Commissioner.

17-807

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 18, 1906.

Chief Clerk,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith copy of letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1906, recommending the cancellation of the enrollment of Estella Chatman at No. 2398 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen.

You are therefore directed to withhold the issuance of citizenship certificate and the making of allotment to this citizen until otherwise further directed.

Respectfully,

FB 1-18

Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

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I.T.D. 8162-1906.

May 16, 1906.

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L.R.S.

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

March 6, 1906, you recommended that the enrollment of Estella Chatman opposite No. 3393 on the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen be cancelled, it appearing from the testimony of Caroline Chatman, taken December 20, 1904, a copy of which you inclosed, that Estella Chatman is identical with Della Chatman, whose name appears upon said roll of Choctaw freedmen at No. 1961, and for whom an allotment selection has been made.

Reporting May 11, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department has made such cancellation upon the proper roll in its possession, and has requested the Indian Office to do the same. You are authorized to make such cancellation upon the proper roll in your office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

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23355-1906.

May 11, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 6, 1906, saying that the enrollment of Estella Chatman at No. 3393, approved Choctaw freedmen roll, is erroneous and should be canceled.

He reports that on December 20, 1904, Caroline Chatman appeared at the Choctaw Land Office, and that from her testimony it developed that Estella Chatman is identical with Della Chatman, who is enrolled at No. 1961 on said freedmen roll.

Inasmuch as an allotment has been selected for Della Chatman, No. 1961, he recommends the cancellation of the enrollment of Estella Chatman, No. 3393.

As the testimony conclusively shows that this is a double enrollment, the Office concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner that authority be granted for the cancellation of the enrollment of Estella Chatman at No. 3393.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Iarrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

CAV-GH.

17-807.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 27, 1906.

Chief, Clerk,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of Departmental letter of May 18, 1906 (I.T.D. 8162-1906), authorizing the cancellation of the enrollment of Estella Chatman at number 3393 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen. You are, therefore, directed to cancel the enrollment of this freedman at number 3393 upon the copy of the Choctaw freedmen roll in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

LBA 27/1.

17-807.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 27, 1906.

Chief Clerk,  
Chickasaw Land Office,  
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of Departmental letter of May 16, 1906 (I.T.D. 8162-1906), authorizing the cancellation of the enrollment of Estella Chatman at number 3393 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen. You are, therefore, directed to cancel the enrollment of this freedman at number 3393 upon the copy of the Choctaw freedmen roll in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

LBA 27/2.



17-910

Muskegee, Indian Territory, February 23, 1907.

Emma Alexander,  
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 20, 1907, giving your age and stating that you were enrolled at Shawneetown.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it is not known for what purpose you forwarded this information. If you will state for what purpose this information was forwarded, the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

BRUDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1890.

In the matter of the enrollment of Emma Alexander, said Alexander being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 31 years old. My mother's name was Charity Dunford, and she belonged to Robert Jones, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the official copy of the statement of Emma Alexander, as given to the Commission, that this document is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. H. ...*

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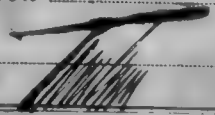
*Isaac Thole*

a citizen of the

*Rhodes*

Nation.

Approved **OCT 5** 1903



Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Isaac Sholes (Here insert name of deceased) a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Jackson, Ind. Ter., and died on the 15th day of September 1899

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Cental District.

I, Della Chetman, on oath state that I am 15 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Jackson, Ind. Ter.; that I am a sister of Isaac Sholes

who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Isaac Sholes died on the 15th day of September 1899

WITNESSED TO MARK: S. H. Webb, Della Chetman, H. W. Allaway, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of October 1903 H. W. Allaway Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Cental District.

I, Ella Sholes, on oath state that I am 24 years of age, and a citizen, by marriage, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Jackson, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Isaac Sholes who was a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Isaac Sholes died on the 15th day of September 1899.

WITNESSED TO MARK: Ella Sholes, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of October 1903 H. W. Allaway Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE

Atoka, Indian Territory, December 20, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of Della Chatman, Choctaw Freedman, Field Card Number 910, approved Roll No. 1961; and Estella Chatman, Choctaw Freedman, Card Number 807, approved Roll Number 3393.

Carolina Chatman, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Carolina Chatman.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly; bout 40 or 45.  
Q What is your post office address? A Oberlin, I. T.  
Q Are you a freedman of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation? A I aint neither one, just raised up here and married, Ruffin Chatman.  
Q You never have made application to the Commission for enrollment either as a Choctaw or Chickasaw Freedman? A Been up here twice, didn't do no good and went back home.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Ruffin Chatman he's the last one I had; he is dead and gone.  
Q Was he a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever have any children by Ruffin Chatman? A No, sir.  
Q You never did have any children by Ruffin Chatman? A No, sir, never did.  
Q Then were you married to Ruffin Chatman? A It was five years ago.  
Q Did Ruffin Chatman ever have a child named Estella? A Her name is Della, her name not Estella.  
Q He did have a child named Della Chatman? A Yes, sir; Della she had by another woman.  
Q What was the name of the mother of Della Chatman? A Arnie; her husband calls her Emma, her right name is Arnie.  
Q What is the name of Emma Alexander's husband? A Andrew Bevers.  
Q You say that Ruffin Chatman never had a child named Estella but that he did have a child named Della Chatman? A Yes, sir.  
Q About how old is Della Chatman? I don't know.  
Q Don't you know about how old she is? A No, sir; I don't know what size she is; I seen her once or twice with her family.  
Q Did you ever have any children by Ruffin Chatman? A No, sir; I never had none by him.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Four times.  
Q You have had three other husbands besides Ruffin Chatman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were any of your husbands freedmen? A All freedman but one.  
Q What was his name? A Sube Hodgeskins.  
Q How many children have you had by your freedmen husbands? A Eight.  
Q Are these children on the rolls? A No, sir; aint none on the roll only one.  
Q What is the name of your child who is on the roll? A Willie Campbell.  
Q Is she a boy or a girl? A Boy.

- Q You never had any children by any of your freedmen husbands named Estella? A No, sir; that's Amie's gal.  
Q Is Emma Alexander living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her post office address? A No, sir; don't know.

It appears that one Estella Chapman, daughter of Ruffin Chatman and Carolina Chapman, is enrolled on Choctaw Freedman card 807, approved Roll Number 3390.

It also appears that one Della Chatman, daughter of Ruffin Chatman and Emma Alexander, is enrolled on Choctaw Freedman Field Card No. 910, approved Roll No. 1961.

- Q You state in this examination that you never had a child by Ruffin Chatman, or any of your freedmen husbands, by the name of Estella? A No, I never had children by Ruffin Chatman.  
Q And you state you never had any children by any of your husbands by the name of Estella? A No, sir; I did'nt.  
Q You also state that Ruffin Chatman never had a child by the name of Estella? A No, sir; not as I knows of.  
Q But he had one child by the name of Della and her mother's name was Emma Alexander? A Amie.  
Q But you say that she is also known as Emma? I say her husband calls her Emma; other people calls her Amie.

I, Douglas Shelor, on oath, states that the above is a full, true and correct transcript of stenographic notes taken in said cause.

*Douglas Shelor*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this December 23, 1904.

*W. F. Angell*

Notary Public.

Choc FR 911 Randall Gardner



FR 911

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17-511

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 9, 1903.

Re: W. S. Gardner,  
Okmulgee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 30, 1903, requesting information relative to the enrollment of the children of Richard and Laura Nail as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, stating their names to be Mamie, Lena and Nathan Nail.

You are informed it appears from our records that Joe, Clinton, Mamie and Jennie Nail have been duly enrolled by this Commission as Choctaw freedmen and their enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

It further appears that Herbert Nail, now about 5 years of age, has been enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw freedman and his enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903; it also appears that the above named are the minor children of Richard and Laura Nail, deceased.

It does not appear from our records that any application has ever been made for the enrollment of Nathan Nail, son of Richard and Laura Nail, as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Randall Gardner,  
said Gardner being sworn by Commissioner Needle s and examined by  
him et als. , testified:

I guess I am about 53 years old. I belonged to the widow  
Gardner, a Choctaw, and have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is  
a true and correct copy of the original  
transcript of the deposition of  
my stenographic notes.

B. M. Edwards

Choc FR 912 melissa Hall

FR 912

17-912

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 15, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed you herewith copy of letter this day addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, recommending the change in the surname of the freedman who appears opposite number 1965, on the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, from "Hall" to "Dana".

You are therefore requested to withhold the issuance of a certificate or the making of an allotment to Theodore Hall, approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, No. 1965, until otherwise advised.

As soon as the Commission is notified of the approval of this recommendation, you will be furnished copies of Departmental letters relative thereto.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Enc. HG. 8-15

Madregec, Indian Territory, January 18, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

On March 16, 1903, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes had the honor to transmit for Departmental approval a schedule of Choctaw freedmen, numbers 1032 to 2386, inclusive, copies of which have been heretofore returned approved by the Secretary of the Interior, April 8, 1903.

The Commission has now to advise that the surname of the freedman who appears opposite number 1965, upon said schedule as Theodore Hall is erroneous and should be corrected.

On January 5, 1904, Melissa Hall, the mother of Theodore Hall, appeared before the Choctaw Land Office of the Commission at Ateka, Indian Territory, for the purpose of making selection of allotment and was identified as number 1963, upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen.

From her testimony at that time it developed that the said Theodore Hall is her child by a former husband, William Dana, and that his name is Theodore Dana.

For the information of the Department there is enclosed herewith, a copy of the testimony of Melissa Hall, of January 5, 1904.

Secretary, --2

The Commission has therefore to recommend that the surname of the freedman appearing opposite number 1965 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, be changed upon the schedules and letter of transmittal in the office of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs from "Hall" to "Dana", and that the Commission be authorized to make corresponding changes upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen and letters of transmittal in its possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Commissioner.

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
WASHINGTON.

DC 7933 1904  
ITD. 1898-1904.  
LRS.

March 9, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

January 15, 1904, you recommended that the name of the freedman appearing opposite No. 1965 on the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen be changed on said roll from Theodore Hall to Theodore Dana, the mother of said freedman having appeared before the Commission on January 5, 1904, and testified that she had no child named Theodore Hall, and that Theodore Dana is her child by William Dana, a previous husband.

Reporting March 4, 1904, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs concurs in this recommendation. A copy of his letter is inclosed.

The copy of said roll in this office has been corrected, so as to show the name opposite No. 1965 as Theodore Dana, and you are directed to cause the copies returned to you to be likewise corrected. The Commissioner also has been directed to make the correction on the copy in his office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. W. Miller,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Refer in reply  
to the following:  
Land. 13884-1904.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1904.

( COPY )

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to letter from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated January 15, 1904, referring to the fact that on March 16, 1903, the Commission transmitted for Departmental action a schedule of Choctaw freedmen, Nos. 1032 to 2386 inclusive, copies of which have heretofore been returned approved by you April 8, 1903.

The Commission now report that the surname of the freedman who appears opposite #1965 upon the schedule as Theodore Hall is erroneous and should be corrected. On January 5, 1904, Melissa Hall, the mother of Theodore Hall appeared before the Choctaw land office of the Commission at Atoka for the purpose of making selection of allotment and was identified as #1963 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen. From her testimony at the time it developed that the so-called Theodore Hall is her child by a former husband, William Dana and that his name is therefore Theodore Dana. For the information of the Department there is enclosed a copy of the testimony of Melissa Hall of January 5, 1904.

The Commission therefore recommend that the surname of

the freedman appearing opposite #1965 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen be changed upon the schedules and letter of transmittal in your office and in this office from Hall to Dana and that the Commission be authorized to make corresponding changes upon the Schedules of Choctaw freedmen and letters of transmittal in their possession.

An examination of the original roll on file in this office shows it to be in the condition stated by the Commission and in the light of the explanations made, I am convinced that the change should be authorized and therefore concur in the recommendation to that effect.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tenner,

Acting Commissioner.

EBH:LM



17-912

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chectaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to original Chectaw freedman enrollment card, number 912, and to the duplicate thereof in your possession, Melissa Hall, et al., you are advised that the surname of #4 has been changed from "Hall" to "Dana", and the following notation placed thereon:

"No. 4 correct surname, Dana. Change made under departmental letter of March 9, 1904. (D.C. 7933-1904.)"

You are therefore requested to make like changes and notation upon said duplicate in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1904.

Commissioner in charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed you herewith copy of Departmental letter of March 9, 1904, (I.T.D. 1898-1904) authorizing the change of surname of the Choctaw freedman appearing opposite Number 1968 on the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen from "Hall" to "Dana".

You are therefore authorized to make the proper correction upon the approved schedules of Choctaw freedmen in the possession of your office, and proceed with the allotment of lands to this child upon application therefor being made at your office.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in charge.

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application of Melissa Hall, said Hall being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als testified:

I am 35 years old. My mother's name was Malvina La Flore and she belonged to Forbes La Flore. I have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. McDonald*

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Maudie Hall

a child of the

Chitlaw Freedman

Approved NOV 21 1902



Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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100-15000 Maudie Dana

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Maudie Hall  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near  
Atoka, Ind. Ter., and died on the 25th day of  
July, 1901  
(Here insert name of post-office.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Melissa Hall, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a ~~citizen~~ by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Sehigh, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the mother of Maudie Hall  
(State relationship as the father, son, or a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a ~~citizen~~ by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Maudie Hall died on the 25th day of  
July, 1901

Melissa Hall  
WITNESSED TO MAKE  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November 1902  
R. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Mat Spencer, on oath state that I am 45  
years of age, and a ~~citizen~~ by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Maudie Hall  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a ~~citizen~~ by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Maudie Hall died on the 25th day of

July, 1901  
Mat Spencer  
WITNESSED TO MAKE  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Wm C. Damm  
B. M. Carson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November 1902  
R. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE,  
Atoka, Indian Territory, January 5, 1904.

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In the matter of the enrollment of Theodore Hall as a  
Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

MELISSA HALL being sworn testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

- Q What is your name ? A Melissa Hall.
- Q What is your post office address ? A Atoka, Indian Territory.
- Q What is your age ? A Forty One Years.
- Q What was the name of your master ? A Forbes LeFlore.
- Q What is the name of your father ? A Nathan LeFlore.
- Q What is the name of your mother ? A Melvina LeFlore.
- Q How many children have you ? A I only have two living.
- Q What are their names ? A Luxena and Theodore Dana.
- Q Who is the father of these two children ? A Wm. Dana.
- Q Is he living now ? A Yes, sir.
- Q Was he your first or second husband ? A My Second.
- Q What is the name of your last husband ? A Theodore Hall.
- Q Did you have any children by your last husband, Theodore Hall ?  
A Yes, sir, but they are all dead.
- Q What were their names ? A Cornelia, Corneal and Mabel and  
one that was never named at all.
- Q Did you have a child by Theodore Hall which was named Theodore  
Hall ? A No, sir.
- Q Then the correct name of this child Theodore Hall is Theo-  
dore Dana ? A Yes, sir.
- Q And Wm. Dana is the father of that child ? A Yes, sir.
- Q How old is Theodore Dana ? A He is now about 12.

It appears from the records of the Commission in the  
possession of this office that this child has been list-  
ed for enrollment and his enrollment finally approved by  
the Secretary of the Interior under the name of Theodore  
Hall.

- Q Do you desire to have the name of this child corrected ?  
A Yes, sir, I do, I want it to be Theodore Dana.

Witness excused.

Fred V. Kinkade being first duly sworn on oath states that  
above and foregoing is a true, full and correct translation of  
his stenographic notes as taken in said cause on date first  
above written.

Sworn to before me this <sup>5th</sup> January 11, 1904.

*Thomas W. Leach*  
Notary Public.

Choc PR 913 Joe Gardner

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo , I.T. , August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application of Joe gardner, said gardner being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

I call myself about 63 years old. I belonged to the widow gardner, a Choctaw. I have lived in the territory all my life. My wife's name is Sinie gardner. She used to belong to Ben James, a Choctaw, and she has always lived here. Malinda Jones, ~~is~~ my daughter, was in Paris, Texas, working about 9 years ago and married down there and since that has become crazy and is in an insane asylum there and cannot get back. She has been in the asylum about two years.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, on my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*M. C. Jones*



Choc FR 914 Elizabeth Gardner

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Muskegee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1902.

Homer S. Elting,

Attorneys at Law,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Le Roy Gardner, the infant son of Elijah and Dora

Gardner and the same is returned to you herewith for the reason that before this application can be given further consideration it will be necessary that there be forwarded evidence of the marriage of Elijah and Dora Gardner. This evidence of marriage is also necessary in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Tennessee and Cora Lee Gardner, the children of Elijah and Dora Gardner.

Upon receipt of this evidence of marriage and the return of the application for the enrollment of Le Roy Gardner, the matter will be given further consideration.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 2, 1908.

Messer & Elting,

Attorneys at Law,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 31st ultimo, enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of LeRoy Gardner, infant son of Elijah and Dora Gardner, born May 10, 1908; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Receipt is also acknowledged of a certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between E.L. Gardner and Dora Smith, and the same have been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for the enrollment of the above named child.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-914

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

Elijah Gardner,  
Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Tennessee and Cora Lee Gardner, daughters of Elijah and Dora Gardner, has been filed herewith. Two blank applications for enrollment of infant children are inclosed herewith. In having them executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your two children, Tennessee and Cora Lee Gardner, as Choctaw freedmen until the proof of their births has been furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
2 B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-914.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 28, 1908.

Honor & Altins,

Attorneys at Law,

Cardo, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 25th inst., enclosing the affidavits of Dora Gardner and Lusia Gardner relative to the birth of Tennessee Gardner, minor child of Elijah and Dora Gardner, September 17, 1896; also the affidavits of Dora Gardner and Peggy Alfred relative to the birth of Cora Lee Gardner, minor child of Elijah and Dora Gardner, September 26, 1898; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named children.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-1914

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 26, 1904.

Elijah Gardner,  
Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Robert Starks, relative to the death of Cora Lee Gardner, a Choctaw freedman, which occurred December 29, 1903, and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of the death of the above named person.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Elijah Gardner, said Gardner being sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him et als. testified:

I am a son of Joe Gardner and he was a slave and belonged to the widow Gardner, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory. I am married to my wife.

Joe Gardner being sworn testified:

I know Elijah Gardner; he is my son. His wife's name is Emily. She is a non-citizen. I did not see them married, but there is no doubt that they were married, and they have been living together as man and wife.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

B. M. Needles

No.

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
DISTRICT } SC11

....., Clerk  
of the United States Court in the Indian Territory  
and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that  
the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of  
Mr. .... and  
M..... WAS

filed in my office in said Territory and District the  
day of ..... A. D. 190  
and duly recorded in Book ..... of Marriage  
Record, Page .....

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court,  
at ..... this .....  
day of ..... A. D. 190

D.P.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Second Judicial District.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the  
Banns of Matrimony between *Mr* E.J. Garner  
of *Caado* in the *Indian Territory* aged *28*  
*years*, and *Miss Lora Smith*  
of *Caado* in the *Indian Territory*, aged *18*  
*years*, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License  
to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this *3* day of *January*, *1896*, A. D. ~~1900~~

*P. J. Moore*  
Clerk of the United States Court.

Deputy

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Second Judicial District.

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the *2* day of *Jan.*, A. D. ~~1900~~, I did  
duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and  
publish the BANNES OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this *5* day of *Jan.*, A. D. ~~1900~~ 1896.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the  
*Indian Territory, Central District, Book A, Page 211*

*A. J. Moore*

*J* Min.

NOTE.—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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CHIEF CLERK

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# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

No.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
INDIAN TERRITORY

Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ was

filed in my office in said Territory and District the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1902 and duly recorded in Book \_\_\_\_\_ of Marriage Record, Page \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court,

at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1902

By \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

at \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1902,  
Central District, Indian Territory.

I, E. J. Fanning, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby certify that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ was filed in my office in said Territory and District the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1902 and duly recorded in Book \_\_\_\_\_ of Marriage Record, Page \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1902.

E. J. Fanning, Clerk.  
*W. C. Smith, D.C.*

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Tennessee Gordon  
by adoption  
as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nat.

Approved OCT 28 1902  
W. B. Rutherford  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>By adoption</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Tennessee Gordun, born on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Elijah Gordun, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: [Redacted], a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: 1 Caddo, N.J.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Dora Gordun, on oath state that I am 25  
non years of age and a citizen, by non of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Elijah Gordun, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896; that said child has been  
 named Tennessee Gordun, and is now living.  
Dora Gordun

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be two  
 Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1902  
Chas. E. Blum  
 Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Lusina Gordun, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Dora Gordun, wife of Elijah Gordun,  
 on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1896; that there was born to her on said  
 date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
 named Tennessee Gordun.  
Lusina Gordun

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be two  
 Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1902  
Chas. E. Blum  
 Notary Public

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Cora Lee Gordon, born on the 6th day of Sept 1898  
(Date of birth of child)  
 Name of Father: Elijah Gordon, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Dora Gordon, a citizen of the non Nation.  
 Post-Office: Caddo, La.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Dora Gordon, on oath state that I am 25  
~~years~~ non years of age and a citizen, ~~of the~~ non Nation,  
 that I am the lawful wife of Elijah Gordon, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female child was  
(Male or Female)  
 born to me on the 6th day of Sept 1898 that said child has been  
 named Cora Lee Gordon, and is now living.

Dora Gordon

WITNESSED TO MARK

(Must be in presence of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of October 1902  
A. H. Kelley Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Peggy Alred, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Dora Gordon, wife of Elijah Gordon,  
 on the 6th day of Sept 1898, that there was born to her on said  
 date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or Female)  
 named Cora Lee Gordon.

Peggy Alred  
mark

WITNESSED TO MARK

(Must be in presence of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Oct 1902  
A. H. Kelley Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Cora Lee Gordon*  
*by adoption*  
as a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved - OCT 28 1902

*W. H. Mc...*  
Commissioner

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*LeRoy G. Suer*  
by adoption  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

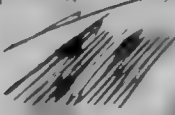
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Approved,

*A. G. S.*

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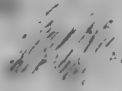
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *LeRoy Gardner*, born on the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1902  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: *Elijah Gardner*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 Name of Mother: *Dora Gardner*, a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
 Post-office, *Caddo, S.T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *Dora Gardner*, on oath state that I am *25* years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Elijah Gardner*, who is a citizen, by *adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *Male* child was born to me on the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1902 that said child has been named *LeRoy Gardner*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Dora Gardner.*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1902.

*C. H. Collins*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *Fannie Cobb*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. *Dora Gardner*, wife of *Elijah Gardner*, on the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1902 that there was born to her on said date a *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named *LeRoy Gardner*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Fannie Cobb*  
 mark

(Must be Two Witnesses)

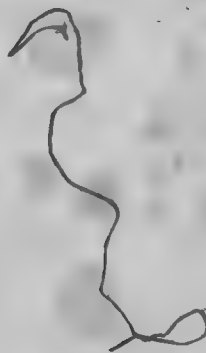
Subscribed and sworn to before me this *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1902.


*C. H. Collins*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC



Choc FR 915 Columbus wagoner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Record in the matter of the application for enrollment  
as a Choctaw Freedman of-

Amie Wagoner

17-915.

United States of America :  
Indian Territory :  
Central Judicial District :

Before me the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared, Sophia Prady, she being by me first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says: My name is Sophia Prady, my post office address is Atoka Indian Territory, my age is about forty five years. I am well and personally acquainted with Annie Wagoner and have known her all my life. Annie Wagoner is my daughter. I was formerly married to Isham Wagoner and Annie Wagoner is my daughter by my husband, Isham Wagoner. I am now divorced from Isham Wagoner and since being divorced from him, married Jim Prady, who is now my present husband. Annie Wagoner was born near Caddo Indian Territory and we lived there for about seven years after she was born, and then moved from Caddo to Atoka Indian Territory, where myself and Annie Wagoner have lived ever since. Annie Wagoner has never lived any where, except Caddo and Atoka Indian Territory. In about the year, 1896, I appeared before a commission at Atoka for the purpose of enrolling myself and children as Freedmen of the Choctaw Nation. This appearance was at the old Indian Court house in Atoka and we all met there to give in our names for the purpose of being enrolled. I do not know the names of the commissioners that were at the Indian Court house enrolling the people, but I remember that Emerson E. Elson was there helping to enroll the people. I do not know whether this appearance was before the Daves Commission or not, but I know that I appeared there to give in my name and that of my children. At that time I gave in the names of all my children, including that of Annie Wagoner. After that I appeared before the Daves Commission at Vail's Park at Atoka for the purpose of enrolling myself and children. At the time that I appeared before the Daves Commission, my recollection is, that I gave in the names of all of my children, including that of Annie Wagoner. I know that I mentioned her name and I supposed that her name was placed on the rolls. I know that when I appeared at The Old Indian Court house in Atoka for the purpose of being enrolled, that I gave in the names of all my children, including that of Annie Wagoner, and I supposed that her name was placed on the rolls, and if it was not placed on the rolls, the commissioners

failed to put it down.

Witnesses:


W. S. Farmer  
A. C. Croftwood

Sophia <sup>had</sup> Brooks  
man

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1904.

W. S. Farmer  
Notary Public

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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CHIEF OF BUREAU

17-915.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of Annie Wagoner for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the census card record in this case that on August 22, 1899, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Annie Wagoner as a Choctaw Freedman.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Annie Wagoner is the daughter of Sophia Brady (formerly Sophia Wagoner), a recognized and enrolled Choctaw Freedman, whose name appears as number 2085 upon the lists prepared by this Commission under the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902, (32 Stat., 641) of persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903; that the applicant was born in the Choctaw Nation about the year 1885, and has resided in said Nation continuously since the date of her birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Annie Wagoner should be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress, approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Chairman.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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C. R. Puckett  
Commissioner.

17-918.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 22, 1905.

Annie Wagoner,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered April 22, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision, and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling you as a Choctaw freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Janis Dickey*

Chairman.

Registered.

Enc-17-918.

17-915.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 22, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered April 22, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Annie Wagoner as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicant as a Choctaw freedman. If at the expiration of said time no protest has been filed, her name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*James Dixie*

Chairman.

Registered.

Enc-17-915.

(See 17-1329 for registry receipt for this letter).



17-915

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 1, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has this day been made upon original Choctaw Freedmen enrollment card, No. 915:

"No. 2 is 25 years of age. See his testimony and that of his mother taken May 20, 1903."

You are therefore, requested to make like notation upon the duplicate card in your possession in accordance with the above information.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw Freedmen.  
915.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 8, 1904.

Annie Wagoner,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 2nd, in which you ask if your name has been sent to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval, and give the names of several members of your family whose enrollment has already been approved.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that your name has not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

It is suggested that you communicate with the Commission again in about sixty or ninety days, when you will be advised whether or not your enrollment has been approved.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-918.

Muskogee, Indian Territory October 25, 1904.

Annie Wagoner,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation you are requested to furnish the Commission with an affidavit setting forth your residence from birth. You are also requested to incorporate in said affidavit an explanation as to why your name is not found on the 1896 Census Roll of freedmen of the Choctaw Nation along with those of your brothers Columbus Wagoner and Isaac Wagoner.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-915

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 9, 1904.

Annie Wagoner,

Okaloosa, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of  
Sophia Braly relative to your right to enrollment as a Choctaw  
freedman, and the same has been filed with the record in this case.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-915

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 29, 1905.

Annie Wagoner,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 24, 1905, asking why you are not approved.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission is now considering your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and when a decision is reached you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc FR 916 Arabella Guest

FR 916

Mustang, Indian Territory, November 15, 1900.

John Guess,

Code, Indian Territory.

Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Ephraim Guess, the infant son of John and Arbella Guess, born October 14th, 1900, and the same being in proper form had been duly filed with the records of this Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-926



17-916

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

Arabella Guest,  
Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Jackie Guest, daughter of Sabe and Arabella Guest, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your daughter, Jackie Guest, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of her birth is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.



17-916.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1908.

Arabella Guest,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your daughter, Jackie Guest, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any affidavit as to the birth of this child has been filed with the Commission, and you should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank for proof of birth.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are acknowledged, attaches his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signature is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your prompt attention as nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of your daughter as a Choctaw freedman until this affidavit, properly executed, is received.

Respectfully,

B.C.  
Env.

Chairman.

17-916

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 21, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has  
this day been made upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card,

No. 916:

"No. 2 born Feby. 25, 1896. Proof of birth  
filed Oct. 21, 1903."

You are, therefore, requested to make like notation upon  
the duplicate card in your possession in accordance with the above  
information.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-926

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 21, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Chickasaw Land Office,  
Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has  
this day been made upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card,  
No. 916:

"No. 2 born Feby. 25, 1896. Proof of birth  
filed Oct. 21, 1903."

You are, therefore, requested to make like notation upon  
the duplicate card in your possession in accordance with the above  
information.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 21, 1903.

Arabella Guess,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Bettie Guess relative to the birth of your minor daughter, Jackie Guess, February 25, 1896; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B NEEDLES,  
C. B. BRECKINRIDGE,  
WM. O. BEALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

17-916.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 17, 1905.

Arabella Guest,  
Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The enrollment of your minor child, Jackie Guest, as a Choctaw Freedman was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 16, 1904. It does not appear from the records of the Commission that selection of allotment of the lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of the above named person has been made.

In this connection your attention is invited to the following provision of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), ratified by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 25, 1902:

"If any citizen or freedman of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations shall not have selected his allotment within twelve months after the date of the opening of said land offices in said nations, if not herein otherwise provided, and provided that twelve months shall have elapsed from the date of the approval of his enrollment by the Secretary of the Interior, then the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes may immediately proceed to select an allotment including a homestead for such person, said allotment and homestead to be selected as the Commission may deem for the best interest of said person, and the same shall be of the same force and effect as if such selection had been made by such citizen or freedman in person, and all lands held or claimed by persons for whom allotments have been selected by the Commission as provided, and in excess of the amount included in said allotments, shall be a part of the public domain of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, and be subject to disposition as such."

A. G. --2.

You are therefore notified to appear before the land office of the Commission for the nation in which you desire to select her allotment within thirty days from the date hereof, for the purpose of making selection of allotment for your minor child, Jackie Guest.

If such selection is not made within thirty days, the Commission will, under the authority of law above quoted, proceed to select allotment for the person herein named.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

**FREEDMAN**

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application of Arabella Guest, said Guest was sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., and testified:

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My mother's name was Tracy Colbert. She belonged to J. G. Ainsworth, a Choctaw. My father's name is Tom Colbert. I have always lived in the Territory.

**Department of the Interior,**

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. M. C. ...*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Jackie Susan*  
as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation

Approved *[Signature]* 190  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

*Proof of birth records &c.  
whose enrollment application  
was made*

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COMMISSION TO

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Jackie Green*, born on the *22* day of *Feb*, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Labe Green* a citizen of the *United States* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Labe Green* a citizen of the *United States* Nation.  
Post-office *Cardale, W.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Conf* District.

I, *Arabella Green*, on oath state that I am *Twenty Six* years of age and a *white* *female* *Indian* of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Labe Green*, who is a citizen, by  
of the *United States* Nation; that a *female* child was  
born to me on *26* day of *Feb* 1896; that said child has been named  
*Jackie Green*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *16* day of *Oct* 1903

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Conf* District.

I, *Rachel Green*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I at-  
tended on Mrs. *Arabella Green*, wife of *Labe Green*  
on the *26* day of *Feb*, 1896; that there was born to her on said  
date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
*Jackie Green*.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *14* day of *Oct* 1903

NOTARY PUBLIC.

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Epluribus Guess*

as a citizen of the

CHOCTAW

Nation.

Approved,

NOV 19 1900

1900

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Epluribus Guess, born on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Labe Guess, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Arbella Guess, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Baddo 27

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |  
INDIAN TERRITORY |

District: |

I, Arbella Guess, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by birth of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Labe Guess, who is a citizen, by  
marriage, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was  
born to me on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1900; that said child has been  
named Epluribus and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Arbella Guess

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1900.

J. Hancock  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |

INDIAN TERRITORY |

Central District: |

I, Bettie Guess, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Arbella Guess, wife of Baddo 27,  
on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Epluribus

WITNESSES TO MARK

Bettie Guess

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1900.

J. Hancock  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Choc FR 917 Wheeler Butler

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 28, 1903.

Wheeler Butler,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of recent date, relative to certain land which you desire to take as your allotment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission cannot at this time give any information or take any steps toward the location of any citizen or freedman upon his allotment, but that on April 15, 1903, at Atoka in the Choctaw Nation and Tishomingo in the Chickasaw Nation, the Commission will open land offices, where allottees may personally appear and make selections of their allotments at the land office in the Nation in which their allotments are located.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application of Wheeler Butler, said Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 58 years old. I belonged to Peter Pitchlym.

I have been living all the time in the Territory since I was turned free. I am married. My wife is a citizen. She belonged to Silas Garland, a Choctaw. Pitchlym was a Choctaw too. She (my wife) has been in the Territory all the time. My wife's name was Emeline James.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer of the aforesaid Commission that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. C. ...*

Choc FR 918 Jacob Butler

FR 918

Muskegee, Indian Territory, August 31, 1901.

Jacob Butler,

Bekchite, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Jacob Butler, the infant son of Jacob and Henrietta Butler, born July 26, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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17-918.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

Jacob Butler,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of this office that on March 5, 1906, there was filed with the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a petition praying for the transfer of the names, among others, of your minor children, Rosa Butler, Sallie Butler, Edward Butler and Bennie Butler, from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, but there was no proof of birth filed for your said minor children.

In order that the rights of your said minor children, Rosa, Sallie, Edward and Bennie Butler, may be properly determined you are advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with proof of birth for each of said children and in order to assist you in this matter there are inclosed herewith blank proofs of birth, which you should have properly executed and return to this office not later than January 28, 1907.

This matter should receive your prompt attention and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof may deprive your children of such rights to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen as such children may have.

Respectfully,

4 B.C. Incl.

Commissioner.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Jacob Butler, said Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am near 28 years old. My father was a slave and belonged to Peter Pitchlym, a Choctaw. My mother was a slave also and belonged to Silas Garland, a Choctaw. I am married. My wife is a citizen. Her mother was Pettie Prince and I have heard her say that she belonged to Dan'l Harris. I have always lived in the Territory. My wife's name before I married her was Henrietta Colbert.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon the official oath as stenographer to the aforesaid Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes

L. M. McDonald

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CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*[Handwritten Name]*  
as a citizen of

*[Handwritten Name]* Nation.

AUG 31 1901

Approved

1901

*C. R. Brackin*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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AUG 31 1901

*[Handwritten Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Jacob Butler*, born on the *26* day of *July*, *1901*  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Jacob Butler*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Henrietta Butler*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-office, *Bokchito* *ET*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

*Henrietta Butler*, on oath state that I am *24*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Negotiation*, of the *Choctaw* Nation:  
that I am the lawful wife of *Jacob Butler*, who is a citizen, by  
*Negotiation*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *Male* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *26* day of *July*, *1901*; that said child has been  
named *Jacob Butler*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*Henrietta Butler*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27* day of *August*, *1901*.  
*H. H. McLean*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *Betty Prince*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Henrietta Butler*, wife of *Jacob Butler*,  
on the *26* day of *July*, *1901*, that there was born to her on  
said date a *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *Jacob Butler*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*Betty Prince*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27* day of *August*, *1901*.  
*H. H. McLean*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Choc FR 919 Sarah Dodd

FR 919

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

I<sup>u</sup> the matter of the enrollment of Sarah Dodd, said Dodd being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I think I am about 55 or 56 years old. I belonged to Eden Ward, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the Commission that the transcript is a true and correct copy of my stenographic notes.

R. M. Edwards

Choc FR<sup>y</sup> 920 William Dana

FR 920



Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 7, 1901.

Homer & Elting,

Attys at Law,

Caddo, Ind, Ter.

Gentlemen;-

Referring to the letter of the Commission this day, acknowledging receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of the infant son, of William Dana, you are informed that it will be necessary that William Dana supply the Commission with either the original marriage license and certificate, or certified <sup>copy</sup> thereof, between himself and his wife Mary Dana.

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Please give this matter prompt attention.

Yours truly,

17-920.

Acting Chairman.



Muskegee, Indian Territory, May 7, 1901.

Homer & Hiting,

Attys at Law, Caddo, Ind, Ter.

Gentlemen:-

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of April 30, 1901, enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, of Percival Dana, the infant son of William and Mary Dana born February 28, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

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Yours Truly,

17-920.

Acting Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 11, 1901.

Homer & Hiting,

Attorneys at law,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, enclosing the original marriage license and certificate between William Dana and Mary Tobias, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission.

Yours truly,

17\_980.

Acting Chairman

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 6, 1902.

Homer and Hiting,  
Attorneys at Law,  
Oadde, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Emma Dana, infant daughter of William and Mary Dana, born February 17, 1902, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Choctaw 3906

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 12, 1902.

Homer & Hiting,

Attorneys at Law,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant in which you desire to be informed if Jewell Cobb, the infant son of Simon S. and Eula Cobb has been enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Replying to your inquiry you are advised that it does not appear from our records that any child of Simon S. and Eula Cobb by the name of Jewell has been listed for enrollment by the Commission as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

On October 24, 1899, Simon S. Cobb and his two minor children, Claude and Nina Cobb were duly listed for enrollment by this Commission as citizens of the Choctaw Nation in pursuance of a judgment of the United States Court for the Southern District of the Indian Territory, rendered at Ardmore, Indian Territory, January 18, 1898.

The Commission on the same date upon presentation of proper affidavits as to his birth, listed for enrollment George D. Cobb, the infant son of Simon S. and Eula Cobb, born July 2, 1898, and on January 29, 1902, upon proper affidavits as to her birth,

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listed for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, Lena Kate Cobb, born January 23, 1902.

It does not appear from our records that any application has ever been made to the Commission for the enrollment of an infant child of Simon S. and Kula Cobb by the name of Jewell Cobb.

Replying to your further inquiry relative to the enrollment of an infant of William Dana, a Choctaw freedman, you are advised that on May 6, 1902, the Commission listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, Emma Dana, the infant daughter of William Dana, a Choctaw freedman and Mary Dana, a non citizen, upon presentation of proper affidavits as to her birth.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-920

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 15, 1906.

William Dana,  
Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of  
July 28, 1906, explaining why you made duplicate applications  
for the enrollment of your children Alburta and Bessie Dana.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of William Dana, said Dana being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

I am 40. I was born a slave and belonged to Eden Ward. I have always lived in the Territory and nowhere's else.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Richard ...*

Birth Affidavit.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In Re Application for enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Percival Dana, born on the 28th day of February, 1901,  
Name of the father, William Dana, a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Na-  
tion,

Name of mother, Mary Dana, a citizen of the United States, Post office,  
Caddo, Indian Territory,

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
Central District.

I/ Mary Dana, on oath state that I am 18 years of age, and a cit-  
izen of the United States, that I am the lawful wife of William Dana, who  
is a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation, that the <sup>a</sup> male child was  
born to me on the 28th day of February, 1901, that said child has been  
named Percival Dana, and is now living.

Mary Dana

Witnesses to mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 30th day of April 1901.

C. H. Bell

Notary Public,  
Central District/  
Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

MID-WIFE.

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
Central District.

I, Mary Stribbling, a mid-wife on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs Mary Dana, wife of William Dana, on the 28th day of Febru-  
ary, 1901, that there was born to her on said date a male child that said  
child is now living and said to have been named Percival Dana.

Attesting Witnesses.

Mary Stribbling  
mark

W. Dana  
J. J. Hamer

Subscribed and sworn to before the under signed authority this the 30th day  
of April 1901.

C. H. Bell  
Notary Public, Cent'l Dist. I.T.



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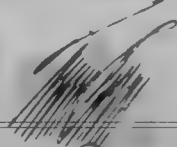
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*In Re*

*Application for Enrolment  
of  
Infant Child.*

*Percival Davis,  
as a citizen of  
Choctaw Nation.*

Approved MAY 7 1901



*Commissioner*

DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Percival Dana  
Freedman  
a citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation.*

Approved NOV 25 1907 1907  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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*[Signature]*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Percival Dana  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Indiawan Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Caddo, Ind. Ter., and died on the 17 day of  
June, 1902  
(Here insert name of postoffice)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, William Dana, on oath state that I am 44  
years of age and a citizen, by Indiawan, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Caddo, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
father of Percival Dana  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by Indiawan of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Percival Dana died on the 17 day of  
June, 1902 William Dana

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Nov. 1902  
W. L. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Marion Butler, on oath state that I am 60  
years of age, and a citizen, by Indiawan of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Box Chitto, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Percival Dana  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by Indiawan, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Percival Dana died on the 17 day of  
June, 1902 Marion Butler

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Nov 1902  
W. L. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Emma Dana*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

*By Adoption, or*

*as a Free Person.*

Approved, MAY 15 1902 190

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED

MAY 16 1902

*[Handwritten Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
of Emma Dana, born on the 17th day of Feb, 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Dana, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Dana, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Caddo, La.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Mary Dana, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a citizen, by Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Dana, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was  
born to me on the 17th day of Feb, 1902 that said child has been  
named Emma Dana, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Mary Dana

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 1902

A. J. Blum

NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Violet Vinson, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Dana, wife of William Dana,  
on the 17th day of Feb, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Emma Dana.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Violet Vinson

A. J. Blum  
J. A. Dana

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1902

A. J. Blum

NOTARY PUBLIC

Choc FR 921 William Smith

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1901.

Mr. Frank Smith,

Care J. I. Rappolee,

Osado, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your paper without date, notifying the Commission that you are holding certain tracts of land for yourself and minor son, and you request that all offers for filing upon the same be refused by the Commission.

You are informed that the Commission cannot at this time undertake to reserve any particular tracts of land for any of the citizens of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

When a land office is established for the purpose of the allotment of lands to the citizens of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation, matters of the nature referred to in your notice and request will receive due consideration.

Yours truly,

W. H.

Commissioner in charge.

Choctaw Freed. 921

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 3, 1902.

J. L. Rapolee,

Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 29, 1902, in which you desire to be advised if William Smith is on the rolls as a Choctaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that on August 23, 1899, William Smith, 8 years of age, the son of Frank and Louisa Smith, was listed for enrollment by this Commission as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.



17--821.

Washington, Indian Territory, July 14, 1904.

Dear Sir,  
Oklahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

I accept is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 1st, in which you ask for your name to be on the roll and state that you are Hettie Hardwick's mother.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that Hettie Hardwick, daughter of Henry and Sarah Fields, has been enrolled by the Commission on a Cherokee Freedman and her enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 2, 1903. It does not appear from our records that application has been made to the Commission by you or in your behalf for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman under the name of Sarah Fields or Sarah Virginia. If application is made for your enrollment and you will state under what name the same was made, the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of William Smith, Frank Smith being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als. , testified:

My wife's name was Louisa. She has been dead three years. My child, William Smith, has always lived here. His mother was Louisa Perry and she belonged to Chuknubbi, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the name of Commissioner and this transcript is a true and correct copy of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

choc FR 922 TOOKIE BUTLER

FR 922

D. S. 32220-1903.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Washington

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ITD. 8104-1903.  
L.R.S.

November 16, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

October 24, 1903, you recommended the cancellation of the enrollment of Tookie Butler, whose name appears opposite No. 3515 on a partial roll of Choctaw freedmen, for the reason that this person is identical with Henrietta Butler, whose name appears opposite No. 2693 upon the partial roll of Choctaw freedmen.

The enrollment of Tookie Butler, No. 3515, as a Choctaw freedmen is hereby canceled, and the cancellation will be noted upon the copy of the schedule in this office. You are directed to note the cancellation upon the copies of the schedule returned to you. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been given similar instructions relative to the copy in his office.

Inclosed is a copy of the Commissioner's letter of transmittal, dated November 12.

Respectfully,

~~(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_~~

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, November 12, 1903.

Copy.

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 24, 1903, in which it is stated that Henrietta Butler, whose name appears on the Choctaw Freedmen roll opposite No. 2693, and Tookie Butler, whose name appears on this roll opposite No. 3515, are identical.

The Commission encloses a copy of the testimony of Henrietta Butler, taken October 12th last, and recommends that the name Tookie Butler, opposite No. 3515, Choctaw Freedmen roll, be cancelled. From the testimony of Henrietta Butler it appears that she is identical with Tookie Butler, and that she is sometimes known as Tookie Butler.

In view of the testimony, it is recommended that the Commission's request be granted, and that the office be authorized to make the proper correction on its partial rolls.

Very Respectfully,

W. A. JONES.

Commissioner.

G. A. W.  
H. B. K.

Choctaw Freedman  
132; 922.

Atoka, Indian Territory, October 24, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,

Atoka Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the application of Tookie Butler for enrollment as a freedman. In your letter you advise that it appears from the entries in the land office that the name of the applicant is identical with the name of the freedman card number 922, approved by the Commission on October 13, 1903, and the name of her enrollment as a freedman. In your letter you advise that it appears from the entries in the land office that the name of the applicant is identical with the name of the freedman card number 922, approved by the Commission on October 13, 1903, and that at the time of her appearance at your office she selected land allotment for herself under the name of "Henrietta" Butler, stating that to be her correct name.

In conclusion we recommend that her enrollment on Choctaw freedman card number 922, approved all Number 3.14, Tookie Butler, be canceled.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 21, the Commission has this day recommended to the Department the cancellation of the enrollment of Tookie Butler, Choctaw freedman roll Number 3515. For your information there is in-

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closed you herewith copy of letter this day addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, and you are requested to withhold the issuance of a citizenship certificate or the making of any allotment to Teckie Butler, Choctaw freedman roll Number 3515. Upon the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of our recommendation for the cancellation of this name you will be advised thereof and furnished with a copy of departmental letter.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner in Charge

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Choctaw Freedmen  
132;922

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 24, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Referring to Choctaw freedman card Number 922, approved roll of Choctaw freedmen Number 3515, Tookie Butler, you are advised that from information furnished by the Choctaw Land Office it appears that this enrollment is a duplicate of Henrietta Butler, Choctaw freedman card Number 132, approved roll of Choctaw freedmen Number 2693.

The Commission has this day recommended to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the name of Tookie Butler, Choctaw freedman roll Number 3515. For your information there is inclosed you herewith copy of a letter this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior, and you are requested to withhold the issuance of a citizenship certificate or the making of any allotment to Tookie Butler, Choctaw freedman roll Number 3515 until otherwise advised by this office. Upon the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of our recommendation for the cancellation of this name you will be ad-



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vised thereof and furnished with a copy of departmental letter.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 24, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

On September 9, 1903, the Commission had the honor to transmit for Departmental approval a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, Numbers 2984 to 3701, inclusive, copies of which were returned to the Commission approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903.

Referring to the name of Tookie Butler, which appears thereon opposite Number 3515, the Commission has now to advise that on October 17, 1903, Henrietta Butler appeared before the Choctaw Land Office of the Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory for the purpose of selecting an allotment of the lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. At the time of such application she was identified as Henrietta Butler, a Choctaw freedman, whose name appears opposite Number 2693 upon the schedule of Choctaw freedmen transmitted with our letter of May 25, 1903 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 11, 1903.

The Choctaw Land Office, on October 12, 1903, permitted Henrietta Butler, whose name appears opposite Number 2693 upon the

approved roll of Choctaw freedmen to make a selection of the land of the Choctaw Nation. The testimony of Henrietta Butler of October 12, 1903, is conclusive to the fact that the Henrietta Butler whose name appears opposite Number 2493 upon the roll of Choctaw freedmen and Teekie Butler, whose name appears opposite Number 3518 of the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen are identical.

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the testimony of Henrietta Butler of October 12, 1903, and in accordance therewith the Commission has to recommend the cancellation of Number 3518, Teekie Butler, upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen now in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and also to request the cancellation of this name and number upon the copies of such rolls in the possession of the Commission.

Respectfully ,

Commissioner.

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Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Chickasaw Land Office,  
Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notations have  
this day been made upon original Choctaw Freedmen Enrollment Card  
number 922:

"No. 1 is a duplicate of No. 4 on Choctaw Freedmen Card  
No. 132. No. 1, enrollment cancelled under Departmental  
Letter of Nov. 16, 1903 (D.C. 32220-1903),"

and a red line drawn through the name of No. 1 on said card. .

You are, therefore, requested to make like notation and  
red line out the name of No. 1 on the duplicate card in your posses-  
sion.

respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notations have this day been made upon original Choctaw Freedmen Enrollment Card number 922:

"No. 1 is a duplicate of No. 4 on Choctaw Freedmen Card No. 132. No. 1, enrollment cancelled under Departmental Letter of Nov. 16, 1903 (D.C. 32220-1903),"

and a red line drawn through the name of No. 1 on said card.

You are, therefore, requested to make like notation and red line out the name of No. 1 on the duplicate card in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chapman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Tookie Butler, R.H. Butler  
bein sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him, ~~xxx~~ et  
al., testified:

I know Tookie Butler. Her mother's name is Easter  
and she belonged to Lawie Laflore. Tookie Butler is not married.  
She lives in the Territory and has lived her all her life. I know  
her to be a citizen. Her child's name is Jasper Butler. It is  
three months old and is living with her.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the  
Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.  
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transfer of  
my stenographic

B. McDonald

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE,  
Atoka, Indian Territory, October 12, 1903.

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In the matter of the enrollment of Henrietta Butler, Choctaw freedmen enrollment card No. 132, Roll No. 2693 and her minor son, Jasper Butler, Choctaw freedmen enrollment card No. 922, Roll No. 3516.

Henrietta Butler being sworn testifies:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

- Q What is your name ? A Henrietta Butler.
- Q How old are you ? A Twenty one years of age.
- Q What is your present post office address ? A I live down here on big creek.
- Q Well what is your post office ? A Bokchito, Indian Territory.
- Q Where did you live in 1898 when you were enrolled by your father ? A Near Bokchito.
- Q When your father enrolled you in 1898 where did you live - what was your post office address at that time ? A I do not know -- I was a baby at that time.
- Q He gave your age at that time as 15 years -- I should not think you were a very small baby -- now where did you live ? A I dont know.
- Q Five years ago where did you live ? A I lived down here the other side of Caddo, Indian Territory.
- Q You lived near Caddo in 1898 ? A Yes, sir.
- Q Where do you live at this time ? A About five miles from Caddo.
- Q Did you ever go by any other name than Henrietta ? A Yes, sir, I have a nick name -- it is Tookie.
- Q You are some times called Tookie Butler ? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you go before the Commission in 1899 yourself and make an application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedmen ? A No, sir, my cousin Roland Putler had me enrolled then.
- Q Did you ever make a personal appearance yourself before the Commission ? A No, sir, I never did.
- Q Some one else represented you both times you were enrolled ? A Yes, sir.
- Q What is the name of your father ? A Monroe Butler.
- Q What is the name of your mother ? A Easter.
- Q To whom did your father belong ? A I don't know.
- Q You do not know who owned your father when he was a slave ? A No, sir, I do not, and I don't know who owned my mother.
- Q Have you any brothers or sisters ? A Yes, sir.
- Q What are the names of your sisters ? A Ellen, Becky and Viney.
- Q Were they married in 1898 ? A No, sir.
- Q Have you a sister by the name of Mary ? A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you any brothers ? A Yes, sir, three living.
- Q What are their names ? A Joshua, George and Sam Butler.

Henrietta Butler 2

- Q Is your father living ? A No, sir, he got killed not long ago. Well it was last year.
- Q Is your sister Mary married ? A She is.
- Q Who is she married to ? A I do not know.
- Q What is her name now ? A I do not know, I never have seen her since she was married.
- Q You have never seen her and do not know any thing about her ? A No, sir.
- Q Where was your father living when he was killed ? A Down here near Bokchito.
- Q Where do Joshua and George live ? A They live down there by big creek.
- Q Well where is that -- near what post office ? A Down near Bokchito.
- Q Is mother living ? A No, sir, she is dead.
- Q Have you ever been married ? A No, sir.
- Q Have you any children ? A Yes, sir, I have two.
- Q What are the names of these children ? A Jasher and ~~Samuel~~ Lonzo.
- Q Which of them are the oldest ? A Jasper is the oldest.
- Q When was Lonzo born ? A He was born in May two years ago.
- Q Did you ever make any application for Lonzo's enrollment ? A No, sir.
- Q What is the name of the father of Lonzo ? A Ed Stribling.
- Q You were never married to him ? A No, sir.
- Q And Henrietta Butler is your correct name ? A Yes, sir.

Reference is made to Choctaw freedmen enrollment card NO. 132, the name of Henrietta Butler appears thereon as No. 4, approved roll No. 2693; also to Choctaw freedmen card No. 922, where the names of Tookie Butler and her minor son Jasper Butler appear as Nos. 1 and 2 thereon; approved roll Nos. 3515 and 3516.

- Q How old is Jasper ? A He is three years old now.
- Q Do you desire to select land in allotment in the Choctaw Nation for yourself and your son Jasper ? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you desire to make that selection under the name of Henrietta Butler ? A Yes, sir.
- Q That is your correct name ? A Yes, sir.
- Q And Tookie Butler is only a nick name ? A Yes, sir; that is all.

Witness excused:

Fred V. Kinkade being first duly sworn on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission he reported the proceedings had in above cause; that above is a true, full and correct translation of his stenographic notes as taken on said date.

Sworn to before me this October 20 1903.

*Fred V. Kinkade*  
Notary Public.



Choc FR 923 Jane Boyd

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 30, 1903.

Mary Jane Boyd,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 23rd instant, stating that you registered as Mary Jane Boyd, but that your name appears upon the record at the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, as Janis Boyd and that you would like to have your name corrected.

You are requested to state your age, the name of your father and mother and the name of the Choctaw Indian to whom you belonged at the time you were set free.

Upon receipt of the information requested herein and return of this letter you will be further advised in the matter.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jane Boyd, Henry Prince being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 42 years old. I know Jane Boyd. She is 40 years old. She belonged to Osbord Fisher. She was freed here in the Territory. She has been in the Territory all the time.

Roland Butler knows her.

Roland Butler being sworn testified:

I am 42 years old. I know James Butler. I do not know to whom she belonged. She has been living in the Territory-- she lived with us for a while. I do not know to whom she belonged unless it was James.

Re direct:

She is my sister; she is a Choctaw.

Roland Butler:

She was a slave and I have known her all the time.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct stenographic transcription of the testimony of the above named Commission and that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. Edwards

Choc FR 924 Nettie Wilkerson

FR 924

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 19, 1901.

Mr. John Johnson,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of John Johnson, the infant son of John and Nettie Wilkerson Johnson, born March 24, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

You are informed that it will be necessary to supply the Commission with either your original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof, as authority for changing the name of your wife upon the records from that of her maiden name to that of her married name.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 26, 1901.

Mr. John Johnson,  
Lehigh, Ind, Ter.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the original marriage license and certificate between John Johnson and Nettie Wilkerson, dated December 11 1899, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission.

Inclosed you will find the letter written you by the Commission under date of July 19 1901.

Yours truly,

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Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

John Johnson,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Ozeat Wilkerson, daughter of your wife, Nettie Johnson, and her former husband, Dick Wilkerson, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your step-daughter, Ozeat Wilkerson, until proof of her birth is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Inv.  
B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1904.

John J. Johnson,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Nettie L. Johnson and J. M. Bentley, relative to the birth of Langres Johnson, November 18, 1902, which it is presumed have been forwarded to this office as an application for enrollment of said child as a Choctaw freedman.

You are informed that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, which was ratified by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, September 25, 1902, the Commission is without authority to receive or consider the original application for enrollment of infant children born subsequent to the ratification of said Act of Congress.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

two children of his deceased sister,  
In the matter of the enrollment of Andrew Butler, said Butler  
being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als. ,  
testified: (Also enrollment of Nettie Wilkerson).

I am about 45. I belonged to David Folsom, a Choctaw. I have been in the Territory ever since I was made free and never lived anywhere else. I am married. My wife's name is Emma. I don't know who she belonged to. Her mother registered the other day. Her mother is Sarah Dodd, but I do not know who she belonged to. I have been living with my wife ever since we were married. I have two of my sister's children. My sister is dead. I want to register two children named Eastman. Their mother was named Nellie Eastman. She was born a slave and belonged to David Folsom. She was my sister. These children have been living here in the territory since they were born.

Nettie Wilkerson- her mother belonged to Jonathan Hall, he was a Choctaw citizen and she has always lived in the territory.

Sarah Ward to whom reference is made above was a slave and belonged to Eden Ward, a Choctaw, and she has always lived in the Territory. ---Note by Sten.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

Blue & Co. Inc.

ACTING CHIEF

JUL 26 1901

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

No. *626*

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SCT.  
GENERAL DISTRICT

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr.

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*John Johnson* and  
*Bettie Nicholson*  
was filed in my office in said Territory and District the *18* day of *Dec* A. D. *1899* and duly recorded in Book *one* of Marriage Record, Page *313*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at *Wahkiakum* this *18* day of *Dec* A. D. *1899*

E. J. FANNIN,  
Clerk

By

*A. A. Smith*

Deputy

*11-124*

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U.S. COURT, DISTRICT OF INDIAN TERRITORY

By *H. J. FANNIN*  
Clerk

at *11:00 A.M.* this *18* day of *Dec* 1901  
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court,

Marriage Record, Page *213*  
and duly recorded in Book *1599* of *Vol*  
the *18* day of *Dec* A.D. 1901  
was filed in my office in said Territory and District

of *John Johnson* and *Stella Anderson*  
M

do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Cer-  
ificate of the Marriage of

*John Johnson* and *Stella Anderson*  
Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
CENTRAL DISTRICT }  
SCT.

Certificate of Record of  
Marriages.

No. *626*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
JUL 23 1901

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between Mr. John Johnson of *Sevagh* in the Indian Territory, aged 27 years, and Mrs. Nettie Miller of *Sevagh* in the Indian Territory, aged 20 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, this

11<sup>th</sup> day of Dec A. D. 1899

*D. W. Robb*  
Deputy

*E. J. Hamlin*  
Clerk of the United States Court

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

I, *Wm. J. [REDACTED]*  
a *Minister of the Gospel*

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 12 day of Dec A. D. 1899 I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 12 day of Dec A. D. 1899

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book 15, Page 127

*Wm. J. [REDACTED]*  
a *Minister of the Gospel*

NOTE.—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Ozest Wilkerson*  
a citizen of the  
*Choctaw Freedman* ~~Nation~~

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
**FILED**

NOV 22 1902

*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Ozear Wilkerson  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Choctaw freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Lehigh, Ind. Ter., and died on the 19th day of  
May, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, John Johnson, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a ~~citizen~~ by Non Citizen, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Lehigh, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the step father of Ozear Wilkerson,  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Ozear Wilkerson died on the 19th day of  
May, 1900. John Johnson

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November 1902  
R. St. Luebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Julia Johnson, on oath state that I am 34  
years of age, and a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Lehigh Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Ozear Wilkerson,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Ozear Wilkerson died on the 19th day of  
May, 1900. Julia Johnson

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November 1902  
R. St. Luebaugh  
Notary Public.

**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

*John Johnson*  
as a citizen of

*Chickasaw* Nation.

Approved.

JUL 19 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**

JUL 19 1901

*[Signature]*

ACT'NG CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of John Johnson, born on the 24 day of March, 1901.  
Name of Father: John Johnson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nettie Wilkerson Johnson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Lehock IT

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Nettie Wilkerson Johnson, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Johnson, who is a citizen, by

of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
born to me on the 24 day of March, 1901; that said child has been  
named John Johnson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses) Nettie Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of July, 1901.  
A. J. West  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Nathaniel Perry, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. John Johnson, wife of John Johnson  
on the 24 day of March, 1901 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named John Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) Nathaniel Perry  
Tom Mitcham

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of July, 1901.  
A. J. West  
NOTARY PUBLIC



Choc FR 925 Andrew Butler

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Norval Eastman and others.

Eli Eastman says:

I am 35.

My wife Nellie Fulsom belonged to Dave  
Fulsom. We have 2 children: Norval, 8; and Albert, 3.

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Norval Eastman  
Albert Eastman

enrolled.

Horvath Pastors 8  
Albert " 3

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Choc FR 926 Nelson Harris

FR 926

Muskegee, Indian Territory, November 14, 1900.

Nelson Harris,

Mayhew, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The records of this Commission show that you were listed for enrollment as a Cheetaw freedman, on August 24th, 1899 and in your testimony given at that time you stated that you were fifty years of age and belonged to Ben Smallwood, who was a Chickasaw. That your wife is Jensie Harris, who is a Cheetaw Indian by blood.

You are requested to inform the Commission as to your wife's age, the time and place that she was listed for enrollment by this Commission as a citizen of the Cheetaw Nation, the names of her father and mother and any other information that may lead to her identification.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

In reply please  
refer to 17-926  
and 7-3603

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 3, 1900.

Nelson Harris,

Maynew, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 28th of November relative to your rights to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and in which you state that at the time you appeared before the Commission and applied for enrollment, you stated that you were the slave of Ben Smallwood's wife and not of Ben Colbert.

The sworn testimony of Nelson Harris given before the Commission at Cedde, Indian Territory, August 24th, 1899, relative to your master is as follows:

"I belonged to Ben Smallwood. He was a Chickasaw."

Your letter, however, has been filed with the other papers in this case and will receive the consideration of the Commission when the same is taken up for disposition by the Commission.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 24, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Nelson Harris, said Harris being sworn ~~in~~ by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

I am close to 50. I belonged to Ben Smallwood: He was a Chickasaw. I have always been living in the Territory since I was turned loose. I am married. My wife is a citizen. Her name is G<sup>o</sup>nsie, she is an Indian.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

*R. McQuinn*

Choc FR 927 Fanny Rector

FR 927



17-987.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 14, 1908.

W.R. Culver,

Mayhaw, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of HAGAR Greer relative to the birth of your minor child, Marion Culver, August 24, 1898; and the same is returned to you herewith.

You are informed that the mother being dead, it will be necessary that you supply the Commission with the affidavits of two disinterested parties who know of the birth of this child and the fact that it is still living, to be filed with our records in lieu of the affidavit of the mother, blanks for which purpose are also enclosed herewith.

You are requested to give this matter prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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17-287.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 27, 1908.

William Culver,

Mayhew, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Hagar Greer, J.C. Greer and F.P. Bolden relative to the birth of Marion Culver, minor son of W.R. and Fannie Culver, August 24, 1898; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

Fanny Rector,

Wayhaw, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Marion Culver, son of William Culver and Fanny Rector, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Marion Culver, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Wm.  
B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

27-037.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 14, 1903.

Tomie Jansa,

Maynew, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Belle Vinson relative to the death of Fannie Culver, formerly Fannie Reuter, a Choctaw Freedman, which occurred December 23, 1901; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of death of the above named person.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 24, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Fanny Rector, said Rector being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

I am about 39 years old. I belonged to Zack Jones, a Choctaw. I have been living here in the Nation ever since I was turned free. I am not married; I have some children.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct transcription of my stenographic notes.

B. M. Donald

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY. )  
Central DISTRICT. )

I, A. B. Bolden, on oath state, that I  
am 30 years of age, and was personally acquainted with  
Fanny Collier during her lifetime; that she  
was a citizen by birth of the Choctaw  
Nation and the lawful wife of H. P. Collier  
and know that on the 24 day of August, 19<sup>18</sup>18,  
there was born to said Fanny Collier  
a white child, and that said child is now living and is  
named Merion Collier.

A. B. Bolden

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of Dec.  
1902.

Thomas M. Reynolds  
Notary Public.  
My Comm. expires 27-1905

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central DISTRICT.

I, J. A. Green, on oath state, that I  
am 48 years of age, and was personally acquainted with  
Fanny Culver during her lifetime; that she  
was a citizen by birth of the Choctaw  
Nation and the lawful wife of W. R. Culver  
and know that on the 24 day of Aug, 1998,  
there was born to said Fanny Culver  
a male child, and that said child is now living and is  
named Marian Culver.

W. R. Culver  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of Dec,  
1902.

Thomas M. Bennett  
Notary Public. 27-1101-

*Change of name*  
*Pro...*

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No. 16037

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
FILED  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, }-SCT:  
*Lawton* DISTRICT

I, *John H. ...* Clerk  
of the United States Court in the Indian Territory  
and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that  
the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of  
Mr. *J. H. ...* and  
Mrs. *M. ...* was

filed in my office in said Territory and District the  
*14* day of *Nov*, A. D. 190 *0*  
and duly recorded in Book *7* of Marriage  
Record, Page *1*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court.

at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_  
**NOV 2 1900** A. D. 190

By *[Signature]* Clerk  
Deputy





No. 463

FORM No 583.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage -Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between *Mr. Jeff. Harnett* of *Marquette* in the Indian Territory, aged *26* years, and *Miss Emma* of *Marquette* in the Indian Territory, aged *18* years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *November*, A. D. 190*0*

*W. M. ...*  
Deputy.

*E. J. ...*  
Clerk of the United States Court.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
DISTRICT.

- 1. *W. R. Calkins*
- 2. *Grant Minister of the Gospel*

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the *12* day of *Nov*, A. D. 1900, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANNES OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this *12* day of *Nov*, A. D. 1900

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book *B*, Page *97*

*W R Calkins*  
*Minister of the Gospel*

NOTE.—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Fannie Calver*

a citizen of the

*State of* Nation.

Approved

NEW YORK  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

C. M. S. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of *Fannie Culver*  
Here insert name of deceased.  
a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
*Mayhew*, Ind. Ter., and died on the *23* day of *Dec.*, -*1901*  
(Here insert name of post office)  
*1901.*

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

*Central* District. )

I, *Tomme James*, on oath state that I am *32*  
years of age and a citizen, by *birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that my post office address is *Mayhew*, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
*Cousin* of *Fannie Culver nee Fannidetta*  
State relationship, as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc. Here insert name of deceased  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;

and that said *Fannie Culver* died on the *23* day of  
*Dec.*, *1901*  
Here insert name of deceased

WITNESSED TO MAKE

*Tomme James*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *11* day of *Nov.*, *1902*

*Thomas D. Reynolds*  
Notary Public.  
*My Com expires Apr 27-1905*

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

*Central* District. )

I, *Belle Dimon*, on oath state that I am *40*  
years of age, and a citizen, by *marriage* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that my post office address is *Mayhew*, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with *Fannie Culver*  
who was a citizen, by *birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;

and that said *Fannie Culver* died on the *23* day of  
*Dec.*, *1901*  
Here insert name of deceased

WITNESSED TO MAKE

*Belle Dimon*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *11* day of *Nov.*, *1901*

*Thomas D. Reynolds*  
Notary Public.  
*My Com expires Apr 27-1905*

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Garry Reitor*  
Citizen of the  
*Choctaw Freedmen*

Approved **DEC 27 1902** 190

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**  
DEC 9 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN # 927

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of

*Fanny Rector*  
(Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the

*Cherokee*

Nation, who formerly resided at or near

*Wagon*  
(Here insert name of postoffice)

, Ind. Ter., and died on the

*25*

day of

*December*, 1901

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

*Central* District.

I, *J. Hamilton*

, on oath state that I am *43*

years of age and a citizen, by

of the *Cherokee* Nation;

that my post office address is

*Branchville*  
(Here insert name of post office)

, Ind. Ter.; that I am

*son-in-law*

of *Fanny Rector*  
(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by

*Freda* of the *Cherokee* Nation;

and that said

*Fanny Rector*  
(Here insert name of deceased)

died on the *25* day of

*Dec.*, 1901

*J. Hamilton*

WITNESSED TO MAKE

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Wm C. Dunn*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

*3* day of

*Dec.*

1902

*H. Christie*

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

*Central* District.

I, *J. G. Buss*

, on oath state that I am

*30*

years of age, and a citizen, by

*Freda*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;

that my post office address is

*Hawden*  
(Here insert name of post office)

Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with

*Fanny Rector*  
(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by

*Freda* of the *Cherokee* Nation;

and that said

*Fanny Rector*  
(Here insert name of deceased)

died on the *25* day of

*Dec.*, 1901

*J. G. Buss*

WITNESSED TO MAKE

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Wm C. Dunn*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

*3* day of

*Dec.*

1902

*H. Christie*

Notary Public.

57927  
Freeman

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Marion Culver*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved: *[Signature]* 1902

Commissioner.

*Gene D. [Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
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*[Signature]*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Marion Culver, born on the 24 day of Aug., 1878  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: W R Culver, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Fannie Culver, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Wayhem I. I.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
\_\_\_\_\_ District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by  
\_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a \_\_\_\_\_ child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 \_\_\_\_\_; that said child has been  
named \_\_\_\_\_, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Coyah District. }

I, Hazar Greer, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Fannie Culver, wife of W R Culver,  
on the 24 day of Aug., 1878, that there was born to her on said  
date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
named Marion Culver

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of Nov, 190 2

Thomas J. McPherson  
Notary Public.  
My Comm. Exp. 27-1903

CHOC FR 928 malvina Lowery

FR 928



17-928.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 27, 1902.

Malvina Lowery,

Mayhew, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of John Lowery, infant son of Richard and Malvina Lowery, born December 1, 1900; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Ricy Gee Lowery, infant daughter of Richard and Malvina Lowery, born September 11, 1902; and the same is returned to you herewith, for the reason that the notary public before whom the affidavits of the mother and attending midwife were acknowledged has failed to affix his official seal thereto.

Upon return of the application with the seal of the

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notary public attached to each affidavit, the matter will receive further consideration.

Further acknowledgment is made of receipt of the marriage license and certificate between Richard Lowery and Elvina Rector, October 26, 1898; and the same have been duly filed with our records in the matter of the application for enrollment of John Lowery.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Enc B I 101.

17-928.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 5, 1903.

Richard Lowery,

Waynew, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from our records that on December 24, 1902, there was received at this office the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Riley Geo Lowery, born September 11, 1902; and the same was returned to you, for the reason that the notary public before whom the affidavit of the attending midwife was acknowledged had neglected to affix his notarial seal thereto.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of return of the application, and the same now being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I. T., August 24, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of <sup>Malvina</sup> ~~Richard~~ Lowery, <sup>Richard</sup> ~~Malvina~~ Lowery being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

I am 27. My mother's name was Loney Lowery. She is a state woman. I am not a citizen I only want to enroll my wife. My wife ~~mal~~ is Malvina Lowery. Fannie pector is her mother. My wife has always lived in the Territory and never out of it.

Note: Fanny Recotor, mother of above applicant was a slave and belonged to Zack Jones, a Choctaw. --- Sten.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the stenographic notes of the above named applicant, and that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. McDonald*

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**CERTIFICATE OF RECORD OF MARRIAGES**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY } SCT.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT }

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr. *Richard Lowrey* and  
M. *Elvina Rector*

were filed in my office in said Territory and District the *18* day of *Nov* A. D.

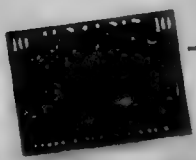
189*8* and duly recorded in Book *8* of Marriage Record, Page *240*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at *do me a l e s t r* this *18* day of *Nov* A. D. 189*8*

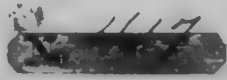
*E. J. Fannin*  
E. J. FANNIN, Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

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# MARRIAGE LICENSE



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY } SS.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage...GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. Richard Lowery of Mayhew in the Indian Territory, aged 21 years, and Miss Elvina Rector of Mayhew in the Indian Territory, aged 18 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, this 21 day of Oct A. D. 1898  
E. J. Lunnin  
Clerk of the U. S. Court

Deputy



## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }  
INDIAN TERRITORY } SS.  
CENTRAL DIST

W. R. Sulver  
Minister of the gospel

DO HEREBY CERTIFY That on the 26 day of October A. D. 1898

I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this the 26 day of October A. D. 1898

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory.

Central District, Book B Page 97

W. R. Sulver.  
Minister of the gospel

NOTE—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*John Isaac Lowery*

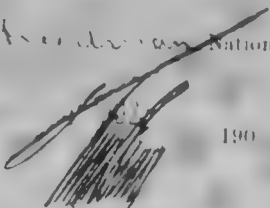
AS A ~~CHILD~~

*Choctaw Indian Nation.*

Approved

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT THE

COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.,

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *John Isaac Lowery*, born on the *1* day of *Dec*, 1900  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: *Richard Lowery* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Melvinia Lowery* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Post-office *Mayhew*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
*Creek* District. }

I, *Melvinia Lowery*, on oath state that I am *20*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Richard Lowery*, who is a citizen, by  
*Marriage*, of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *male* child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on *1* day of *Dec*, 1900 that said child has been  
 named *John Isaac Lowery*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Melvinia Lowery*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *17* day of *Dec*, 1900.

*Perry M Clark*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
*Creek* District. }

I, *Emma Wallis*, a *Midwife* on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Melvinia Lowery*, wife of *Richard Lowery*,  
 on the *1* day of *Dec*, 1900 that there was born to her on  
 said date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named *John Isaac Lowery*.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*John Foster*  
*James Foster*

*Emma X Wallis*  
*Melvinia Lowery*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *17* day of *Dec*, 1900.

*Perry M Clark*  
NOTARY PUBLIC



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Ricy Gee Lowery*

(as a citizen of

Nation.

Approved

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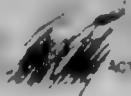
Commissioner.

*Proof of birth of child*  
*17-928*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**

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ACTING COMMISSIONER

CHOCTAW TRIBES

17-928

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Viey See Lowery*, born on the *11* day of *Sept*, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: *Richard Lowery* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Melrina Lowery* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Post-office *Maryhill*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Curt* District.

I, *Melrina Lowery*, on oath state that I am *20*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *elopement* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Richard Lowery*, who is a citizen, by  
*Marriage* of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *Female* child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on *11* day of *Sept*, 1902 that said child has been  
 named *Viey See Lowery*, and is now living.

*Melrina Lowery*

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7* day of *Dec*, 1902.

*Perry M Clark*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Curt* District.

I, *Eucena Wallis*, a *midwife* on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Melrina Lowery*, wife of *Richard Lowery*  
 on the *11* day of *Sept*, 1902 that there was born to her on  
 said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named *Viey See Lowery*  
(male or female)

*Eucena Wallis*

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses)

*John Foster*  
*Granville Foster*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *17* day of *Dec*, 1902.

*Perry M Clark*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Choc FR 929 Tincy Ceaphus

FR 929

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 24, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Tincy Ceaphus, said Ceaphus being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als, testified:

My mother was Betsy Turnbolt, a Choctaw. I am 36 years old I have always lived in the nation. My mother belonged to Robert Turnbolt, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the official stenographic notes of the stenographer to the said Commission and this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes

*B. McDonald*

Choc FR 930 Paralee Harris

see 7-4330 for record as to children

FR 930

17-930.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Paralee Harris,

Mayhew, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children Millie, Maria and Paul Harris, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as early as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Washemingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-930

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 29, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby advised that the following notations have this day been placed upon original Choctaw Freedman enrollment card number 930 Paralee Morris et al.

"No. 3 born July 29, 1899, proof of birth filed Sept. 28, 1904".

"Evidence of marriage of parents of children on this card filed Sept. 28, 1904".

You are therefore requested to make like notations upon duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-930

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 29, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby advised that the following notations have this day been placed upon original Choctaw free-man enrollment card number 930 Paralee Harris et al.

"No. 3 born July 20, 1899, proof of birth filed Sept. 28, 1904".

"Evidence of marriage of parents of children on this card filed Sept. 28, 1904".

You are therefore requested to make like notations upon duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



17-930

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 7, 1906.

Nathan Harris,

Burso, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 29th in reference to the enrollment of your children as Choctaw Freedmen.

In reply you are advised that the Commissioner is now considering the application for the enrollment of Millie, Maria and Paul Harris as Choctaw Freedmen and it is probable that a decision will be rendered therein at an early date. Notice of the action of the Commissioner will be furnished Paralee Harris, the mother of the children.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Millie Harris

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

proof of birth of child listed  
for enrollment Aug 24 1899

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*In RE* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Billie Harris, born on the 12 day of December, 1877  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Nathan Harris a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Rosalie Harris a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office Bureau Hill, Okla.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
County of District.

I, Rosalie Harris, on oath state that I am 20  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Nathan Harris, who is a citizen, by  
blood, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on 12 day of December 1877; that said child has been  
 named Billie Harris, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of February, 1902

NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
County of District,

I, Winnie Carson, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Rosalie Harris, wife of Nathan Harris,  
 on the 12 day of December, 1877; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living, and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
 named Billie Harris.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of February, 1902

NOTARY PUBLIC

Choc FR 931 Joe Lawrence

FR 931

17-831.

Waskogee, Indian Territory, September 30, 1902.

Joseph Lawrence,

Wokohito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Emily Lawrence, infant daughter of Joseph and Frances Lawrence, born August 6, 1900; and the same is returned to you herewith.

It appears from your unsigned statement accompanying the application that the attending midwife is dead. This being a fact, it will be necessary that you submit in lieu thereof the affidavits of two disinterested persons who know of the birth of the child and the fact that it is still living, blanks for which purpose are enclosed you herewith.

Upon return of the application for the enrollment of your child, accompanied by the affidavits as stated herein, the matter will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Enc B I 165.

Acting Chairman.

17-931

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Joe Lawrence,

Coalgate, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Grant Lawrence, son of Joe and Frances Lawrence, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Grant Lawrence, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth has been supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-931.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 25, 1902.

Joseph Lawrence,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Emily Lawrence, infant daughter of Joseph and Frances Lawrence, born August 6, 1900; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Douglass Lawrence, infant son of Joseph and Frances Lawrence, born September 7, 1902; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-931.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1908.

Joe Lawrence,

Coalgate, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, Grant Lawrence, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that a properly verified affidavit as to the birth of this child has been filed with the Commission, and you should immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavit for proof of birth.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are sworn to, attaches his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signature is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

The Commission has received information to the effect that your wife, Frances Lawrence, has died since the time she was listed for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation. For the purpose of making her death a matter of record, you should immediately fill out and return the enclosed blank for proof of death. In



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having same executed follow the same general rules as given above  
for the execution of the birth certificate.

The matters herein referred to should have your prompt  
attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

B.C.  
D.C.  
Env.

17-931

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1903.

Joe Lawrence,

Bokohito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of J. B. Green and W. S. Carson stating that your wife, Frances Lawrence, is still living; and the same have been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of her enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-931

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 3, 1903.

Joseph Lawrence,  
Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of  
Frances Lawrence and Catherine Hampton relative to the birth of  
your minor son, Grant Lawrence, March 31, 1896; and the same being  
in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Com-  
mission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-931

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 3, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has  
this day been made upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card  
No. 931:

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"No. 6 born March 31, 1896: proof of birth  
filed Dec. 3, 1903"

You are, therefore, requested to make like notation upon  
the duplicate card in your possession in accordance with the above  
information.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-931

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 3, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Chickasaw Land Office,  
Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has  
this day been made upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card,  
No. 931:

"No. 6 born March 31, 1896: proof of birth  
filed Dec. 3, 1903"

You are, therefore, requested to make like notation upon  
the duplicate card in your possession in accordance with the above  
information.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Grant Lawrence, born on the 31 day of March (about), 1876  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joseph Lawrence, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Frances Lawrence, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office: Belchita, Ind.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Frances Lawrence, on oath state that I am 39  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joseph Lawrence, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on 31 day of March (about), 1876 that said child has been named  
Grant Lawrence and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Francis Lawrence

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of November, 1903

R. E. Turner  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Catherine Haupter Midwife on oath state that I at-  
tended on Mrs. Frances Lawrence wife of Joseph Lawrence  
on the 31 day of March, 1876; that there was born to her on said  
date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
(MALE OR FEMALE)  
Grant Lawrence

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Catherine Haupter  
her mark

Must be Two  
Witnesses

G. W. Smith  
J. E. Grayson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of Nov, 1903

W. J. Grayson  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, . . .

INDIAN TERRITORY, . . .

Leet DISTRICT. . .

I, Isaac Carson, on oath state, that I  
am 31 years of age, and was personally acquainted with  
Frances Lawrence during her lifetime, that she  
was a citizen by Adoption of the Shoelick  
Nation and the lawful wife of Joseph Lawrence Imor  
there was born to said Frances Lawrence  
a Female child, and that said child is now living and named  
Emily Lawrence.

Isaac Carson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Nov  
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W. B. ...  
Notary Public.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :  
INDIAN TERRITORY, :  
Creek DISTRICT. :

I, Joseph Gardner, on oath state, that I  
am 29 years of age, and was personally acquainted with  
Frances Lawrence during her lifetime, that she  
was a citizen by Adoption of the Chickasaw  
Nation and the lawful wife of Joseph Lawrence. John  
there was born to said Frances Lawrence  
a male child, and that said child is now living and named  
Samuel Lawrence.

Joseph Gardner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of July  
1902

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Notary Public.



IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Emily Lawrence*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickitaw Nation,  
of Emily Lawrence born on the 6 day of August, 1902  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joseph Lawrence citizen of the Chickitaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Frances Lawrence citizen of the Chickitaw Nation.  
Post-office: Belleville, Mo.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Mo. District.

I, Frances Lawrence on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by birth of the Chickitaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joseph Lawrence who is a citizen, by  
marriage of the Chickitaw Nation, that a female child was  
born to me on the 6 day of August 1902 that said child has been  
named Emily Lawrence and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August 1902  
W. C. Gilman  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

..... District.

I, ....., on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. ...., wife of .....,  
on the ..... day of ....., 1....; that there was born to her on  
said date a ..... child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named .....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of .....

I Joseph Lawrence testifies on  
Ginn Bath that he has seen  
the woman in the photo  
All the time of the trial  
within a period of 10 days  
or so of the trial he did not  
want to say to a jury, a  
juror  
and he did not want  
to say to a jury, a  
juror  
and he did not want  
to say to a jury, a  
juror

United States of America  
Central District.

J. J. Garrison on oath  
states that she is 33 years of  
age and personally acquainted  
with Francis Lawrence  
whom I know to be now  
living here in the vicinity  
of Bollebito D. T.

The statement that she  
is dead to the contrary  
not with standing.

J. J. Garrison  
Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 20 day of November  
1903.

R. E. Faine  
Notary Public.

United States of America  
Central District,

J. S. Green on oath states  
that Jane, 8 years of age  
and personage identified  
with Francis Lawrence is  
not dead but is now  
living here in the vicinity  
The statement that she is  
dead to the contrary not  
standing.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 20 day of November,  
1903.

R. E. Tamm  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Douglas Lawrence*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 1902  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Douglas Lawrence*, born on the *7* day of *October*, 1902  
Here insert name of child  
Name of Father: *Richard Lawrence*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Princess Lawrence*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *...*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
*Cherokee* District.

I, *Princess Lawrence*, on oath state that I am *35*  
years of age and a citizen, by *...* of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Richard Lawrence* who is a citizen, by  
*...* of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *male* child was  
born to me on the *7* day of *October*, 1902 that said child has been  
named *Douglas Lawrence* and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Princess Lawrence*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *18* day of *October*, 1902

*...*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
*Cherokee* District.

I, *...*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Princess Lawrence* wife of *Richard Lawrence*  
on the *7* day of *October*, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Douglas Lawrence*

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

*...*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *18* day of *October*, 1902

*...*  
NOTARY PUBLIC



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES/

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Joe Lawrence, said Lawrence being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I am 37 years old. My mother used to belong to Israel Polson, a Choctaw. I have been living right here in the Territory all my life. My mother's name was Celie. My wife's name before I married her was Francis Graves. She was here in the '85 enrollment. Her mother was named Sallie Graves. My wife belonged to Ara Graves.

Wade Hampton, being sworn, testified:

I know Joe Lawrence. He is my brother. He has a wife. His child was born in my house.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes

B. McDonald

Choc FR 932 Wade Hampton

Alice Douglas Trans from 17-D-69  
May 20, 1905

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Record in the matter of the application for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen of -

Alice Douglas et al.

17-D-69.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

South McAlester, I.T., Sept. 9, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Alice Douglas, said Douglas being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 22. My mother's name was Catherine Hampton and she belonged to the widow Flackburn, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Choctaw Nation until three years ago, and moved to the Creek Nation.

*A. C. ... says that this woman was bound on Choctaw Freedmen ... by Mr. ...*  
*... By order of Com. ...*

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. McDonald*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
Muscogee, I.T., Nov. 10, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of the children of Alice Douglas, said Douglas being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him, testified:

- Q Your name is Alice Douglas? A Yes sir.
- Q How old are you? A Twenty-two.
- Q Have you been enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q Where do you reside? A In the Creek Nation.
- Q How long have you lived in the Creek Nation? A Four years.
- Q Had you always lived in the Choctaw Nation before that? A Yes.
- Q Born in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q How many children have you? A Three.
- Q What are their names? A Laura May.
- Q How old is she? A Four years old.
- Q What is the next one? A Robert Theodore.
- Q How old is he? A Two years old.
- Q What is the next one? A Alvira.
- Q How old is she? A Seven months.
- Q These are all your children? A Yes sir.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office,  
Washington, D. C.  
This document is a copy of the original which is  
in the possession of the Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

*B. McDonald*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 23, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Alice Douglas as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

GEORGE C. LEECH, Attorney,  
appeared on behalf of applicant.

Alice Douglas being first duly sworn upon her oath  
testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Alice Douglas.  
Q Where do you live? A Two miles north of Wild Cat.  
Q In what Nation? A In the Creek Nation.  
Q How long have you lived in the Creek Nation? A Two years.  
Q More than that haven't you? A No sir, we moved to the  
Choctaw Nation and then moved back and we have been here  
about two years now.  
Q Where were you born? A In the Chickasaw Nation.  
Q What was your father's name? A Wade Hampton.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Catherine Hampton.  
Q Were they Choctaw freedmen? A Yes sir.  
Q You applied in 1899 didn't you before the Commission? A Yes  
sir.

The father and mother of the applicant are identified  
on Choctaw freedman card 932 and are numbers 3520  
and 3521 respectively approved by the Secretary of  
the Interior on September 26, 1903.

- Q Where were you born? A In the Chickasaw Nation.  
Q Have you been living in the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Creek  
Nations since that time; since you were born? A Yes sir  
Q Have you ever lived outside of the Territory? A I lived  
in Denison 4 months.  
Q When was that? A When I was a little girl about 8 years  
old  
Q Was that the only time you ever lived outside the Territory?  
A Yes sir.

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- Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.  
Q What are their names? A Lura May Douglas, Robert Theodore Douglas and Barney Douglas.  
Q Who is the father of these children? A Clay Douglas.  
Q What was he? A He was a Creek freedman.  
Q You have made application for these children as Creek freedmen? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you taken selections of land for them? A Yes sir.  
Q For all three of them in the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You simply appear on behalf of yourself to-day do you not?  
A Yes sir.

Mattie V. Vaughn states upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mattie V. Vaughn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of  
November 1904.

W. Campbell  
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 29, 1908.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Creek Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

You are requested to advise the Choctaw-Chickasaw Division whether the names of Lura May Douglas, Robert Theodore Douglas and Barney Douglas appear on the rolls of Creek Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and if so, please give their numbers on the final roll with the date of their approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM SIXBY,  
THOMAS S. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

WM O. BEALL,  
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 31, 1905.

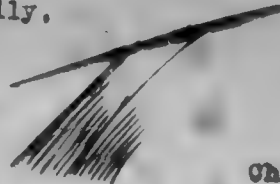
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of March 29, you are advised that Lura May, Theodore R. and Barney Douglass were listed on Creek Freedman card 1965, November 28, 1904, and their names are shown on partial list of Creek Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior February 20, 1905, Roll Nos. 5500, 5501 and 5502.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

17-D-69.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Alice Douglas and her minor children, Lura May, Robert Theodore and Barney Douglas, as Choctaw Freedmen.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on September 9, 1899, at South McAlester, Indian Territory, an application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Alice Douglas and her minor children, Lura May Douglas (4 years old), Robert Theodore Douglas (2 years old), and Barney Douglas (5 months old), as Choctaw freedmen.

It further appears from the record herein that the father of the minor applicants is one Clay Douglas, a recognized and enrolled Creek freedman, whose name appears as No. 4547 upon the partial lists of Creek freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 28, 1902; that on February 6, 1903, the said Clay Douglas appeared in person before this Commission and directed to have said children enrolled as Creek freedmen, and that the said Lura May Douglas, Robert Theodore Douglas (as Theodore R. Douglas), and Barney Douglas have been finally enrolled by this Commission as Creek freedmen, their names appearing as Nos. 5500, 5501 and 5502, respectively, upon the partial lists of Creek freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior February 20, 1905.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Alice Douglas is the daughter of Wadsworth Catharine Hampton, recognized and enrolled Choctaw freedmen, whose names appear as Nos. 3520 and 3521, respectively, upon the lists prepared by this Commission, under the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903; that the said Alice Douglas was born in the Chickasaw Nation about the year 1877 and has resided in the Indian Territory continuously since the date of her birth, up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that the application for the enrollment of Lura May Douglas, Robert Theodore Douglas and Barney Douglas as Choctaw freedmen, should be dismissed.

It is further the opinion of this Commission that Alice Douglas should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman, under the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495) and July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641) and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

Chairman,

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

MAY 4 1905

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 4, 1905.

Alice Douglas,

Wildcat, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered May 4, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and dismissing the application for the enrollment of your children, Lura May Douglas, Robert Theodore Douglas and Barney Douglas, as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling you as a Choctaw freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

*Tams Dixby*

Signature

Registered.

Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-69

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 4, 1905.

DOF

D. H. Linebaugh,  
Attorney at Law,  
Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on May 4, 1905, rendered its decision, granting the application for the enrollment of Alice Douglas, and dismissing the application for the enrollment of Lura My Douglas, Robert Theodore Douglas and Barney Douglas, as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said Alice Douglas as a Choctaw freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, her name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIG:

*James Dixey*

Registered.

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 4, 1905.

COPY

John G. Lieber,  
Attorney at Law,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir.

You are hereby notified that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on May 4, 1905, rendered its decision, granting the application for the enrollment of Alice Douglas, as a Choctaw freedman, and dismissing the application for the enrollment of Lura May Douglas, Robert Theodore Douglas and Barney Douglas, as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said Alice Douglas as a Choctaw freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, her name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

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*James Bixby*

Registered.

Chairman.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 4, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission rendered May 4, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Alice Douglas as a Choctaw freedman, and dismissing the application for the enrollment of Lura May Douglas, Robert Theodore Douglas and Barney Douglas as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said Alice Douglas as a Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, her name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

*James Birney*

SIGN

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-69

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 13, 1901.

Mr. D. H. Linebaugh,  
Attorney at law,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 7th inst., enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Barney Douglas, the infant son of Clay and Alice Douglas, born January 13, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 17, 1902.

Robert B. Hampton,

Bannington, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, in which you state that you are the son of Wade Hampton and was raised in the Indian Territory, but have never been registered; that you have always been recognized as a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation; and ask that you should take in order to be enrolled.

You are advised that it appears from our records that Wade Hampton was listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Indian.

If you desire to make application for enrollment as a Cherokee Indian, you will be advised upon your personal appearance before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, prior to December 27, 1902; or at such other place, Indian Territory, December 27 to 31, 1902 inclusive.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.



17-D-69.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 15, 1908.

Alice Douglas,

Graydon, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit relative to the death of Elvira Douglas, a Choctaw freedman, which occurred March 30, 1900; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of death of the above named person.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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COMMISSIONERS  
TAMM HENRY  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES  
C. W. BRIDGEMAN  
W. J. STANLEY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FOR NEED OF THE FOLLOWING

Creek No. 302

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 20, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Lura May, Theodore R., Elvira and Barney Douglas as Creek Freedmen,  
it appears that application has also been made for the enrollment  
of the above named persons as Choctaw Freedmen, D. 69.

You are requested to furnish the Creek Enrollment division  
with a copy of the record in the matter of the application for en-  
rollment as Choctaw Freedmen, including copies of birth and death  
affidavits.

Respectfully,



Commissioner in Charge.

17-D-69

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 22, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Creek Enrollment Division,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of January 20, 1904,  
there is enclosed herewith a copy of the record in the matter of  
the application for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen of Lura May,  
Robert Theodore, Elvira and Barney Douglas, including copies of  
birth and death affidavits and of the enrollment card upon which  
the names of said persons appear.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Creek En. 302.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 14, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

You are advised that on February 6, 1903, Clay Douglass appeared before the Commission and made application for the enrollment of his four minor children, Lura May, Theodore R., Elvira and Barney Douglass, as Creek freedmen.

It appears from the records of the Creek Enrollment Division that the above named minor children are listed on Choctaw Freedman Card D-69.

A copy of the testimony in the case is inclosed herewith.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

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17-D-69.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 18, 1904.

Alice Douglas,  
Wildcat, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission will hold a session at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory on September 6-7, 1904 and at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory on September 12-13, 1904.

If you so desire, you may appear at one of the above named appointments, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure, for the purpose of giving testimony relative to the right of yourself and your children as Choctaw freedmen, or you may appear before the Commission for said purpose at its general office at Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time.

Respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner in Charge.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

J.P.

I.T.D.10136-1904.  
L.R.S.

WASHINGTON

JHE.

October 15, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

July 13, 1904, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Clay Douglass for the enrollment of his children, Lura May, Theodore R., Elvira and Barney Douglass, as Creek freedmen, including your decision of July 12, 1904, denying the application for the enrollment of Elvira Douglass, and granting the application for the enrollment of Lura May, Theodore R. and Barney Douglass.

~~Reporting in the matter October 8, 1904, the Acting Commissioner~~  
of Indian Affairs recommends that your decision be approved. A copy of his letter is enclosed.

The Department concurs in said recommendation, and your decision is hereby affirmed.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thos. Ryan

Acting Secretary.

1 Inclosure.

17-D-69.

Muskogee, Indian Territory December 23, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Creek Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

It appears from the records of the Commission that Lura May Douglas (7 years of age), Robert Theodore Douglas (5 years of age) and Barney Douglas (1 year of age), children of Clay Douglas, a Creek freedman, and Alice Douglas, a Choctaw freedman, have been listed for enrollment as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation and also as freedmen of the Creek Nation.

A copy of the testimony of Alice Douglas taken at Muskogee, Indian Territory on November 23, 1904 is inclosed herewith.

You are requested to advise the Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division as to what disposition has been made of the application for the enrollment of Lura May Douglas, Robert Theodore Douglas and Barney Douglas as freedmen of the Creek Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. S. BRACKINRIDGE,  
WM. O. BEALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENTER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 22,

requesting to be advised as to what disposition has been made of the application for the enrollment of Lura May, Robert Theodore and Barney Douglas as Creek Freedmen.

A copy of the decision of the Commission in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lura May, Theodore R., Elvira and Barney Douglass as Creek Freedman is inclosed.

This decision was affirmed by the Department October 15, 1904 (I.T.D. 10136-1904). Said Lura May, Theodore R. and Barney Douglass have been regularly listed for enrollment as Creek Freedmen on Freedman Card Field No. 1965, but their names have not been reported to the Department for approval.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

On the matter of the enrollment of Wade Hampton, said Hampton being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I was born in '44. I belonged to Israel Folsom. I have been living in the Territory all the time since I was set free. I am married. My wife's name is Catherine Hampton. She belonged to the widow Blackburn somewhere on Brushy. I live in Atoka county. My wife is about 44 years old. I am a Choctaw.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Alvira ~~Pangloss~~  
Pangloss  
a citizen of the

Chocoma

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Alice Douglas  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Fredman Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Grayson, Ind. Ter., and died on the 6 day of  
Mar 1901.  
(Here insert name of post office)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. }  
District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1901

Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. }  
District. }

I, Alice Douglas, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age, and a citizen, by Fredman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Grayson, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
that I was personally acquainted with Eliene Douglas  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by Fredman of Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Eliene Douglas died on the 30 day of  
March 1900.  
(Here insert name of deceased) Alice Douglas

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses) }  
Henry Lewis  
W.E. Grayson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of April 1901

Bill Grayson  
Notary Public

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Alvina J. Douglas*  
a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

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Commissioner

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

CHOCTAW NATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Alvira Douglas  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the freeman Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Coalgate, Ind. Ter., and died on the 6th day of  
Mar, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Clay Douglas, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by Grayson, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Grayson, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
Father of Alvira Douglas  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by freeman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Alvira Douglas died on the 6 day of  
Mar, 1900.

WITNESSES TO SIGN  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Frederick K. K. K.  
W. H. K. K.

Clay Douglas  
Mar

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Mar, 1900  
J. L. Humphrey  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
\_\_\_\_\_ District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office.)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1900  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
Muskogee, Ind. Ter., February 6, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Clay Douglass for the enrollment of his four minor children, Elvira Douglass, deceased, and Lura May, Theodore R. and Barney Douglass, as Creek freedmen.

CLAY DOUGLASS, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

- Q What is your full name? A Clay Douglass.  
Q What is your post office address? A Wildcat, Indian Territory.  
Q What is your age? A Thirty.  
Q Have you been enrolled by the Commission as a citizen of the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.

The records of the Commission examined and it appears therefrom that Clay Douglass is listed for enrollment as a citizen of the Creek Nation on Creek Freedman Card Field No. 1328.

- Q For whom do you now make application for enrollment? A For my children.  
Q What are the names and ages of the children for whom you now make application for enrollment? A Lura May, 8 years old the 26th of April; Theodore R., he will be 6 years old the 26th of April; Elvira lacked four days of being a year old when she died--she died March 26th; and Barney, he is two years old the 13th of this last going January.  
Q Are all these children now living? A All except Elvira.  
Q When did Elvira die? A She died March the 26th, 1901. She has been two years old this coming March the 26th.  
Q Are you the father of these four children for whom you now make application? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Creek tribal authorities as a citizen of the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir; I think I was recognized at Okmulgee.  
Q Have you ever been enrolled by the Creek tribal authorities as a citizen of the Creek Nation? A I don't know.  
Q Does your name appear upon the Creek tribal rolls? A I don't know.

The 1890 and 1895 authenticated tribal rolls of the Creek Nation examined and the name of Clay Douglass not found thereon.

The 1891 and 1895 Omitted rolls of the Creek Nation examined and the name of Clay Douglass not found thereon

- Q How did you become a citizen of the Creek Nation? A By my mother.  
Q Did you make application to the Commission in 1896 to be admitted as a citizen of the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir; my brother, he was living here at that time, he did.

The records of the Commission examined and it appears therefrom that Clay Douglass was admitted to citizenship in the Creek Nation by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes under the act of Congress of June 10, 1896, and that no appeal was taken therefrom.

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Clay Douglass, witness.

Examination by the Commission.

Q What are the names of your father and mother? A My mother was named Sarah, and my father is name Jim Douglass.

Q Do the names of either your father or mother appear on the Dunn Roll? A I couldn't tell you.

Q Did your mother have no name besides Sarah Douglass? A Yes, sir; she was married after my father died.

Q What was her name then? A Sarah Moore.

The roll of Creek freedmen made by J. W. Dunn prior to March 14, 1867, examined, and the names of Jim Douglass and Sarah Douglass not found thereon.

The records of the Commission further examined and it appears therefrom that Sarah Moore, the mother of Clay Douglass, is listed for enrollment as a citizen of the Creek Nation on Creek Freedmen Card Field No. 1330.

Q Are your father and mother both living? A Both dead.

Q How long has your father been dead? A I don't know; he died when I was small, a long time.

Q How long has your mother been dead? A It will be two years this coming August since my mother died.

Q Who was Granville Douglass? A My brother.

Q Did he make application to the Commission for your admission as a citizen of the Creek Nation in 1896? A Yes, sir.

Q Were you married at that time? A I have been married nine years.

Q Was your oldest child, Lura May Douglass, living at that time?

A I guess so, she will be eight years old this coming April.

The records of the Commission examined and it appears therefrom that Granville Douglass made application to the Commission, under the provisions of the act of Congress of June 10, 1896, for the enrollment of himself and his two minor children, Jennie and Rachel J. Douglass, and his brothers and sisters, Julia and Clay Douglass, and Matilda and Lura Moore, and the children of his sister, Julia Jackson, Mary, William, Rennie and Edna Jackson.

It also appears from an examination of the records of the Commission that no application was made for the enrollment of Lura May Douglass, as a citizen of the Creek Nation, under the provisions of said act of Congress of June 10, 1896.

Q Are you the father of the four children for whom you now make application for enrollment? A Yes, sir.

Q To what town in the Creek Nation do you claim to belong? A Old Man Paro Bruner's.

Q Is that the Canadian Town? A Yes, sir.

Q What is the name of the mother of Lura May, Theodore R. Elvira and Barney Douglass? A Alice Douglass.

Q Is she now living? A Yes, sir.

Q Is she a citizen of the Creek Nation? A No, sir.

Q Is she a citizen of any nation in the Indian Territory? A A citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Q Has she been enrolled by the Commission as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Has she had these four children, for whom you now make application for enrollment, enrolled as citizens of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.

The records of the Commission examined and it appears therefrom that Alice, Lura May, Robert Theodore, Elvira and Barney Douglass, are listed for enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation on Choctaw Freedman Card D-69.



Clay Douglass, witness.

Examination by the Commission.

- Q Do you reside in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you resided here in the Creek Nation? A Why I have been here about five months this time.  
Q Where did you live before you came to the Creek Nation? A I lived down there in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q How long did you live in the Choctaw Nation? A Staid there about three years.  
Q Did your wife live there with you in the Choctaw Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Did she come with you to the Creek Nation about five months ago?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Where did you and your wife live before you went to the Choctaw Nation? A In the Creek Nation.  
Q How long did you live in the Creek Nation before you went to the Choctaw Nation about three years ago? A Why I staid up here about near four years.  
Q Your present wife, Alice Douglass, was with you then? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you and your wife resided in the Indian Territory all your lives? A Yes, sir.  
Q You and your wife never resided in any of the states? A No, sir.  
Q Have these four children, for whom you now make application, resided with you here in the Indian Territory all their lives?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever been separated from your wife? A No, sir.  
Q Have you a home in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has your wife a home in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir; she has a little place down there.  
Q Is this the first time you have ever made application to the Commission for the enrollment of your four children, Elvira Douglass, deceased, and Lura May, Theodore R., and Barney Douglass, as Creek freedmen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why have you not made application before this time? A Well, when I was up here to make application, at that time the way things stood, at that time, they expected the children would have to be enrolled with their mother.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from the Creek Nation for these children? A No, sir.  
Q Have they ever been recognized by the Creek tribal authorities?  
A No, sir.  
The 1895 Omitted roll and 1895 authenticated rolls of the Creek Nation examined and none of these children, for whom application is now made for enrollment as citizens of the Creek Nation, are found thereon.  
Q Have you ever filed with the Commission any birth affidavits in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your said four children, as citizens of the Creek Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you filed on your allotments in the Creek Nation?  
A Yes, sir.

The records of the Commission examined and it appears therefrom that Clay Douglass filed on his allotments in the Creek Nation on May 13, 1899, and November 10, 1899, respectively, embracing 80 acres in each allotment.

- Q In which nation do you elect to have your children enrolled and take allotments of land, if it should be found that they have rights in both the Choctaw and Creek Nations?  
A Creek Nation.



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Clay Douglass, witness.

Examination by the Commission.

Q Are there any other statements you desire to make at this time in regard to your application for the enrollment of your four minor children, Elvira Douglass, deceased, and Lura May, Theodore R., and Barney Douglass, as citizens of the Creek Nation? A No, sir.

COMMISSION TO APPLICANT:

It will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with affidavits made by the mother of your said four children and the midwife who was with her at the time they were born, before the Commission can take any further action in this case.

It will also be necessary for you to furnish an affidavit made by yourself or the mother of Elvira Douglass, and by some other person who knows when Elvira Douglass died, showing the exact date of her death, before any further action can be taken in her case.

You will be furnished at a later date with a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in the matter of the application made by you at this time for the enrollment of Elvira Douglass, deceased, and Lura May, Theodore R., and Barney Douglass, your four minor children, as Creek freedmen, which will be mailed to you at your proper post office address, as given by you in your testimony taken at this time.

Witness excused.

Oliver C. Hinkle, having been duly sworn, upon his oath states that, as stenographer for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 6th day of February, 1903, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Oliver C. Hinkle*

Sworn to before me, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, this 13th day of March, 1903.

*John G. Fisher*

Notary Public.

IN RE  
Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of

Nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Barney Douglas (Here insert name of child) born on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1901  
 Name of Father: Clay Douglass a citizen of the Creek Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Alice Douglass a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post office Coalgate, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District.

I, Alice Douglass do hereby swear that I am 24  
 years of age and Freedman blood of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Clay Douglass who is a citizen, by  
blood of the Creek Nation; that a male child was

born to me on 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1901; that said child has been named  
Barney Douglass, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(signed) Alice Douglass

(Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901  
(signed) D. H. Linebaugh

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District.

I, Catherine Hampton midwife do hereby state that I at-  
 tended on Mrs. Alice Douglass wife of Clay Douglass  
 on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1901; that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child, that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
Barney Douglass

WITNESSES TO MARK

(signed) Catherine Hampton

WITNESSES TO MARK

S. J. Pearson  
Freid Riggins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

7 day of May, 1901  
(signed) D. H. Linebaugh

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lura May, Theodore R., Elvira and Barney Douglass as Creek freedmen.

DECISION.

The record in this case shows that on February 6, 1903, Clay Douglass appeared before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of his four children, Lura May, Theodore R., Elvira and Barney Douglass, as Creek freedmen.

The evidence shows that the applicants are the minor children of Clay Douglass who was admitted to citizenship in the Creek Nation under the act of Congress, June 10, 1896 (29 Stats., 321), and Alice Douglass who claims to be a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

The records of the Commission show that the name of said Clay Douglass is contained in the partial list of Creek freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 28, 1902, No. 4537.

It further appears that said Lura May, Theodore R. and Barney Douglass were born prior to May 25, 1901, and were living at the date of the application herein; that Elvira Douglass was born during the month of April, 1899, and died prior to July 1, 1900; that Lura May Douglass was born prior to the admission of her father to citizenship in the Creek Nation and was not included in his application for citizenship.

It further appears that said Clay Douglass has elected to have his said children enrolled as citizens of the Creek Nation.

It is, therefore, the opinion of the Commission, following the ruling of the Department in the Creek case of Angeline King, that Lura May Douglass, Theodore R. Douglass and Barney Douglass should be enrolled as Creek freedmen in accordance with the provisions of the acts of Congress, June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), March 1, 1901 (31 Stats., 861) and June 30, 1902 (32 Stats., 500), and it is so ordered.

It is further the opinion of the Commission that Elvira Douglass is not entitled to enrollment as a Creek freedman as provided by any of said acts and that the application for her enrollment as such should, therefore, be denied, and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

SIGNATURE

*James L. ...*

Chairman.

SIGNATURE

*T. B. ...*

Commissioner.

SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

Dated at Muskogee, I.T.

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Choc FR 933 Daries GANT

nos. 2, 3, #4 Granted Feb 27, 1906

no. 5 DUMISSED Feb 27, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for enrollment  
as Choctaw Freedmen of--

Irena Gant,  
Ollie Gant,  
Ivy Gant,  
Holman Gant.

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Daries Gant, said Gant being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him etals., testified:

I am 33 years old. My mother's name is Phoebe Gant. I could not say exactly who she belonged to. I have been living in the Choctaw Nation all my life. My wife's mother was Fronie Nails. I could not tell exactly who she belonged to. She has always lived in the Nation. I am Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as  
steno-grapher to above named Commission, that this  
translation is a true and correct translation of  
the foregoing.

*B. McDonald*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Irena Gant and her minor children, Ollie, Ivy and Holman Gant as Choctaw Freedmen.

Irena Gant being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q State your name? A Irena Gant.  
 Q How old are you? A Thirty-one.  
 Q What is your postoffice address? A Broken Arrow, Indian Ter  
 Q Are you a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes sir.  
 Q Through whom do you claim? A My mother.  
 Q What is the name of your mother? A Saphronia Nail.  
 Q Was she a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, that is what she was enrolled.  
 Q Just answer the questions. What is your father's name?  
 A My own father was named Jesse Nail.  
 Q Was he a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes sir.  
 Q Is your mother living? A No sir.  
 Q When did she die? A It is ten years ago the 10th of this month.  
 Q Is your father living? A No sir.  
 Q When did he die? A When I was quite small. I don't remember.  
 Q Was your mother a slave? A Yes sir.  
 Q Who did he belong to? A Belonged to Colbert I think she said.  
 Q Minerva Colbert? A Something like that; Minerva Colbert was the name.  
 Q Your mother belonged to Minerva Colbert? A Yes sir.  
 Q Was Minerva Colbert a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.  
 Q You are sure about that? A Yes sir.  
 Q Was your mother a slave of this Minerva Colbert during the war of the rebellion? A Yes sir.  
 Q Was she a slave at the close of the war? A Yes sir.  
 Q Do you know how long she lived in the Choctaw Nation after the war closed? A She lived in the Choctaw Nation all her life. She died there.  
 Q Do you know who your father belonged to? A Yes sir.  
 Q Who? A Robert Nail.  
 Q Who was Robert Nail? A A Choctaw Indian.  
 Q Did your father belong to Robert Nail at the time the war closed? A Yes sir.  
 Q How long did he live in the Choctaw Nation after the close of the war? A Until the time of his death.  
 Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.  
 Q What are their names? A The oldest one is Ollie Gant  
 Q How old is Ollie? A He is 14 years old the 9th of April.  
 Q Ollie is a girl? A No, they are all three boys.  
 Q What is the next one? A Ivy Gant.  
 Q Ivy is also a boy? A Yes sir.  
 Q How old is Ivy? A Ten years old the 9th of November.



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- Q What is the name of the next one? A Holman Gant.  
Q How old is Holman? A Eight years old the 17th of this coming August.  
Q Who is the father of these children? A Daries Gant.  
Q Are you married to the father of these children? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A Seventeen years the 19th of next month.  
Q Where were you married? A In Atoka, I. T.  
Q Who married you? A Thomas Smith, a minister.  
Q Did you get a marriage certificate at the time you were married. A Yes, but it burned up in my old house.  
Q Can you prove that you were married? A Yes sir.  
Q How? A By people that was there and saw me married.  
Q Where were you born? A Born in the Choctaw Nation about twenty-six miles south of Caddo.  
Q Where have you lived all your life? A Until I was a grown woman up until year before last I lived all my life in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q And since then where have you lived? A Creek Nation.  
Q You have never lived out of the Indian Territory?  
A No sir.  
Q These children are all living today? A No, the youngest one died in 1901.  
Q What part of 1902? A March 17th.  
Q The youngest one died March 17th, 1902? A Yes sir.  
Q That was Holman Gant? A Yes sir.  
Q And the other two are still living? A Yes sir.  
Q They have always made their home with you, have they?  
A Yes sir.

In the matter of your application for the enrollment of yourself and your children, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with proof that you were married to the father of this child. If you have your marriage certificate you had better send that, and if you cannot send that, get the affidavit of two or three people who were present at the time you were married and saw you married, and send these affidavits here to the Commission

- Q Have you ever been enrolled by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you enrolled? A In 1901--I didn't pay so much attention--  
Q How many years ago was it? A When my baby boy was quite small; I had him enrolled when he was small--just walking, at Atoka county.

An examination of the tribal rolls shows that the applicant's name is on the 1896 Choctaw Freedman Census Roll, Atoka County, No. 1687.

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Frances R. Lane upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Frances R. Lane*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 13, 1906.

*J. H. Campbell*  
Notary Public.

United States of America, )  
Indian Territory, )  
Western District. )

AFFIDAVIT.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, state that they were present at the marriage of Daries Cant to Irene Nalls, and that they were duly married according to law at Atoka, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, on or about the 19th day of May, 1888; that since said marriage there have been, <sup>born</sup> to said Daries Cant and Irene Cant two children; that one of these children is a boy named Ollie Cant, who at the date of these presents, is about 14 years of age; and that the other is a boy named Ivy Cant, who, at the date of these presents, is about 10 years of age.

In witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands the 1st, day of May, 1905.

*Witness to mark:*  
*Mrs. Anna Brown*  
*James G. G. G.*

*Daries Cant*  
*Irene Cant*  
*Ed Jackson*  
*John Thornton*

Subscribed and sworn to by Daries Cant before me on the 1st day of May, 1905.

*H. M. Randolph*  
Notary Public.

My commission expires August 20th, 1908.

On the 1st day of May, 1905, ~~appeared~~ in my presence Irene Cant subscribed and swore to the foregoing statement.

*H. M. Randolph*  
Notary Public.

My commission expires August 20th, 1908.

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
Southern  
District.

The foregoing statement was subscribed and sworn to by  
Houston Thomas and Ed Jackson in my presence on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
Nov-, 1905.

*Patrick*  
Notary Public.

My commission expires May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1906.

AFFIDAVIT of  
children of David  
and Irene Cant.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for enrollment of  
Irena Gant, et al., as Choctaw Freedmen.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the census card in this case and the record herein that on August 28, 1899, Daries Gant appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Atoka, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Irena Gant, and three minor children, Ollie Gant, Ivy Gant and Holman Gant, as Choctaw Freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application, excepting as to Daries Gant, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on April 12, 1905.

The rights of said Daries Gant have already been determined, his name appearing as No. 2386 upon the partial list prepared by said Commission under the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

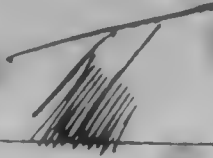
It further appears that the said Irena Gant, was born since the War of the Rebellion and is the daughter of Jesse Nail, who was during the said war the slave of Robert Nail, a recognized Choctaw Indian; that the said Jesse Nail resided continuously in the Choctaw Nation until his death some years after the close of the war; that the applicant, Irena Gant, has resided continuously in Indian Territory, from her birth up to and including September 25, 1902, and that her name appears upon the 1896 Census Roll of Choctaw Freedmen, Atoka, County, No. 1687.

It further appears that the applicants, Ollie Gant, Ivy Gant and Holman Gant are the children of said Daries Gant and Irena Gant, and that they and each of them were born in Indian Territory; that said Holman Gant died March 17, 1902; and that the applicants, Ollie Gant and Ivy Gant have resided continuously with their parents up to and including September 25, 1902.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that the application made for the enrollment of Holman Gant should be dismissed,

under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and it is so ordered.

I am further of the opinion that Irena Gant, Ollie Gant and Ivy Gant should be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495) and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641) and it is so ordered.



Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1906.

COPY.

Irena Gant,

Broken Arrow, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered February 27, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and Ollie Gant and Ivy Gant, as Choctaw freedmen, and dismissing the application for the enrollment of Holman Gant as a Choctaw freedman.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the enrollment of yourself and two children. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name and the names of Ollie Gant and Ivy Gant will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

S. C. Gant

S. C. Gant

Acting Commissioner.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cernish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory,

copy

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 27, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Irena Gant, Ollie Gant and Ivy Gant as Choctaw freedmen and dismissing the application for the enrollment of Holman Gant as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the enrollment of Irena Gant, Ollie Gant and Ivy Gant as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Registered.

Acting Commissioner.

Incl. 17-933.



COMMISSIONERS  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS E. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRACKINRIDGE,  
WM. O. BEALL,  
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 20, 1906.

Darles Grant,

Caney, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for enrollment of your wife, Irena Grant, and your minor children as Choctaw Freedmen; you are advised that it will be necessary before the case can be disposed of for yourself and wife to appear before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, to testify as to their right to such enrollment.

Your prompt compliance with the above request is expected, as the Commission is desirous of disposing of the case at an early date.

Respectfully,

  
Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 24, 1905.

Daries Gant,

Broken Arrow, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the joint affidavit of Houston Thomas, Ed Jackson, Demo Gant and Irena Gant in the matter of the enrollment of your wife Irena Gant and your children Ollie, Ivy and Holman Gant as Choctaw freedmen and the same have been filed with the record in this case.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 4, 1906.

Irena Gant,

Broken Arrow, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that on May 28, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior approved the enrollment of yourself and children, Ollie, and Ivy Gant, as Choctaw freedmen, and your names appear upon the final roll of such freedmen opposite Nos. 5355, 5356 and 5357, respectively.

You are now entitled to allotments, and applications therefor should be made without delay at the Land Office for the Nation in which the prospective allotments are located.

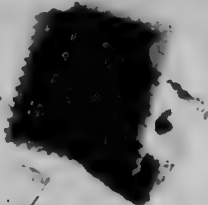
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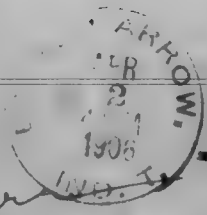
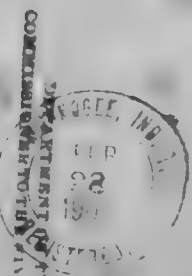
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1906.

Irena Gant,

Broken Arrow, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered February 27, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and Ollie Gant and Ivy Gant, as Choctaw freedmen, and dismissing the application for the enrollment of Holman Gant as a Choctaw freedman.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the enrollment of yourself and two children. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name and the names of Ollie Gant and Ivy Gant will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Registered.

Incl. 17-933.

Acting Commissioner.

Choc FR 934 Alice Phelps

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Andrew Blue, (infant) said Blue's mother, Alice Phelps, being examined and sworn by Commissioner Needles testified:

I am 32. My mother's name is Ruthie Anderson and she belonged to Emma Colbert, a Choctaw. I have never lived out of the Territory.

Ruffin Gardner being sworn testified:

I know Alice Phelps. She has one child. The child is living with her.

Re-direct:

This child's name is Andrew Blue.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the official copy as stenographically taken and transcribed, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

Bill Gardner

17-934

No. 1000

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Sanford*

I, *Sanford*, Clerk  
of the United States Court in the Indian Territory  
and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that  
the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of  
Mr. *John Perry* and  
Mrs. *Ellie Phelps* was

filed in my office in said Territory and District the  
6 day of *June* A. D. 1902  
and duly recorded in Book *2* of Marriage  
Records at *123*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court  
at *Hotchkiss* this *6*  
day of *June* A. D. 1902

*J. H. [Signature]* 10/100

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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No. 1506

FORM NO. 508.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. J. D. Perry of Lehigh in the Indian Territory and 40 years, and Mrs. Alice Phelps of Atoka in the Indian Territory and 31 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 15 day of May, A. D. 1902

*J. C. Allen*  
Deputy

Clerk of the United States Court.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

1. *J. S. Murrow*  
Clergyman

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1902, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANNES OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1902

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book *a* Page *47*

*J. S. Murrow*  
Clergyman

NOTE.—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Killian Phrep*  
a member of the

*Choctaw* Nation

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CHOCTAW FREEMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Killer Phryps (Here insert name of deceased)  
a grandson of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Alto (Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter., and died on the 7 day of  
July, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Central District.

I, Ruth Anderson, on oath state that I am 56  
years of age and a citizen, by grandson, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Alto (Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter.; that I am

grandmother of Killer Phryps  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by grandson, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Killer Phryps (Here insert name of deceased) died on the 7 day of

July, 1900 by Ruth Anderson  
WITNESSES TO MAKE

(Must be Two Witnesses) Wm. C. Bunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of Nov. 1902  
R. H. Inebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Central District.

I, J. P. Perry, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age, and a citizen, by grandson of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Lehigh (Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Killer Phryps (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by grandson of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Killer Phryps (Here insert name of deceased) died on the 7 day of

July, 1900 by J. P. Perry  
WITNESSES TO MAKE

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of Nov. 1902  
R. H. Inebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choc FR 935 Ruffin Gardner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Record in the matter of the application for the enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen of

Jerome Gardner et al.

17-D-173.

Choctaw Freedman  
O R I G I N A L

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Atoka, I. T., November 21st, 1902.

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In the matter of the application of Ruffin Gardner for the enrollment of his three minor children Jerome, Ovy and Odeal Gardner as Choctaw freedmen.

Ruffin Gardner being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Ruffin Gardner.
- Q What is your age? A Thirty-four.
- Q What is your post office address? A Atoka.
- Q How long have you been a resident of the Choctaw Nation?
- A I have lived here all my life.
- Q Do you claim rights as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation?
- A Yes sir.
- Q Have you ever made application to the Commission for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir, I guess I have been enrolled every time they been enrolling.
- Q Are you married? A Yes sir, I have been married; I aint married now.
- Q What is the name of your former wife? A Clara Flax.
- Q Was she a freedman of any tribe of Indians? A Why, yes sir, she - - - her mother was a Cherokee freedman and her father was a Choctaw freedman.
- Q Was your wife ever enrolled as a freedman of the Cherokee or Choctaw Nations? A She was enrolled as a freedman in the Cherokee Nation.
- Q Did she ever apply for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, your wife? A Well, I think she did when the first enrollment was here in the Choctaw Nation; I think she was enrolled.
- Q Have you got any children by this woman? A Yes sir, got three.
- Q What are their names? A Jerome.
- Q How old is he? A Eleven years old.
- Q What is the next one? A Ovy.
- Q How old is he? A He's nine years old.
- Q What is the next? A Odeal.
- Q Boy or girl? A Girl.
- Q How old is she? A Seven.
- Q That's all the children you have? A Yes sir.
- Q Were these children ever enrolled as freedmen of either the Cherokee or Choctaw Nations? A No sir.
- Q Did you ever make application for their enrollment as freedmen of either one of these Nations? A For the children?
- Q Yes? A No sir, I haven't before now.

Jerome, Ovy & Odeal Gardner--2.

- Q Why didn't you apply for them when you enrolled yourself?  
A When this last enrollment was here I wasn't here. I was away from here at the time and I couldn't enroll.
- Q Who enrolled you? A My father.
- Q You must have appeared yourself, didn't you? A No sir.
- Q Haven't you ever appeared before the Commission? A No sir, not before.
- Q Did yourself or your wife ever attempt to enroll these children as freedmen of the Cherokee Nation? A When she got enrolled her mother enrolled her and she thought she enrolled the children at the time but she found out afterwards she had never been enrolled with her children at all; the children had never been enrolled.
- Q Application has never been made then for the enrollment of either of these children in either one of these Nations?  
A No sir.
- Q When were you married to this woman? A In '90.
- Q Where was this marriage ceremony performed? A In Atoka.
- Q Who married you? A Elder - - -I disremember the preacher's name now - - -L. Harris.
- Q Was he a minister? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you got any evidence of that marriage? A I have got a marriage certificate.
- Q Have you got it with you? A No sir, I haven't.
- Q Do you now wish to make application for the enrollment of these three minor children as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation?  
A Yes sir.
- Q Where are they living now? A Now? With their grandmother.
- Q Where is that? A Up here in the Cherokee Nation.
- Q They are living with their grandmother in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.
- Q How long have they been there? A Been there about a year now.
- Q Is your wife dead? A Yes sir.
- Q When did she die? A She died in 1900.
- Q Do you know that these children are not enrolled as Cherokee freedmen? A Well, I don't really know. I know they aint enrolled because their grandma told me they had not been enrolled; I don't know any more than what she says about it.
- Q Do you know that no application has ever been made for them?  
A I know I didn't because I aint made any, and I don't think my wife made any; I think she didn't.
- Q Where were these children born? A Here in Atoka.
- Q How long have they been living up in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Why they been there about a year now.
- Q Up to that time they lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
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Jerome, Ory & Odeal Gardner---3.

Albert S. McMillan being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 21st day of November, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

*Albert S. McMillan*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1902.

*H. R. R. R. R.*

Notary Public.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of Ruffin Gardner, for the enrollment of his minor children, Jerome, Ovie, and Odeal Gardner, as Freedmen of the Choctaw Nation:-

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ++  
INDIAN TERRITORY, ++ S S  
CENTRAL DISTRICT. ++

*R Lee Campbell*

Come now Melissa Hall and Catherine Jackson, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and on oath state:-

That they were present at a marriage ceremony between Ruffin Gardner and ~~Clara~~ *Clara* Flacks, in Atoka, Indian Territory, on January 31, 1891, Reverend Harris, officiating. and that said Ruffin Gardner and ~~Clara~~ *Clara* Flacks have ever since been known as husband and wife.

*Melissa Hall*

*R Lee Campbell*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of April, 1905.

*W. M. ...*  
Notary Public.

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BERRY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. E. BRACKENRIDGE,

Wm. O. Hall  
Secretary

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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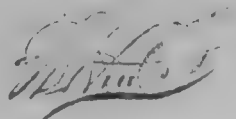
Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1905.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of April 8, 1905, 17-D-173, you are advised that on May 15, 1901, application was made for the enrollment of Jerome Ovie and Odeal Gardner as Cherokee freedmen; that on April 10, 1903, the Commission rendered a decision rejecting said application, which decision was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior on April 21, 1904.

Respectfully,



Commissioner in Charge.

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17-D-173.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jerome Gardner, Ovy Gardner and Odeal Gardner as Choctaw Freedmen.

- - : D E C I S I O N : - -

It appears from the record herein that on November 21, 1902, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Jerome Gardner, Ovey Gardner and Odeal Gardner as Choctaw Freedmen.

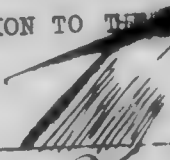
It further appears from the record herein that the applicants are the children of Ruffin Gardner, a recognized and enrolled Choctaw Freedman whose name appears as No. 2000 upon the lists prepared by this Commission under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903, and of Clara Gardner who, it is claimed, was a Cherokee Freedman.


It further appears from the record herein, and from the records of the Commission, that on May 15, 1901, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of the applicants herein as Cherokee Freedmen; that on April 10, 1903, the Commission rendered a decision rejecting said application, which decision was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior April 21, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicants were born in the Choctaw Nation and have resided in the Indian Territory continuously since the dates of their respective births up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is therefore the opinion of this Commission that Jerome Gardner, Ovy Gardner and Odeal Gardner should be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

  
Commissioner.

  
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

JUN 28 1905

17-D-173.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1905.

COPY.

Ruffin Gardner,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered June 28, 1905, granting the applications for the enrollment of your three minor children, Jerome Gardner, Ovy Gardner and Odeal Gardner, as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicants as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Tamc Bixby*

Registered.

Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-173.

17-D-173.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1906.

COPY.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered June 28, 1906, granting the applications for the enrollment of Jerome Gardner, Ovy Gardner and Odeal Gardner as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicants as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Tamo Fisher*

Registered.

Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-173.

*See 17-99 for registry receipt for this letter*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, September 13, 1905.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jerome, Ovy and Odeal Gardner, Choctaw Freedmen, Card No. 938, Approved Roll Nos. 5270, 5271 and 5272, respectively.

Ruffin Gardner, Jr., being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER.

- Q. What is your name ?  
A. Ruffin Gardner, Jr.  
Q. What is your postoffice address ?  
A. Atoka.  
Q. How old are you ?  
A. 37 years old.  
Q. Are you a recognized and enrolled freedman of the Choctaw Nation ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What is the name of your father ?  
A. Ruffin Gardner.  
Q. How old is he ?  
A. I don't know exactly how old.  
Q. Do you know the name of his father ?  
A. Clinton Gardner.  
Q. Do you know the name of his mother, your grand mother ?  
A. Tennessee Gardner.  
Q. How many children have you ?  
A. Three.  
Q. What are their names ?  
A. Jerome, Ovy and Odeal.  
Q. Are these children all living ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What is the name of their mother ?  
A. Clara Flax.  
Q. What are the ages of these children commencing with the oldest ?  
A. Jerome is 14 years old; Ovy 12 and Odeal 10.  
Q. How many children did your father have ?  
A. Six.  
Q. How old is the youngest child ?  
A. About 35.  
Q. Your father never had any children by the name of Jerome, Ovy and Odeal, the same as your children ?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. And you state that his youngest child is about 35 years old ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. It appears that Jerome, Ovy and Odeal Gardner, whose mother's name is Clara Flax, are enrolled as the children of your father, Ruffin Gardner. Is it a mistake there being enrolled as the children of your father ?  
A. Yes, sir.

- Q. Are these three children your children ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. And they are now living with you ?  
A. Yes, sir.

Aleek Boyd, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name ?  
A. Aleek Boyd.  
Q. How old are you ?  
A. 50 some odd.  
Q. What is your postoffice address ?  
A. Atoka.  
Q. Are you a recognized and enrolled freedman of the Chickasaw Nation ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you know Ruffin Gardner, Jr. ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you know his father, Ruffin Gardner ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How long have you known him ?  
A. Been knowing the old man about 25 years.  
Q. And have you known his son, Ruffin Gardner, Jr. for that long ?  
A. Been knowing him all his life.  
Q. Do you know the names of Ruffin Gardner, Jr.'s children ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What are their names ?  
A. Jerome, Ovy and Odeal.  
Q. These are the children of Ruffin Gardner, Jr. ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. And Ruffin Gardner Jr's father's name was Ruffin Gardner ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Did Ruffin Gardner, the father of Ruffin Gardner, Jr., ever have any children by these names ?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. Do you know how old Ruffin Gardner's youngest child is ?  
A. He is about 30, I think, somewhere along there.  
Q. Have you lived close to these people for a good many years ?  
A. Yes, sir; ever since I know them.  
Q. And you know that these three children, Jerome, Ovy and Odeal Gardner are the children of the young man, Ruffin Gardner, Jr. ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. And that his father, Ruffin Gardner, has no children by these names ?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. Do you know the name of the mother of these children ?  
A. Clara.  
Q. What was her other name ?  
A. She used to go by Clara Flax.  
Q. Is she the wife of Ruffin Gardner, Jr., the young man ?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. If these children are enrolled as the children of the old man, the father of Ruffin Gardner, Jr., it is a mistake is it ?  
A. Yes, sir.

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Wm. J. Martin, stenographer to the commissioner to the



Five Civilized Tribes, upon oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th day of September, 1908.

Notary Public.

17-D-173.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jerome Gardner, Ovy Gardner and Odeal Gardner, as Choctaw Freedmen.

-- O R D E R --

It appears from the record herein that on June 28, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jerome Gardner, Ovy Gardner and Odeal Gardner, as Choctaw freedmen, granting said application; and in paragraph two thereof said decision recited; "It further appears from the record herein that the applicants are the children of Ruffin Gardner, a recognized and enrolled Choctaw freedman whose name appears as No. 2000 upon the lists prepared by this Commission, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903, and of Clara Gardner who, it is claimed, is a Cherokee freedman."

It appears, however, from the testimony of Ruffin Gardner, Jr., taken at Atoka, Indian Territory on September 13, 1905, that the children above named are not the children of Ruffin Gardner, whose name appears as No. 2000 upon the lists prepared by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, (32 Stats., 641), but are the children of Ruffin Gardner, Jr., whose name appears as No. 2001 upon said lists.

It is, therefore, ordered that paragraph two of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered on June 28, 1905, in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jerome Gardner, Ovy Gardner and Odeal Gardner, as Choctaw freedmen be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

It further appears from the record herein that the applicants are the children of Ruffin Gardner Jr., a recognized and enrolled Choctaw freedman whose name appears as No. 2001 upon the lists prepared by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 8, 1903, and of Clara Gardner, who, it is claimed, was a Cherokee freedman.

  
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Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

September 1905

17-D-170.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 8, 1906.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby requested to advise the Chestaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division whether or not any application has been made for the enrollment of Jerome Gardner, Ovy Gardner and Odeal Gardner as Cherokee freedmen, and if so, please give status of such enrollment.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-936

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 5, 1906.

Elizabeth Lions,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 2, 1906, in which you ask relative to your right to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and state that Ruffin Gardner is your uncle.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the information contained therein is not sufficient to enable this office to identify you upon its records as an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. If you will state when, where and under what name you made application for enrollment, the names of your parents, and such other information as you may possess which will enable this office to identify you upon its records, the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ruffin Gardner, said Gardner being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am going on 64 years old. I belonged to Sarah Gardner, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Choctaw Nation ever since I was turned free and live now in Atoka county.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. M. Deane*

Choe  
FR 936 Ruffin Gardner

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ruffin Gardner Jr?, said Gardner being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., said Gardner testified:

(For his citizenship see testimony of Ruffin Gardner, which is:)

going on  
I am 64 years old. I belonged to Sarah Gardner, a Choctaw

I have been living in the Choctaw Nation ever since I was turned free and live now in Atoka county.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the above named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Wm. S. ...*

Choc FR 937 Phoebe Hughes

FR 937



17-837.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 8, 1903.

Harrison Hughes,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Odessa Hughes, infant daughter of Harrison and Phoebe Hughes, born September 25, 1901; you are informed that it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with the affidavit of the attending physician or midwife as to the birth of said child, and the fact that it is still living, a blank for which purpose is herewith enclosed you.

In having same executed, be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and in event the person whose name is to be affixed to the affidavit is unable to write, and the signature is by mark, such signature must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

The notary public before whom the same is acknowledged must affix his notarial jurat and seal to the affidavit.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Enc B I 41.

Acting Chairman.

17-037.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 7, 1903.

Harrison Hughes.

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from our records that on November 20, 1902, application was made for the enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Odessa Hughes, infant daughter of Harrison and Phoebe Hughes, born September 25, 1901; at which time only the affidavit of the mother relative to the birth of the child was submitted.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Caroline Lewis, the attending midwife, relative to the birth of the above named child September 25, 1901; and the application now being complete and in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Phoebe Hughes see testimony of Daries Gant, which is:

"I am 33 years old. My mother's name is Phoebe Gant. I could not say exactly who she belonged to. I have been living in the Choctaw Nation all my life. My wife's mother was Fronie Nails. I could not tell exactly who she belonged to. She has always lived in the Nation. I am Choctaw."

Daries Gant:

Phoebe Hughes is my sister and has always lived here.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. Edwards*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

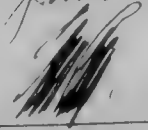
Anna May Hughes

as a citizen of the

Choctaw

Nation.

Approved, June 6th 190



Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a <sup>Choctaw Indian</sup> citizen of the <sup>Choctaw</sup> Nation,  
 of Anna May Hughes, born on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of September, 1899  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Harrison Hughes, <sup>non</sup> a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Phoebe Hughes, a citizen of the Choctaw Indian Nation.  
 Postoffice, \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Chukal District. )

I, Phoebe Hughes, on oath state that I am 21.5  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Harrison Hughes, who is a <sup>non</sup> citizen, by  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation; that a <sup>female</sup> child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of September, 1899; that said child has been  
 named Anna May Hughes, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Guy L. Emerson Phoebe Hughes  
W. L. (Lipmanovich) mark  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900

NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY

Chukal District. )

I, Phoebe Green, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Phoebe Hughes, wife of Harrison Hughes,  
 on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of September, 1899; that there was born to her on  
 said date a <sup>female</sup> child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
 named Anna May Hughes.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Guy L. Emerson Phoebe Green  
W. L. (Lipmanovich) mark  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900

NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Carissa Hughes*  
*per [unclear]*  
as a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved ~~APR 1~~ 1903 190

~~[Signature]~~

Commissioner

*Proof of birth of child for  
whom application was made at  
Aloka D.I. Nov. 20, 1902.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

**FILED**

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~~[Signature]~~

CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a Jumdayan citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Odezza Hughes, born on the 25 day of Sept, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Harrison Hughes, a citizen of the Noncit Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Phoebe Hughes, a citizen of the Jumdayan Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Boggy Depot

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Neutral District, )

I, Phoebe Hughes, on oath state that I am 27  
 years of age and a citizen, by Jumdayan, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Harrison Hughes, who is a citizen, by  
Jumdayan, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on the 23 day of Sept, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Odezza Hughes, and is now living.

WITNESSED TO MAKE:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

20 day of Nov.

1902

R. H. Linebaugh,  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Neutral District, )

I, Caroline Lewis, a Physician, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Phoebe Hughes, wife of Harrison Hughes,  
 on the 25 day of September, 1901; that there was born to her on said  
 date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
 named Carina Hughes.

WITNESSED TO MAKE:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

19 day of Jan

1902

C. H. Lewis  
 Notary Public.

Choc FR 938 Josie Thomas

FR 938



17-938

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1903.

R. B. Coleman,  
Attorney at Law,  
McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 21st inst., requesting to be advised relative to the final enrollment of Josie Thomas as a Choctaw freedman.

You are informed it appears from our records that Josie Thomas, now about 12 years of age, of Atoka, Indian Territory, daughter of Houston and Irilla Thomas has been duly enrolled as a Choctaw freedman by this Commission and her enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc FR 93/9 Edmond Gardner

FR 939

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1904.

George W. Lynch,  
Bekehite, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Adaline Lynch and Elsie Gardner, relative to the birth of your infant daughter, Elizabeth Lynch, January 27, 1903, which it is presumed have been forwarded as an application for enrollment of said child as a Choctaw freedman.

Under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902, you are informed the Commission is now without authority to receive or consider the original application for enrollment of any person whomsoever as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Edmund Gardner, said Gardner being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 34 years old. I was born a slave. My mother was Judie Gardner. I think she belonged to Gardner, I'm not certain.

(This man is a son of Ruffin Gardner and reference is made to his testimony as to citizenship.

Ruffin Gardner testified:

" I am going on 64 years old. I belonged to Sarah Gardner, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Choctaw Nation ever since I was turned free and live now in Atoka county. "

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as  
Special Agent in Charge of the named Commission, that this  
translation is a true and correct translation of  
my original.

*B. H. ...*

Choc FR 940 Winnie Taylor

FR 940

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Winnie Taylor and her ~~mother~~ brother Ed Nail, said Winnie Taylor being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 25 years old. My mother's name was Lucy Chatman. She used to belong to Mr. Charlie Vinson, a Choctaw. I have been living here in the Nation all my life and never lived out of it.

(She also enrolls her brother, Ed. Nail, who is now in the penitentiary; citizenship same as here.)

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

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Choc FR 941 Edmond Nail

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Choc FR 942 Rosetta Harris

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Rosetta Harris, said Harris being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I am 24 years old. My mother's name was Minerva Lent and she belonged to Delilah Flint, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Nation.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

Richard J. [Signature]

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD.

*Sam Stone*

As a citizen of the

*State of New York* Nation.

Approved

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Sam Harris, born on the 20 day of Nov, 1899  
 Name of father: Tom Harris, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of mother: Rosetta Harris, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
 Post Office: Stoka Luta, Tex

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Choctaw District. }

I, Rosetta Harris, on oath, state that I am 24 years of age and a  
 citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the  
 lawful wife of Tom Harris who is a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the  
United States Nation; that a Male child was born to me on the 20 day  
 of Nov, 1899; that said child has been named Sam Harris  
 and is now living.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Dec, 1899  
Rebelle Harris  
D C Blossum  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Choctaw District. }

I, Harriet Carr, a Midwife, on oath, state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Rosetta Harris, wife of Tom Harris  
 on the 20 day of Nov, 1899; that there was born to her on said date a Male child;  
 that said child is now living and is said to have been named Sam Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Dec, 1899  
Harriet Carr  
D C Blossum  
 Notary Public.

Witness  
M. C. Blossum

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Edna Hamie*  
as *free woman*  
citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved NOV 25 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*Choctaw Freedman #942*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Eddie Harris, born on the 4 day of September, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Tom Harris, a citizen of the now-cit Nation.  
Name of Mother: Roseetta Harris, a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office Atoka, Okla.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Roseetta Harris, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Tom Harris, who is a citizen, by  
of the now-cit Nation; that a male child was  
(Male or female.)  
born to me on the 4 day of September, 1902; that said child has been  
named Eddie Harris, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of November, 1902

R. H. Linebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Hattie Gay, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Roseetta Harris, wife of Tom Harris,  
on the 4 day of September, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female.)  
named Eddie Harris.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of November, 1902

R. H. Linebaugh  
Notary Public.

choc FR 943 Creasie Brown

FR 943

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.

Mrs. D. N. Robb being sworn states that Creasie Brown's mother was ~~Sylva~~ Sylva Fisher and she belonged to ~~Atoka~~ P.P. Pitchlynn.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

Wm. H. H. H. H.

Choc FR 944 Ruth Anderson

FR 944



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ruth Anderson, said Anderson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 50 and belonged to Emma Nail, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

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Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, under my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Freedman*

choc FR 945 Valentine Burris

FR 945

FREEDMAN.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Valentine Burris, said Burris being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him, testified:

I am 46 years old. I belonged to Peter Pitchlynn, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Choctaw Nation all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the said Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

W. H. Needles

Choc FR 946 Ann Horn

FR 946

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ann Horn, said Horn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him etals., testified as follows:

I am 59 years old. I belonged to Dr. Walker's mother, a Choctaw. I have been living all of the time in the Nation.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, under my official oath as stenographer of the named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct transcription of my notes.

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Choc FR 947 Mandy Brown

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Choc FR 948 Mack Williams

FR 948

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Stoka, I<sup>nd</sup>. Ter. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mack Williams, said Williams, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother is Mandy Brown and she belonged to Salina Nail, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all the time.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct transcription of my stenographic notes.

R. M. McDonald



FRNEIDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, Ind. Ter. August 21, 1899.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Mack Williams, said Williams being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles et al., testified:

I am 23 years old. My mother's name is Nancy Brown. She was a slave and belonged to Jim Davis. She was a Choctaw. I have been living all the time in the Territory and never lived out of it. Ruben Dunford, being sworn and examined, testified:

I know this man. He lives with me four miles north of Stonewall. A woman called Many Brown is his mother. She was enrolled by you at Tuskahoma with old man Joe Joe Nails. She is a Choctaw and belonged to a white man called Jim Davis.

(Applicant was excused to get other witnesses.)

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office,  
Washington, D. C.  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct  
stenographic transcription of the testimony of the applicant  
transcribed by me on the 21st day of August, 1899, at  
my stenographic table.

L. B. Malcolm

Choc FR 949 Dave Davis

FR 949

17-949

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Dave Davis,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Gertie Davis, daughter of Dave and Mannie Davis, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your daughter, Gertie Davis, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of her birth is supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Inv.  
B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-949.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1908.

Dave Davis,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Minnie Davis and Patsy Fisher relative to the birth of Gertie Davis, minor daughter of Dave and Minnie Davis, March 25, 1898; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 30, 1903.

Madill Real Estate and Investment Company,  
Madill, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 22nd instant, requesting to be advised if the name of David Davis, Choctaw freedman, has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

You are informed that two persons by the name of David Davis are applicants to this Commission for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen. It will therefore be necessary for you to state the age of the David Davis referred to in your letter, the time and place application was made for his enrollment, the names of the other members of his family for whom application was made at the same time, and any other information you may be able to obtain which will assist the Commission in determining the David Davis concerning whom your inquiry is made. Upon receipt of this information you will be further advised in the matter.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-949

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 29, 1904.

David Davis,

Bokchito, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 27, 1904, in which you ask if you have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

In reply to your letter you are informed that David Davis now about thirty-one years of age, the son of Albert and Lutha Gary, has been enrolled by the Commission as a Choctaw freedman and his enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

It appears from our records that Minnie Davis is the wife of David Davis referred to and the children's names are George, Sam, and Gertie Davis.

If you are not the David Davis referred to and will state your age, the names of your parents, and the other members of your family for whom application was made at the same time and any other information which will enable the Commission to identify you upon its records your matter of inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-949

FORM NO. 10

INDIAN

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Gertie Davis

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved DEC 24 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
DEC 24 1902

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Bertie Davis*, born on the *23* day of *March*, 1858  
Name of Father: *Dave Davis*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Minnie Davis*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Atoka I T*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

*Central* INDIAN TERRITORY, ) District. )

I, *Minnie Davis*, on oath state that I am *25*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Dave Davis*, who is a citizen, by  
*Adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
born to me on the *23* day of *March*, 1858; that said child has been  
named *Bertie Davis*, and is now living.

*Minnie Davis*

WITNESSES TO MARK

( Must be in )  
( Witnesses )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *23* day of *Dec*, 1902  
*J. H. Linebaugh*  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

*Central* INDIAN TERRITORY, ) District. )

I, *Patsy Fisher*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs *Minnie Davis*, wife of *Dave Davis*,  
on the *23* day of *March*, 1858; that there was born to her on said  
date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Bertie Davis*.

*Patsy Fisher*

WITNESSES TO MARK

( Must be in )  
( Witnesses )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *23* day of *Dec*, 1902  
*J. H. Linebaugh*  
Notary Public



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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

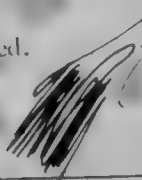
INFANT CHILD

Monroe Duross

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Freedman Nation

Approved.

 1906  
Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*IN RE: Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,*  
 of *Monroe Davis*, born on the *16* day of *February*, 1900.  
 Name of Father: *Dave Davis*, a citizen of the *Choctaw Freedman* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Minnie Davis*, a citizen of the *Choctaw Freedman* Nation.  
 Postoffice: *Okla T.T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY  
 Central District.

I, *Minnie Davis*, on oath state that I am *23* years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation; that I am the lawful wife of *Dave Davis*, who is a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *male* child was born to me on the *16* day of *February* 1900; that said child has been named *Monroe Davis*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO SIGNATURE  
*Minnie Davis*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7th* day of *June* 1900

*[Signature]*  
 COMMISSIONER

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY  
 Central District.

I, *Dave Davis*, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. *Minnie Davis*, my wife, on the *16* day of *February*, 1900; that there was born to her on said date a *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named *Monroe Davis*.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
*Dave Davis*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7* day of *June* 1900

*[Signature]*  
 Commissioner

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Morris Davis*  
a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved NOV 21 1902 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*[Signature]*  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Momon Davis (Here insert name of deceased) a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Okotcha, Ind. Ter., and died on the 19 day of August, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Dave Davis, on oath state that I am 29 years of age and a citizen, by freedom, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Okotcha, Ind. Ter.; that I am father of Momon Davis who was a citizen, by freedom, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Momon Davis died on the 19 day of August, 1900

Witnessed to mark Wm C Burn Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Nov, 1902 D. St. Linebaugh Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Bert Colbert, on oath state that I am 44 years of age, and a citizen, by freedom, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Okotcha, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Momon Davis who was a citizen, by freedom, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Momon Davis died on the 19 day of August, 1900

Witnessed to mark Wm C Burn Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Nov, 1902 D. St. Linebaugh Notary Public.

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Atoka, Indian Territory, November 18, 1902.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

From information received at this place today from Dave Davis, Choctaw freedman card No. 949, it appears that Davis Gary and Minnie Gary on Choctaw freedman card doubtful No. 151, are the same parties as Dave Davis and Minnie Davis on Choctaw freedman card No. 949. This duplication should be properly noted on the original cards in the possession of the Commission.

Respectfully,

(Signed) G.D. RODGERS.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 26, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Davis Gary, said Gary being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am going on 26 years old. My mother was named Ruthie Gary and she belonged to A.W. Gary, a Choctaw. I have been living right here in the Choctaw Nation. I am married my wife is a citizen. Her name was Minnie Fisher and her mother's name ~~is~~ was Patsy Fisher. She belonged to Robert Jones, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct copy of my stenographic notes.

L. C. C. P. O. S. A. x

Choc FR 950 Lorena Wilburn

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lerena Wilburn, said Wilburn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Tabitha Wilson and she belonged to George Wilson, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all the time.

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Department of the Interior.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my notes of this

*J. H. Edwards*



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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Melinda Wilburn*

a citizen of the

*Choctaw Freedman* ~~district~~

Approved **NOV 26 1902** 190

*L. A. Beecham*  
Commissioner

#950.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Malinda Willburn  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Wicks, Ind. Ter., and died on the 9th day of  
February, 1900  
(Here insert name of post office)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Lorena Willburn, on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Delight, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the mother of Malinda Willburn,  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Malinda Willburn died on the 9th day of  
February, 1900

WITNESSED TO MAKE:  
Lorena Willburn  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C. Brum mark  
B. M. Nixon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1902  
R. W. Finebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ~~ADMINISTRATOR~~ father

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Jeff Willburn, on oath state that I am 42  
years of age, and a citizen, by Non-Citizen of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Delight, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Malinda Willburn,  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Malinda Willburn died on the 9th day of  
February, 1900  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSED TO MAKE:  
Jeff Willburn  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C. Brum mark  
B. M. Nixon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1902  
R. W. Finebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choc FR 951 martin Gables

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17-261.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 24, 1902.

Martin Gabriel,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of the Commission that any evidence of your marriage to your wife, Jennie Williams, has been filed.

It will be necessary that you furnish either the original marriage license and certificate, or certified copy thereof, between yourself and Jennie Gabriel, in the matter of the application for enrollment of your children as Choctaw freedmen.

This matter should receive immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

FREEMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Martin Gables, said Gables being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I am going on 27. My mother's name was Lizzie Crooms and she belonged to Peter Pitchlynn, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Nation all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*P. M. Crooms*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Mrs. Gabriel*  
as a ~~petitioner~~ *guardian* of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

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Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the ~~Choctaw~~ <sup>Choctaw</sup> Nation,  
 of Ann Gabrie, born on the 1 day of October, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Martin Gabrie, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Jimmie Gabrie, a citizen of the non cit. Nation.

Post-Office: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }

Arizal District. }

I, Jimmie Gabrie, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen, by blood of the non Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Martin Gabrie, who is a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation, that a <sup>female</sup> child was born to me on the 1 day of October, 1900; that said child has been named Ann Gabrie, and is now living.

WITNESSED TO MARK.

Jimmie Gabrie

(Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of November, 1902

R. H. Linebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }

Arizal District. }

I, Lobetta Croome, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Jimmie Gabrie, wife of Martin Gabrie, on the 1 day of October, 1900; that there was born to her on said date a <sup>female</sup> child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Ann Gabrie her

WITNESSED TO MARK.

Lobetta X Croome  
mark.

(Must be Two Witnesses) }

R. M. Wilson  
Wm C. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of November, 1902

R. H. Linebaugh  
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*John Gabriel*  
as a ~~son~~ *son* of the

*Charlotte* *W. Norton*

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of John Gabriel, born on the 10 day of August, 1902  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Martin Gabriel, <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Jimmie Gabriel, a citizen of the now cis Nation.  
 Post-Office: Atoka, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

I, Jimmie Gabriel, on oath state that I am 21  
 years of age and a citizen, by blood, of the us Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Martin Gabriel, who is freedman citizen, by  
Choctaw, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
 (Male or female)

born to me on the 10 day of August, 1902; that said child has been  
 named John Gabriel, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Jimmie Yable

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

17 day of November, 1902

R. H. Luebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

I, Robetta Croome, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Jimmie Gabriel, wife of Martin Gabriel,  
 on the 10 day of August, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (Male or female)  
 named John Gabriel chen

WITNESSES TO MARK

Robetta Croome  
mark

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

R. M. Mason  
Wm C. Bunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

17 day of November, 1902

R. H. Luebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choc FR 952 Jane word

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jane Ward, said Ward being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him etals., testified:

I am going on 62. I belonged to Salina Davis. I was bred and born in the Territory and have been living here all my life. I a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the original record on file in the office of the Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes, at Atoka, Indian Territory, on August 28, 1899.

B. H. Needles

Choc FR 953 Elizabeth Croons

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 13, 1902.

Elizabeth Croons,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Bessie Croons, daughter of John and Elizabeth Croons, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your daughter, Bessie Croons, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of birth has been furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

W. V.  
B. C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-253.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 23, 1908.

Elizabeth Crooms,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of recent date in reply to our communication of the 15th inst., requesting evidence of the birth of your daughter, Bessie Crooms.

It is stated in your letter that this child is dead. You are informed that proof of her death should be furnished the Commission, for which purpose there is enclosed you herewith a blank which you are requested to have correctly executed and return in the enclosed envelope at your earliest convenience.

You will note there is an affidavit for a relative and an acquaintance. In having same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full and in event either of the persons whose names are to be affixed to the affidavits are unable to write, and their signatures are by mark, that such signatures are attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

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The notary public before whom the same are acknowledged  
must affix his notarial jurat and seal to each separate affidavit.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1902.

Elizabeth Grooms,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Guss McNeal relative to the death of your daughter, Bessie Grooms, a Choctaw freedman, which occurred July 17, 1901; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of death of the above named person.

Respectfully,

~~John G. ...~~



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Elizabeth Croons, said Croons being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 43. I belonged to Peter Pitchlynn, (a Choctaw.) I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I Peter Pitchlynn, upon my official oath as stenographer to the above named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*P. Pitchlynn*

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Pessie Coovs*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved OCT 31 1909 190

*Thomas B. ...*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE NINE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Bessie Croome  
(Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided ~~at~~ near  
Utoka, Ind. Ter., and died on the 17 day of  
July, 1901.  
(Here insert name of post office)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Clifford Croome, on oath state that I am 47  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Utoka, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the mother of Bessie Croome  
(State relationship - the father, a single, a consanguine) (Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Bessie Croome died on the 17 day of  
July, 1901.  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MAKE  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Sam S. Smith  
Lee Tolson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of October, 1902  
Norma C. Simice  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Clifford Croome, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age, and a citizen, by adoption of the White Nation;  
that my post office address is Utoka, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Bessie Croome  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Bessie Croome died on the 17 day of  
July, 1901.  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MAKE  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Sam S. Smith  
Lee Tolson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of October, 1902  
Norma C. Simice  
Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Bessie Croons

~~a citizen of the~~

Choclaw Free Burial Association.

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Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Bessie Croome  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Ukaha, Ind. Ter., and died on the 17th day of  
July, 1901  
(Here insert name of postoffice)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. )

I, Elizabeth Croome, on oath state that I am 45  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Ukaha, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the mother of Bessie Croome,  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Bessie Croome died on the 17th day of  
July, 1901  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSED TO MAKE  
Elizabeth Croome mark  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
Wm C Brown  
D. M. Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902  
R. H. Homebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. )

I, Louisa Croome, on oath state that I am 62  
years of age, and a Non Citizen Nation;  
that my post office address is Ukaha, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Bessie Croome  
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Bessie Croome died on the 17th day of  
July, 1901  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSED TO MAKE  
Louisa Croome mark  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
Wm C Brown  
D. M. Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902  
R. H. Homebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choc FR 954 wade Flack

FR 954

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Wade Flack, said Flack being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 34 years old. I belonged to Flack, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Nation all my life. Me and my wife are married.

Ann Horn, being sworn, testified:

I know Wade Flack; I know his wife. I know he is married. I saw him married. He has a child at home.

Department of the Interior

Assistant to the Inspector  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by the said witness and the translation of my handwriting.

B. H. Needles

Choc FR 955 Alex Nail

FR 955



COMMISSIONERS  
HENRY DAWES.  
TAMM SIXBY.  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES.  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 17, 1901.

Calvin Nail,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

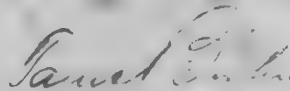
Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Asa Nail, the infant daughter of Calvin and Amanda Nail, born November 28th, 1900, and the same is returned to you herewith for the reason that the Commission is unable to identify the mother of this child as being listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that she is 18 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation. If this is true, you are requested to state her full name, the names of her parents, the time and place she appeared before the Commission as an applicant for enrollment and any other information that may lead to her identification.

Upon receipt of this information and the return of the application the matter will be given further consideration.

Yours truly,



Acting Chairman.

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I was Enrolled at ataska in  
aug or Sept 1899. My name then  
was Amanda Brown.

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My Father's Name was Noah Brown  
he is not living. My Mother has  
since married Alet Nail.

her Name is Rosa Nail,  
and is enrolled as Rosa Nail.

I married Edwin Nail about  
14 months ago. From the reason  
of the change in my name  
since Enrolling.

Edwin Nail  
Amanda Brown

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

F. J. L. E. D.

JAN 20 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN

*of the change in my name  
Prime Enrolment*

*June 21st 1901*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 30, 1901.

Calvin Nail,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of letter from Amanda Nail, of recent date, enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Asa Nail, the infant daughter of Amanda and Calvin Nail, born November 28th, 1900.

From the information contained in said letter the Commission has been enabled to identify Amanda Nail as listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman under the name of Mandy Brown, and the application for the enrollment of Asa Nail being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

You are requested to furnish the Commission with either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between yourself and Amanda Nail as authority for the changing of her name from Brown to Nail upon the records of this Commission. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Colbert, Indian Territory, June 12, 1900.

Mr. Alex Nail,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Wilson Nail, the infant son of Alex and Rose Nail, born May 19th, 1900, and the same, being in proper form, has been accepted and filed with the records of the Commission, and the child has been duly listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 28, 1902.

G.W. Stubblefield,

Callo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freeman of Virginia Stubblefield, infant daughter of G.W. and Callie Stubblefield, born March 3, 1901; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freeman.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the marriage license and certificate between G.W. Stubblefield and Callie Gilbert, and the same have been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for the enrollment of the above named child, and as authority for the change of the name of the mother upon our records from her maiden name to her present married name.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 18, 1902.

Alex Nail,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Irena and Wilson Nail, children of Alex and Rose Nail, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith two blank applications for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your children, Irena and Wilson Nail, as Choctaw freedmen until this evidence is supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
2 B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-955.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 14, 1908.

Alex Nail,

Wapamucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Rose Nail and that of Mariah Carr relative to the birth of your minor child, Irene Nail, March 19, 1898; also of the affidavit of Rose Nail and Mariah Carr relative to the birth of your minor child, Wilson Nail, May 19, 1900; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named children.

The letter from the Commission, dated June 12, 1900, is returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Luskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1907.

Halls Brothers,

Attorneys at Law,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of . H. Butler, A. J. Nail and Ada Oscar to the birth of Edward and Wallie Oscar Jr., children of Willie and Ada Oscar, February 27, 1903 and April 21, 1905; also affidavit of Rose Nail to the birth of Newton Nail, August 15, 1903.

You are advised that under an opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of November 15, 1906, Chickasaw freedmen are not a class of citizens of the Chickasaw Nation within the meaning of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, and children of Chickasaw freedmen are not entitled to enrollment under said act as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906.

You are further advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the

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minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of Newton Mail above referred to prior to July 25, 1906, the parents should appear before the General Office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, any time during the month of January 1907.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 25, 1907.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Chickasaw freedmen card No. 955, Rachel Colbert, et al., you are advised that red lines have been drawn through the names of Nancy Jigette and Bill Colbert, Nos. 2 and 3, respectively, thereon, and the following notation in red ink has been placed on said card:

"Enrollment of Nos. 2 and 3 cancelled  
by Department March 4, 1907 (I.T.D. 7860-1907).  
D. C. 13352-1907."

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

FRANCIS BANKS

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Alex Nail, said Nail being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 56. I belonged to Jonathon Nail. He was a Choctaw and his wife was a Chickasaw. I have been living in the Nation all my life. I am a Chickasaw. My wife belonged to Judge McCoy, a Choctaw.

Francis Banks, being sworn, testified:

I know Alex Nail. I know his family and his youngest child. It is a little baby.

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Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

*Francis Banks*

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Wilson Nail*  
as a citizen of the

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN. Nation.

Approved JUN 11 1900

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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JUN 11 1900  
COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES.

*Cherokee freedmen  
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Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE: Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Wilson Nail*, born on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1900  
 Name of Father: *Alex Nail*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Rose Nail*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Postoffice, *Poggy Depot S. T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

*Central* INDIAN TERRITORY District, )

I, *Rose Nail*, on oath state that I am *48* years of age and a citizen, by *adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of *Alex Nail*, who is a citizen, by *adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *Male* child was born to me on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1900; that said child has been named *Wilson Nail*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*W. J. ...*  
*W. J. ...*

*Rose Nail*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1900  
*W. J. Hall*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

*Central* INDIAN TERRITORY District, )

I, *Mariah Carr*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. *Rose Nail*, wife of *Alex Nail*, on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1900; that there was born to her on said date a *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named *Wilson Nail*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*W. J. ...*  
*W. J. ...*

*Mariah Carr*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1900  
*W. J. Hall*

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Wilson Hair*

as a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Wilson Nail, born on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1900  
(the name of child)  
 Name of Father: Ally Nail, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Rose Nail, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Wapanucka, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. )

I, Rose nail, on oath state that I am about 45  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Ally Nail, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1900, that said child has been  
 named Wilson Nail, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Rose Nail  
 mark  
Wily Card  
W R Atlaway

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 1902  
E. J. Ball  
 Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. )

I, Mariah Carr, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Rose Nail, wife of Ally Nail,  
 on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1900; that there was born to her on said  
 date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Wilson Nail.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mariah Carr  
 mark  
Wily Card  
W R Atlaway

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 1902  
E. J. Ball  
 Notary Public



No. *100*

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SCT.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT. }

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr. *Wm. H. ...* and  
M *Wm. H. ...*

was filed in my office in said Territory and District the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct*, A. D. *1900* and duly recorded in Book *...* of Marriage Record, Page

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at *Okla* this *14* day of *Oct*, A. D. *1900*

E. J. FANNIN,  
Clerk

By *...* Deputy

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between  
Mrs. *M. Stubblefield*  
of *Osado* in the Indian Territory, aged 30  
years, and *Mr. Willie Robert*  
of *Boggy Depot* in the Indian Territory, aged 19  
years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this  
License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, this 9 day of Oct A.D. 1900

*J. J. [Signature]*  
Deputy

*G. J. [Signature]*  
Clerk of the United States Court

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 11 day of Oct A. D. 1900  
I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and  
publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 11 day of Oct A. D. 1900

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the  
Indian Territory, Central District, Book *W*, Page *11*.

*W. J. [Signature]*  
*W. J. [Signature]*

NOTE: This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

CHOCTAW  
17-455

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Isana Nail*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw Nation.*

Approved

*[Signature]*  
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Commissioner.

COMMISSION TO THE CHOCTAW INDIAN TRIBE

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*[Signature]*  
S. C. HARRIS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Irena Nail*, born on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *Mich*, *1898*  
Name of Father: *aly Nail*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Rose Nail*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Wapanucka I. T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
*Central* District. )

I, *Rose Nail*, on oath state that I am *about 45*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *aly Nail*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
born to me on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *Mich*, *1898*; that said child has been  
named *Irena Nail*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Seal)

*Mich Carr*  
*W R Ataway*

*Rose + Nail*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov*, *1902*  
*E J Ball*  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
*Central* District. )

I, *Mariah Carr*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Rose Nail*, wife of *aly Nail*,  
on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *Mich*, *1898*, that there was born to her on said  
date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Irena Nail*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Seal)

*Mich Carr*  
*W R Ataway*

*Mariah + Carr*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov*, *1902*  
*E J Ball*  
Notary Public

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Lisa Nail*  
as a citizen of

Choctaw

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved, **JAN 29 1901**

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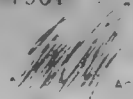


Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**

**JAN 29 1901**



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Asa Nail*, born on the *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov*, 1900  
Here insert name of child  
Name of Father: *Calvin Nail*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Amanda Nail*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-office, *Baggy Depot* O. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
*Centur* District.

I, *Amanda Nail*, on oath state that I am *18*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Calvin Nail*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov*, 1900 that said child has been  
named *Asa Nail*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Walter Steen*  
*L. B. Ball*  
*Amanda + Nail*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *Jan*, 1901.  
*E. J. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
*Centur* District.

I, *Rosa Nail*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Amanda Nail*, wife of *Calvin Nail*,  
on the *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov*, 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Asa Nail*.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Walter Steen*  
*L. B. Ball*  
*Rosa + Nail*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *Jan*, 1901.  
*E. J. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Virginia Shuffell*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Approved,

*[Signature]*

APPROVAL OF MOTHER

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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AUG 20 1902

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the* Seminole Nation,  
of Virginia Stollfield born on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1902  
Name of Father J. M. Stollfield a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother Callie Stollfield a citizen of the Seminole Nation.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District.  
I, Callie Stollfield, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by marriage, of the Seminole Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of J. M. Stollfield, who is a citizen, by  
marriage, of the United States Nation; that a male child was  
born to me on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1902; that said child has been  
named Virginia Stollfield, and is now living.

Callie Stollfield  
(Must be written by the mother)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1902  
E. J. Ball

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District.  
Rose on oath state that I  
attended the birth of Callie Stollfield, wife of J. M. Stollfield,  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1902; that there was born on  
said date a male child, that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Virginia Stollfield.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
Rose in Mail  
mark  
1 St. C. Parryer  
1 Andie Lindsey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1902  
E. J. Ball



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Kuskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

Lindy Kell,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Hester and Osceola Kell, children of Jacob and Lindy Kell, has been filed with the Commission. There are enclosed herewith two blank applications for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged attaches his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your two children, Hester and Osceola Kell, as Choctaw freedmen until this evidence is supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Eny.  
S. B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-956.

Mustoge, Indian Territory, November 8, 1902.

Linda Kiel,

Care A.T. Post,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 5th inst., enclosing your affidavit and that of Lula Dunford relative to the birth of your minor child, Esther Kiel, December 10, 1897; also your affidavit and that of Lula Dunford relative to the birth of your minor child, Osceola Kiel, June 5, 1899; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the children named therein.

It is stated in your letter that you have five children, Willie, Samuel, Esther, Osceola and Eva, the last named child being one year of age. You request to be advised whether their names all appear upon the rolls.

You are informed that all of the names mentioned in your letter, except Eva, have been duly listed for enrollment by this Commission as Choctaw freedmen.

It does not appear from our records that any application

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has ever been made for the enrollment of the child Eva, and a blank application for the enrollment of an infant child is enclosed you herewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

B.C.

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Malinda Keel, Jacob Keel being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him etals., testified:

My wife belonged to Dave Polson, a Choctaw and has been living in the Territory all the time.

Alex Nail: being sworn, testified:

I know Jacob Keel. I know he has two young children.

Dep. Comm. of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.  
My wife belonged to Dave Polson, a Choctaw and has been living in the Territory all the time.

L. L. Donald.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

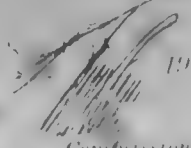
INFANT CHILD

*Oscola Keel*

as a citizen of the

*State of*

Approved



Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Oscrola Kiel, born on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1899  
(He is not a child of a child)  
Name of Father: Jacob Kiel, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Linda Kiel, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Lehigh Pt.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Linda Kiel, on oath state that I am (Don't know)  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Jacob Kiel, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female child was  
born to me on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1899, that said child has been  
named Oscrola Kiel, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1902  
James W. ...  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Lula Dunford, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Linda Kiel, wife of Jacob Kiel,  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1899; that there was born to her on said  
date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Oscrola Kiel.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1902  
James W. ...  
Notary Public

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Lillian Keele

a citizen of the

State of Nevada

Approved

NOV 22 1902

  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR # 956



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of

Silliman Keel

(Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the

Choctaw Freedman

Nation, who formerly resided at or near

Sehigh

(Here insert name of postoffice)

, Ind. Ter., and died on the

March, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Central

District.

I, Jacob Keel, on oath state that I am 57

years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation;

that my post office address is Sehigh, Ind. Ter.; that I am

(Here insert name of post office)

the father of Silliman Keel,

(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.)

(Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;

and that said Silliman Keel died on the

(Here insert name of deceased.)

March, 1900 Jacob his

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Wm. J. Brown  
R. M. Meen

mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902

W. H. Linebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Central

District.

I, Jesse Kemp, on oath state that I am 65

years of age, and a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;

that my post office address is Sehigh Ind. Ter.;

(Here insert name of post office)

that I was personally acquainted with Silliman Keel

(Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;

and that said Silliman Keel died on the

(Here insert name of deceased.)

March, 1900 Jesse his

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Wm. J. Brown  
R. M. Meen

mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902

W. H. Linebaugh  
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Wm. K. P. Garrison*  
as a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved NOV 26 1890

Commissioner

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN #956

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>free man</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Eric Karl, born on the 1 day of April, 1901  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Jacob Karl, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Lindy Karl, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Lehigh

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

I Lindy Karl, on oath state that I am 43  
 years of age and a citizen, by free man, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Jacob Karl, who is a citizen, by  
free man, of the Chickasaw Nation, that a female child was  
 (Male or female)  
 born to me on the 1 day of April, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Eric Karl, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lindy Karl  
Wm. C. Brown  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Nov., 1902

D. H. Linebaugh  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

I Lula Sursford, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Lindy Karl, wife of Jacob Karl,  
 on the 1 day of April, 1901; that there was born to her on said  
 date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (Male or female)  
 named Eric Karl.

WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lula Sursford  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of November, 1902

D. H. Linebaugh  
 Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Ester Kue*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved

NOV 8 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE SEVERAL CIVILIZED TRIBES

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NOV 8 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Delaware Nation,  
of Ester Kiel, born on the 10 day of December, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Jacob Kiel, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Linda Kiel, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: High St.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Central District.

I, Linda Kiel, on oath state that I am (Do not know)  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption husband, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Jacob Kiel, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the 10 day of December, 1897, that said child has been  
named Ester Kiel, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1902.

J. J. [Signature]  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Lula Dunford, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Linda Kiel, wife of Jacob Kiel,  
on the 10 day of December, 1897; that there was born to her on said  
date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
named Ester Kiel.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1902.

J. J. [Signature]  
Notary Public.

Choc FR 957 Betsy Thompson

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1904.

J. A. Gravens,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of your wife, Frances Gravens, and minor daughter, Erline Gravens; also that of Betsy Thompson.

You are informed that Frances Gravens and her minor daughter, Erline Gravens, and Betsy Thompson, the mother of Frances Gravens, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen but their rights to final enrollment as such have not yet been determined.

Respectfully,

JD

Chairman.



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Betsy Thompson, said Thompson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I do not know how old I am. I belonged to Giles Thompson. He was a white man, but his wife was a Choctaw. I was raised and have lived all the time in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. Freedman*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, JUNE 10, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson as Choctaw freedmen.

Henry Chalk, being sworn and examined by Chairman Tamm Bixby, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Henry Chalk.
- Q How old are you? A I could not tell you my age and tell you the truth, I don't know exactly how old I am.
- Q Were you a grown man at the time of the breaking out of the Civil War? A I know how old I was then; I lost my age after that.
- Q How old were you then? A I was seventeen years old then.
- Q Where do you live now? A I live right here at Muskogee now.
- Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q How long have you lived in Muskogee? A I have been backwards and forwards up here for about eighteen years.
- Q Have you lived in the Territory ever since the breaking out of the war? A I have lived here all my life; was born and raised here.
- Q Were you out of the territory at the time of the war? A No sir.
- Q Never was taken out at the time of the war? A No sir, I was just running cattle and driving wagons during the war.
- Q Did you know at the time of the war, Giles Thompson and his wife? A Yes sir, I know Giles Thompson and his wife.
- Q Did you live near them? A I lived down just east of them but I used to live up there just before the war about twelve miles right south of them, down on Blue.
- Q On Blue? A Yes sir, right on this old Texas road where it crosses Blue on the other side of the salt works.
- Q Where did Giles Thompson live at the breaking out of the war? A Right on Blue by the salt works.
- Q Where were the salt works? A Right there just this side of Buffalo Head.
- Q Near Boggy Depot? A Yes sir just between Buffalo Head and Boggy Depot where he run these saltworks.
- Q Was Giles Thompson a Choctaw? A No sir, a white man.
- Q Married to a Choctaw woman? A Yes sir.
- Q What was her name? A I don't know her name she was Jesse Walls and Dave Walls' sister.
- Q Do you know whether or not Giles Thompson wife was named Charlotte? A I would not swear to it.
- Q Did you know them both personally? A Yes sir.
- Q Saw them a good many times? A A great many times.
- Q Did Giles Thompson's wife own any slaves? A She owned them all.
- Q How many did she own? A I couldn't tell you how many there was for they run the big salt works and the farm too.
- Q Can you remember the names of any of Mrs. Thompson's slaves? A Yes sir, I can remember a good many of the names; Grundy was one and Cook was another.
- Q Cook? A Yes sir, and Harrison and Pont.
- Q Pont? A Yes sir, Pont, out here now.
- Q Pont who? A Pont Thompson. And another one they called Syd and old aunt Betsy she is down to McAlester now.
- Q Do you think of any more? A Angeline and Ellen.
- Q Yes, go ahead. A And Betsy, another Betsy, they had two Betsies and then one they called Mandy, she was a yellow woman. I done forgot most of them.

- Q Do you remember one named Laura? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you remember one named Josephine? A Josephine? She must be young
- Q No, she wouldn't be young now, she is dead? A I don't know; I won't swear to nothin' but what I recollect 'cause they was so many of them.
- Q Do you remember whether Mrs. Thompson had a slave named Mary Ward?
- A Mary Ward? I don't remember her at all.
- Q You don't recall her? A No sir.
- Q Do you remember one named Betsy Windon? A That must be the Betsy I was talking about.
- Q Do you know what her husband's name was? A No sir.
- Q Do you remember whether Mrs. Thompson had a slave named Nicy Harris?
- A Nicy? Yes sir, she had one named Nicy.
- Q Do you know whether Nicy is dead or not? A No sir.
- Q You won't say whether Mrs. Thompson had fifty or a hundred or two hundred slaves? A No sir, I don't believe she had as many as two hundred, I don't think it; I don't think she had that many at all.
- Q Did Giles Thompson's wife have any children? A I think she did; had two or three.
- Q Do you remember their names? A No sir.
- Q Don't know what became of them? A No sir, I don't, I wouldn't know them now if I could see them.
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- Q How old were these children at the breaking out of the war? A They were small children like, I was talking with one of the women down here at South McAlester, she was telling how just before the war she was pinching them and her mistress whipper her about it, the one called Angeline, she was the nurse.
- Q Who were you the slave of? A I was born and raised with Dave Homer a full blood Choctaw, he died and then I fell to his daughter and his daughter sold me then to Mary McCoy and I stayed with her till six years after slavery.
- Q Where did you live with Mary McCoy? A Right on Kiamichi a little east-- north, of Goodland about a mile, if you know where Goodland is, just in the edge of the prairie about a mile from Goodland.
- Q Do you remember the names of any of Mrs. Thompson's slaves who are now alive? A Yes sir.
- Q Who are they? A Well, I know one here -- Pont here, I saw him day before yesterday.
- Q Pont Thompson? A Yes sir, Syd Thompson down here at Stringtown and Angeline at South McAlester and old aunt Betsy, her mother; Betsy's name now is Crockett.
- Q Do you think of any others? A I don't know where the others are they are down there scattered about Atoka, from Atoka to Stringtown, I know where they is.
- Q Have you given us all the names you can recollect now? A About all I recollect.
- Q You are not able to recall any one by the name of Josephine? A I can't recall her now, Did you find one they called Cook on there, Cook was a big heavy-set black fellow.
- Q Did Mrs. Thompson have slaves living throughout the country down there near Boggy Depot on different farms? A They was all farming on the salt works.
- Q How many was at work on the salt works? A I don't know; they would be up and down there on the creek where they had the salt works some of them hauling water, some tending the salt kettles; I was a young boy, - gathering up and hauling salt to Boggy Depot.
- Q How big a farm did they have? A I could not tell you exactly how big a farm but it was a good big farm.

- Q Did they have a good many slaves? A Yes sir, a good many slaves; the farm got big and and he put a heap of hands on his farm and had hired hands on his salt works. He had some of Robert Mail's blacks hired there at work on his salt works .
- Q Did you know Lewis Duncanson? He was an Indian and the husband of Josephine? A I don't know Lewis Duncanson, if I knew I forgot about him.

Witness excused.

Anna Bell, having been first duly sworn, testifies that she reported in full the proceedings in the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson, on June 16, 1904, and the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes in said cause on said date.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1904.

*Anna Bell*  
*W. O. Beards*

Notary Public.

17-957

Testimony of  
Henry Cralt

In Re  
Giles Thompson's  
Slaves

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
South McAlester, Ind. Ter. July 23, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Betsy Thompson being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A My name is Betsy Thompson.  
Q Do you go by any other name? A Winslow.  
Q How old are you? A I am one hundred and one.  
Q Are you that old Aunt Betsy? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A I haven't no father.  
Q Do you know the name of your mother? A My mother is named Polly, she belonged to white people not in this state.  
Q You were a slave before the war? A Yes, sir, slave from a little girl.  
Q What was the name of your owner? A My first owner was named Folsom.  
Q Who was your owner just before the war? A Giles Thompson.  
Q Were you his slave at the time you were freed? A Yes, sir, me and my children.  
Q Was Giles Thompson an Indian? A He wasn't Indian but he had two Indian wives, one died and he married the other sister; their name was Walls.  
Q Their name was Wall? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of his first Indian wife? A Sallie.  
Q When did she die? A It has been years and years since she died.  
Q That was long before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of the other wife he had? A Charlotte.  
Q Was Charlotte his wife just before the war? A No, sir.  
Q Who was his wife then? A After she died he married a white woman.  
Q Did Charlotte die before the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long before the war, do you remember? A No, sir, I don't know just exactly how long, I don't remember.  
Q Several years before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q This Sallie and Charlotte were they members of some Indian tribe?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What nation? A I don't remember.  
Q Where did they live? A They lived at Doakesville.  
Q You don't know what Indian tribe they belonged to? A No, sir.  
Q You know they they were Indians? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did Sallie or Charlotte have any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q By this man Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, they were all grown they died.  
Q Are any of those children living? A No, sir, not that I know of; they ain't any of them living now as I know of.

- Q What were the names of some of those children? A Nettie and Sophia and Albert and Betsy.
- Q Those were all the children that they had? A Yes, sir, I think that was all they had - they had more but I guess they died.
- Q Did Giles Thompson have a child named Waldimer? A He didn't have nary one named Waldimer as I know of, but he had one named Albert and the other one was named - he died in Texas and I can't recall his name now.
- Q Who was Albert's mother? A His mother was named Charlotte Thompson.
- Q She was his second wife? A Yes, sir.
- Q After Charlotte Wall died who was Giles Thompson's next wife? A After she died he married a white woman in Texas and I forget her name.
- Q This wife he married in Texas was that the woman he was living with in the war? A Just after the war.
- Q Then he didn't have any wife during the war and just before the war after Charlotte died? A No, sir, none but that white woman; he got her sight and unseen.
- Q At the time the war broke out you were the slave of Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, all my children were born on Thompson's place right down at the salt works.
- Q Where are those salt works located? A Way down on Boggy.
- Q Were these children of Giles and his Indian wives living there with him at the time of the war? A No, sir, the girls were married off.
- Q They were all grown at that time? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many slaves did Giles Thompson have? A I ~~w~~ couldn't tell you, he had a good many.
- Q Did he have as many as fifty? A I guess he had over fifty.
- Q Did he have as many as a hundred? A Just about that children and all.
- Q Do you remember the names of any of his slaves? A Uncle Cook and Aunt Rachel, that is two; Aunt Pagy is three and Aunt Jinny is four and Sarah is five; that is how many women he had.
- Q Do you know a slave named Anderson? A Yes, sir, I believe he had a man named Anderson.
- Q Do you know whether he had one named Sid? A Yes, sir, Sydney Thompson; and Henry Thompson and Jim Thompson, they were my sons.
- Q Do you know one named Laura? A I know he had a slave named Grundy but I don't believe he had one named that.
- Q Do you know of one named Angie? A She is my daughter; I had four daughters and one died and the other daughters are at Stringtown.
- Q Angie was born a slave? A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you any other daughters? A Yes, sir, I have three living.
- Q What are their names? A Rachel and Frances; two boys, one named Jim and the other Henry.
- Q They are both living? A Yes, sir, all my children were born slaves.
- Q Did Giles Thompson have some children by this white woman he married? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you know the names of those children? A No, sir.
- Q You are sure that these wives, Sallie and Charlotte, died some time before the war are you? A Charlotte died just commencing of the war, just about - yes, sir, I was a slave yet when she died but I can't remember what month but it was about Christmas.



- Q Had the war started yet when she died? A yes, sir, the war had started but it hadn't ended yet.
- Q You are sure that she died while the war was going on? A Yes, sir, we use to give suppers for them; she said she was going to scald old Lincoln.
- Q They had started to fight had they - Indians had gone to the war had they? A Yes, sir, the Indians were going at the time she died.
- Q Where did you live during the war? A Didn't you hear me tell you at the salt works down on Boggy.
- Q You stayed there all the time? A Yes, sir, stayed there until we were freed.
- Q Did all these slaves stay there? A Yes, sir.
- Q The soldiers didn't come around there and run you off? A No, sir, we didn't see any soldiers at all.
- Q When did Giles Thompson die, do you know? A Been dead about six or seven years now I guess; that is as near as I can guess at it.
- Q About how long after the war when he died? A He died after the war, I don't know how long he lived then after the war.
- Q Did he live quite a while after? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you stay down there with him after the war? A No, sir, I left him; he said if we didn't get out he would burn the houses down and we went to Fort Smith.
- Q That was after the war? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long did you stay at Fort Smith? A About five years the children come out here and I walked out here.
- Q When he drove you out was after the fighting had all quit? A Yes, sir, we were all freed. George Harkins had one of my old mistresses and he told us he didn't like the way Giles was treating us and he told us to get out and Sam Ward he killed a beef and gave us.
- Q Did you know Henry Chalk? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did he live down there near you? A No, sir, he lived way down towards Caddo.
- Q He was a slave was he? A Yes, sir.
- Q Whose slave was he? A I can't recollect the name but I knewed him that is all.
- Q You don't know of any boys by these Indian women? A Yes, sir, ~~xxxxxxx~~ I told you his name, Albert:
- Q That is the only boy that Giles had by his Indian wife? A Yes, sir, and the other boy went to Texas to school and he died at Texas and I disremember his name, he was grown, but he died in Texas.
- Q Who were you slaves owned by, by Giles or his wife? A Giles Thompson.
- Q You were freed under Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, she didn't have no niggers, he bought us all.
- Q Was Giles Thompson ever recognized as a citizen of any Indian tribe? A I don't know but he was just the same as an Indian, he had two wives.
- Q They were both Indians? A yes, sir.
- Q You don't know what tribe they belonged to? A No, sir - they were Choctaws.
- Q Their name before they married Giles was Wall? A Yes, sir.

- Q Do you know the names of any of their family? A No, sir.  
Q Did Giles ever have a slave named Nicy? A Yes, sir, she is  
dead, she was his cook.  
Q Did Giles have a slave named Mary? A Yes, sir, she is at  
Stringtown.  
Q Did he have one named Josephine or Josie? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she dead or living? A She is dead I think.

Witness excused.

Chas. T. Difendafer being first duly sworn states that the  
above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his  
stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

*Chas. T. Difendafer.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July 1904.

*Charles H. Sawyer*  
Notary Public.



Choc FR 958 Ida Walters

FR 958

FREDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ida Walters, said Walters being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et-als., testified:

(Citizenship same as Mahala Neal, whose mother was Betsy Thompson and belonged to Giles Thompson. .

I am a Choctaw. I have been living in the Indian Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I do hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this translation is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

W. H. Needles

Choc FR 959 Cora Green

FR 959

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Ind. Ter. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Cora Green, said Green being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him etals., testified:

I am 24; my mother is Mahala Neal. My mother's mother was Betsy Thompson and she belonged to Gles Thompson, a Choctaw.) I have lived in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I have sworn upon my office as stated above and affirmed Commissioner, that this transaction is true and correct transaction of my statement.

B. McLaughlin

Choc FR 960 Angie Crawford

FR 960

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Angie Crawford, said  
Crawford being examined and sworn by Commissioner Needles testified:

My mother is Betsy Thompson and she belonged to Giles  
Thompson. He was a white man, but his wife was a Choctaw. I have  
lived in the Indian Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a  
stenographic report of the deposition of Angie Crawford, taken at  
Atoka, Indian Territory, on August 28, 1899, and a true and correct  
copy of the original is on file in my office.

B. J. McAdams

Choc FR 961 Ella Beams

FR 961

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 23, 1904.

S. M. Beames,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 2, 1904, in which you ask if the enrollment of your child, Magnolia Beames and your wife, Lizzie Beames, has been approved.

In reply to your letter you are informed that Ella Beames daughter of Lewis Jackson and Angie Crawford, and wife of Simon Beames has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman and her name placed upon a schedule of freedmen of said Nation which has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior but the Commission has not yet been notified of departmental action thereon.

It appears from our records that Magnolia Beames, child of Simon and Ella Beames has been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman but her name has not yet been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior for the reason it does not appear that proper evidence of her birth has been supplied. For this purpose there is enclosed herewith a blank application for the enrollment of an infant child.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the



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Notary Public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged, affixes his notarial jurat and seal to each affidavit, and the signatures by which they are attested by two disinterested witnesses.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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17-961.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 31, 1904.

Ella Jackson,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Mameva Harris relative to the birth of your minor daughter Magnolia Sears September 18, 1896 and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-961

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 31, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby advised that the following notation has this day been placed upon original Choctaw Freedman enrollment card number 961 Wila Beams et al.

"No. 2 born Sept. 18, 1896, proof of birth filed Aug. 31, 1904.

You are therefore requested to make like notation upon the duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-951.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 31, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby advised that the following notation has  
this day been placed upon original Chickasaw Freedman enrollment  
card number 961 Willa Beams et al.

"No. 2 born Sept. 18, 1896, proof of birth filed Aug. 31,  
1904."

You are therefore requested to make like notation upon  
the duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-961

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 31, 1904.

Ella Jackson,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of  
Maneva Harris relative to the birth of your minor daughter Magnolia  
Beams September 18, 1896 and the same being in proper form have been  
fully filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth  
of the above named child.

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Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ella Beams, said beams being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

Angie Crawford is my mother and her mother was Betsy Thompson who belonged to Giles Thompson, a white man, but his wife was a Choctaw. I have ~~always~~ lived in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

W. H. Crawford

*IN RE*

*Application for Enrollment of*

*INFANT CHILD*

*Magnolia Beams*

*as a citizen of the*

*Choctaw*

*Nation.*

*Approved*

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*Commissioner.*

*proof of birth of child listed for  
enrollment Aug 28. 1899*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Magnolia Beams, born on the 18 day of Sept, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Simon Beams, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ella Jackson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-Office: South Mc Alester, Ok.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. }

I, Ella Jackson, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by Frederick, of the Cherokee Nation:  
was at the time Magnolia Beams was born  
that I am the lawful wife of Simon Beams, who is a citizen, by  
Frederick, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the 18 day of Sept. 1896; that said child has been  
named Magnolia Beams, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Aug., 1904.  
H. B. Milner  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. }

I, Manewa Harris, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ella Jackson (nee Beams), wife of Simon Beams,  
on the 18 day of Sept. 1896; that there was born to her on said  
date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Magnolia Beams.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Aug., 1904.  
Manewa Harris  
H. B. Milner  
Notary Public.



Choc FR 962 Rachel Henderson

FR 962

Galbert, Indian Territory, June 12, 1900.

Mr. Boit Henderson,

Stringtown, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Harvey Henderson, the infant son of Boit and Rachel Henderson, and the same, being in proper form, has been accepted and filed with the records of the Commission, and the child has been duly listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 11, 1902.

Sonny Hughes,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Ernestine Hughes, infant daughter of Sonny and Bernice Hughes, born April 9, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the marriage license and certificate between Sino Hughes and Bernice Henderson and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of the above named infant child.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-962

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

Rachel Henderson,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Edna Henderson, daughter of Brit and Rachel Henderson, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your daughter, Edna Henderson, as a Choctaw freedman until this evidence is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

Choo. Freed. 962

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 23, 1902.

Rachel Henderson,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant, in which you state that your daughter Edna Henderson, was born June 26, 1898, and that if necessary you can furnish evidence of her birth.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it is necessary that the Commission have evidence of the birth of this child, and you are requested to forward the same as soon as practicable on the blank forwarded you with our communication of the 15th instant.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-963.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 8, 1902.

Britt Henderson,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Rachel Henderson and Emma Jones relative to the birth of your minor daughter, Edna Henderson, June 28, 1898. In each of these affidavits it is stated that the child died April 18, 1900.

The affidavits being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child, and also as evidence of its death.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 2, 1903.

Bernice Hughes,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Essie Hughes, infant daughter of S. and Bernice Hughes, born December 9, 1902.

You are advised that the Commission is without authority to enroll this child as a Choctaw freedman, it appearing that said child was born December 9, 1902, subsequent to the ratification by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 25, 1902 of an act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 841).

Section twenty-eight thereof provides as follows:

"The names of all persons living on the date of the final ratification of this agreement entitled to be enrolled as provided in section 27 hereof shall be placed upon the rolls made by said Commission; and no child born thereafter to a citizen or freedman and no person intermarried thereafter to a citizen shall be entitled to enrollment or to participate in the distribution of the tribal property of the Choctaws and Chickasaws."

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. August 26, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Rachael Henderson, said Henderson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

Betsy Thompson is my mother and she belonged to Giles<sup>d</sup> Thompson, who was a white man, but his wife was a Choctaw.

I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*H. W. Foreman*



IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Edna Henderson*

as a citizen of the

OHIO REVISED EDITION  
Nation.

Approved

NOV 7 1902



Commissioner.

*These affidavits are also filed  
as proof of death of above child*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Edna Henderson, born on the 26 day of June 1898  
(to insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Britt Henderson, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Rachel Henderson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Strongtown, MS

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central Federal District.

I, Rachel Henderson, on oath state that I am about 40  
 years of age and a citizen, by option, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Britt Henderson, who is a citizen, by  
option, of the U.S. Nation, that a female child was  
 born to me on the 26 day of June 1898; that said child has been  
 named Edna Henderson, and ~~is now living~~ is now dead died April  
24<sup>th</sup> 1900

Rachel Henderson

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1902.  
J. S. Kennedy  
 Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central Federal District.

I, Edna Henderson, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Rachel Henderson, wife of Britt Henderson,  
 on the 26 day of June 1898; that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now dead and is said to have been  
 named Edna Henderson, child died April 24<sup>th</sup> 1900

Edna Henderson

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1902.  
J. S. Kennedy  
 Notary Public

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Edmund Henderson*  
*President*  
*of the*

*Chocoma* Nation

Approved **NOV 21 1902** 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Edmund Henderson  
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Springtown, Ind. Ter., and died on the 25 day of  
April, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

I, Rachael Henderson, on oath state that I am 38  
years of age and a citizen by birth, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Springtown, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
mother of Edmund Henderson,  
who was a citizen, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Edmund Henderson died on the 25 day of  
April, 1900. Rachael Henderson

WITNESSED TO MAKE

(Notary Public)  
(Witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of July, 1902

E. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

I, Edmund Roberts, on oath state that I am 65  
years of age, and a citizen, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Springtown, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Edmund Henderson,  
who was a citizen, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Edmund Henderson died on the 25 day of  
April, 1900. Edmund Roberts

WITNESSED TO MAKE

(Notary Public)  
(Witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of July, 1902

E. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public

No. 17

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY, DISTRICT

*W. H. ...*, Clerk  
of the United States Court in the Indian Territory  
and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that  
the License to and Certificate of the Marriage of  
Mr. *...*  
M. *...*

is in my office in said Territory and District the  
day of ... A. D. 1902  
and duly recorded in Book ... of Marriage  
Record, Page ...

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court.

at ... this ...  
day of ... A. D. 1902

*...*  
District

DEPARTMENT OF THE ...  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*[Handwritten signature]*  
AGENT

No. 1919

Form No. 598

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage Ceremonies:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mrs. L. M. ... of ... years, and Mr. ... of ... years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this ... day of ... A. D. 1901

*[Signature]*  
Deputy

*[Signature]*  
Clerk of the United States Court

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

Jas. F. Morris,  
Minister of the Gospel

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. A. D. 1901, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANNES OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. A. D. 1901

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book A, Page 284

*[Signature]*  
Minister of the Gospel

Note - This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Harrey Henderson*  
as a citizen of the

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN. Nation.

Approved **JUN 11 1900**

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES.

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Harvey Henderson born on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1900  
 Name of Father: Brick Henderson, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Rachel Henderson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Postoffice, Stringtown, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District, )

I, Rachel Henderson, on oath state that I am 30  
 years of age and a citizen, by Common, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Brick Henderson, who is a citizen by  
More Citizen Nation; that a small child was  
 born to me on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1900; that said child has been  
 named Harvey Henderson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Rachel Henderson

(Must be in presence of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900.

[Signature]  
 Commissioner

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central Judicial District, )

I, H. M. Miller, a Physician, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Rachel Henderson, wife of Brick Henderson,  
 on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1900; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Harvey Henderson.

WITNESSES TO MARK

[Signature]

(Must be in presence of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1900.

[Signature]  
 Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC



*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of

Nation.

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*IN RE* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 of *Ernestine Hughes*, born on the *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 1901.  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: *Sonny Hughes*, a citizen of the *U. S.* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Bernice Hughes*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Post-office: *Strungben, S. I.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 Central Judicial District.

I, *Bernice Hughes*, on oath state that I am *18* years of age and a citizen, by *adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation; that I am the lawful wife of *Sonny Hughes*, who is a citizen, by *adoption* of the *U. S.* Nation; that a *female* child was born to me on *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 1901; that said child has been named *Ernestine Hughes*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*M. J. Kennedy*  
*E. J. Strungben*

*Bernice + Hughes*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 1902  
*D. J. Kennedy*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 Central Judicial District.

I, *Melinda Dorsey*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. *Bernice Hughes*, wife of *Sonny Hughes*, on the *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named *Ernestine Hughes*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*M. J. Kennedy*  
*E. J. Strungben*

*Melinda + Dorsey*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 1902  
*D. J. Kennedy*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

Choc FR 963 Jim Thompson

FR 963

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 24, 1900

Jimmy Thompson,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, in which you request that you be furnished with a blank application for the enrollment of an infant.

In accordance with your request there is enclosed you herewith, a blank of the description desired. In having the same executed, be careful to see that all blanks are filled, all names written in full and in the event that either the mother or attending physician or nurse making affidavit to the birth of the child, do not write but their signatures are by mark, that such mark is attested by two disinterested parties as witnesses thereto. The Notary Public taking the acknowledgements of the mother and attending physician or nurse must affix his notarial stamp and seal to each separate affidavit.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

BC

In reply please  
refer to 17-963

W. H. EDWARDS

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 26, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jim Thompson, said Thompson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother was Betsy Thompson and she belonged to Giles Thompson, and he was a white man, but his wife was a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of the original Cherokee text as shown to me by the Commissioner and that this translation is a true and correct translation of the original text.

W. H. Edwards

Choc FR 964 Rachel Thompson

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Muskegee, Indian Territory, May 25, 1907.

United States Indian Agent,

Muskegee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 17, 1907, requesting to be advised if Rachel Thompson is enrolled as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, or as a freedman or intermarried citizen as complaint has been filed at your office for possession of certain land.

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In reply to your letter you are advised that Rachel Thompson, has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman and her enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Rachel Thompson said Thompson being sworn in by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to Giles Thompson, a Choctaw and I have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.  
I have been sworn in by the Commissioner as  
steno-grapher to the named Commission, but this  
transcription is a true and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

R. W. [Signature]



Choc FR 965 Lee Green

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 1, 1905.

Lee Green,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 28, 1905, in which you state that your children Klar Jemima Ann Green, James Alexander Green and Christopher Thomas Green were enrolled on the Choctaw freedman roll of 1885 and you desire that their names be placed upon our present roll.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it does not appear from our records that application has been made to this Commission by or on behalf of the children above named for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen and under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, the Commission is now without authority to receive or consider original applications for enrollment in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 18, 1905.

Mattie Gary,

Care of Jesse Gary,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 12, 1905, asking if your mother Amandy Green who died July 30, 1902 is entitled to her allotment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that Mandy Green died July 30, 1902. Her application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman was dismissed under the act of Congress of July 1, 1902, which provides that no person who died prior to September 25, 1902, the date of the ratification of said act, is entitled to enrollment and allotment in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lee Green, said Green being examined and sworn by Commissioner Needles, testified:

I don't know my age. I belonged to Mike La Flore and was freed under him. He was a Choctaw. I have been here ever since I was freed. I am married; my wife belonged to Dave Harkins, a Choctaw

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. C. Adams*

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Mandy Green  
a ~~citizen of the~~

Christian Freedman

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Mandy Green (Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near Atoka, Ind. Ter., and died on the 30th day of

July, 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Lee Green, on oath state that I am 53 years of age and a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.; that I am the husband of Mandy Green, (State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Mandy Green died on the 30th day of

July, 1902 Lee Green

WITNESSES TO MAKE:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902  
O. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, H. W. Gardner, on oath state that I am 65 years of age, and a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Mandy Green who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Mandy Green died on the 30th day of

July, 1902 H. W. Gardner

WITNESSES TO MAKE:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902  
O. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choc FR 966 Jesse Gary

FR 966

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 5, 1903.

Mattie L. Gary,  
Atoka, Indian Territory,  
c/o Jesse Gary.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 30, asking why the enrollment of yourself and your family has not been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Jesse Gary, his wife, Mattie Gary, and their children, Chester and Lindsey Gary, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, but their names have not been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 1, 1904.

Jesse Gary.

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 28, 1904, requesting information relative to the enrollment of yourself and family as Choctaw freedmen.

You are advised it appears from our records that Jesse Gary, his wife, Mattie Gary, and their children, Chester and Lindsey Gary, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon a schedule of such freedmen, to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw Freedmen  
966 & 1160.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 1, 1904.

James Gary,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 24, in which you state that you have understood contents of letters of your family, to-wit, Mattie and Lindsay Gary, who had their names placed upon schedules of Choctaw Freedmen which have been sent to the Secretary of the Interior for review. You also state that your son, Chester Gary, has not been enrolled as a child of Mattie and Lindsay Gary, and that additional evidence will be required before he can be enrolled.

In reply to your letter, you stated that before the Commission can determine your right to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, for the purpose of testifying relative to your right to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

It does not appear from our records that evidence of the birth of your son, Chester Gary, has been filed with the Commission, and before the application for his enrollment can receive further consideration, it will be necessary for you to forward such evidence.

J. C. 2.

For this purpose, there is enclosed herewith a blank form for the proof of birth of infant children, which kindly have executed and return to this office as early as practicable. In having same executed, be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary before whom the affidavits are acknowledged affixes his name and seal to each affidavit.

Replying to that portion of your letter relating to Malsey Gary, the mother of Malsey Gary being a non-citizen, the Commission cannot pass upon the right of this child to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman until your right to enrollment has been determined.

Respectfully,

B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1904.

Jesse Gary,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 13th, in which you request that your testimony in the matter of the enrollment of yourself and family be taken at Atoka.

In reply to your letter you are informed that in compliance with your request your testimony in the matter of the enrollment of yourself and children as Choctaw freedmen will be taken during the appointment of the Commission at the Choctaw Land Office, September 6--7, 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 20, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby advised that the following notation has this day been made upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card number 966 Jesse Gary et al.

"No. 3 born Aug. 16, 1899, proof of birth filed Sept. 20, 1904."

You are therefore requested to place like notation upon duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 20, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby advised that the following notation has this day been made upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card number 966 Jesse Gary et al.

"No. 3 born Aug. 16, 1899, proof of birth filed Sept. 20, 1904."

You are therefore requested to place like notation upon duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Atoka, I.T. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jesse Gary, said Gary being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother was Nicey Thompson and she belonged to Giles Thompson, I suppose. Giles Thompson was a Choctaw. I am married. I am a My wife is a citizen. My wife's mother is Mandy Green and she belonged to Dave Harkins. I am 29.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as  
stenographer of the named Commission that this  
transcript is a full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes

B. McClelland

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Chester Gary*

as a citizen of

*Shocian*

Nation.

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*proof of birth of child listed  
for enrollment August 28 1899*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Chester Gary (Here insert name of child.), born on the 16 day of August, 1892  
Name of Father: Jose Gary a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mattie Gary a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Postoffice Citoken N.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Mattie L. Gary, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Jose Gary, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Male child was  
(Male or Female.)  
born to me on 16 day of August 1892; that said child has been named  
Chester Gary, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Mattie L. Gary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1904.  
W. F. Angell  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
DISTRICT. }

I, Jane Ward, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mattie Gary, wife of Jose Gary  
on the 16 day of August 1892; that there was born to her on said date a Male  
(Male or Female.)  
child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Chester Gary.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
Elais E. Ashton.  
David G. Lend

Jane Ward

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1904.  
W. F. Angell  
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lindsey Gary  
as a citizen of the

Choctaw Freedmen Nation

Approved NOV 22 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEMEN

# 966

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freudian</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Lindsay Gary, born on the 3 day of July, 1902  
 Name of Father: Jesse Gary, a citizen of the Choctaw freudian Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Matie Gary, a citizen of the Choctaw freudian Nation.  
 Post-Office: Atoka I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

I, Matie Gary, on oath state that I am 26  
 years of age and a citizen, by freudian, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Jesse Gary, who is a citizen, by  
freudian, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
 born to me on the 3 day of July, 1902; that said child has been  
 named Lindsay Gary, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of November 1902

A. Stinebaugh  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

I, J. S. Fullon, a physician, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Matie Gary, wife of Jesse Gary  
 on the 3 day of July, 1902 that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Lindsay Gary.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of November 1902

A. Stinebaugh  
Notary Public

choc FR 967 mary ward

FR 967

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mary Ward, said Ward being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I do not know how old I am. I belonged to Cyrus Thomps-n, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Choctaw Nation all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as  
seen by me and that it is a true and correct copy of the original  
transmitted to me and of the original of  
my State of the Indian

D. M. NEEDLES

Choc FR 968 Nathan Davis

FR 968

(DC.2825-1904).

(COPY).

Atoka, I.Ter., Jan. 26, 1904.

to the Daws Commissioners

Dear Sir:-

My name is not approved of yet and my farther whose name is Albert Geary and my brother Isreal Gary and my brother Dave Geary they are approved of, and I go by Nathan Davis, But I am not yet approved of.

Nathan Davis is my real name. But my farther and other brother go by Geary, as Geary was the man that use to own my farther, and they are going by that name Gary.

And now I write you to see if I would have to go by Gaory to be approved of or not, as it seem that I am not going to be approved of by Davis, and as all the rest of my people go by Gary I can go by Gary too, as I am a son of he whom is known by Albert Gary.

trusting to receive some information from you at any early date.

I am

Nathan Davis.

(File in Choc. Freedmen Jkt.968).



Choctaw Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 6, 1904.

Nathan Davis,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 26, in which you state that your father and brothers who go by the name of Gary have been enrolled and approved and you wish to know if it will be necessary for you to go by this name in order to be enrolled. You further state that your correct name is Davis but that your father and brother go by the name of Gary which is the name of the citizen to whom they belonged.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the information contained in your letter has been made a matter of record, and your name will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge



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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 23, 1904

Nathan Davis,

Atoka, Indian Territory

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 4, 1904, relative to your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are informed that you have been enrolled by the Commission as a Choctaw freedman and your name placed upon a schedule of freedmen of said Nation which has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for approval, but the Commission has not yet been notified of departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Nathan Davis, said Davis being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 22. My mother was Lizzie Gary. She was a Choctaw. I have been living in the territory all my life. My mother belonged to old Jim Gary.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I, Nathan Davis, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the testimony of Nathan Davis, as given to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899, in the matter of the enrollment of Nathan Davis, as shown by the original copy of this testimony in the possession of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Attest my hand and seal this 29th day of August, 1899.

Choc FR 969 Alex Durant

FR 969

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1904.

James W. Chambers,

Attorney at Law.

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, requesting information relative to the enrollment of Millie Bryant, and her daughter Celeste, who is also known as Maud Hyatt, and Dixy Ivory Hyatt, and further if proof of the birth of said Dixy Ivory Hyatt and evidence of marriage between said Maud Corveline Hyatt is on file with the records of the Commission.

You are informed that Millie Bryant and her daughter Celeste, who is also known as Maud Hyatt, and Dixy Ivory Hyatt have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their rights to final enrollment have not yet been declared by the Commission.

You are further advised that the records of the Commission show that evidence of the birth of Dixy Ivory Hyatt was filed July 11, 1903 and evidence of marriage between Corveline Hyatt and Hyatt was filed on the same date.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-969

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

Luanda Littrell,  
c/o Jackson James,  
Burse, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of this office that on February 20, 1906, there was filed with the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a petition praying for the transfer of the names, among others, of your children, Lorena Littrell and Zola Littrell, from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, but there was no proof of birth for your minor children.

In order that the rights of your said minor children, Lorena and Zola Littrell, may be properly determined as Choctaw freedmen, you are advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with proper proof of birth for each of said children, and in order to assist you in this matter there are inclosed herewith blank proofs of birth, which you should have properly executed and return the same to this office not later than January 28, 1907.

This matter should receive your prompt attention and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof may deprive

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your children of such rights to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen  
as said children may have.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

2 B. C.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Alex Durant, said Durant being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 45. I was born a slave and belonged to Fisher Durant. I have always lived here in the Nation. I am married. My wife is a Chickasaw. My wife's mother was Charity Williams and belonged to Britt Willis, a Chickasaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
by the Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes  
as shown by the testimony of the Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes  
in the matter of the enrollment of Alex Durant, a Chickasaw  
of the Five Civilized Tribes

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Choc FR 970 Lula COX

FR 970



Atoka, Indian Territory, June 2, 1900.

Mr. Jackson Cox

Wapamoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of an application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Abraham Cox, the infant son of Jackson and Lada Cox, born February 14th, 1900, and the same being in proper form, has been duly filed with the records of the Commission.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

In reply to this letter,  
please refer to V-4165

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

Lula Cox,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Lonzo Cox, son of Jackson and Lula Cox, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Lonzo Cox, as a Choctaw freedman until this evidence is supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-070.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 25, 1908.

Jack Cox,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of  
Lula Cox and Mary Cox relative to the birth of Lonzo Cox, minor  
child of Jack and Lula Cox, February 2, 1898; and the same being  
in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commis-  
sion as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lula Cox, said Cox being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 20 years old. My mother's name was Tennie Brown and she is Ruffin Gardner's daughter and he belonged to Sallie Gardner, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

R. W. O. S. S. S.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Longo Cox*

as a citizen of the

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

FILED

OCT 25 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Lougo Cot*, born on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *Feb*, *1898*  
Name of Father: *Jack Cot*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Lula Cot*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Wapanucka*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.)

I, *Lula Cot*, on oath state that I am *22*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Jack Cot*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption*, of the *Chickasaw* Nation, that a *Male* child was  
born to me on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *Feb*, *1898*; that said child has been  
named *Lougo Cot*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*George Cot*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct*, *1902*  
*E. J. Ball*  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.)

I, *Mary Cot*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Lula Cot*, wife of *Jack Cot*,  
on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *Feb*, *1898*; that there was born to her on said  
date a *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Lougo Cot*.

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Mary hu Cot*  
*W. R. Allaway*  
*H. C. Pearson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct*, *1902*  
*E. J. Ball*  
Notary Public

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Abraham Cox.*

as a citizen of the

Nation.

Approved, JUN 7 1900



*Commissioner.*

**FILED**  
JUN 7 1900  
COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIPS

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Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*IN RE* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Abraham Got*, born on the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *Feb*, 1900  
 Name of Father: *Jackson Got*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Lula Got*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Postoffice, *Wapanosha*, *S. G.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY )  
*Central* District. )

I, *Lula Got*, on oath state that I am *28*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Jackson Got*, who is a citizen, by  
*Marriage*, of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *Male* child was  
 born to me on the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *Feb*, 1900; that said child has been  
 named *Abraham Got*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Witnesses to mark)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1900  
*W. H. Ball*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY )  
*Central* District. )

I, *Hanna Jackson*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Lula Got*, wife of *Jackson Got*,  
 on the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *Feb*, 1900; that there was born to her on  
 said date a *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named *Abraham Got*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Witnesses to mark)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1900  
*W. H. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC



Choc. Fr. 971

Calvin Nail

Fr. 971

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 17, 1901.

Calvin Nail,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Asa Nail, the infant daughter of Calvin and Amanda Nail, born November 28th, 1900, and the same is returned to you herewith for the reason that the Commission is unable to identify the mother of this child as being listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that she is 18 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation. If this is true, you are requested to state her full name, the names of her parents, the time and place she appeared before the Commission as an applicant for enrollment and any other information that may lead to her identification.

Upon receipt of this information and the return of the application the matter will be given further consideration.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-971

Enc. ~~mm~~

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Calvin Nail, said Nail being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 26 years old. My mother's name was Maria Carr. She said she belonged to old Robert Jones, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory and never lived out anywhere.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my notes.

B. H. C. O. N. T.

Choc. Fr. 972

Richmond Grundy

Fr. 972

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 27, 1906.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that a red line has this day been drawn through the name of Mary Grundy at No. 2 upon Choctaw freedman roll card No. 972 Richmond Grundy, and the following notation in red ink placed upon said card:

"No. 2 is duplicate of Mary Flax No. 6 on Chickasaw freedman card #773 Enrollment cancelled under Departmental authority of Nov. 10, 1906 (I.T.D. 22226-1906) D. C. 50108-1906."

You are therefore directed to make duplicate card of this number in your possession conform to this information.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Richmond Grundy, said Grundy being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 28 years old last birthday. My mother used to belong to William Walker, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Choctaw Nation all the time. I never went anywhere to make my home, but here. My wife was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I further certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*A. Meadows*

Choc. Fr. 973

Georgia Moore

Fr. 973



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Indian T. Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Georgie Moore, said Moore being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I am 31. My mother's name was Mandy green. She belonged to Dave Hawkins. I have lived in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

*B. McDonald*



Choc. Fr. 974

Liddie Crooms

Fr. 974

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Indian T. , Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Liddie Crooms, Jim Crooms  
being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als.,  
testified:

My wife's mother was Jane Ward and she belonged to Salina  
Davis, a Choctaw. She has lived in the Territory all her life. My  
wife was a slave herself and belonged to Salina Davis.

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Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as  
stenographer to the above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

Bill Needles

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Bertha Crooms*

a citizen of the

*Choctaw Freedman, Victim.*

Approved - NOV. 21 1902 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Bertha Crooms  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Uloka, Ind. Ter., and died on the 14th day of  
June, 1900  
(Here insert name of post office.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, John Crooms, on oath state that I am 41  
years of age and a citizen, by Non Citizen, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Uloka, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the father of Bertha Crooms,  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Bertha Crooms died on the 14th day of  
June, 1900  
WITNESSES TO MARK. John Crooms

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November, 1902.  
W. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Georgia Moore, on oath state that I am 33  
years of age, and a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Uloka, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Bertha Crooms,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Bertha Crooms died on the 14th day of  
June, 1900  
WITNESSES TO MARK. Georgia Moore

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November, 1902.  
W. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

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CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Leonard Grant Coon*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

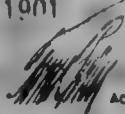
Approved **AUG 31 1901** 1901

*C. R. Beckwith*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED

AUG 31 1901



ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Fredman Choctaw Nation.  
 of Edward Frank Crooner, born on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1901  
(here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: June Crooner, a citizen of the Fredman Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Lydia Crooner, a citizen of the Fredman Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office, Atoka Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Lydia Crooner, on oath state that I am 44  
Fredman  
 years of age and a citizen, by of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of June Crooner, who is a citizen, by  
Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Edward Frank Crooner, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two) Witnesses

Lydia & Crooner  
mark  
W. H. Linebaugh  
Eula Leane

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of August, 1901.

W. H. Linebaugh  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Jane Ward, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Lydia Crooner, wife of June Crooner  
 on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1901; that there was born to her on  
 said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
 named Edward Frank Crooner.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two) Witnesses

Jane & Ward  
mark  
W. H. Linebaugh  
Eula Leane

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of August, 1901.

W. H. Linebaugh  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

Muskogee , India Territory, August 31, 1901.

Jim Croomes,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Leonard Grant Croomes, the infant son of Jim and Lydia Croomes, born July 21, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 975

Mollie Vinson

Fr. 975



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I. T. August 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mollie Vinson, Charlie Vinson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

My wife's mother was Mandy Green and she belonged to Dave Hawkins, a Choctaw. She has lived in the Nation all of her life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as  
interpreter to the named Commission, that this  
is a true and correct translation of  
the foregoing.

B. McDonald

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lucretia Clifford Vinton*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved *JUN 27 1901* 190  
*C. R. Beckwith*  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Indiawan Choctaw Nation,  
of Lizard Clifford Vinson, born on the 27 day of March, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Charlie Vinson, a citizen of the Indiawan Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mollie Vinson, a citizen of the Indiawan Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Atoka, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Mollie Vinson, on oath state that I am about 50  
years of age and a citizen, by Indiawan Blood, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Charlie Vinson, who is a citizen, by Indiawan Blood  
Blood of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 27 day of March, 1901; that said child has been  
named Lizard Clifford Vinson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

W. A. McBride Jr  
A. J. Gine

Mollie Vinson  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of June, 1901.

R. H. Linebaugh  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Annie McDonald, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mollie Vinson, wife of Charlie Vinson,  
on the 27 day of March, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Lizard Clifford Vinson.

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

W. A. McBride Jr  
A. J. Gine

Annie McDonald  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of June, 1901.

R. H. Linebaugh  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 27, 1901.

Mr. Charlie Vinson,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of an application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Linard Clifford Vinson, the infant son of Charlie and Mollie Vinson, born March 27, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

The Commission notes that in the affidavit of the mother to the birth of this child, it is stated her age is about fifty years.

You are informed that the records of the Commission show that when your wife was listed for enrollment, August 29, 1899, it was stated that her age was thirty-one years. You are requested to explain the discrepancy between the statement made at that time and the statement now made in her affidavit as to her age.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 10, 1901.

Mr. C. E. Vinson,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, containing a statement relative to the age of your wife and explaining that the age as stated in her affidavit to the application for the enrollment of your child was an error on the part of the Notary Public taking the acknowledgments.

Your letter has been filed and the information made a matter of record.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Choctaw Freedman  
978.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 8, 1903.

C. N. Vinson,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 29, asking why your wife and children, Mollie, Sannie, Claudie, James and Linard Clifford Vinson are not permitted to file on their allotments at this time.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Mollie, Sannie, Claudie, James and Linard Clifford Vinson, wife and children of Charles Vinson, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Replying to your inquiry as to why they are not permitted to select their allotments at this time, your attention is invited to section fifteen of the rules and regulations governing the selection of allotments and the designation of homesteads in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, copy of which is herewith inclosed you.

Respectfully,

Rules for allotment.

Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1903.

C. H. Vinson,

Post Office Box 104,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 25, 1903, written to the Secretary of the Interior and by him referred to this Commission for consideration and appropriate action. You request to be advised whether you and your family may not now file on your allotment.

You are informed it appears from our records that Mollie Vinson and her minor children, Sammie, Claudia, James and Linard Clifford Vinson, have been enrolled as Choctaw freedmen by this Commission and their names transmitted upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

You are further advised that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 stat. 641), no citizen of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation or any Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman will be permitted to select his allotment until his enrollment as such has been approved by the Secretary

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of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



Choc. Fr. 976

Sarah Jones

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Muskogee, Indian Territory August 16, 1904.

Sarah Jones,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your right as such freedman.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory as early as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sarah Jones, said Jones being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am in my 50th year. I used to belong to old man Giles Thompson. I have always lived in the territory. I was in the Territory when I was turned free. I stayed in Fort Smith about nine months once. It has been a good while (ago.)

Chas. Ward, being sworn, testified:

I will be 50 years old next November. I know Sally Colbert; she belonged to my grandfather, Giles Thompson. I was in Texas at the time she was freed and could not say whether she was his or not. Giles Thompson was a white man, but his wife was an Indian and lived in the Territory. She was a Choctaw.

Redirect:

I was at the Salt works when I was turned free.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I have read the original of each of the stenographic reports of the Commission and this transcript is a true and correct translation of the original reports.

A. M. McDonald

17-976.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
ATOCA, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sarah Jones as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Sarah Jones, being first duly sworn upon her oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Jones.  
Q How old are you? A I guess maybe about sixty years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Stringtown.  
Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your master's name? A Giles Thompson.  
Q Giles Thompson a white man? A Yes sir.  
Q What was his wife? A Choctaw.  
Q What was her father's name? A Walls.  
Q Was Giles Thompson's wife a Choctaw? A Yes sir.  
Q How much Choctaw blood did she have? A She was one-quarter blood.  
Q What is your father's name? A Daniel Pusley.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Sylva Pusley.  
Q Were you ever known by any other name than Sarah Jones?  
A No sir, they had my name. They called me sometimes Sally they said Sally and Sarah all same, that is why I got bothered on the roll.  
Q Did you ever marry a man by the name of Scott?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What was his name? A John Scott.  
Q How long was it that you were the wife of John Scott?  
A About seventeen years ago.  
Q Since he died? A Yes sir, seventeen years since he died.  
Q Did you ever take the \$100.00?  
A No sir.  
Q In place of your land? A No sir, I never did.

Sidney Thompson, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Sidney Thompson.  
Q Do you know Sarah Jones? A Yes sir.

Q How long have you known Sarah Jones? A Young girl when bought her from an old Indian out here on McGee, bought here in there, young girl, could not talk Indian; does not know much anyhow. They brought her here there and she learned to talk English on the place.

Q What place was that? A Yes sir.

Q Was Sarah Jones a slave of Giles Thompson? A Yes sir.

Q Giles Thompson a white man? A Yes sir.

Q Was Giles Thompson's wife an Indian? A Yes sir,

Q What was Giles Thompson's wife's name? A Charlotte Walls before she was married.

Q Did you know Sarah Jones at the beginning of the war and all through the war? A Yes sir, they bought her five or six years before the war and she lived with Giles Thompson as his slave. Yes sir, always never been out of the Territory.

Q From the beginning of the war, all through the war and on till the time of the surrender was she a slave of Giles Thompson's wife? A Yes sir.

Q Did she run away from him? A No sir, if she did I do not know anything about it.

Q Did you see her all the time? A Yes sir, when I was around there. I had to go off and buy hogs every fall; was his main boss and some times be gone for two months.

Q Did you see Sarah Jones all through the war? A All through and all since.

Q Where was Sarah Jones at the time of the surrender?

A On his place.

Q How long after the surrender did she stay there?

A As far as that is concerned I could not tell you, they were working about and I was working.

Q Did Sarah Jones go over to Ft. Smith right after the war?

A I do not know that she did.

Q you do not know? A No sir.

Q How long after the surrender did she stay in the Choctaw Nation. A I could not tell you how long stayed afterwards.

Q Have you seen Sarah Jones off and on ever since the Civil War? A Yes sir.

Q Where has she been when you saw her? A At Stringtown.

Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.

Q Was she ever gone from the Choctaw Nation for any great length of time? A Not as I know of. I saw her every three or four months.

Q Ever three or four months you saw her and right in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.

Sarah Jones, being recalled, testified as follows:

Q Sarah, how long did you stay in the Choctaw nation after the surrender? A Two or three months.

Q Where did you go then? A I went to Ft. Smith where my old man was, he sent for me and I went.

Q How long did you stay in Ft. Smith? A About nine months as near as I can tell.

Q Where did you go then? A Come back here.

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Q Pack Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir, we were in the Nation when in Ft. Smith right on the line.  
Q You never did go over in Arkansas to live? A Never did.  
Q You lived in the nation but went to Ft. Smith to buy provisions? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived outside of the Choctaw nation? A Never did.  
Q Been here all your life? A That is all I know.  
Q Now, Sarah, did you belong to Giles Thompson or to Giles Thompson's daughter at the time of the surrender? A I belonged to the old lady.  
Q When the daughter got married did the old lady give you to the daughter? A No sir, her husband just overlooked us, nary one of us belonged to him.

Julius C. Fulson, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Julius C. Fulson.  
Q You are a citizen by blood of the Choctaw nation? A I am.  
Q You know Sarah Jones? A I know Sarah, but do not know anything about Jones, she passed as Sarah.  
Q You know this applicant, Sarah, here? A I do I have known her about forty years.  
Q Who did Sarah belong to during the war? A Belonged to an intermarried citizen by the name of Giles Thompson.  
Q Giles Thompson's wife a Choctaw? A She was Choctaw.  
Q What was her name? A Her name Charlotte Walls before married.  
Q Did Sarah remain the slave of Charlotte Walls from the time of the beginning of the war until the close of the war? A Yes sir, in my neighborhood and remained slave until freed.  
Q Stayed right in the Choctaw nation? A She was in part of my family.  
Q You married Giles Thompson's daughter? A I married Giles Thompson's daughter. Sarah lived with my wife at my place.  
Q When she was freed? A Yes sir.  
Q How long did Sarah stay around there in the Choctaw Nation after she was freed? A She stayed there several months.  
Q Stayed till perfect right to go? A I was recognized as one of the overseers of the colored people of Giles Thompson.  
Q You know where Sarah has been living since the war? A I do not, once met her forty miles north of Atoka in the Choctaw Nation.

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Q So far as you know she has been living in the Choctaw  
Nation? A That is my opinion she has.

Daisy D. Daubin upon oath states that as stenographer  
to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly  
recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the  
foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes  
thereof.

*Daisy D. Daubin.*

Sworn to before me this the 11 day of September,  
A.D., 1904.

*H. Martin Jr.*  
Notary Public.



Choc. Fr. 977

Joe Thompson

Fr. 977



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. August 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Joe Thompson, said Thompson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 42. I belonged to Giles Thompson. He was a white man, but his wife was a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory except at Fort Smith about six or eight months after surrender. My wife's name is Camilla and she belonged to Mrs. Robb. She has always lived in the Territory. My wife is a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. McDonald*

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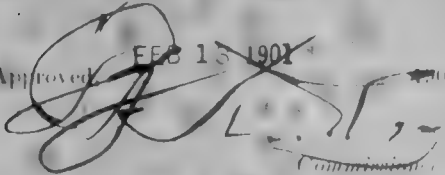
Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lena Thompson

as a citizen of

Choctaw Territory, Kansas

Approved:  Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Lena Thompson*, born on the *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct*, 190*0*  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: *Joe Thompson*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Emma Thompson*, a citizen of the *U. S.* Nation.  
 Post-office, *Stringtown, Ia.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central Judicial* District.  
 I, *Emma Thompson*, on oath state that I am *20*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *of U. S.*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Joe Thompson*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *female* child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct*, 190*0*; that said child has been  
 named *Lena Thompson*, and is now living *her*

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) *J. C. Scott*  
*W. W. Lucas*  
*Emma Thompson* mark  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 190*1*.  
*D. S. Kennedy*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central Judicial* District.  
 I, *Georgia Moffett*, a *Midwife* on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Emma Thompson*, wife of *Joe Thompson*,  
 on the *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct*, 190*0*, that there was born to her on  
 said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named *Lena Thompson*, *her*

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) *W. W. Lucas*  
*J. C. Scott*  
*Georgia Moffett* mark  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 190*1*.  
*D. S. Kennedy*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

*In re Death of  
Camilla Thompson*

*Approved*



*Chairman*

We hereby certify that Cassella  
Thompson Wife of J. L. Thompson  
died on March 1898

Maggie M. Cleveland

Taylor Wagon

and buried in the town of Berlin  
Missis 14th July 1901.

I, J. L. Thompson  
Minister of the Gospel



Attest in August 1877. I do  
know the person is my child by Emma  
ones my companion, my present wife

Witness  
Hull Colbert  
Taylor Vaughan

his  
John Thompson  
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1877

John S. Kennedy  
Notary Public

children and it will be necessary for the Commission to have proof of the death of Canilla Thompson and of the marriage of Joe Thompson to Emma Thompson, before the matter of the enrollment of this child can be given further attention.

You now in returning the application for the enrollment of Lena Thompson enclose evidence of the marriage of Joe Thompson, 42 Muskogee, Indian Territory, 1901.

Joe Thompson,  
Care D. S. Kennedy,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing the application for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw nation of Lena Thompson, the infant daughter of Joe Thompson, a Choctaw freedman and Emma Thompson, a citizen of the United States, born October 28th, 1900. Also enclosing marriage license and certificate of Joe Thompson to Miss Emma Jones.

It appears from our records that the application which is now presented for the enrollment of this child was forwarded to the Commission during the month of December and on December 15th, Linsbaugh Brothers of Atoka, Indian Territory, wrote the Commission relative to the enrollment of Joseph Thompson and on January 8th, 1901, in a communication addressed to Mr. Linsbaugh, he was written as follows:

"You are informed that the Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Lena Thompson, the infant daughter of Joe and Emma Thompson, born November 3rd, 1900 and the same is returned to you herewith for the reason that the records of the Commission show that Joe Thompson, 42 years of age of Stringtown, Indian Territory, is listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman together with..."



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years of age and Emma Jones, 18 years of age of the 14th of July, 1898. This would seem to indicate that you are not the Joe Thompson concerning whom the Commission wrote Mr. Linebaugh and whose wife's name appears as Danilla Thompson. At the time that Joe Thompson, whose wife appears as Danilla Thompson made application to the Commission for enrollment of himself and family as Cheataw freedman at Atoka, on August 29th, 1899, he stated that he was 42 years of age and belonged to Giles Thompson and that his wife was named Danilla and that she belonged to Mrs. Robb. This would seem to be impossible if you were married to Emma Jones on July 14th, 1898.

Before the Commission can give this matter further attention or consideration it will be necessary for you to inform us clearly and concisely as to your enrollment. The time and place that you made application, the names of other members of your family for whom you applied, if you had a wife living at the time you made such application and if she was the Emma Jones or Emma Thompson with whom you are now living and who appears in the application as the mother of this child.

The Commission would suggest that you lay this matter before some one who can inform us clearly as to all details so that there may be no further misunderstanding in regard to the same.

The marriage license and certificate forwarded by you and the application for the enrollment of your child are returned to you herewith.

Upon receipt of the information requested above and the return of the marriage license and certificate and the application

J. S.

for the enrollment of your child, Lena Thompson, the matter will  
receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

In reply please  
refer to 17-977

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 8, 1901.

Linebaugh Bros.,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of December 15th, giving information relative to Joseph Thompson and in which you state that Joseph Thompson recently forwarded to the Commission an application for the enrollment of his infant child.

You are informed that the Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Lena Thompson, the infant daughter of Joseph and ~~Emma~~ Thompson, born November 3rd, 1900 and the same is returned to you herewith for the reason that the records of the Commission show that Joe Thompson, 42 years of age, of Stringtown, Indian Territory, is listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman together with his wife, Camilla Thompson, and eight children, and it will be necessary for the Commission to have proof of the death of Camilla Thompson and of the marriage of Joe Thompson to Emma Thompson, before the matter of the enrollment of this child can be given further attention.

There is enclosed you herewith a blank proof of death which please have executed and returned to the Commission. Upon receipt of same together with either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate above requested and the return of the application, the matter of the enrollment of Lena

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Thompson, will be given further consideration by the Commission.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory , February 18, 1901.

D. E. Kennedy,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing affidavits as to the death of Camilla Thompson, marriage license and certificate between Joe Thompson and Miss Emma Jones and application for enrollment as a Cheetaw freedman of Lena Thompson, the infant daughter of Joe and Emma Thompson, born October 28th, 1900.

The evidence of the death of Camilla Thompson and of the marriage of Joe Thompson and Emma Jones, have been duly filed with the records of this Commission and the application for the enrollment of Lena Thompson, being in proper form has also been filed with the records of this Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Cheetaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Choc. Fr. 978

Frances Patton

Fr. 978

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Francis ~~Thompson~~ Patton, said Patton being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 23; my mother's name is Camilla Thompson. Her mother belonged to Mrs. Robb, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is  
steno-graphic report of the examination of the  
transcript is a true and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

B. M. Donald



Choc. Fr. 979

Ella Thompson

Fr. 979



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ella Matthews, said Matthews being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 23. I am a daughter of Camilla Thompson who belonged to Mrs. Robb, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commissioner that this transcript is a faithful and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. C. Needles*

Choc. Fr. 980

Eli Fisher

Fr. 980

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ATOKA, I/T/ August 29, 1890.

In the matter of the enrollment of Eli Fisher, said Fisher being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 28. My mother's name was Patsy Fisher and she belonged to Robert Jones, a Choctaw. I have lived in the Territory all my life. I am married. My wife is a citizen. Her mother's name was Nicey Harris and she belonged to Margaret Ring, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my oath that the above is a true and correct copy of the stenographic report of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, and that this transcript is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in my stenographic notes.

A. H. C. O. N. A. D. S.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 7, 1907.

J. E. Whitehead,

Attorney at Law,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 11, asking if allotment may now be selected for Pearl Griffith, deceased daughter of Julia Fisher, whose name appears upon the roll of Choctaw or Chickasaw freedmen at No. 3550.

In reply you are advised that the name of Julia Fisher does not appear at No. 3550 upon the roll of either Choctaw or Chickasaw freedmen, but the name of one Julia Fisher is found at No. 3558 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, and from the information contained in your letter it is impracticable to identify Pearl Griffith, the daughter of Julia Fisher, as an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. Fr. 981

Patsy Fisher

Fr. 981

FRESHMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIV CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Sept. 11, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Patsy Fisher, Eli Fisher being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

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My mother belonged to Robert Jones, a Choctaw and has always lived in the Territory.

Dept. of the Interior,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and is entitled to the benefits of the Choctaw Cession of 1830.

*L. H. Needles*

Choc. Fr. 982

Maria Carr

Fr. 982

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Indian T., Sept Aug. 29, '99.

In the matter of the enrollment of Maria Carr, said Carr being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am over 50. I belonged to Robert Jones. I was in the Territory when I was turned free and have always lived in the Territory. I am a Choctaw.

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THE DEATH OF

*Henry Cow*  
*Choctaw*  
Member of the

*Choctaw Nation*

Approved NOV 25 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN #982

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Henry Carr (Here insert name of deceased) a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Boggy Depot, Ind. Ter., and died on the February day of 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY, } Central District. }

I, Miller Carr, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a freedman citizen, by Boggy of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Boggy, Ind. Ter.; that I am brother of Henry Carr who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Henry Carr died on the February day of 1902

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Nov 1902

R. H. Linebaugh Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY, } Central District. }

I, Thomas Carr, on oath state that I am 39 years of age, and a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Henry Carr who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Henry Carr died on the February day of 1902

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Nov 1902

R. H. Linebaugh Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 16, 1902.

William Carr,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Dufonley Carr, the infant son of William and Louisa Carr, born January 3rd, 1902, and the same is returned to you herewith for further information regarding the mother of the child for whom the application is submitted.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that her name is Louisa Carr, that she is 15 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation but it does not appear from our records that any person by the name of Louisa Carr has ever been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. If she has been so listed, you are requested to state her maiden name, the time and place she made application for enrollment, the names of other members of her family for whom application was made at the same time and such other data as you may have as will enable us to identify her upon our records.

If Louisa Carr has since the time she was so listed for enrollment, married, it will be necessary that you supply either

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state as authority for the changing of her name upon our records  
from her former maiden name to her present married name.

Upon receipt of the information requested above and  
the return of the application for enrollment of Dufanley carr,  
the matter will be given further consideration.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Choc. Fr. 983

Salina Mahardy

Fr 983

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Salina Mahardy, said Mahardy being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to George Pussley, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Indian Territory ever since I was turned free.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to abovesaid Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. W. P. Needles*

Choc. Fr. 984  
Andy Williams

Fr. 984



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Andy Williams, said Williams being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 45. I belonged to Bill Pussley, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all the time.

I am married. My wife is a citizen. She is the daughter of Maria Carr and she (Maria Carr) belonged to R. M. Jones, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. McDonald*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Ida Brown, born on the 17 day of March, 1876  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Tom Brown a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Emma Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office Boggy Depot

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Emma Williams, on oath state that I am 25  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Andy Williams, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on 17 day of March, 1876 that said child has been named  
Ida Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two Witnesses

R Sullivan  
MRH Taylor

Emma Williams  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Feb, 1909

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NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Mariah Carr, a Midwife, on oath state that I at-  
 tended on Mrs. Emma Brown, wife of Andy Williams  
 on the 17 day of March, 1876 that there was born to her on said  
 date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
(MALE OR FEMALE)  
Ida Brown

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two Witnesses

R Sullivan  
MRH Taylor

Mariah Carr  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1909

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Ida Brown*

as a citizen of

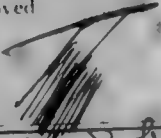
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*Ungeline Williams*  
as a citizen of

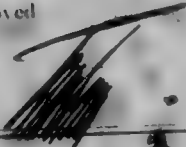
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Nation.

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Commissioner.

*proof of birth of child for  
whose enrollment application  
was made 8/27/89*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Angeline Williams, born on the 26 day of March, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Andy Williams citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Emma Williams citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office Baggy Depot

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District. )

I, Emma Williams, on oath state that I am 25  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of Andy Williams, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on 26 day of March, 1899 that said child has been named  
Angeline Williams, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses

R Sullivan  
MR H Taylor

Her  
Emma Williams  
March

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Sept, 1903

J C Herrington  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District. )

I, Mariah Carr, on oath state that I at-  
 tended on Mrs. Emma Williams wife of Andy Williams  
 on the 26 day of March, 1899 that there was born to her on said  
 date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
(MALE OR FEMALE)  
Angeline Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses

R Sullivan  
MR H Taylor

Her  
Mariah Carr  
March

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Sept, 1903

J C Herrington  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.


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Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*A. Jeline Williams*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation.

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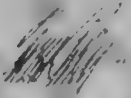


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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Angelina Williams, born on the 26 day of March, 1899  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Andy Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Emma Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office Boggy Depot

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY }  
Central District. }

I, Emma Williams, on oath state that I am about 25  
years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Andy Williams, who is a citizen, by  
Birth, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on 26 day of March 1899 that said child has been  
named Angelina Williams, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) } E. Payne, Jr.  
Carlin Nace } Emma Williams  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of Feb 1905.

J. O. Williams  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY }  
District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_; that there was born to her on  
said date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_.

NOTARY PUBLIC

17-984

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1902.

Andy Williams,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Angeline Williams, daughter of Andy and Emma Williams, has been filed with the Commission. And it does not appear that evidence of the birth of Ida Brown, daughter of Emma Williams and Thomas Brown, has been filed with the Commission. There are inclosed herewith two blank applications for enrollment of infant children. In having them executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged attaches his name and seal to each affidavit.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of Angeline Williams and Ida Brown as Choctaw freedmen until this evidence is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
S. B. C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-984.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 18, 1908.

Andy Williams,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits relative to the birth of your minor children, Angeline Williams and Ida Brown; and the same are returned to you herewith.

You are informed that the name of Emma Williams should be signed to each of her affidavits instead of the name of Angeline Williams. It will therefore be necessary for Emma Williams to again appear before the notary public and affix her name to each of her affidavits in the presence of two witnesses.

Upon return of the affidavits properly signed, the matter will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1903.

Emma Williams,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit relative to the birth of your minor daughter, Angeline Williams, March 26, 1899, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

It is noted that the affidavit of the attending physician or midwife on the blank returned by you is not filled out. You are requested to state why such affidavit was not forwarded with your own relative to the birth of your child.

Please give this matter your prompt attention, returning your reply in enclosed envelope.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has been placed upon original Choctaw Freedmen enrollment card number 984:

"No. 3 born March 26, 1899. See affidavit of No. 2 filed Sept. 12, 1903."

You are, therefore, requested to make like notation upon the duplicate card in your possession, in accordance with the above information.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-984

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 22, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notations have this day been made upon original Choctaw Freedmen Enrollment Card No. 984:

"No. 3 born March 26th, 1899. Proof of birth filed Sept. 22, 1903."  
"No. 4 born March 17, 1896. Proof of birth filed Sept. 22, 1903."

You are therefore requested to make like notations upon the duplicate card of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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McAhegaa, Indian Territory, September 24, 1908.

Andy Williams,

Beggy Depot, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Emma Williams and Mariah Carr relative to the birth of your minor daughter, Angeline Williams, March 26th, 1899, and the same being in proper form, have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child. The receipt is also acknowledged of the affidavits of Emma Williams and Mariah Carr relative to the birth of Ida Brown, minor daughter of Emma Williams, March 17, 1896, and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-984.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Andy Williams,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of your daughter, Angelina Williams and you stepdaughter, Ida Brown, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any properly verified affidavits as to the births of these children have ever been filed with the Commission, and you should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the two enclosed blank affidavits.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are acknowledged, attaches his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signature is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as the affidavits requested are necessary in the matter of the enrollment of these children as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

E.B.C.  
Env.

Chairman.

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Mary Walker

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation of--

Mary Walker, Joe walker,  
Willie Walker, Lucinda Walker ---- 17-985

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mary Walker, Salina Mahardy being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

Mary Walker's father was named Kiah Harkins and belonged to George Harkins, a Choctaw, and Kiah Harkins and his wife were married and lived together as man and wife.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of the original Cherokee text of the foregoing.

J. M. A. [Signature]



Choctaw Freedmen 985

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Mary Walker and her children Joe Walker, Willy Walker and Lucinda Walker as Choctaw Freedmen.

Mary Walker being called as a witness, after being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

- Q What is your name? A Mary Walker  
Q What is your age? A As high as I can think my age is thirty-eight.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Now it is Stringtown.  
Q Have you any children? A I have got three children  
Q What are their names? A Lucinda Walker, Joe Walker and Willy Walker  
Q Were these children all living on September 25, 1902?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Are they living yet? A Yes, sir, they are all here on the ground now  
Chambers  
Q What was your mother's name? A Lucinda ~~James~~, her husband's name was ~~James~~ Chambers.  
Q And what was your father's name? A Kiah Harkins  
Q To whom did your mother belong?  
A I couldn't tell you who she belonged to I could not tell you, only she was set loose in Harkins' yard. My witnesses can tell you more about that than I can.  
Q To whom did Kiah Harkins belong? A He belonged to George Harkins  
Q Was George Harkins a Choctaw Indian? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where have you been living all your life? A Right here in the Choctaw Nation  
Q You never have been out of the Choctaw Nation to establish a residence or make a home? A No, sir, I have been visiting but never to establish a residence.  
Q Your home has always been in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Witness excused.

Mary Colbert, called as a witness, after being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

- Q What is your name? A Mary Colbert  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, sir, I could not tell  
Q About, give as near as you can? A I was twentyseven years old when the war closed, you know from that.  
Q You are about sixty-five? A I guess so somewhere about that I could not get my age.  
Q Do you know Mary Walker? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Lucinda  
Q Lucinda what? A Lucinda Kiah-I don't know her master's name them refugees out here  
Q Lucinda run away did she? A No, sir, they refused to come here I don't recollect the owners name  
Q Did Lucinda Chambers the mother of Mary Walker belong to a Choctaw Indian? A No, sir, she come from Cherokee Nation here  
Q Her owner then was Cherokee? A I sup ose they were, yes, sir, she was a Cherokee  
Q To whom did Kiah Harkins belong? A George Harkins  
Q Was George Harkins a Choctaw Indian? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you know him during the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was he a slave of George Harkins at the beginning of the war and remain a slave of George Harkins to the end of the war?  
A Yes, sir.

Q And was freed at the end of the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did Kiah Harkins leave the Choctaw Nation after the surrender  
A No, sir.  
Q You state then he has always lived in the Choctaw Nation?  
A Yes, sir, always lived here since I knew him, never lived any  
where else and died in the Choctaw Nation  
Q He lived in the Choctaw Nation until his death? A Yes, sir  
Q Has Mary Walker always lived in the Choctaw Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Never been outside? A If she has I don't know where she has  
been to live.  
Q You know that of your own knowledge? A Yes, sir.  
Witness excused.

Didk Williams called as a witness, after being duly sworn,  
testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q How old are you? A About sixty  
Q Do you know Mary Walker? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who was her mother? A Her mother's name was Lucinda  
Q What was her other name? A Lucinda Kiah  
Q What was her father's name? A Her father's name was Kiah  
Q Kiah Harkins? A Yes, sir.  
Q To whom did Kiah Harkins belong? A He belonged to George  
Harkins a Choctaw  
Q Did you know him before the war? A Yes, sir, I was raised in the  
Territory.  
Q You knew Kiah Harkins before the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q And all through the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where was he then? A A place they call Boggy Depot where he  
was freed.  
Q He did not run away from his master? A No, sir.  
Q But lived with his master until the close of the war? A Yes, sir  
Q Was his master George Harkins a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A Yes, sir  
Q You know that personally? A Yes, sir, I know that personally  
good.  
Q Since his surrender has Kiah Harkins always lived in the  
Choctaw Nation? A Staid right there in the Choctaw Nation  
Q To whom did Lucinda Chambers belong? A I was told she belonged  
to a Cherokee that was what I was told  
Q Do you know whether Kiah Harkins and Lucinda Chambers were  
married? A Yes, sir, they were married in the Choctaw Nation  
Q Did you see them married? A No, sir.  
Q What was that preacher's name? A Governor Wright. Governor  
of the Choctaw Nation, his son lives up here now, Doctor Wright  
lives up here now I knew them all well  
Q It was the general understanding in the neighborhood that  
Kiah Harkins and Lucinda Chambers were married? A Yes, sir.  
Q And since that time Mary Walker has been born? A Yes, sir.  
Witness excused.

Mary Colbert recalled as a witness and testified as follows

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q Do you know anything about the marriage of Kiah Harkins with  
Lucinda Chambers? A Yes, sir, I saw their marriage  
Q What was the preacher's name? A Governor Wright  
Q Was he a preacher? A Yes, sir.  
Q You know that since the marriage of Kiah Harkins and Lucinda  
Chambers Mary Walker has been born to them? A Yes, sir.

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Q And Mary Walker has always lived in the Choctaw Nation?

A Yes, sir, I was there when she was born.  
Witness excused.

By the Commission to Mary Walker: It will be necessary in the matter of the enrollment of your children Willy and Lucinda Walker for you to furnish the Commission with proof of birth of those children.

Samuel Osterhold, stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, being duly sworn, on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of his stenographic notes as taken by him in the proceedings had in the above entitled cause at Atoka, Indian Territory on September 6, 1904.

*Samuel Osterhold*

Sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 1904.

*David Shelby*  
Notary Public

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INFANT CHILD

Joe Walker

as a citizen of

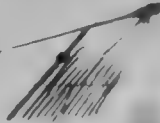
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*per enrollment August 29 1899*  
*per order of Court of the Chickasaw*

Commissioner

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*Chickasaw*

as a citizen of

*Joe Allen*

INFANT CHILD

Application for Enrollment of

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN-RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,

of \_\_\_\_\_, born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.

Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }

I, May Walker, on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of J. D. Walker, who is a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation; that a male child was

born to me on 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1891; that said child has been named Joe Walker, and is now living. Mary Walker

WITNESSES TO MARK: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1901.  
W. S. Angell  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Jane Ward, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. May Walker, wife of J. D. Walker, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1891; that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Joe Walker.

WITNESSES TO MARK: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) } Jane Ward  
Elsie E. Ashton  
David Colind

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1901.  
W. S. Angell  
Notary Public.

IN RE  
Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Willie Walker*

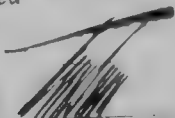
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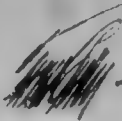
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enrollment Aug 29 1899*

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Willie Walker (Here insert name of child.) , born on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1896

Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Walker a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Mary Walker, on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of J. D. Walker, who is a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_

of the U. S. Nation, that a male child was (Male or Female.)

born to me on 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1896, that said child has been named Willie Walker, and is now living. Mary Walker

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1904.  
W. St. Angell  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Jane Ward, a mid wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Walker, wife of J. D. Walker

on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1896; that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or Female.)

child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Willie Walker

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Elie C. Ashton  
David B. Sturd  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1904.  
W. St. Angell  
Notary Public.

Erratum as to date and new affidavits filed Dec 5 1904



IN RE  
Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Lucinda Walker*

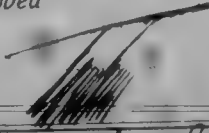
as a citizen of

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Nation.

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Commissioner

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enrollment August 29 1897*

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COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

HERE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,  
of \_\_\_\_\_, born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_\_.  
Here insert name of child.  
Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.

POSTOFFICE

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Mary Walker, on oath state that I am 38  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of J D Walker, who is a citizen, by  
Na Citize of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was  
(Male or Female.)  
born to me on 29 day of January, 1897 that said child has been named  
Lucinda Walker, and is now living. Mary Walker

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1904.  
W. F. Angell  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Jane Ward, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Walker, wife of J D Walker  
on the 29 day of January, 1897, that there was born to her on said date a female  
(Male or Female.)  
child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Lucinda Walker

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

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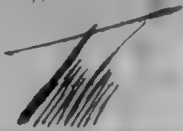
IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Willie Harker*  
as a ~~son~~ *brother* of  
*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner

*proof of birth of child*  
*listed for enrollment*  
*Aug 24 1899*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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 Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Willie Walker (Here insert name of child), born on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 1895.  
Name of Father: J. D. Walker a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Walker a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Postoffice Stringtown I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

I, Mary Walker, on oath state that I am 38  
years of age and a freedman's adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of J. D. Walker, who is a non citizen, by  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation; that a male child was  
(Male or Female.)  
born to me on 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1895; that said child has been named  
Willie Walker, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1904.

W. F. Cook  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

I, Jane Ward, a mid-wife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Walker, wife of J. D. Walker  
on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 1895; that there was born to her on said date a male  
(Male or Female.)  
child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Willie Walker.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1904.

W. F. Cook  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT.

To whom it may concern.

I, Csarena F. Robb, of Atoka I. T. being duly sworn state that I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and that I am a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of the Indian Territory. My enrollment number is \_\_\_\_\_. I know Mary Walker of Stringtown Indian Territory. Her Mother was Lucinda Kiah and later Lucinda Chambers. I know that Lucinda Chambers was a slave. At the time that I first knew her she lived at Boggy Depot, and I lived there too and she sometimes worked for me. It was 27 years ago that we lived at Boggy Depot. Mary Walker had a sister whose given name was Easter.

*Csarena F. Robb.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 1st day of Feb. 1905.

*Fred H. Ayers* Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 29th day of June 1908.

ATTN: SA [Name]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Reference is made to your letter of [Date] regarding [Subject]. The information provided is as follows: [Details]

It is noted that [Subject] was [Action] on [Date]. The results of the [Action] are [Details].

Should you require further information, please contact the [Department] at [Phone Number].

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]  
[Title]

Enclosed for your information are [Number] copies of [Document Name].

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Affidavit.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I Nathan Gary of Atoka Indian Territory am about 54 years old. I was born here in the Choctaw Nation of the Indian Territory, and am an approved Choctaw Freedman, my enrollment number being 3622.

I have known Mary Walker of Stringtown of the Indian Territory ever since she was a ~~black~~ child. I knew her at Boggy Depot in the aforesaid nation. Her father was Kiah Harkins and he was a slave to George Harkins, a Choctaw Indian who lived at Boggy Depot, in the said nation.

Lucinda Harkins was the mother of Mary Walker. I remember Lucinda Harkins well and it was while she was a slave to George Harkins that she and Kiah Harkins lived together as husband and wife.

*W. B. Losey*

*Nathan Gary*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 1 st. day of February A.D. 1905.

My commission expires on the

*J. H. [Signature]* Notary Public.  
Sunday of March 1905



AFFIDAVIT.

To Whom it may Concern.

I, William Kiah, of Ateka Indian Territory, am a one half brother to Mary Walker of Stringtown Indian Territory. I am 45 years old and am an approved Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation of the Indian Territory, my enrollment number being 3297.

My father was kiah Harkins and he was a slave to George Harkins. I was born before my father belonged to George Harkins. At that time he was a slave to a Chickasaw Indian by the name of Mi-ho-kee. I was a slave to the same person. Kiah Harkins was the father of both Mary Walker and myself. My mother kept me while I was a boy. I often went to my fathers and it was by means of those visits and by virtue of the fact that I have always lived near the same locality as my said sister Mary Walker that I have kept acquainted with her.

I had one other half sister besides Mary Walker. That half sisters name was Easter Perry. She is dead. Her children were Oliver, Jim and Eugenia and Lurenia.

*Wm. Kiah*  
*Fred H. Harkins*  
Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this the 1st. day of Feb. 1905.

*William Kiah*

*Wm. Kiah* Notary Public.

My commission expires on the *5th* day of *February* *1908*.

The Commission of the Five Civilized Tribes  
 was organized by an Act of Congress, approved  
 June 20, 1874, and the Commission was organized  
 on August 1, 1874. The Commission has since  
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THE COMMISSION OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

17-985

Muskogee, Indian Territory October 28, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

It appears from the records of the Commission that Mary Walker age 31 and her three minor children Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker age 10, 7 and 4 respectively are listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen on Choctaw freedmen card field number 985.

You are requested to inform the Choctaw-Choctaw Enrollment Division as to whether or not any application has ever been made to the Cherokee Enrollment Division for the enrollment of Mary Walker and her three children as citizens or freedmen of the Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

*Handwritten initials*

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BERRY,  
THOMAS S. HENKLES,  
C. E. BRACKENRIDGE,  
WM. G. BRALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division,  
Gentlemen:

Referring to 17-985 and your letter of October 25,  
you are advised that an examination of the records of the Cherokee Enrollment Division fails to disclose that application has been made for the enrollment of any of the persons mentioned as citizens or freedmen of the Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-445.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Mary Walker, Joe Walker, Willie Walker and Lucinda Walker as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

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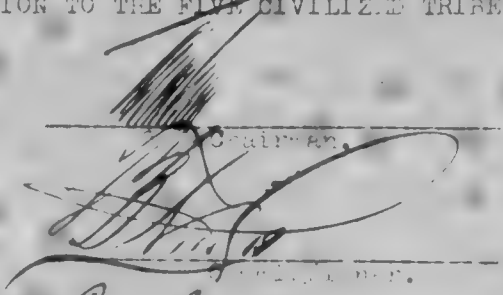
It appears from the census card record in this case that on August 22, 1901, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Mary Walker, Joe Walker, Willie Walker and Lucinda Walker as Choctaw freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application at Atoka, Indian Territory, on September 1, 1901.

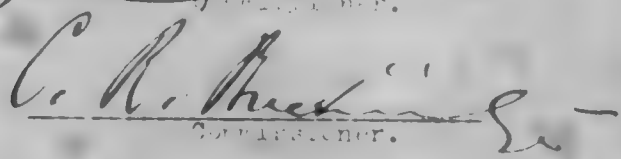
The evidence in this case shows that the principal applicant, Mary Walker, is the daughter of Kiah Harkins, now deceased, who was a slave of George Harkins, a Choctaw citizen, at the commencement of the War of the Rebellion, that he continued as such slave until the close of the war, and lived in the Choctaw Nation until his death; that Joe Walker, Willie Walker and Lucinda Walker are the children of the said Mary Walker; that all of the applicants herein have been residents of the Choctaw Nation from the date of their birth, to and including September 30, 1902.

It further appears from the evidence in this case that the wife of Kiah Harkins and the mother of the said Mary Walker, was Lucinda Charters, said to be a slave of a Cherokee citizen, but no application was made to the Commission for the enrollment of any of the applicants herein as Cherokee freedmen.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Mary Walker, Joe Walker, Willie Walker and Lucinda Walker are entitled to be enrolled as Choctaw freedmen, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 15, 1866 (30 Stat., 505) and July 3, 1901 (31 Stat., 853), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

  
Commissioner.

AT OKMULGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY,

MAR 21 1905

17-985

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 21, 1905.

Mary Walker,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 21, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Joe Walker, Willie Walker and Lucinda Walker as Choctaw Freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling you as Choctaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 17-985.

17-988

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 21, 1905.

Blanton & Andrews,

Attorneys at Law,

Pauls Valley, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on March 21, 1905, rendered its decision ~~granting the application for the enrollment of Mary Walker, Joe Walker, Willie Walker and Lucinda Walker, as Choctaw Freedmen.~~

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicants as Choctaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED.

Registered.

Chairman.

17-985

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 21, 1905.

Ayers & Lossy,

Attorneys at Law,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on March 21, 1905, rendered its decision, granting the application for the enrollment of Mary Walker, Joe Walker, Willie Walker and Lucinda Walker as Choctaw Freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicants as Choctaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of Choctaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED:

James D. ...  
Chairman.

Registered.



17-985

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 21, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission rendered March 21, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Mary Walker, Joe Walker, Willie Walker, and Lucinda Walker as Choctaw Freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicants as Choctaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of Choctaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED,

*Tamc Kirby*

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 17-985.

See 17-1085 for registry receipt for this letter.

ACTING CHAIRMAN

*[Handwritten signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*Bohig & Co June 27 1901*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 19, 1901.

The Honorable Commission  
to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

On August 22, 1899, Mary Walker, twenty-eight years of age, and her three children, Joe, age seven; Willie, age four; and Lucinda, age one, were listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen. Mary Walker gave the name of her father as Kiah Harkins, the slave of George Harkins, a Choctaw Indian, and the name of her mother as Lucinda Chambers, the slave of George Harkins, a Choctaw Indian.

In a letter dated June 27, 1901, Mary Walker requests that her name and the names of her three children be transferred from the Choctaw freedmen rolls to the freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. It is stated in her letter that her mother belonged to Robert Warford, a Cherokee Indian.

This communication is addressed to the Commission so that the matter may be brought to the attention of the Cherokee enrollment division, and also with the request that the Choctaw freedmen enrollment division be informed as to any enrollment by

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the Cherokee authorities of these persons as freedmen of that Nation.

Very respectfully,

17-988

Muskegee, Indian Territory, July 20, 1901.

Mary Walker,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 27, 1901, replying to the Commission's communication of the 14th of that month, and in your letter you state that you and your children, Joseph, Willie and Lucinda Walker, were listed as Choctaw freedmen at Atoka, I. T., August, 1899, but you now desire to have your names transferred to the Cherokee rolls as your mother was a slave of a Cherokee Indian.

It appears from our records that at Atoka, Indian Territory, August 29, 1899, Mary Walker was listed for enrollment as a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation, together with her three children Joe, age seven; Willie, age four; and Lucinda, age one.

It further appears from the records of this case that your father, Kiah Harkins, was a slave of George Harkins, a Choctaw Indian.

If, as you state, your mother was a slave of a Cherokee Indian, and you now desire with your children to be enrolled as freedmen of the Cherokee Nation, you may make application to the Commission for such enrollment, if you have not already done so,

M. W.-c3.

at Ft. Gibson, Indian Territory, between September 1st and 20th,  
1901.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-985



COMMISSIONERS  
HENRY L. DAWES,  
TAMM BIRBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ALLISON I. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 30th, 1901.

The Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant in which you state that Mary Walker, and her three children, Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen; also that you are now in receipt of a letter from Mary Walker requesting that her name and the names of her three children be transferred from the Choctaw freedmen rolls to the freedmen rolls of the Cherokee Nation; and desire to be advised whether any of the above mentioned persons have ever been recognized by the authorities of the Cherokee Nation as freedmen.

In reply you are advised that the tribal rolls of the Cherokee Nation, in the possession of the Commission, have been examined and fail to disclose that Mary Walker and her children have ever been recognized as freedmen by the Cherokee authorities. Neither is the name of Lucinda Chambers, the mother of said Mary Walker, found upon any of the tribal rolls.

The records of the Commission have also been examined and fail to show that any application has ever been made by Mary Walker

C. C. E. D. #2.

for the enrollment of herself and children as freedmen of the  
Cherokee Nation.

Very respectfully,

*Amos T. Turkey*

Acting Chairman.

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Choctaw freedman  
985.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 29, 1903.

Janey Woods,  
Care Samuel Brown,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madame:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 18th, in which you ask if Dave and Mary Walker are on the Choctaw or Chickasaw freedmen rolls, and state that you are in dispute with them over the right to possession of certain lands.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Mary Walker, wife of Dave Walker, a noncitizen, and their minor children, Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen. You are further advised that the Commission can not at this time take cognizance of controversies arising between citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations relative to the rights to possession of certain lands. Matters of this character will receive consideration upon the establishment of land offices, at which time the citizens and freedmen of those two tribes may appear at the land office for the nation in which their land is located and make

J.W., 2.

application for the land they desire to select in allotment.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman  
985.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 26, 1903.

J. D. Walker,  
Midway, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 21, asking the grade of the allotments claimed by your wife and children and requesting to be advised if the same is in the coal lands.

In reply to your letter you are advised that if you will furnish a description of the land concerning which you desire information you will receive a plat showing the classification thereof and a schedule of the appraised value of the lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Replying to that part of your letter in which you ask if your allotments are located in the coal lands you are advised that the Commission is not in a position at this time to give you the information requested, but it is probable that that the same can be furnished you some time within the near future.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw F 985

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 5, 1904.

Mary Walker,  
C/o J. D. Walker,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 1, asking what steps are necessary in the matter of your enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

In reply you are informed that the names of Mary Walker and her children, Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

In the event further evidence is necessary to enable the Commission to pass upon your application as a Choctaw Freedman, you will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw Freedmen,  
985.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 16, 1904.

Mary Walker,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 6, stating when and where you appeared before the Commission, and the names of your parents and your children.

You are advised that you and your children, Joe, Willie, and Lucinda Walker, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, but your names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared by forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

If you will communicate with the Commission again in sixty or ninety days, you will be notified whether or not you have been enrolled by the Commission and the enrollment approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 10, 1904.

Mary Walker,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 6th inst., requesting information relative to the enrollment of yourself and your minor children, Joe, Willie, and Lucinda Walker, as Choctaw freedmen.

~~You are advised it appears from our records that you and~~  
the children named are applicants for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but before your application for enrollment can receive further consideration it will be necessary for you to appear in person before the Commission for the purpose of an examination under oath relative to the right of yourself and children to final enrollment as Choctaw freedmen. Such appearance may be made at the office of the Commission, in Muskogee, Indian Territory, at any time, or at the Choctaw Land Office of the Commission, at Ateka, Indian Territory, September 6 and 7, 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office of the Commission, at Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 8 and 9, 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-985.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Mary Walker,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, at any time, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-985

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 13, 1904.

W. H. Angel,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith you will find affidavits of Mary Walker and Jane Walker August 4, 1891.

You are kindly requested to affix your signature to the affidavit of Mary Walker and return same to this office at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Geo. W. B. XV.

Chairman.

17-985

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notations have this day been placed upon original Choctaw freedmen enrollment card

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No. 985:

"No. 3 born Dec. 4, 1896; proof of birth filed  
Sept. 13, 1904."

"No. 4 born Jan'y. 29, 1897; proof of birth filed  
Sept. 13, 1904."

You are therefore requested to make like notation upon the duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

JD.

Chairman.

17-985

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith you will find affidavits of Mary Walker and Jane Ward relative to the birth of Joe Walker August 1, 1891.

You are kindly requested to have the Notary Public affix his signature to the affidavit of Mary Walker and return the same to this office at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Enc. E. P. W.

17-985

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 5, 1904.

Mary Walker,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Jane Ward relative to the birth of your minor son Willie Walker December 24, 1895, and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of said child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-925

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 5, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our letter of September 14, 1904, transmitting the following notation to be placed upon duplicate Choctaw freedmen enrollment card number 985 Mary Walker et al.

"No. 3 born Dec. 4, 1896, proof of birth filed Sept. 13, 1904".

you are requested to correct the same to read

"No. 3 born Dec. 24, 1895, proof of birth filed Oct., 5, 1904".

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-985

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 5, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 19, 1904, calling attention to the following notations which you were instructed by our letter of September 15, 1904 to place upon duplicate Choctaw freeman enrollment card number 985 Mary Walker et al.

"No. 3 born Dec. 4, 1896, proof of birth filed Sept. 13, 1904".

"No. 4 born Jany. 29, 1897, proof of birth filed Sept. 13, 1904".

you are advised that corrected affidavits relative to the birth of number 3 having been received at this office you are requested to change notations relative to number 3 to read as follows:

"No. 3 born Dec. 24, 1895, proof of birth filed Oct. 5, 1904".

Respectfully,

Chairman.



17-365

Pauls Valley, Indian Territory, November 11, 1904.

Blanton & Andrews,

Attorneys at Law.

Pauls Valley, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 8, 1904, relative to the application of Mary Walker for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

In reply to your letter you are advised it appears from our records that Mary Walker, wife of Dave Walker, and her children Joe, Willie and Lucindy Walker has been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but the Commission has not yet passed upon their right to enrollment as such. If this is not the person to whom you refer and you will give further information relative to the age of Mary Walker, concerning when your inquiry is made, the names of her parents, and children, if any, the name of her husband, and such other information as you may possess which will enable the Commission to identify her upon its records, the matter will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-985

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 27, 1905.

Ayers & Losey,

Attorneys at Law.

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 22, 1905, in which you ask the status of the enrollment of Mary Walker and her three children Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the names of Mary Walker and her children Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker have not yet been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

She will be advised of such further action as may be taken in her case.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-985

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 4, 1905.

Ayers & Losey,

Attorneys at Law.

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 1, 1905, transmitting affidavits of Czarena F. Robb, Nathan Gary and William Kiah in support of the application for the enrollment of Mary Walker and her children as Choctaw freedmen and the same have been filed with the record in this case.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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17-988  
9-923

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 15, 1905.

Ayers & Losey,

Attorneys at Law.

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 9, 1905, asking the status of the citizenship of Rassic D. Roberts and Mary Walker and her children Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker, and Turner Porter and his wife Angeline Porter and their children.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission is now considering the application of Rassic D. Roberts for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and for the enrollment of Mary Walker and her children Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker as Choctaw freedmen. When decisions are reached in these cases you and the applicants will be notified of the action taken therein.

You are further advised that Angeline Porter and her children Jeff, Isabella and Lawsey Pytchlyn and Carl, Richard, Andrew and Liley Porter have been enrolled by the Commission as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation and their enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It does not appear from our records that application has been made to this Commission for

17-985.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 2, 1905.

Ayers & Locey,  
Attorneys at Law,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 27, asking the status of the case of Mary Walker and her children.

In reply to your letter you are informed that on March 21, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision granting the application for the enrollment of Mary Walker and her children, Joe, Willie and Lucinda Walker, as Choctaw freedmen, and on the same date copy of this decision was forwarded Mary Walker and you were advised thereof by registered mail.

The names of the above persons have not yet been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 986

Sophia Wagoner

Fr. 986

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T., August 22, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of ~~Isom~~ ~~Wagoner~~ & Sophie Wagoner, Isom Wagoner, her husband, being sworn ~~and~~ by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My wife's name is Sophie Wagoner and she belonged to Mary Walker, a Choctaw, and I have been living in the Territory all the time. My children have always lived in the Territory and never lived anywhere else.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify under my official seal as  
stenographer to the aforesaid Commission that this  
transcript is a true and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

*B. M. L. L. L.*

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sophie Wagoner, said Wagoner being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I am about 41 or 42. I belonged to the widow Walker, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all the time.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*J. McDaniel*



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No. 1648

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT. } SCT:

I, E. J. Tamm, Clerk  
of the United States Court in the Indian Territory  
and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that  
the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of  
Mr. Jim Brady and

Ms. Josephine Wagner was  
filed in my office in said Territory and District the  
17 day of Nov A. D. 1902  
and duly recorded in Book 2 of Marriage  
Record, Page 206.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court,  
at Hotchkiss this 17  
day of Nov A. D. 1902

E. J. Tamm Clerk.  
By J. A. [Signature] Deputy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE INDIAN TERRITORY  
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No. 1648

Form No 593.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Jim Brady of Alaska in the Indian Territory, aged 46 years, and Mrs. Sophia Wagner of Alaska in the Indian Territory, aged 47 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 7 day of Nov, A. D. 1902

J. L. Cottin  
Deputy.

E. J. Fanning  
Clerk of the United States Court.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT.

I, H. M. Lantz,  
as Clerk of the U. S. Court, Indian Territory,

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 15 day of November, A. D. 1902, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANNES OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 15 day of November, A. D. 1902.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book 22, Page 6

H. M. Lantz  
as Clerk of the U. S. Court of  
Indian Territory

Note.—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

17-986

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1907.

Ison Wagoner,

Commissioner.

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit to the effect that you married Sophy Wagoner a freedman in the year 1874 and you wish to make application for enrollment as an intermarried citizen of the Choctaw Nation through Sophy Wagoner under the ruling in the case of Joe and Dillard Perry.

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In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear that any application has been made by you or on your behalf for enrollment as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation and no provision of law is known whereby non citizens acquire any rights by reason of their marriage to Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. Fr. 987

Sallie Edwards

Fr. 987

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sallie Edwards, said Edwards being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

My mother is Sophie Wagoner and she belonged to the widow Walker, a Choctaw. I have been living in the territory all my life.

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Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. McDonald*

Choc. Fr. 988

Mose Wright

Fr. 988

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mose Wright, said Wright being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to Gensie Jones, a Choctaw. I have been living here in Atoka since I was turned free. I was married.

(Mr. Tell testified that Mose and his wife lived together as man and wife. Mose swears that they were married.)

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon the oath of the stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*J. McRae & Co.*



Choc. Fr. 989

Jackson James

Fr. 989



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I. T. Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jackson James, said James being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 55 years old and belonged to Catherine James, a Choctaw. My wife used to belong to Mrs. Bobb.

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Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*J. M. McDonald*

Choc. Fr. 990

Lucy Hilliards

Fr. 990

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lucy Hilliard, Ham Hilliard being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I have been married to Lucy eight years. Her mother's name is Hannah James and she used to belong to Mrs. Robb. Her father's name is Jackson James and he belonged to Catherine James, a Choctaw. My wife has lived in the Territory all her life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*M. C. Fox*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of the

State of

Nation

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*[Signature]*  
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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of William Hilliard, born on the 15 day of Dec, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Hilliard, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucy Hilliard, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Mayhew I.D.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Lucy Hilliard, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Wm Hilliard, who is a citizen, by  
birth, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1902; that said child has been  
named William Hilliard, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARR:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

James Jones  
Ben Carson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Nov, 1902.

Thomas D. Reynolds  
Notary Public.  
My Commission Expires Apr 27-1905

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Hannah James, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lucy Hilliard, wife of Wm Hilliard,  
on the 15 day of Dec, 1898; that there was born to her on said  
date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
named William Hilliard.

WITNESSES TO MARR

(Must be Two Witnesses)

James Jones  
Ben Carson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Nov, 1902.

Thomas D. Reynolds  
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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

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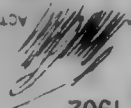
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Commissioner.

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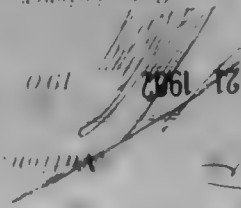
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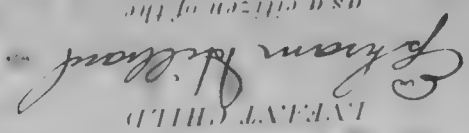
  
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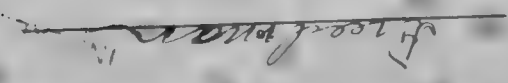
  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of \_\_\_\_\_, born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of *Jan.*, 190*2*  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Sam Williard*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Lucy Williard*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Wrightsville, S.D.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

*Central* District.

I, *Lucy Williard*, on oath state that I am *30*  
years of age and a citizen, by *birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Sam Williard*, who is a citizen, by  
*birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *male* child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the *1* day of *Jan.*, 190*2*; that said child has been  
named *Ephraim Williard*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*A. C. Roswell*  
*Tomie James*

*Mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *11* day of *Nov.*, 190*2*.

*Thomas V. McVey, Notary Public.*  
*My Comm. expires Apr. 27-1905*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

*Central* District.

I, *Hannah James*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Lucy Williard*, wife of *Sam Williard*,  
on the *1* day of *Jan.*, 190*2*; that there was born to her on said  
date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
named *Ephraim Williard*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*A. C. Roswell*  
*Tomie James*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *11* day of *Nov.*, 190*2*.

*Thomas V. McVey, Notary Public.*  
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*Freedman*

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of the

*Poland* Nation.

Approved NOV 21 1907 1907  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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AS CHAIR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Langford William, born on the 1 day of Feb, 1902  
Name of Father: Hans Williard, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucy Williard, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Wagoner, Okla.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Lucy Williard, on oath state that I am 34 years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Hans Williard, who is a citizen, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was born to me on the 1 day of Feb, 1898; that said child has been named Langford Williard, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of Nov, 1902.

Hannah James  
Hannah James  
Notary Public.  
My com expires Apr 27-1905

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Hannah James, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Lucy Williard, wife of Hans Williard, on the 1 day of Feb, 1898; that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Langford Williard.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of Nov, 1902.

Hannah James  
Hannah James  
Notary Public.  
My com expires Apr 27-1905

17-990

Waskoee, Indian Territory, October 18, 1902.

Lucy Hilliard,

Kayhew, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of McKinley and Lonze Hilliard, sons of Sam and Lucy Hilliard, has been filed with the Commission. There are inclosed herewith two blank applications for enrollment of infant children. In having them executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your two sons, McKinley and Lonze Hilliard, as Choctaw freedmen until the evidence of birth is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
S. B. C.

Commissioner in Charge.

17-890.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 14, 1902.

Ed Hilliard,

Waynes, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Lucy Hilliard and Wa nat James relative to the birth of your minor child, McKinley Hilliard, December 15, 1896; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman  
990

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 22, 1902.

Lucy Hilliard,  
Mayhev, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of proof of the birth of  
Lenzo Hilliard, infant son of Lucy and Ham Hilliard, born February  
1, 1902, and the same has been filed with the records of the Commis-  
sion.

Receipt is also acknowledged of application for enrollment  
as a Choctaw Freedman of Ephraim Hilliard, infant son of Lucy and  
Ham Hilliard, born January 1, 1902, and the same being in proper form  
has been filed with the records of the Commission and the child list-  
ed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 991

Sylvester Boyd

FR. 991

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sylvester Boyd, said Boyd being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 33. My mother's name is Patsy Boyd and she belonged to the garlands, Choctaws. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.  
Very respectfully,  
B. McAlister

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Sylvester Boyd  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Lehigh (Here insert name of postoffice) Ind. Ter., and died on the 16 day of  
Aug. 1901

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Antwal DISTRICT.  
I, Sam Boyd, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Lehigh (Here insert name of postoffice) Ind. Ter.; that I am  
brother of Sylvester Boyd  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc. (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation  
and that said Sylvester Boyd died on the 16 day of  
Aug. 1901

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Sam Boyd

(Must Be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of May 1905

Corvus  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Antwal DISTRICT.  
I, Lee Hans, on oath state that I am 47  
years of age, and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Lehigh (Here insert name of postoffice) Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Sylvester Boyd  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Sylvester Boyd died on the 16 day of  
Aug. 1901

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Lee Hans

(Must Be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of May 1905

Corvus  
Notary Public.



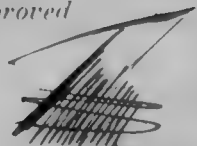
IN RE  
THE DEATH OF  
Sylvester Boyd

a ~~citizen~~ of the  
Freedman

Choctaw Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

It appearing from the within affidavits that the applicant Sylvester Boyd, died on or about August 15, 1901, it is hereby ordered, in accordance with the resolution of the Commission of March 31, 1905, that the application for the enrollment of Sylvester Boyd as a Choctaw Freedman be dismissed.

COMMISSION TO THE  
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.



Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

MAY 27 1905

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 12, 1900.

J. J. Barnett,

Darthe, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant in which you desire to be informed whether or not Veston Boyd appears upon the rolls as a Choctaw Freedman.

You are informed that a careful search of the records of this Commission does not disclose the name of Veston Boyd as being listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

The records do show however, that one, Sylvester Boyd, 33 years of age, the son of Sam and Patsy Boyd, is listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

If ~~you~~ is not the party of whom you inquire, and you will advise the Commission more fully as to his name, his age, the names of his parents and any other information that may lead to his identification, the matter will be given further consideration

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 31, 1903.

A. T. West,

Attorney at Law,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

A recent letter written from this office to Sylvester Boyd, a Choctaw freedman, and addressed to him at Lehigh, Indian Territory, has been returned with a notation marked thereon "Dead".

Can you refer the Commission to some relative, or acquaintance, who will furnish formal proof of his death. An envelope for your reply is enclosed you herewith.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Env.

17-991.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 22, 1906.

A. T. West, Attorney at Law,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

A letter written from this office October 4, 1902, to Sylvester Boyd, a Choctaw Freedman, and addressed to him at Lehigh, Indian Territory, was returned to the Commission October 10, 1902, with the notation marked thereon "Dead."

Can you refer the Commission to some relative or acquaintance of Sylvester Boyd who will furnish formal proof of Sylvester Boyd's death. An envelope for your reply is enclosed you herewith.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chectaw Freedman  
991.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 6, 1905.

West & Ennis,  
Attorneys at Law,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 27, in which you state that if a blank for the purpose is furnished, you think you can secure the proof of death of Sylvester Boyd from his brother, Sam Boyd, who lives at that place.

There is enclosed herewith blank for the proof of death together with envelope for the return thereof, and if you will secure the proof of death of this freedman and return it to the Commission, your action will be highly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Env.  
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17--991.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 27, 1906.

Sam Boyd,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and the affidavit of Lee Davis to the death of your brother, Sylvester Boyd, a Choctaw freedman, which occurred about August 15, 1901, and the same have been filed with our records as evidence of death of this person.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-991.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 27, 1905.

A. T. West,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed you herewith affidavits of Sam Boyd and Lee Davis to the death of Sylvester Boyd, a Choctaw freedman, on or about August 15, 1901, which were executed before you as Notary Public, and you are requested to affix your seal to said affidavits and return the same to this office immediately in the enclosed envelope.

Respectfully,

Env.  
DeB-2/27.

Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 17, 1905.

A. T. West,

Attorney at Law.

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 31, 1905, enclosing affidavits with reference to the death of Sylvester Boyd which were returned to you for the purpose of having your seal affixed and the same being in proper form have now been filed with our records as evidence of the death of the above named freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



17-991

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 23, 1905.

Sam Boyd,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that application was made by Sylvester Boyd for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman at Atoka, Indian Territory August 26, 1899.

It further appears from the evidence in this case, that the said Sylvester Boyd died on or about the 15th of August, 1901. The applicant having died prior to September 25, 1902, the date of the ratification by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, the application for the enrollment of Sylvester Boyd as a Choctaw Freedman was dismissed by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes. No allotment can be permitted for Sylvester Boyd.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner

Choc. Fr. 993

Thomas Carson

Fr. 993

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Thomas Carson, said Carson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by [redacted] him et als., testified.

I was born a slave and belonged to Hugh Cox, a Choctaw.

His wife was a Choctaw. Cox was a white man himself. I have been living in the Indian Territory all my life. My wife is a citizen. Her mother belonged to La Flore and she has been living in the Territory all the time. She's a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, as an official of this  
stenographic shorthand commission that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, July 13, 1904.

17-993

Roll-4294, 2103 4295, 2104.

In the matter of the enrollment of Thos. Carson, his wife, Frankie Carson, his minor child, Oliver Carson, and his step-child, Lenora James, Choctaw Freedman Card No. 993, approved roll Nos. 4294, 2103, 4295 and 2104.

Thos. Carson being duly sworn testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

- Q What is your name? A Thos. Carson.  
Q What is the name of your father? A Charles Carson.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Nancy Carson, but she has married a man since her enrollment, named John Thomas.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Frankie Williams.  
Q What is the name of her father? A Charley Williams.  
Q What is the name of her mother? A Pettie Williams.  
Q Are they both living or dead? A Both are dead.  
Q Is Oliver the child of yourself and your present wife? A No sir.  
Q What is the name of Oliver's mother? A A Creek Gardner.  
Q That was her name before you married her? A Yes sir.  
Q And that was her name at the time you married her? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of Lenora James' father? A Pot James.  
Q What is the name of her mother? A Frankie Williams.  
Q That is your present wife? A Yes sir.

It appears from the information on the back of Choctaw freedman card No. 993, that the names of the parents of No. 2 on said card have been omitted, and information as to the parents of No. 3 placed on line 2, and information relative to No. 4 placed on line 3.

Lewis J. Martin on oath states that the above is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes as taken in said cause on July 13, 1904.

*Lewis J. Martin*

Sworn to before me this July 21, 1904.

*W. W. Shultz*  
Notary Public.

Ator...

...

	NAME	Relationship to Person first named	AGE	SEX	...	...	...	...
1	Carson, J. W.	41	38	M				not on roll
2	"	Frankie	36	F	1896	...	368	
3	"	Oliver	13	M				not on roll
4	James	Samora	7	F	1896		9153	
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11								No. 2 on roll as Frankie Hall
12								
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE

17-993

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 13, 1904.

Tom Carson,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 6, 1904, stating that you are a Choctaw freedman and asking when the enrollment of yourself and your son, Oliver Carson, will be approved.

In reply to your letter you are informed that Thomas Carson and son, Oliver Carson, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen, prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

It is suggested that you communicate with the Commission in about two months, when you will be informed as to whether or not your enrollment has been approved.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-993

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 6, 1904.

Tom Carson,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 19, 1904, requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of yourself and your son, Oliver Carson.

You are informed it appears from our records that Thos. and Oliver Carson are listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon a schedule of freedmen of said Nation to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-993

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 6, 1904.

Tom Carson,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 19, 1904, requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of your - self and your son, Oliver Carson.

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You are informed it appears from our records that Thomas and Oliver Carson are listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon a schedule of freedmen of said Nation to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



Chectaw Freedmen  
993.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 1, 1904.

Thomas Carson,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 21, in which you state that some time ago you received a letter from the Secretary of the Interior stating that you and your son, Oliver Carson, had been approved and sent to the Indian Agency at Muskogee.

You ask why you have not been notified to that effect.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that Thomas Carson and his son, Oliver Carson, have been enrolled by the Commission as Chectaw Freedmen and their names placed upon a schedule of freedmen of said nation forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. The Commission has not, however, up to this time, been notified of Departmental action thereon.

It is suggested that you communicate with the Commission again in about thirty days, when you will be advised whether or not your enrollment has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-993

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 3, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Referring to your letter of July 21, 1904, transmitting the testimony of Thos Carson, relative to the names of the parents of Nos. 2, 3, and 4, found on original Choctaw Freedmen enrollment card No.993, it appears that the father of No.2 is "Charley Williams" and the mother is "Bettie Williams", that the father of No.3 is "No.1" and the mother "Creek Gardner", and that the father of No.4 is "Bot James" and the mother is "No.2".

You are advised that the above corrections have been made on the reverse side of original Choctaw Freedmen enrollment card No.993, and you are therefore requested to make like corrections on the reverse side of the duplicate in your possession of corresponding number.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-993

Muskegee, Indian Territory, August 3, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Chickasaw Land Office,  
Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Referring to original Choctaw Freedmen enrollment card No. 993, Thos Carson, et al, and the duplicate thereof in your possession, you are advised that the reverse side of said card has been changed to show that the father of No.2 is "Charley Williams" and the mother is "Bettie Williams", that the father of No.3 is "No.1" and the mother "Creek Gardner", that the father of No.4 is "Bot James" and the mother is "No.2", and you are requested to make like corrections on the duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 994

Josephine Clayton

Fr. 994

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Josaphine Clayton, said Clayton being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Nicey Harris and she belonged to Margaret Ring. I have always lived in the Territory. I am a Choctaw

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. H. Colburn*

17-9921

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD OF MARRIAGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY } SC1  
CENTRAL DISTRICT }

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the License for Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr. Clayton  
M. Harris

were filed in my office in said Territory and District

the 18 day of Dec

1899 and duly recorded in Book No

Marriage Record, Page 141

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court  
E. J. FANNIN

day of Dec 1899

E. J. FANNIN, Clerk  
Deputy

# MARRIAGE LICENSE



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY  
CENTRAL DISTRICT } SS.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage...GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. Lee Clayton of *Arden* in the Indian Territory, aged *20* years, and Mrs. Jennie Harris of *Arden* in the Indian Territory, aged *18* years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, this

*24* day of *Dec* A. D. 1898

*X* *W. H. Kell*

Deputy

Clerk of the U. S. Court

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
CENTRAL DIST. } SS.

*1. Benben Reader,  
a Minister of the Gospel*

DO HEREBY CERTIFY That on the

*24<sup>th</sup>* day of

*December*

A. D. 1898

I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this

*24<sup>th</sup>* day of

*December*

A. D. 1898

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory,

*Arden*  
Central District, Book *1* Page *119*



*Benben Reader  
Minister of the Gospel  
U. S. Court*

NOTE—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Gree Daniel Clayton*  
*Frederman*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved: *January 2* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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JAN 2 1901

*[Signature]*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN THE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
of Lee Daniel Clayton born on the 12 day of Oct- 1900  
Here insert name of child  
Name of Father: Lee Clayton, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Josephine Clayton, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office: Atoka, Okla. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Josephine Clayton, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by Adaption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lee Clayton, who is a citizen, by  
marriage, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1900; that said child has been  
named Lee Daniel Clayton, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARR.

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Josephine Clayton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1900.

D. C. Blossum

NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Hannah Frazier, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Josephine Clayton, wife of Lee Clayton,  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Lee Daniel Clayton.

WITNESSES TO MARR.

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Hannah Frazier

Mary Porter  
Ina M Stanley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1900.

D. C. Blossum

NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Eveline Clayton*

as a citizen of the

*United States of America*

Approved

AUG 26 1910

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Ethelene Clayton, born on the 10th day of July, 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father Lee Clayton, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Josephine Clayton a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-Office: Ukoka, Ia.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Josephine Clayton, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lee Clayton, who is a citizen, by  
freedman, of the United States Nation, that a <sup>female</sup> child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the 10th day of July, 1902; that said child has been  
named Ethelene Clayton, and is now living.

WITNESSED TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Josephine Clayton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1902

D. H. Sinebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Vivian Minton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Josephine Clayton, wife of Lee Clayton,  
on the 10th day of July, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a <sup>female</sup> child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Ethelene Clayton.

WITNESSED TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Vivian Minton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of November, 1902

D. H. Sinebaugh  
Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Lee Daniel Clayton*  
a citizen of the

*Chadaw Weeden*  
Commissioner

Approved NOV 25 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Lee Daniel Clayton  
(Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Aloka, Ind. Ter., and died on the  
(Here insert name of post office)  
February, 1901

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Lee Clayton, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by, of the United States Nation;  
that my post office address is Aloka, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the father of Lee Daniel Clayton,  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Lee Daniel Clayton died on the  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
February, 1901 his

WITNESSES TO MARK  
Lee Clayton  
(Must be Two Witnesses) Witness

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November 1902  
R. H. Mebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Nathan Geary, on oath state that I am 52  
years of age, and a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Aloka, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Lee Daniel Clayton  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Lee Daniel Clayton died on the  
(Here insert name of deceased)

February, 1901. Nathan Geary  
(Must be Two Witnesses) Witness

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November 1902  
R. H. Mebaugh  
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 2, 1900.

Lee Clayton,

Atoka, Indian Territory .

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Lee Daniel Clayton the infant son of Lee and Josephine Clayton, born October 12th, 1900, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 29, 1906.

Mrs. Josephine Clayton,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 23, 1906, asking if your child Lee Daniel who died in 1902 is entitled to enrollment and allotment.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that your son Lee Daniel died in February 1901 and under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, no person who died prior to September 25, 1902, the date of the ratification of the act above referred to is entitled to enrollment and allotment in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



Choc. Fr. 995

Rhoda Colbert

Fr. 995



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Rhoda Colbert, Richard Colbert, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified as follows:

My wife belonged to Johnson Ott, a Choctaw. She has always lived in the territory.

Department of the Interior,  
I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

J. M. Needles

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Ella Colbert*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nat. of

AUG 27 1901

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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AUG 27 1901

*[Handwritten signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
of *Ella Colbert*, born on the *16* day of *July*, 1901.  
Name of Father: *R C Colbert*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Rhoda Colbert*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-office, *Leboyer IT*.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *Rhoda Colbert*, on oath state that I am *27* years of age and a citizen, by *adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation; that I am the lawful wife of *R C Colbert*, who is a citizen, by *adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *female* child was born to me on the *16* day of *July*, 1901; that said child has been named *Ella Colbert* and is now living.

WITNESSED TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*Arthur Jones*  
*J M Matcham*

*Rhoda Colbert*  
with

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *23* day of *Aug*, 1901.

*A J Wynn*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *R C Colbert*, a *Physician*, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. *Rhoda Colbert*, wife of *Myself* on the *16* day of *July*, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named *Ella Colbert*.

WITNESSED TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*Arthur Jones*  
*J M Matcham*

*R C Colbert*  
with

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *23* day of *Aug*, 1901.

*A J Wynn*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Walter Robert*  
a ~~citizen~~ of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved NOV 21 1902 1902  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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NOV 21 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Ella Colburn  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near

Lehigh, Ind. Ter., and died on the 6 day of

March, 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY. )

Central District. )

I, Rhodax Colburn, on oath state that I am 27

years of age and a citizen, by jure dicitur, of the Choctaw Nation;

that my post office address is Lehigh, Ind. Ter.; that I am

mother of Ella Colburn,  
(State relationship as the father, son, uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by jure dicitur, of the Choctaw Nation;

and that said Ella Colburn died on the 6 day of

March, 1902 Rhodax Colburn  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN  
(Must be Two Witnesses) R. M. Wilson mark  
Wm. C. Bunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Nov, 1902

D. H. Linsbaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY. )

Central District. )

I, Allen Barr, on oath state that I am 48

years of age, and a citizen, by jure dicitur of the Choctaw Nation;

that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Ella Colburn,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by jure dicitur, of the Choctaw Nation;

and that said Ella Colburn died on the 6 day of

March, 1902 Allen Barr  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN  
(Must be Two Witnesses) R. M. Wilson mark  
Wm. C. Bunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Nov, 1902

D. H. Linsbaugh  
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frank Colbert

as citizen of

Choctaw

Nation

Approved

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Commissioner

proof of birth of child listed  
for enrollment Aug 29. 1899

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
**FILED**

CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Frank Colbert (Here insert name of child) born on the 4 day of July, 1899  
 Name of Father: Richard Colbert a citizen of the United States Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Rhoda Colbert a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office Harleyville Ark Ter  
formerly Lehigh S.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Rhoda Colbert on oath state that I am 33  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Richard Colbert who is a citizen,

of the United States that a male child was  
 born to me on 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1899; that said child has been named  
Frank Colbert and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Jacob Horner  
W. H. Martin

Rhoda X Colbert  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

19

day of

July, 1904  
David Shelly  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Annie Crooms on oath state that I at-  
 tended on Mrs. Rhoda Colbert wife of Richard Colbert  
 on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1899 that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
Frank Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Jacob Horner  
W. H. Martin

Annie X Crooms  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

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July, 1904  
David Shelly  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 27, 1901

Mr. P. C. Colbert,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Ella Colbert, the infant daughter of P. C. and Rheda Colbert, born July 16, 1901 and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that you are a Choctaw freedman; you are informed that the records of this office show that you are a non-citizen; therefore the statement contained in her affidavit that you are a Choctaw freedman is incorrect.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in charge.

17-952



Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 3, 1900.

Rhoda Colbert,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, Frank Colbert, as a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any evidence as to the birth of this child has ever been filed with the Commission. You should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavits.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signatures are by mark they must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as until this information is received nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of this child as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, you are advised that it does not appear from the records in the possession of the Commission that you were enrolled by the Choctaw tribal authorities in 1896 at the time of

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the taking of the census roll of the Choctaw Nation.

You are requested to inform the Commission with as little delay as possible, whether or not you were so enrolled in 1896, and if so, under what name you were enrolled.

This matter demands your immediate attention as until this information has been filed with the Commission nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

B. C.

Env.

17-998.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Rhoda Colbert,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your son, Frank Colbert, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any affidavit as to the birth of this child has been filed with the Commission. You should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavit.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are sworn to, attaches his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signature is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of your son as a Choctaw freedman until this affidavit is received.

Respectfully,

B.C.  
Env.

Chairman.

17-998

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 3, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Referring to original Choctaw Freedmen enrollment card No. 995, Rhoda Colbert, et al, you are advised that the following notation has this day been made thereon:

" No. 7 born July 4, 1899. Proof of birth filed Aug 3, 1904."

You are therefore requested to make like notation upon the duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-998

Waukegee, Indian Territory, August 3, 1904.

Rheda Colbert,

Maileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Annie Crooms, relative to the birth of your minor son, Frank Colbert, July 4, 1899, and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of the birth of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 992

Phyllis Factor

Fr. 992

*Phyllis Factor, et al.*

DECISION RENDERED  
**REFUSED** SEP 28 1905

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ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND  
CHICKASAW NATIONS. SEP 28 1905

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Phyllis Factor, said factor being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I belonged to Bony Harkins, a Chickasaw. I have lived in the Choctaw nation all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I read the foregoing as a true and correct translation of my stereographic notes, and certify that this translation is a true and correct translation of my stereographic notes.

B. H. Adams,



COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Phyllis Factor, Henry Ry-  
ington being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et  
als., testified:

I am 48 years old. I have been acquainted with Phyllis  
Factor for 30 years. I think she belonged to a woman by the name of  
Martha Hawkins and I think they ~~was~~ were Creeks, but her husband  
Simon Factor, was a Chickasaw freedman, but she herself, I think,  
belonged to a Creek. I think she and her husband were married.  
They lived together and raised a family. Simon Factor belonged  
to the widow Factor, a Chickasaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner

Washington, D.C.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a  
stenographic transcription of the testimony of  
transcribed and translated into English of  
my stenographic notes.

L. H. [Signature]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
Atoka, Ind. Ter., June 4, 1900.

In the matter of the application of Nancy Fulson for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, said Nancy ~~W. Fulson~~ being sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, testified as follows:

(By the Commission:)

- Q What is your name? A Nancy Fulson.  
Q What is your age? A About 40.  
Q Where do you live now? A Here in Atoka.  
Q Where were you born? A On Island Bayou on the Red River in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q Have you lived in the Choctaw Nation ~~and~~ continuously ever since?  
A Yes.  
Q You never have been outside of the Choctaw Nation? A No sir.  
Q Were you a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A No sir.  
Q Give your father's name? A Wyley Homer.  
Q Was your father a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A yes.  
Q Is he now living? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was your father's master? A Sampson Loring.  
Q Do you know what county your father belonged to? A Kiamish, I think.  
Q Give the name of your mother? A She has been married twice.  
Q What is her name now? A ~~Phillis Factor.~~  
Q Is your mother now living? A Yes.  
Q Was she the slave of a Choctaw Indian? A She came from the Creek Nation.  
Q She was the slave of a Creek Indian? A I think so.  
Q What was the name of your mother's master? A Mary Hawkins.  
Q Mary Hawkins was a Creek Indian was she? A I don't know; she said she was.  
Q Were you in the Choctaw Nation in September, 1865, at the close of the war? A I don't remember.  
Q You were here though if you lived here were you? A Yes sir.  
Q You have always lived in the Choctaw Nation since you were born?  
A Yes.  
Q Was your father in the Choctaw Nation in September, 1865? A Yes.  
Q He was here the first that you ever remembered? A Yes.  
Q Do you know whether your mother lived here in the Choctaw Nation in 1865? A. I don't know; I guess she was here.  
Q Have you ever been enrolled by the Choctaw authorities? A Yes, I was enrolled at Mr. Thompson's down on Red River.  
Q Do you know what year that was? A No sir.  
Q How long was it? A I don't know.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q Have you been married? A Yes.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Twice.  
Q What was your first husband named? A Wesley Graves.  
Q Is he now living? A A No sir.  
Q When did he die? A Summer before last.  
Q Were you separated from your first husband before he died? A Yes.  
Q Were you divorced or just separated? A Divorced.  
Q How long was it before you were again married? A About five years.  
Q What was your last husband named? A Cooper Fulson.  
Q When were you married to Cooper Fulson? A It has been so long ago I don't know.  
Q Is he living? A Yes.  
Q Are you living with him? A No sir, he has another wife on Blue Branch.  
Q Have you a divorce from him? A Yes.  
Q Have you any children under twenty-one years of age by your first marriage? A Yes, I have two.

- Q. What are their names? A Vickey Graves.  
 Q. How old is she? A I guess she's about 21.  
 Q. What is your other child's name? A Cora graves.  
 Q. How old is she? A ~~At 12 years old~~ She's about 7 years old, I guess.  
 Q. Is Vickey married? A Yes.  
 Q. Have you any children by your second marriage? A Yes.  
 Q. What are their names? A Lula.  
 Q. How old is she? A About 12 years old, I guess.  
 Q. What is the next one? A Ada.  
 Q. How old is she? A 11 years old.  
 Q. What is the next one? A That's all I have.  
 Q. You apply for the enrollment of these three children, Cora Graves, Lula Fulson and Ada Fulson? A Yes sir.  
 Q. Are these children all living with you? A Yes.  
 Q. Did you ever enroll these children? A No sir, I never enrolled any of them.

The names of Nancy Homer, Nancy Graves, Nancy Fulson, Cora Graves, Lula Fulson and Ada Fulson are not found on the Roll of Choctaw Freedmen made by the tribal authorities in '85, nor that made in '96.

- Q Did you ever make application to be enrolled as a Creek freedman?  
 A No sir.

BRING RE-CALLED:

- Q Have you your marriage license or marriage certificate showing your marriage to Wesley Graves? A No sir, I haven't any. I was married but they did not give me any certificate.  
 Q By whom were you married? A Mr. Buttler.  
 Q Was he a minister of the gospel? A Yes sir.  
 Q Was anyone present besides yourself and your husband? A Yes.  
 Q Who was present? A That man that was sitting here, he was present. (Sylvester Graves.) There were lots of them present, but they are not here.  
 Q Whom did your first husband belong to? A Henry Byington.

The Choctaw Freedman Roll of 1886 examined and the name of Wesley Gray found thereon, No. 766, shown to be a slave of Henry Byington.

- Q Have you your marriage certificate or marriage license showing your marriage to Fulson? A No sir.  
 Q Who married you? A Mr. Buttler.  
 Q The same man that married you to Mr. Gray (Graves?) A Yes.  
 Q Where is Mr. Buttler? A He is dead.  
 Q Is there anyone present here who was present at your second marriage? A No sir. There were heap of them present, but some of them are ~~now~~ dead. Some of them live in McAlester.  
 Q When and where were you married to Cooper Fulson? A I could not tell you when we were married, but we were married down on Red River.

The roll of Choctaw freedmen made by the authorities of the Choctaw nation in 1886 is examined and the name of Cooper Fulson found thereon No. 833, shown to have been born free. Also the roll made in '96 of Choctaw freedmen made by the Choctaw Commissioners examined and the name of Cooper Fulson found thereon No. 1278, Tebuckay county.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
Atoka, Ind. Ter., June 4, 1900.

In the matter of the application of Nancy Fulson, Sloan Ward being sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, testified as follows:

(By the Commission:)

- Q What is your name? A Sloan Ward.  
Q How old are you? A About 40 years old.  
Q Where do you live? A About two miles east of Atoka.  
Q Where were you born? A In the Choctaw Nation in the Indian Territory.  
Q Have you lived in the Choctaw Nation all your life? A Yes.  
Q Have you been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman by the Dawes Commission? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Nancy Fulson? A Yes.  
Q How old is she? A I don't know exactly.  
Q About when was she born? A I could not tell you that.  
Q State about as near as you can? A I could not tell when she was born.  
Q How long have you known her? A I have been knowing her ever since she was a girl.  
Q Where was she born? A Close to Island Bayou on Red River in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q Do you know whether she was a slave? A No sir, she was no slave.  
Q How do you know she was not? A She was born since peace was declared.  
Q Do you know whom her father was? A Her father was named Wyley Loring.  
Q Was he a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes.  
Q What was his father's name? A Sampson Loring.  
Q Has Nancy lived in the Choctaw Nation ever since you have known her? A Yes.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Phillis Factor.  
Q Is she living now? A Yes.  
Q How long has she lived in the Choctaw Nation? A I don't know; ever since the Creeks moved in here.  
Q She was a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A No sir, she was a slave of the Creeks I guess, I don't know.  
Q You do not know whom her owner was? A No sir.  
Q Was Nancy Fulson ever married? A Yes.  
Q Who was her first husband? A Her first husband was Wesley Graves.  
Q When was she married to Wesley Graves? A I do not know when that was.  
Q About when? A I do not know the day of the month when she she was married, but that was her first husband. I was present at her marriage.  
Q Who married them? A A man named William Buttler married them.  
Q Is Wesley Graves now living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q How long did she live with him? A I do not know-- a good many years.  
Q Do you know whether she married again? A Yes.  
Q Whom did she marry the second time? A Cooper Fulson.  
Q Were you present at the marriage? A Yes.  
Q You saw them married? A Yes.  
Q When did that marriage occur? A I don't know exactly when it was, but I was there.  
Q Was Wesley Graves a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes.  
Q Was Cooper Fulson a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A He was born since the war.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
ATOKA, IND. TER., June 4, 1900.

In the matter of the application of NANCY FULSON for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, Sylvester Graves, being sworn testified:

(By the Commission:)

- Q What is your name? A Sylvester Graves.  
Q How old are you? A 44.  
Q Where do you live? A Here in Atoka.  
Q Have you been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman? A Yes.  
Q Do you know Nancy Fulson? A Yes.  
Q Do you know where Nancy Fulson was born? A At the mouth of Island Bayou on the Red River.  
Q Was she born before or after the Civil war? A After the war.  
Q About what year? A I don't know.  
Q Was she here in September, 1865? A Yes, I believe so.  
Q You are positive as to this? A Yes.  
Q Who was Nancy Fulson's owner? A Hawkins.  
Q What was her first name? A I don't remember.  
Q Was Nancy Fulson's owner a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians?  
A. I don't know.  
Q What was Nancy's father's name? A Wyley Loring.  
Q What was the name of his master? A Sampson Loring.  
Q What was his mother's name? A At that time she was known as Phillis Harkins-- she is known as Phillis Factor now.  
Q Did Nancy's father ever go by any other name? A Not as I remember.  
Q Did you know him all your life? A Yes.  
Q Did you ever know a man by the name of Wyley Homer? A No sir.  
Q Who was Phillis Factors mother's master? A Harkins.  
Q Who was Phillis Factor's owner? A Harkins.  
Q She was a Choctaw Indian? A No sir, I don't think she was. She was a Greek.  
Q Has Nancy always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes.  
Q Did Nancy Fulson's mother live in the Creek Nation? A No sir, she lived here.  
Q When did Nancy's mother come to the Choctaw Nation? A Before the surrender.  
Q Before peace was declared? A Yes, she was turned loose here in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q Before Nancy was born? A Yes.  
Q Where did she come from to the Choctaw Nation? A From the Creek Nation.  
Q Do you know whether Nancy was married to a man by the name of Wesley Graves? A Yes, he was a cousin of mine.  
Q Were you present at the marriage? A Yes.  
Q You say them married? A Yes.  
Q Who married them? A A minister of the Gospel by the name of Battler.  
Q She was divorced from him? A They did not have any such thing as divorce at that time.  
Q How long has she been separated from him? A I don't remember.  
Q He is now dead? A Yes.  
Q Do you know whether she has been married to anyone else? A No sir, not that I know of.  
Q Where do you now live? A Here in Atoka and work at a saw mill.  
Q How long have you been living here? A About 10 years. Was at Lehigh and down here in the mountains about 20 miles from here.  
Q If she had married anyone else wouldn't you have know it? A Not unless I had been told about it.  
Q How far did she live from you? A About twenty miles from me.

Brown McDonald, being first duly sworn by Acting Chairman  
Tans Bixby, says that as Stenographer to the Commission to the Five  
Civilized Tribes, he reported in full the testimony of the above  
named witnesses, and that the foregoing is a true and complete  
record of his stenographic notes.

*Brown McDonald*

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 4th day of  
June, A. D. 1900.

  
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Acting Chairman.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
ATOKA, IND. TER., June 5, 1900.

In the matter of the application of PHYLLIS FACTOR for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, said Phyllis Factor being sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Phyllis Factor.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age.  
Q You are about 65 years old? A I couldn't tell you.  
Q Were you a grown woman when the war broke out? A Yes.  
Q Where do you live now? A I lived on Blue until I moved up here.  
Q Do you live in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes.  
Q Where were you born? A In the Creek Nation.  
Q How long did you live in the Creek Nation? Until the war broke out? A Yes.  
Q Where did you go when the war broke out? A We run from the war. We started for Texas but never got there. We stopped on Red River.  
Q You have been in the Choctaw Nation ever since? A Yes, ever since.  
Q Were you the slave of a Choctaw Indian? A I don't know; my home was in the Creek Nation and they run me out of there and I have been there ever since.  
Q Whom did you belong to in the Creek Nation? A Boney Hawkins.  
Q He was a Creek Indian? A I don't know.  
Q He was an Indian? A Yes.  
Q Did you ever hear of his being a Choctaw Indian? A I don't know.  
Q Did Boney Hawkins ever live in the Choctaw Nation? A He had lots of black people and left to go over to Texas and he died. He died before the war. He had lots of black people and had a good many of them in Texas and a good many of them at home.  
Q You did not go back to the Creek Nation after the war? A No sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Daniel.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes he died a long time ago.  
Q They died before the war? A My mother died and the old man died after the war.  
Q Was your mother a ~~slave~~ slave of a Choctaw Indian? A No, her owner was a Creek. I was a little girl when she died. When she was living she was the slave of a Creek.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes.  
Q Are they under twenty-one years of age? A I don't know how old they are.  
Q Are they grown men and women? A Yes.  
Q What is your son's name that is under 21 years of age? A Robert.  
Q Is Robert about 17 years old? A I don't know.  
Q What is the name of his father? A Simon Factor.  
Q Is he a Choctaw? A No sir, he was a Chickasaw. I reckon he was a Chickasaw.  
Q Is he a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes.

By Mr. Telle:

- Q Did he belong to old Clayborn Factor? A I think he belonged to old Mrs. Shaw. I don't know who he belonged to-- I think he belonged to Mrs. Shaw, but he was a Chickasaw.

By Mr. Bixby:

- Q Does Robert live with Henry McDonald? A No, my boy stays at home with me.

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- Q Have you a daughter named Carrie? A Yes.  
Q Is she married to Henry McDonald? A Yes.

Robert Factor will be enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman. Enrollment of Phyllis Factor is refused for the reason that she never was a slave of a Choctaw or Chickasaw Indian.

Brown McDonald, being first sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, as Stenographer to the Five Civilized Tribes, says that he reported in full the testimony of the witness Phyllis Factor, and that the foregoing is a full and correct translation of his stenographic notes.

*Brown McDonald*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of June, 1900,  
at Atoka, Indian Territory.

  
Acting Chairman.



17-992.

C O P Y .

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1904

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Creek Enrollment Division:  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

On August 29, 1899, Phyllis Factor, age sixty-five, appeared before the Commission and made application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman. It appears from the record in her case that Phyllis Factor was the slave of Mary Hawkins or Harkins and that said Mary Hawkins, or Harkins was a Creek Indian.

You are requested to inform the Choctaw and Chickasaw Enrollment Division as to whether or not any application was ever made to the Commission for the enrollment of Phyllis Factor as a freedman of the Creek Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

C O P Y .

17-992.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 19, 1904

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your request of October 17, as to whether Phyllis Factor, age sixty-five, slave of Mary Hawkins or Harkins a Creek Indian, is an applicant to the Commission for enrollment as a freedman of the Creek Nation, you are advised that it does not appear from our records that such application has ever been made.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Tams Bixby,  
Chairman.

17-992.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Phyllis Factor as a Choctaw Freedman.

- - : D E C I S I O N : - -

It appears from the record herein that on August 29, 1899, application was made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Phyllis Factor as a Choctaw Freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application on June 4th and 5th, 1900.

It further appears from the record herein that at the time of her first appearance before said Commission, the applicant claims to have belonged to Boney Harkins, an alleged Chickasaw citizen, but on her second appearance before said Commission on June 5, 1900, she testified that she was born in the Creek Nation a number of years prior to the commencement of the war of the rebellion, and that about the commencement of the war she was forced to leave said Creek Nation, and took up her residence in the Choctaw Nation where she has lived ever since; that she belonged to said Boney Harkins (or Hawkins) while still living in the Creek Nation, but does not know whether he was a Choctaw Indian or Creek Indian.

From all the testimony presented in the matter of said application it is clear that the applicant was never the slave of a Choctaw citizen.

I am therefore of opinion that Phyllis Factor is not entitled to be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman, and that her application for such enrollment should be denied under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

  
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Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

17-992

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1905.

Phyllis Factor,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered September 28, 1905, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

*Samuel Dickson*

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-992.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1905.

E. A. Newman,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilised Tribes rendered September 28, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Phyllis Factor as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

James D. Doby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-992.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1905

Wansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered September 28, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Phyllis Factor as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Incl. 17-992.

Commissioner.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1908.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Phyllis Factor as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 28, 1908, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Tamc Dixon*

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Commissioner.

Through the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

G. R.  
LLB

D.C. 48809-1905.  
I. T. D. 13324-1905.

October 19, 1905.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

September 28, 1905, you transmitted the record of the application of Phyllis Factor for her enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, including your decision of same date denying said application.

October 9, 1905, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs reporting thereon, recommended that your decision adverse to the applicant be affirmed. A copy of his letter is inclosed.

The Department concurs in the recommendation made and your decision dated September 28, 1905, denying the application of Phyllis Factor for her enrollment as a Choctaw freedman is hereby affirmed.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,  
Secretary.

1 inclosure.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, October 9, 1905.

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78289-1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 28, 1905, transmitting the record of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman by Phyllis Factor.

September 28, 1905, the Commissioner decided adversely to the applicant.

The record shows that the applicant was never the slave of a Choctaw citizen.

In view of the record the approval of the Commissioner's decision adverse to the applicant is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. W. Larrabee  
Acting Commissioner.

MM (W)

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1905.

Phyllis Factor,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that the Secretary of the Interior under date of October 19, 1905, affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 28, 1905, denying the application for your enrollment as

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a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1905.

E. A. Newman,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Secretary of the Interior under date of October 19, 1905, affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 28, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Phyllis Factor as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-992

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the Secretary of the Interior under date of October 19, 1905, affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 28, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Phyllis Factor as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mrs. W. L. Herrod of Okmulgee stated that Phillis Factor was formerly the slave of her sister Martha Hopkins a Creek citizen and the wife of Roney Hawkins a Chickasaw Indian but Mrs. Herrod stated, however, that about the beginning of the war Phillis Factor went to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country and never returned to the Creek Nation.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 9, 1905.

E. A. Newman,

Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 4, 1905, in which you ask if additional testimony is necessary in the matter of the enrollment of Phillis Factory and her children Robert, Jennie and Nancy Factory.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Phillis Factory and her son Robert Factory are applicants for enrollment.

It appears from our records that Phillis Factory is an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and that her son Robert Factory was an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. It appears, however, that Robert Factory died in February 1900 prior to the ratification of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, and he is not therefore entitled to enrollment and allotment.

The Commission has not yet passed upon the application of Phillis Factory for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman but if further evidence is necessary to enable them to pass upon her application she will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 9, 1905.

E. A. Newman,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 4, 1905, in which you ask if additional testimony is necessary in the matter of the enrollment of Phillis Factory and her children Robert, Jennie and Nassy Factory.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Phillis Factory and her son Robert Factory are applicants for enrollment.

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The Commission has not yet passed upon the application of Phillis Factory for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman but if further evidence is necessary to enable them to pass upon her application she will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

Chairman

17-992

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 24, 1905.

F. A. Newman,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 16, 1905, addressed to Mrs. M. L. Herrod which has been by her referred to this office for reply. Therein you ask the status of the application of Phyllis Factor for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Mrs. Herrod came to this office last week and asked that this case be investigated and that you be advised as to what was shown by the records.

In reply you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that on September 28, 1905, a decision was rendered refusing the application of Phyllis Factor for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman for the reason that she was never a slave of a Choctaw or Chickasaw but was the slave of Martha Hawkins or Harkins a Creek Indian.

You are further advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application was made for the enrollment of Phyllis Factor as a Creek freedman within the time provided by law.

Respectfully,



ENROLLMENT  
 CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Phyllis Factor, et, al.

Decision Rendered.  
 REFUSED Sep 28 1905

Copy of Decision Forwarded Attorneys for  
 Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Sep 28 1905

Copy of Decision Forwarded Applicant.  
 Sep 28 1905

Notice of Decision Forwarded Attorney  
 For Applicants.  
 Sep 28 1905

Record Forwarded Department--Sep 28 1905

Action Approved By Secretary Of Interior  
 Oct 19 1905

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded  
 Attorneys For Choctaw And Chickasaw Nation  
 Oct 31 1905

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded  
 Attorney For Applicant--Oct 31 1905

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed Appli-  
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Choc. Fr. 996

Ellis James

Fr. 996

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Caddo, I.T/ August 21, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ellis James, said James being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Maria Maturby-- she was a non-citizen. My father's name was Dave James. I have lived in the Territory all my life. I am married. I do not know whether my father and mother were married or not.

(Excused to find witnesses to his father and mother's marriage.)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*L. M. Howard*

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ellis James, said James being being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My father's name is David James and he belonged to Harriett James, a Choctaw.

Jackson James, being sworn, testified:

I know Ellis James. He is not related to me. I know his father and mother and they live together as man and wife all the time, but I do not know whether they are married or not.

Harrison Powell, being sworn, testified:

I know Ellis James and his wife Julia James. They are married. I was at the wedding. I know his two children.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as signed by me, and that this translation is a true and correct translation of my original papers.

W. H. Powell

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Minnie James*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved

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*[Large signature]*  
*[Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Mimzy James*, born on the *16* day of *Mar.*, *1900*  
 Name of Father: *Ellis James* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Julia Ann James* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Post-office *Waynes D.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Central* District.

I, *Julia James*, on oath state that I am *27*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *Marriage*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Ellis James*, who is a citizen, by  
*Birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *female* child was  
 born to me on *16* day of *Mar*, *1900*; that said child has been  
 named *Mimzy James*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) *Ellis James*  
*W. W. Wilson*  
*Julia Ann James*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *2* day of *May*, *1902*

*Thomas M. Reynolds*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.  
*Central* District.

I, *Nellie Wilson*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Julia Ann James*, wife of *Ellis James*  
 on the *16* day of *March*, *1900*; that there was born to her on  
 said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named *Mimzy James*.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) *Nellie Wilson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *2* day of *May*, *1902*

*Thomas M. Reynolds*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Bernie Beatrice James*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Bernie Beatrice James*, born on the *27* day of *Jan*, 18*02*  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: *Ellis James* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
(Here insert name of father)  
 Name of Mother: *Julia Ann James* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
(Here insert name of mother)  
 Post-office *Mayhew Ind. Ter.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Central* District.

I, *Julia Ann James*, on oath state that I am *27*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *marriage*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Ellis James*, who is a citizen, by  
*birth*, of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *female* child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on *27* day of *Jan*, 18*02*; that said child has been  
 named *Bernie Beatrice James*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*A. R. Holmes*  
*J. G. Willcutt*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *2* day of *May*, 190*2*  
*Thomas D. Mc Reynolds*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
*My Com. expires Apr. 28, 1905*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Central* District.

I, *Mollie Evans*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Julia Ann James*, wife of *Ellis James*  
 on the *27* day of *Jan*, 18*02*; that there was born to her on  
 said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
 named *Bernie Beatrice James*.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*Mollie Evans*  
*Ellis James*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *2* day of *May*, 190*2*  
*Thomas D. Mc Reynolds*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
*My Com. expires Apr. 28, 1905*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
September 7, 1904.

17-966.  
17-D-174.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jesse Gary, his child, Chester Gary, and his brother Ephriam Gary, as Choctaw freedmen, consolidating cases 17-966 and 17-D-174.

Jesse Gary, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Jesse Gary.  
Q. What is your postoffice address? A. Atoka.  
Q. How old are you? A. About thirty-four.  
Q. Who was your father? A. Nathan Gary.  
Q. Your mother? A. Nicey Gary.  
Q. Was your father a slave? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Where have you lived since your birth? A. Choctaw Nation.  
Q. Anywhere else? A. No, sir.  
Q. Have you a child called Chester? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Who is the mother of Chester? A. Mattie Gary.  
Q. She is on the final roll? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you know Ephriam Gary? A. Yes, sir, my brother.  
Q. The same father and mother? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Where has he lived since he was born? A. In the Choctaw Nation until about two years ago.  
Q. Was he born in the Choctaw Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Not in the Territory now? A. No, sir, in Kansas City, Missouri, I think. I don't know exactly.  
Q. What is his business? A. He was working for a clothing company.  
Q. Has he a home in the Territory now? A. Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

Nathan Gary, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Nathan Gary.  
Q. Postoffice? A. Atoka.  
Q. What relation are you to the applicants, Jesse and Ephriam?  
A. They are my sons.  
Q. Both of them? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Who was their mother? A. Nicey.  
Q. Was she a freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Was she your wife? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. To whom did she belong? A. Giles Thompson.  
Q. You are on the final roll? A. Yes, sir.

(Witness is identified on card 17-1041, and is numbered 3622 on the final roll approved by the Secretary.)

- Q. Were your sons born in the Nation? A. Yes, sir, right here.  
Q. Always made their home here? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Never lived outside the Territory? A. No, sir.  
Q. Are all your children on the final roll? A. All except Jesse and Ephriam.  
Q. Sure about that? A. Yes, sir.

17-966.  
17-D-174.

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Q. Do you know the postoffice address of Ephriam Gary? A. No, sir.

Witness excused.

Elsie E. Ashton, being first duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly reported the proceedings above, and this is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes.

*Elsie E. Ashton.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of September, 1904.

*Mumpbell*  
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 7, 1902.

T. V. McReynolds,

Maynew, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Minny James, infant daughter of Ellis and Julia Ann James, born March 16, 1900, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Bernie Beatrice James, infant daughter of Ellis and Julia Ann James, born January 27, 1902, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 997

Thomas Williams

Fr. 997

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Thomas Williams, said Williams being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Nettie Williams and she belonged to Fortes La Flore. I have lived in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior.

*B. H. McDonald*

Choc. Fr. 998

Calvin McCoy

Fr. 998

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Calvin McCoy, said McCoy being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

My mother's name was Mandy McCoy and she belonged to J<sup>m</sup> McCoy, a Choctaw. I was turned free in the Nation and have been living here ever since.

My wife belonged to Forbes La Flora's daughter, Mrs. Manning, a Choctaw. My wife has lived in the Territory all of her life. Her name is Malinda.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. W. Anderson*



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

Harrison Mc Coy  
as a citizen of the

Cherokee Indian Nation.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Harrison Mc Coy (Here insert name of child), born on the        day of March, 1899  
 Name of Father: Calvin Mc Coy, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Malinda Mc Coy, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post Office: Wapanuckas, D.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF ~~MOTHER~~ father

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Calvin Mc Coy, on oath state that I am 41  
 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I ~~am~~ <sup>was</sup> the lawful ~~wife~~ <sup>husband</sup> of Malinda Mc Coy, who ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> a citizen, by  
freedman, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to ~~me~~ <sup>her</sup> on the        day of March, 1899, that said child has been  
 named Harrison Mc Coy, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Wm C. Bunn  
R. M. Wilson  
Calvin Mc Coy Malinda Mc Coy  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1902  
R. H. Smebaugh  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR HIS WIFE, ~~an acquaintance~~

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Tom Sealey, a ~~physician~~ acquaintance, on oath state that I  
~~was personally acquainted with~~  
~~attended on~~ Mrs. Malinda Mc Coy, wife of Calvin Mc Coy,  
 on the        day of March, 1899; that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
 named Harrison Mc Coy.

WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Wm C. Bunn  
R. M. Wilson  
Tom Sealey  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1902  
R. H. Smebaugh  
 Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Mahinda Mc Coy  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Wapanucka, Ind. Ter., and died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
April, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District. }

I, Calvin Mc Coy, on oath state that I am 41  
years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Wapanucka, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the husband of Mahinda Mc Coy,  
(state relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Mahinda Mc Coy died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
April, 1900.

WITNESSES TO SIGN:  
Calvin Mc Coy  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) } K. M. ...  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November 1902.  
R. L. ...  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
\_\_\_\_\_ District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN:  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) } \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*David McCoy*  
a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved

*[Signature]*  
1902  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING COMMISSIONER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Isaac McCoy  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Waparrucka, Ind. Ter., and died on the first day of  
August, 1902.  
(Here insert name of post office.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Calvin McCoy, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Waparrucka, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
Father of Isaac McCoy,  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Isaac McCoy was 10 years died on the 1 day of  
August, 1902.  
Calvin McCoy  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of December, 1902.  
A. A. Farwell  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Joanna Williams, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age, and a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Waparrucka, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Isaac McCoy,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Isaac McCoy died on the 1 day of  
August, 1902.  
Joanna Williams  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of December, 1902.  
A. A. Farwell  
Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Isaac M. Coy  
a citizen of the

Chickaw Fredman

Approved NOV 21 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Isaac Mc Coy  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Wapanucka, Ind. Ter., and died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
August, 1902  
(Here insert name of post office.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )

I, Calvin Mc Coy, on oath state that I am 41  
years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Isaac Mc Coy, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the father of Isaac Mc Coy,  
(State relationship as the father, uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a cousin by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Isaac Mc Coy died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
August, 1902

WITNESSES TO MARK  
Calvin Mc Coy mark  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) R. M. Mc Coy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1902  
R. H. Hiebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
\_\_\_\_\_ District. )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.



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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Calvin McCoy,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Harrison McCoy, son of Calvin and Malinda McCoy, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In

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having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Harrison McCoy, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth has been furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 999

Sampson Williams

Fr. 999



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sampson Williams, said Williams being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Nettie Williams. She belonged to old man Forbes La Flore, a Choctaw. I have lived in the Territory all my life.

My wife's mother was Phoebe Harrison. (Mr. Telle: She belonged to Mary Ellis, Choctaw.)

(Excused to find witnesses as to who his wife's mother belonged to.)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, and that the same has been compared with the original and found to be a true and correct copy of the same.

W. M. McDonald

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

Bertha Williams  
as a citizen of the

*Cherokee Nation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Bertha Williams* born on the *18* day of *Feb*, 190*2*  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: *Sam Williams*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Eldora Williams*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Atta*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
- *Central* District. }

I, *Eldora Williams*, on oath state that I am *18*  
years of age and a citizen, by *freedman* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Sam Williams*, who is a citizen, by  
*freedman*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *female* child was  
born to me on the *18* day of *Feb.*, 190*2*; that said child has been  
named *Bertha Williams* and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*D. A. Holloway*  
*W. A. Holloway*

*Eldora Williams*  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *15* day of *Dec.*, 190*2*

*Virginia M. Waller*  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_; that there was born to her on said  
date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Bertha Williams

as a citizen of the

Chautauq Freedmanation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Bertha Williams, (Here insert name of child) born on the 18th day of February, 1902  
Name of Father: Sampson Williams, a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Edna Williams, a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office Poggy Depot, Ia

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by  
\_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a <sup>(Male or female)</sup> child was  
born to me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190; that said child has been  
named \_\_\_\_\_, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be Two Witnesses) }  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Frances Carson, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Eldora Williams, wife of Sampson Williams,  
on the 18th day of February, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a <sup>(Male or female)</sup> female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Bertha Williams.

WITNESSES TO MARK: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be Two Witnesses) } Frances Carson  
W. M. C. Brown  
R. M. Wilson  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November 1902  
D. H. Linebaugh  
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 23, 1902.

Virgil M. Wallace,

Citra, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 15th inst., enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Bertha Williams, infant daughter of Sampson and

Eldora Williams, born February 18, 1902; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Notice of Enrollment Jacket  
for Sallie Williams Custer Breed-  
man # 1000

Choc. Fr. 1001

Susan Nail

Fr. 1001



*N* IS RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Samuel Nail*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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Acting Chairman

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*IN RE* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Simuel Nail*, born on the *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept*, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: *John Nail* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Susan Nail* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Post-office *Mapanvessa* *T. S.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Central* INDIAN TERRITORY, District.

I, *Susan Nail*, on oath state that I am *24*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Bon gut of Medlar*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *Male* child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept*, 1901; that said child has been  
 named *Simuel Nail*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Susan Nail*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept*, 1902  
*E. J. Ball*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Central* INDIAN TERRITORY, District.

I, *Charlotte McCoy*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Susan Nail*, wife of \_\_\_\_\_  
 on the *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept*, 1901 that there was born to her on  
 said date a *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
 named *Simuel Nail*

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Charlotte McCoy*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *26* day of *Sept*, 1902  
*E. J. Ball*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

17-1001.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 2, 1902.

Susan Nail,

Care E.J. Ball,

Wapamucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Samuel Nail, infant son of John and Susan Nail, born September 5, 1901; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1002

Harrison Powell

Fr. 1002

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Harrison Powell.

Record of Martha Powell, et, al.  
Chickasaw Freedman # 1406, transferred to  
this jacket Oct-18-1904.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 20, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Harrison Powell, said Powell being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 24 years old. My mother's name was Creasia Powell and she belonged to Robert Jones. I have been living in the Indian territory. I am a Choctaw. I am married; my wife is a citizen. Her father was Ison Maturby, a Choctaw. My wife's father and mother were ~~xxxx~~ married.

(Excused to find witness to establish marriage between wife's father and mother.)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

Atoka, Indian Territory, August 20, 1899. I have taken as my oath as required by law and I declare that this is a true and correct statement of the facts in relation to the enrollment of

Atoka, I.T.

EDWARD M. ...

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Harrison Powell, said Powell being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Creasia Powell; she belonged to Robert Jones, a Choctaw.

Nelson Harris, being sworn, testified:

I am about 50 years old. I know Isom Maturby and his wife. I do not know whether they were married or not, but they lived together as man and wife, and he has a family. My wife's father's name was Isom Maturby and he belonged to Susan Jones, a Chickasaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, *Edw. M. ...*, do hereby certify that this stenographic transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Edw. M. ...*

IN RE  
Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

Mabel Powell  
Freedman  
as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

Child for whom application  
was made August 29 1899

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Choctaw Freedman  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Mabel Powee, born on the 22 day of Oct, 1897.  
Here insert name of child.  
Name of Father: Harrison Powee a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Marta Powee a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.  
Postoffice Chickasaw Ind. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

I, Marta Powee, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by Indman of the Chickasaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Harrison Powee, who is a citizen, by  
Indman of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was  
(Male or Female.)  
born to me on 22 day of October, 1897; that said child has been named  
Mabel Powee and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

1 day of December, 1904.

R. E. Tanner  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT.

I, Belia Powee, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Marta Powee wife of Harrison Powee  
on the 22 day of October, 1897; that there was born to her on said date a Female  
(Male or Female.)  
child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Mabel Powee  
Belia Powee  
Male

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

R. E. Tanner  
Mahisa Shoals

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

1st day of December, 1904

R. E. Tanner  
Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

*Geoffrey Russell*

As a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

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Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Goffrey Powell*, born on the *27* day of *September*, 18*87*.  
 Name of father: *Harrison Powell*, a citizen of the *Chickasaw* Nation,  
 Name of mother: *Martha Powell*, a citizen of the *Chickasaw* Nation.  
 Post Office: *C. Leslie, Ia. T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Comba* District.

I, *Martha Powell*, on oath, state that I am *20* years of age and a citizen, by *Treatman*, of the *Chickasaw* Nation; that I am the lawful wife of *Harrison Powell* who is a citizen, by *Treatman*, of the *Chickasaw* Nation; that a *male* child was born to me on the *27* day of *September*, 18*87*; that said child has been named *Goffrey Powell* and is now living.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *10th* day of *March*, 19*00*.  
*E. W. Allaway*  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Comba* District.

I, *Assah Anderson*, a *Midwife*, on oath, state that I attended on Mrs. *Martha Powell*, wife of *Harrison Powell* on the *27* day of *September*, 18*87*; that there was born to her on said date *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named *Goffrey Powell*.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *10th* day of *March*, 19*00*.  
*E. W. Allaway*  
 Notary Public.

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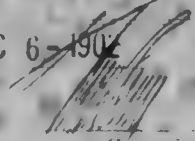
IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Geoffery Powers*  
a citizen of the  
*Chickasaw Freedmen's Nation*

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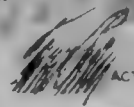


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Gaffney Powers  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Abertin, Ind. Ter., and died on the 18 day of  
October, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District }  
I, Harrison Powers, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Abertin, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
father of Gaffney Powers  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation;  
and that said Gaffney Powers died on the 18 day of  
Oct., 1900 Harrison Powers

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of Dec., 1900  
H. K. Redder  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District }  
I, Julias Harris, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age, and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Abertin, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Gaffney Powers  
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation;  
and that said Gaffney Powers died on the 18 day of  
October, 1900 Julias Harris

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of Dec., 1900  
H. K. Redder  
Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD.

*Simothy Powell*

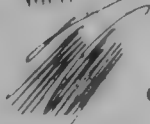
As a citizen of the

*Choctaw*  
CHICKASAW FREEDMEN.

Nation.

Approved **MAY 25 1901**

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Commissioner.

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COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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## Department of the Interior,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Linnothy Powell*, born on the *1st* day of *April*, 1901.  
 Name of father: *Harrison Powell*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of mother: *Marthy Powell*, a citizen of the *Chickasaw* Nation.  
 Post Office: *Cherlock, I. T.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *Marthy Powell*, on oath, state that I am *22* years of age and a  
 citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Chickasaw* Nation; that I am the  
 lawful wife of *Harrison Powell* who is a citizen, by *adoption*, of the  
*Choctaw* Nation; that a *male* child was born to me on the *first* day  
 of *April*, 1901; that said child has been named *Linnothy Powell*,  
 and is now living.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *22d* day of *May*, 1901.

*Martha Powell*

*H. W. Attorney*

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *Sarah Vinson*, a *Midwife*, on oath, state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Marthy Powell*, wife of *Harrison Powell*  
 on the *1st* day of *April*, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a *male* child;  
 that said child is now living and is said to have been named *Linnothy Powell*.

*Sarah Vinson*  
~~*Jessie Vinson*~~  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this *22d* day of *May*, 1901.

*H. W. Attorney*

Notary Public.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Martha Powell and her two children, Mabel Powell and Timothy Powell, as Chickasaw freedmen.

Martha Powell, being first duly sworn upon her oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Martha Powell.  
Q What is your age? A Twenty-four.  
Q What is your post office? A Oberlin.  
Q Are you Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Maria Maytubbe.  
Q What is your father's name? A Isom Maytubbe.  
Q What are your children's names? A Mabel and Timothy.  
Q Were they both living on September 25, 1902?  
A Yes sir.

Cornelius Powell, being first duly sworn upon his oath testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Cornelius Powell.  
Q What relation are you to the applicant? A She is my daughter-in-law.  
Q Who is Martha Powell's mother? A Maria Maytubbe.  
Q Was she a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A No sir.  
Q Non-citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is her father? A Isom Maytubbe.  
Q Who is Martha Powell's father? A Isom Maytubbe.  
Q Was Isom Maytubbe slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.  
Q What was the name of Isom Maytubbe's owner? A Robert Jones.  
Q Is Robert Jones a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir, quarter-blood.  
Q Did you know Isom Maytubbe all through the war of the rebellion? A Yes sir.



- Q Where was he living then? A At Charlottetown.  
Q On Robert Jones' place? A Yes sir.  
Q Was Isom Maytubbe the slave of Robert Jones at the beginning of the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Did he remain the slave of Robert Jones until the end of the war, until turned loose? A Yes sir.  
Q Never run away? A No sir.  
Q Then turned loose and they let him go? A Yes sir.  
Q You know that of your own knowledge? A Yes sir.  
Q Right there yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you a slave of Robert Jones? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Isom Maytubbe living to-day? A Yes sir, he living.  
Q After the surrender did Isom Maytubbe continue to live in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q How long did he live there? A I do not know exactly how long, staying right there ever since the surrender.  
Q Been in the Choctaw country ever since the surrender?  
A Yes sir, born here.  
Q Born here and never has been away? A Yes sir.  
Q Has Martha Powell always lived in the Choctaw country?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You know that of your own knowledge? A Yes sir.  
Q Was Isom Maytubbe married to Mariah Maytubbe? A Yes sir he married.  
Q He married before the birth of this applicant. A Yes sir.  
Q Were you present at the marriage? A Yes sir.  
Q What was the preacher's name? A William Butler.

Hannibal Shoals, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Hannibal Shoals.  
Q What is your age? A Forty-eight years old.  
Q You know the applicant, Martha Powell? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you know her father? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his name? A Isom Maytubbe.  
Q Did you know her father? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A Mariah.  
Q Do you know whether or not Isom Maytubbe was married to Mariah Maytubbe? A Yes sir, married to them.  
Q Were you present at the marriage? A No sir. Always had knowledge of them being married people and her preacher say so, after they were married.  
Q Did Isom Maytubbe belong to a Choctaw or Chickasaw Indian? A Choctaw Indian.  
Q What was his name? A R. M. Jones.  
Q Was R. M. Jones and Robert Jones the same man? A Yes sir.

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Q He was not Chickasaw but Choctaw? A Choctaw.  
Q Was Isom Maytubbe the slave of Robert Jones at the beginning of the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Did he remain the slave of Robert Jones until the close of the war and live with Robert Jones till the slaves were turned loose? A Yes sir.  
Q Has Isom Maytubbe always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You know that of your own knowledge? A Yes sir.  
Q You lived near him? A Yes sir.  
Q Has Martha Powell always lived in the Choctaw country? A Yes sir.  
Q Never did live out of the Choctaw Nation? A No sir.

Cornelius Powell, being recalled, testified as follows:

Q Are you on the final roll of Choctaw freedmen? A Yes sir.  
Q Been approved by the Secretary of the Interior? A Yes sir.  
Q Got your allotment yet? A I could not tell, been up here and my name was not approved and went back.  
Q Who is the father of Mabel Powell and Timothy Powell? A Harrison Powell.  
Q He your son? A Yes sir.  
Q He on the Choctaw roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Choctaw freedmen? A Yes sir.

Daisy D. Daubin upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Daisy D. Daubin*

Sworn to before me this the 21st day of September, 1904.

*W. M. ...*  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
ATOCA, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Martha Powell and her children, Mabel Powell and Timothy  
Powell, as Chickasaw freedmen.

Isom Maytubbee, being first duly sworn upon his oath,  
testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Isom Maytubbee.  
Q Do you know Martha Powell? A That is my first daughter,  
baby.  
Q Were you a slave? A Yes sir, I was slave.  
Q What was your owner's name? A Robert Jones. I was  
born right there at Shawneetown and raised there.  
Q Was Robert Jones a Choctaw?  
Q Who is the mother of Martha Powell? A Maria Maytubbee.  
Q Is she a non-citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q State woman? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you married to Maria Maytubbee? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A I am forty-six now.  
Q Your daughter, Martha Powell, was born since the war?  
Long time since the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you enrolled? A Me? I want to show you this letter  
Q You are on the final roll? A Yes sir.  
Q As a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your daughter, Martha Powell, claims her right through  
you? A Yes sir.  
Q Where has Martha Powell been living all her life? A Here  
with me, till she married.  
Q In the Choctaw nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Did she ever live outside of the Choctaw Nation? A No  
sir.  
Q Have you got any other child besides Martha Powell? A Yes  
sir.  
Q What are their names? A Ida Maytubbee, Mathew May-  
tubbee, Aurelius Maytubbee, Laffie Maytubbee, Leroy Maytubbee,  
and Mattie Maytubbee.  
Q How old is Leroy? A I could not tell you exactly. He  
is about nine or ten years old.  
Q Who is the mother of Mattie Maytubbee? A Ida Maytubbee.  
Q These children you have named, Ida, Mathew, Aurelius,  
Jeffie, Leroy and Martha Powell, are all your children by  
Maria Maytubbee? A Yes sir.  
Q And you were married to Maria Maytubbee? A Yes sir.

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Q Who is the preacher that married you? A William Butler,  
a Baptist preacher.

Q Have you a marriage certificate? A No sir, them times  
they never give us any, paid them 2.00 but never gave us  
certificate.

Martha Powell, being first duly sworn upon her oath,  
testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q Who is the father of your children, Mabel and Timothy?  
A Harrison Powell.  
Q What is he? A Choctaw citizen.  
Q Is he on the final roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Has he filed? A Yes sir.

Daisy D. Daubin upon oath states that as stenographer  
to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly  
recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the  
foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes  
thereof.

Sworn to before me this the 24th day of September, 1904.

*Daisy D. Daubin*  
*H. Martin*  
Notary Public.

COMMISSIONERS  
HENRY L. DAVIS,  
TAMM BIXBY,  
ALEXANDER S. MCKENNON,  
THOMAS R. NUTTALL.

ALLISON B. AYLSWORTH, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Muskogee, T.T., December 30, 1899.

Mr. Harrison Powell,  
Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

The inclosed birth certificate in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Geoffrey, as a Choctaw citizen, is returned, because the notary public before whom both affidavits were taken, neglected to affix the impress of his seal thereon. Each affidavit should bear the notarial seal. The signature of the midwife, being by mark, should also be attested by two witnesses as required by law. Have these defects cured and when they have been, return the certificate to this office promptly and same will receive proper attention.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Inclosure #68.

Chas. F. Powell

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COMMISSIONERS  
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TAMM HAZEN,  
ARTHUR S. McKEEVER,  
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ALLISON I. ATLESWORTH, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19th, 1900.

Mr. Harrison Powell,  
Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission is in receipt of a birth certificate covering the birth of your infant son Geoffrey Powell. This certificate is defective in form in that the Notary Public before whom the acknowledgments were taken failed to affix the imprint of his seal at the proper place. Also the witnesses to the mark of Sarah Vincin both sign their names by mark.

We herewith send you a new birth certificate. In having this new certificate filled out you should be sure that the same mistakes do not again occur. Witnesses to signatures by mark should sign their own names. Upon receipt of the enclosed certificate filled out in due form the Commission will see that the same is properly filed.

Yours truly,

1 Enc.

Acting Chairman



Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 25, 1901.

Mr. Harrison Powell

Oberlin, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission is in receipt of an application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman of Timothy Powell, the infant son of Harrison and Martha Powell, born April 1, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Yours truly,

19-1406.

Acting Chairman.

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19-1406

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 5, 1903.

Harrison Powell,  
Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 24, in which you ask if your name and the names of other members of your family, Martha, Mable and Timothy Powell, have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. You also ask if you will get land for yourself in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

In reply to your letter you are informed that Harrison Powell has been enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw Freedman and his enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

It appears from our records that Martha Powell and Mabel and Timothy Powell, wife and children of Harrison Powell, have been listed for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Chickasaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Replying to that part of your letter in which you ask if you will get land in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation for yourself, you are informed that citizens and freedmen of the Choctaw



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and Chickasaw Nations may select their allotments in either the  
Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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19-1406

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 11, 1904.

H. C. Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of recent date, requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of Cornelius, Martha, Mabel and Timothy Powell.

You are informed it appears from our records that the names of Cornelius Powell, his wife, Collie, and his son, Calvin Powell, have been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen now being prepared to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

You are further informed that it appears from our records that Martha, Mabel and Timothy Powell, are listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1406.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 24, 1904.

Martha Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children Mabel and Timothy Powell, as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as soon as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6-7, 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

B. C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 1, 1904.

Martha Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child Mabel Powell as a Choctaw freedman, it will be necessary for you to furnish evidence of her birth. For this purpose there is enclosed you herewith a blank application for the enrollment of infant children, which you are requested to have executed and return to this office as early as practicable. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and the Notary Public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged must affix his name and seal to each separate affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

Respectfully,

B. C.

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw Freedman  
1002

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 20, 1904.

Martha Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 18, stating that you and your children have always been enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen and that you do not desire to have your daughter, Mabel Powell, enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appearing that your father, Isom Martubbee, had been recognized by the Choctaw tribal authorities as a Choctaw freedman and that his name was found on the 1896 census roll of Choctaw freedmen, you and your child, Timothy Powell, have been enrolled by the Commission as Choctaw freedmen, and your enrollment as such was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 16, 1904.

Before the application for the enrollment of your child, Mabel Powell, can receive further consideration it will be necessary for you to forward evidence of her birth as requested in our previous letter to you upon this subject.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 21, 1904.

Harrison Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 17, asking to be notified when the enrollment of Mabel Powell is approved by the Secretary of the Interior and you are advised that your request has been made a matter of record and you will be notified when the enrollment of this child is approved by the Department.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman  
1008.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1906.

Harrison Powell,

Overton, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 7, asking if your daughter, Mabel Powell has yet been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the name of Mabel Powell has not yet been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Department, but as soon as her enrollment is approved by the Secretary of the Interior you will be notified.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskegee, Indian Territory, July 20, 1905.

H. C. Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 10, 1905, asking if the enrollment of your daughter Mabel Powell has been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the name of Mabel Powell has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen which has been forwarded the Secretary of the Interior and you will be notified when her enrollment has been approved by him.

Respectfully,

Commissioner,



Choc. Fr. 1003

Thomas Brown

Fr. 1003

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug- 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Tom Brown, said Brown being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 45. I was freed under Britt Willis, a Chickasaw. I have always lived in the Indian territory. The mother of my children was named Tennessee Brown and she belonged to Sallie Gardner a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the General Land Office,  
Washington, D.C.  
I have read the foregoing as  
steno-graphic notes and this  
transcript is a true and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

*Mrs. Louisa A.*

Choc. Fr. 1004

Henry Battie

Fr. 1004

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ATOKA, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Henry Battie, said Battie being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I am 34. My mother's name was Minerva Colbert. She belonged to Molsie Colbert. She was a Choctaw. I have lived in the Choctaw nation always. I am married to my wife.

Martin Battie being sworn, testified:

I know Henry Battie and his wife; I was at the wedding.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. H. Needles*

(Copy)

NO. 105.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 THE INDIAN TERRITORY, ) ss. To any person authorized by law  
 2ND JUDICIAL DIVISION. ) to solemnize marriage— GREETING.

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the rite and publish the banns of matrimony between Mr. Henry Beatty of Lehigh in the Indian Territory, aged 28 years, and Miss Martha Guess of Caddo in the Indian Territory, aged 20 years, according to law and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and official seal this 29 day of Aug.

A.D. 1894.

(Signed) Joseph W. Phillips,

By Fielding Lewis, Deputy.

Clerk of the U.S. Court.

(SEAL)

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, )  
 The Indian Territory. ) ss: I, G.W. Hall, a Minister of the  
 Third Judicial Division. ) Gospel, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that  
 on the 29 day of August A.D. 1894, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing license, solemnize the rite and publish the banns of matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 29 day of August A.D. 1894.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, third Judicial Division, Book A, Page 46.

(Signed) G.W. Hall,

a Minister of the Gospel.

NOTE.— This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the

Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.).

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Endorsed:

INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
 ) ss  
Second Judicial Division. )

I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record in my office at..... o'clock....M Sept. 1st, 1894, and is duly recorded in Book 5 page 128.

(Signed) J.W. Phillips, Clerk.

(SEAL)

By F. Lewis, Deputy.

Beryl Ingram, as stenographer for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, upon her oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original marriage license and certificate between Henry Beatty and Martha Guess, as offered for filing with the records of said Commission.

*Beryl Ingram*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of February, 1903.

*Charles H. Sawyer,*  
Notary Public.

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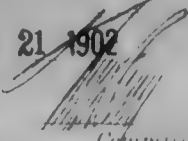
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*a citizen of the*

*Choctaw Freedmen*

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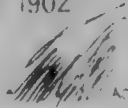


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of William S. Baine  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Atoka, Ind. Ter., and died on the 28th day of  
December, 1900  
(Here insert name of postoffice)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Martha Baine, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a ~~citizen~~ Non-Citizen, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Caddo, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the mother of William S. Baine.  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.)

who was a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said William S. Baine died on the 28th day of  
December, 1900 Martha Beatty  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MAKE.  
(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November 1902  
R. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Demos Dalton, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age, and a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Deluge, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with William S. Baine.  
(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said William S. Baine died on the 28 day of  
December, 1900 Demos Dalton  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MAKE  
(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November 1902  
R. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Henry Baine*

~~a citizen of the~~

*Chadwick Freedman*

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Henry Baine  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Atoka, Ind. Ter., and died on the 3rd day of  
January, 1901  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Martha Baine, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by Naturalization, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the wife of Henry Baine  
(State relationship as the father, son, uncle, cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Henry Baine died on the 3rd day of  
January, 1901.  
WITNESSED TO MARK Martha Beatty

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of November 1902  
R. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, James Collier, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age, and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Henry Baine  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Henry Baine died on the 3rd day of  
January, 1901.  
WITNESSED TO MARK James Collier

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of November 1902  
R. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

17-1004

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Henry Battie,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of William S. Battie, son of Henry and Martha Battie, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive our immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, William S. Battie, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth has been supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1004

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 3, 1903.

M. Agness Baidie,  
Caddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of January 9, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, has been by him referred to this Commission for consideration and appropriate action. You state therein that you are the widow of a Choctaw freedman and wish to know if you will be permitted to take an allotment of land in the Choctaw Nation.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from our records that any application has been made by you to this Commission for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

You are further advised that only those persons whose names appear upon the final rolls of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations as approved by the Secretary of the Interior will be entitled to share in the allotment of the lands of the said Nations.

For your information there is enclosed you herewith a copy of the act of July 1, 1902, which was ratified by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 25, 1902.

Respectfully,

Enc.  
Choctaw-Chickasaw  
Agreement.

Acting Chairman.

17-1004.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1903.

Martha Baidie,

Bokohito, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 9th inst., in reply to our letter of February 3, 1903. You enclose marriage license and certificate of Henry Beatty and Martha Gess, dated August 29, 1894; and state that your husband informed you that he had you enrolled with himself and his children, Bettie and William S. Baidie.

You are advised that it appears from our records that on August 29, 1899, Henry Battie and his minor children, Bettie and William S. Battie, were duly listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen. Our records further show that the mother of the children named was Martha Battie, a non-citizen.

It does not appear from our records that any application has ever been made for your enrollment as a freedman of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Your marriage license and certificate are returned you

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herewith in accordance with your request, a certified copy thereof having been filed with our records in the matter of the application for enrollment of Henry Battle and his two minor children as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Choc. Fr. 1005

Minerva Battie

Fr. 1005



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*Minerva Bather, et, al.*

*Record transferred from*

*Choctaw Freedman*

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FREDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Minerva Battie, Henry Battie, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother belonged to Molsy Colbert and she has always lived in the Territory. She is a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. H. ...*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
 COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
 MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, JANUARY 18, 1902.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Birdie Battie as a Choctaw freedman, at the office of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, Muskogee, Indian Territory, on January 18, 1902.

Lillian Battie appeared before the Commission and submitted a written application for the enrollment of her child Birdie Battie as a Choctaw freedman; the said Lillian Battie claiming to be a citizen of the United States and that the child Birdie Battie is the child of Frank Battie, a Choctaw freedman. She also offers in evidence the certificate of J. E. T. Smith as to the marriage of Frank Battie and Lillian Dowsen on the first day of July, 1899, and Lillian Battie, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Lillian Battie.  
 Q How old are you? A Nineteen.  
 Q Where do you live? A Lehigh.  
 Q Where? A Lehigh.  
 Q In this application that you have submitted for the enrollment of your child, you give your post office address as Muskogee. Now where do you live, at Muskogee or Lehigh? A Well, I am going back to Lehigh again.  
 Q What? A I am going back to Lehigh to live.  
 Q You are a citizen of the United States? A I never have been enrolled, I guess so.  
 Q Have you ever participated in any benefits of money to the citizens or freedmen in any of the five tribes of Indian Territory? A No sir.  
 Q You claim no right to citizenship in any of the Five Civilized Tribes? A No-- yes, we are claiming a right, but we haven't never got it.  
 Q Have you ever applied to any commission for citizenship? A Yes, my mother have.  
 Q In what tribe? A In the Cherokee -- freedmen.  
 Q Have you ever been enrolled by the Cherokee tribal authority as a freedman? A I think not.  
 Q Did you ever make application to the Dawes Commission for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman? A No sir.  
 Q What is the name of your husband? A Frank Battie.  
 Q When did you marry him? A The first day of July.  
 Q What year? A 1899.  
 Q When was your child Birdie Battie born? A The fifth day of September 1899.  
 Q Two months after you were married? A Yes sir.  
 Q Had you ever lived with Frank Battie prior to the time you were married to him? A Before I was married?  
 Q Yes? A No sir, I never lived with him.  
 Q Did you ever live with any other man? A No.  
 Q Well, who is the father of this child, Birdie Battie? A Frank.  
 Q Didn't you ever, prior to July 1, 1899, when you were married to this man, maintain married relations to him? A What did you say?  
 Q Didn't you ever prior to July 1, 1899, when you were married to Frank Battie maintain married relations to him, didn't you live together as man and wife? A Well, no, I never lived with him but of course--- that child was born two months after we was married

- but I never lived with him.
- Q Did you ever run around with any other man? A No sir.
- Q What? A No sir.
- Q Where is your husband, Frank Battie? A He is in Lehigh.

Anna Bell, having been first duly sworn, on her oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on January 16, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes in said cause on said date.

*Anna Bell*

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of January, 1902.

*Wm. Mitchell Wood*  
Notary Public.

Tahlequah. Ind. Ter, 17<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Tahlequah. Ind. Ter )  
Northern District ) V S,  
United. States )

Marriage--Certified,

This is to Certifie that I J. H. T. Smith on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
Of July 1899. Did Join together in holy Matrimony one Franky  
Batty and one Lillian Dowsen, as Man and Wife,

Done By Me as a Minister of the Gospel. in the Year of our Lord 1899,

*J. H. T. Smith*

Tahlequah. Ind. Ter,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**  
JAN 18 1902

ARTHUR C. CHAPMAN

United States of America,  
Northern District, Ind. Ter.

Before me the undersigned authority on  
this day personally appeared Lafayette Ratliff, who being by  
me first duly sworn upon oath says; my name is Lafayette Ratliff,  
my age is 44 years my post office is Talequah, I.T. I am  
personally acquainted with Frank A. Beattie, and his wife Lillian  
Beattie who reside at Lehigh, I.T. I was present at the marriage of  
Frank A. Beattie and Lillian Beattie, who was Lillian Dawson, which  
occured July, 1st, 1899, at the residence of Lillian Beattie's mother,  
Sarah Ann Dawson, in Talequah, I.T.; these parties were married  
by J. R. T. Smith. I am not related to either of these parties  
and have no interest in the matter of the enrollment of their  
children, and make all above statments from my own personal  
knowledge.

*Lafayette Ratliff.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902.

*J. H. Pitchford*  
Notary Public.

*My Com. Exp. 12<sup>th</sup> Apr 1904.*

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AND THE SAME DAY IN THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1917



United States of America,  
Northern District, Ind. Ter.

Before me the undersigned authority  
on this day personally appeared, Jennie Starr, who after being by  
me first duly sworn upon her oath says; my name is Jennie Starr my  
age 23 Years my post office is Talequah, I.T. I am personally  
well acquainted with Frank A. Beattie and Lillian Battie, and knew  
them before they were married. I was at their marriage which occurred  
in Talequah, I.T. on the 1st day of July, 1899; they were married  
by J.H.T. Smith; Lillian Dawson was Lillian Dawson before her  
marriage F.A. Beattie; These parties were married at the home  
of Sarah Ann Dawson, the mother of Lillian Dawson Beattie.

I make all of the above statements from my own personal knowledge.

*Jennie Starr*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902.

*Geo. H. Pitchford*  
Notary Public.  
My Comm. exp. 12<sup>th</sup> Apr 1904.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Pirdie Battie*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw Freedmen's* Nation.

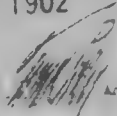
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Birdie Battie*, born on the *5th* day of *September*, 1899  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: *Frank Battie* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Lillian Battie* a citizen of the *U. S.* Nation.  
Post-office *Muskogee Ind Ter*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Northern* District.

I, *Lillian Battie*, on oath state that I am *19*  
years of age and a citizen, by of the *United States* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Frank Battie*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *female* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on *5th* day of *September*, 1899; that said child has been  
named *Birdie Battie*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

*Lillian Battie*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *18th* day of *January*, 1902.

*Chas. H. Hillwood*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Northern* District.

I, *Sarah Ann Dawson*, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mr. *Lillian Battie*, wife of *Frank Battie*  
on the *5th* day of *September*, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *Birdie Battie*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

*Sarah Ann Dawson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *18th* day of *January*, 1902.

*Edw. H. Hillwood*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Abbie Deary*  
as a citizen of

Nation.

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Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Abbie Battie, born on the 6th day of May, 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Frank A Battie, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lillian Battie, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Lehigh P. O.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Lillian Battie, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Frank A Battie, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
born to me on the 6th day of May, 1902 that said child has been  
named Abbie Battie, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lillian Battie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1902

A. J. Britt  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Sarah Ann Denson, midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lillian Battie, wife of Frank A Battie  
on the 6th day of May, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Abbie Battie.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sarah Ann Denson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1902

A. J. Britt  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Mina Baine*

*a wife of the*

*Charles Friedman* ~~son.~~

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Minerva Baine  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Mo ka, Ind. Ter., and died on the 18th day of  
July, 1902  
(Here insert name of post office.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Belle Wright, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Delight, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
a daughter of Minerva Baine,  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Minerva Baine died on the 18th day of  
July, 1902 Belle Wright

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902.  
R. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Elizabeth Grooms, on oath state that I am 45  
years of age, and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Delight, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Minerva Baine,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Minerva Baine died on the 18th day of  
July, 1902 Elizabeth Grooms

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902.  
R. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.



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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Ida Ballie*

a citizen of the

*Choctaw* ~~Indian~~

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Ada Baine  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the freedman of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Atoka, Ind. Ter., and died on the            day of  
September, 1901.  
(Here insert name of postoffice)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Belle Wright, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is           , Ind. Ter.; that I am  
a sister of Ada Baine,  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Ada Baine died on the            day of  
September, 1901.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSED TO MARK:

Belle Wright

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902,  
W. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Martin Gable, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age, and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is            Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
that I was personally acquainted with Ada Baine,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Ada Baine died on the            day of  
September, 1901.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSED TO MARK

Martin Gable  
made

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902,  
W. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

~~Willie~~ *Willie W. Sighe*  
as a ~~child~~ of the

*Choctaw Freedmen* ~~...~~

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Commissioner.

Application received at Atoha I. J.  
Nov 17, 1902. Affidavit of midwife  
received Sept 3, 1903.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as <sup>freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Willie Wright (fill to insert name of child), born on the 30th day of August, 1902  
Name of Father: Thomas Wright, a ~~citizen~~ of the Non Citizen Nation.  
Name of Mother: Belle Wright <sup>freedman</sup> a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Lehigh, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District. }

I, Belle Wright, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Thomas Wright, who is a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup>  
~~of the~~ Non Citizen ~~Nation~~, that a male child was  
born to me on the 30th day of August, 1902; that said child has been  
named Willie Wright, and is now living.

Belle Wright

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902.

Wm. S. Searles  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central Northern District. }

I, Mary Rudge, a mid-wife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Belle Wright, wife of Thomas Wright,  
on the 30 day of August, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a male (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Willie Wright.

Mary Rudge  
her marks

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Louaine DeLoach  
Wm. McJunkin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of July, 1902.

Jno. W. Pitchford  
Notary Public.

my comm Exp. 12. Apr 1904.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Laura Wight (Ballie)  
a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Laura Wright (nee Beatty)
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Lehigh, Ind. Ter., and died on the 13th day of
January, 1903

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY.

I, Thomas Wright, on oath state that I am 25
years of age and a citizen, by intermarriage, of the Choctaw Nation;
that my post office address is Lehigh, Ind. Ter.; that I am
next of kin of Laura Wright (nee Beatty)

who was a citizen, by blood, of the Choctaw Nation;
and that said Laura Wright (nee Beatty) died on the 13th day of
January, 1903. Thomas Wright

WITNESSES TO MARK
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 1903
Dwight Brown, Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY.

I, James R. Pitts, on oath state that I am 34
years of age, and a citizen, by blood, of the United States Nation;
that my post office address is Lehigh, Ind. Ter.;
that I was personally acquainted with Laura Wright (nee Beatty)
who was a citizen by blood, of the Choctaw Nation;
and that said Laura Wright (nee Beatty) died on the 13th day of
January, 1903.

WITNESSES TO MARK
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 1903
Dwight Brown, Notary Public.

~~IN RE~~  
THE DEATH OF

*Laura ...*  
a citizen of the

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of *Belle (or Laura) Wright*  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
*Lehigh* Ind. Ter., and died on the *13<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*Jan* 1903  
(Here insert name of postoffice)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* DISTRICT.  
I, *Frank Battie*, on oath state that I am *27*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that my postoffice address is *Lehigh* Ind. Ter.; that I am  
*Brother* of *Laura Belle Wright*  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by *Adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
and that said *Laura Belle Wright* died on the *13<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*Jan* 1903. *Frank Battie*  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *Jan* 1903

*D C Blodgett*  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* DISTRICT.  
I, *J. C. Banks*, on oath state that I am *41*  
years of age, and a citizen *by former marriage* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that my postoffice address is *Lehigh* Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with *Mrs Laura Belle Wright*  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by *Adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
and that said *Laura Belle Wright* died on the *13* day of  
*Jan* 1903. *J. C. Banks*  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *Jan* 1903

*D C Blodgett*  
Notary Public.



Indian Territory, )  
  )ss  
Central District. )

On this the 20th day of August, 1903, personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, Frank Beatty, Personally known to me, who being duly sworn as the law directs on his oath states:

My name is Frank Beatty I am 27 years old, a choctaw-freeman, and my postoffice is Lehigh, Indian Territory. I am the own brother of Belle Wright (nee Beatty). When application to the Commission was made by Minerva Beatty on Aug 29, 1899 for the enrollment of herself and children, application was made for Laura Beatty, her daughter. The name of the applicant "Laura Beatty" was Laura Belle Beatty, and Laura Belle Beatty is the same Laura Beatty that was duly listed for enrollment by the said Commission, and the said Laura Beatty is the same party who is now known as Belle Wright, and who died on Jan. 13th, 1903.

Frank Beatty

subscribed and sworn to before me this the 20th day of Aug. 1903.

George H. Brown  
Notary Public.

Indian Territory }  
Central District, } ss

On this the 21st day of August, 1905, personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Albert Beatty, personally know to me, who being duly sworn as the law directs on his oath states:

I am 32 years old, a choctaw-freedman, and my postoffice is Lehigh, Indian Territory. I am a full brother of Belle Wright (nee Laura Belle Beatty) she is now dead and was the wife Thomas Wright and the mother of Willie Wright. Her mother, Minerva Beatty made application for her enrollment at Atoka, and she is the identical person that the Commission has listed as "Laura Beatty"

Albert Beatty  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21st day of Aug. 1905

August Brown  
Notary Public.

Before The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes sitting at Muskogee

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Indian Territory )  
Central District ) Affidavit of Frank Battie

ON THIS 4TH day of December, 1905, personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, Frank Battie, personally known to me, who being by me first duly sworn as the law directs on his oath states:

My name is Frank Battie, I reside at Lehigh, Indian Territory, I am 28 years old, and am the father of Birdie Battie, in whose behalf I make this affidavit.

Birdie Battie was born at Tablequah in the Indian Territory on the 5th day of September, 1900. During the month of February, 1901 we removed from Tablequah I.T. to Lehigh, Indian Territory, where we have ever since continuously resided. Birdie Battie is still living and resides in the care and custody of its mother and father at Lehigh, Indian territory

Frank Battie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 4th day of Dec. 1905

Dwight L. Swann  
Notary Public.

she resides in the city and consent of her father is not required.

have over \$1000.00 in cash and property and is not a minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

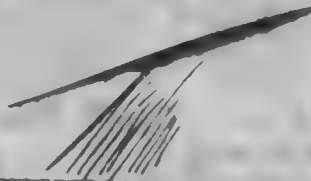
In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Birdie Battie as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

DECISION.

It appears from the record herein that on January 18, 1902 application was made at Muskogee, Indian Territory to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Birdie Battie as a Choctaw Freedman.

The evidence in this case shows that Birdie Battie was born September 5, 1899, and is the legitimate child of Frank Battie, a Choctaw Freedman, whose name appears as No. 3579 upon the lists prepared by said Commission, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903; that said Birdie Battie has resided continuously in Indian Territory from the date of her birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that Birdie Battie should be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495) and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641) and it is so ordered.



Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

JAN 19 1906

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1906.

COPY.

Frank Battie,

Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered January 19, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of your infant daughter, Birdie Battie, as a Choctaw freedman.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the enrollment of said child. If at the expiration of said time no protest has been filed, her name will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

*James S. Doby*  
Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-109.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1906.

COPY.

Alonso T. West,  
Attorney at Law,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on January 19, 1906, rendered his decision granting the application for the enrollment of Birdie Battle as a Choctaw freedman.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the enrollment of said child. If at the expiration of said time no protest has been filed, the name of Birdie Battle will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Registered.

Commissioner.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered January 19, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Birdie Battie as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the enrollment of said applicant. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, her name will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Registered.

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-D-109.



COMMISSIONERS  
HENRY L. DAWES,  
TANS BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRCKINRIDGE

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 23rd, 1901.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

The Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant enclosing a letter from A. F. West, Lehigh, Indian Territory, dated August 16th, 1901, also a birth affidavit in the matter of the application of Bertie Beaty, the daughter of F. A. Beaty and Lillian Beaty, to be enrolled as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

It appears from the affidavit that the said Lillian Beaty is a Cherokee Indian. You are advised, however, that the tribal rolls of the Cherokee Nation, in the possession of the Cherokee Enrollment Division, have been examined and her name does not appear of record thereon; nor does it appear that she has ever been an applicant before this Division for enrollment as a Cherokee.

The affidavit, together with Mr. West's letter, is returned to you herewith.

Very respectfully,

Enc. #25c.

Commissioner in Charge.

rolls of the Cherokee Nation, in the possession of the  
Cherokee Indians. You are entitled to have the original

of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation, and the rolls of the  
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 24, 1901.

Mr. A. T. West,  
Attorney at Law,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant giving information relative to Frank, Henry, Ross, Martin and Glen Baty, from which it is believed that this office is now able to identify Frank or F. A. Baty as having been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman under the name of Frank Battie.

Relative to the application for enrollment of the infant child of Frank Battie you are informed that upon return of the same to this office accompanied by either his original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof the application for the enrollment of this child will receive consideration.

You are requested to state the age, and the names of the father and mother of Frank Battie.

Yours truly,

COMMISSIONERS  
HENRY L. DAVIS,  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRACKENRIDGE.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 17, 1902.

Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Referring to letter of January 7, from A. T. West, you are advised that Lillian Battle is not identified upon any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Commission, either under that name or as Lillian Dawson; nor do the records of the Commission show that any application has ever been made for her enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Yours truly,

  
Commissioner in Charge.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Muskegee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1902.

Frank Battie,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission has received information that your mother, Minerva Battie, has died since the time she was listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

For the purpose of making her death a matter of record there is enclosed you herewith a blank for proof of death, which you are kindly requested to have properly executed and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

You will note that there is an affidavit for a relative and an acquaintance. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and in event either of the persons whose names are to be affixed to the affidavits are unable to write and their signatures are by mark, that such signatures be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto. The notary public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged, must affix his notarial jurat and seal to each separate affidavit.

Yours truly,

Env. & D. C.  
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Commissioner in Charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 18, 1902.

Alonzo T. West,

Attorney at Law,

Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the seventh instant, returning the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Bertie Beaty, the infant daughter of F. A. and Lillian Beaty, born September 5, 1899, together with correspondence between you and the Commission and the Clerk of the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, relative to the marriage of F. A. and Lillian Beaty. The application for the enrollment of Bertie Beaty, with the correspondence forwarded by you is returned herewith for the reason that the Commission is not in possession of a sufficient statement of facts to properly consider the application for the enrollment of Bertie Beaty as a Choctaw freedman. As you have been previously informed, this office has identified F. A. Beaty, who appears in the application submitted as the father of the child as Frank Battie who was listed for enrollment by the Commission as a Choctaw freedman on August 20, 1899. It is stated in

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the affidavit of the mother, Lillian Beaty, that she is a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation and it appears from former correspondence had with you that the maiden name of this woman was Lillian Dawson and the names of her brothers and sisters are Harka, Ada, Annie, Ida and Mattie Dawson, the mother of these children being named Sarah Dawson.

You are advised that from a careful search of the records of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Commission that it does not appear that any persons by these names have ever been enrolled or recognized as citizens of the Cherokee Nation by the Cherokee tribal authorities, nor does it appear that any application has ever been made to this Commission for the enrollment of any persons by these names as citizens of the Cherokee Nation. The Commission therefore presumes that Lillian Beaty, who appears as the mother of the child in the application submitted, is not entitled to recognition and enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and considers the application for the enrollment of the child as a Choctaw freedman. You are advised that in the event of your inability to secure either the original or a certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between F. A. Beaty and Lillian Dawson, the Commission will accept, in lieu thereof, the certificate of the minister performing the marriage ceremony between these parties, together with the affidavits of two disinterested persons who were present at such marriage and who can testify to the fact that a marriage license was duly secured. Upon the receipt of such evidence of the marriage



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of J. W. Neely and William J. Smith, the application for approval of  
North Dakota as a State program will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 13, 1902.

Alonzo T. West,

Attorney at Law,

Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission today addressed to you a communication relative to an application submitted by you for the enrollment of Bertie Beaty as a Choctaw freedman and in reference to this matter you are now further advised that on this date Lillian Battie and her mother Sarah Ann Dawson personally appeared before the Commission and presented a written application for the enrollment of Lirde Battie as a Choctaw freedman together with a certificate of J. H. T. Smith as to the marriage of Frank Battie and Lillian Dawson on the first of July 1899. The application submitted for the enrollment of the child Lirde Battie as a Choctaw freedman gives the date of the birth as September 3, 1899, and for this reason the Commission has not listed the child for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman but has taken the application under advisement for future consideration.

You are further advised that Lillian Battie states that she has never received any benefits or been enrolled as a citizen of

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freeman of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in Indian Territory.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1902.

Alonzo T. West,

Attorney at Law,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, in which you desire to be advised what action has been taken by the Commission in the matter of the applications for the enrollment of Bertie and Abbie Little as Choctaw freedmen.

In reply to your communication you are informed that the Commission has on this date written you at length in regard to this matter.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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McKees, Indian Territory, July 25, 1902.

Frank Battie,  
c/o A. T. West,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission has received information that your mother, Minerva Battie, has died since the time she was listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. For the purpose of making her death a matter of record there is enclosed you herewith a blank for proof of death which you are requested to have properly executed and return to this office at your earliest convenience in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Yours truly,

Enclosures.  
Rev. & D. C.

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 25, 1902.

A. T. West,  
Attorney at Law,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 22nd instant, returning the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Abbie Battle, infant daughter of Frank A. and Lillian Battle, born May 6, 1902, and the same being now in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

You request to be advised when a decision will probably be reached in the matter of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Birdie Battle. You are informed that it is not possible to state how soon a decision will be reached in the matter.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 31, 1902.

A.T. Vest,

Attorney at Law,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 28th inst., requesting to be advised what has been done with the application of Abbie Beatty for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

You are informed that the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Abbie Battie, infant daughter of Frank A. and Lillian Battie, born May 6, 1902, was received at this office July 25, 1902, and the same being in proper form was duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. Proper acknowledgement of the same was made to you on the above date.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.



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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 8, 1903.

Thomas Wright,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Willie Wright, infant son of Thomas and Belle Wright, born August 30, 1902; you are informed that it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with the affidavit of the attending physician or midwife as to the birth of this child, and the fact that it is still living, a blank for which purpose is herewith enclosed you.

In having same executed, be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and in event the person whose name is to be affixed to the affidavit is unable to write, and the signature is by mark, such signature must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

The notary public before whom the same is acknowledged must affix his notarial jurat and seal thereto.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Respectfully,

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Acting Chairman.



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COMMISSIONERS  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE,  
W. E. STANLEY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 30, 1903.

Thomas Wright,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant enclosing the affidavit of Mary Ridge relative to the birth of Willie Wright, infant son of Thomas and Belle Wright, August 30, 1902, which you state has been forwarded in the matter of the application for enrollment of Willie Wright as the descendant of Choctaw freedmen. It is stated in the caption preceding the affidavit, that Belle Wright, the mother of the child, is a Choctaw freedman; if this is true, you are requested to state her age, her full maiden name, the time and place application was made for her enrollment, the names of the other members of her family for whom application was made at the same time.

You are further requested to state whether any affidavits relative to the birth of Willie Wright has ever previously been forwarded to this office. Upon receipt of the information requested herein the matter will receive proper consideration.

Respectfully,



Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 3, 1903.

Thomas Wright,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Mary Ridge relative to the birth of Willie Wright, infant son of Thomas and Belle Wright, born August 30, 1902.

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It appears from our records that on November 17, 1902, at Atoka, Indian Territory, application was made for the enrollment of the above named child as a Choctaw freedman, at which time only the affidavit of the mother, relative to birth, was presented. The application now being complete and in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 4, 1905.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of name and notations relative thereto, which have this day been placed upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card, No. 1005.

You are requested to enter the name and like notations upon the duplicate Choctaw freedmen enrollment card in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 9, 1903.

Thomas Wright,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 3, in which you state that the Atoka Land Office has been advised that Willie Wright has been duly enrolled, but that said office was not advised if Laura Bell Wright, nee Beatty, mother of Willie Wright has been enrolled, and as you presume that this is an oversight you call attention to the matter.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Willie Wright, son of Laura Battie, has been enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw Freedman and on September 26, 1903, his enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior

You are further informed that information has reached the Commission that Laura Battie is dead and pending receipt of definite information as to the date of her death, no action has been taken looking to her enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

For the purpose of making the death of Laura Battie a matter of record there is enclosed you herewith a blank form for proof

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of death, which you are requested to have executed and return to this office as early as possible.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 17, 1903.

Thomas Wright,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Joseph R. Potts relative to the death of your wife, Laura Wright, (nee Beatty), a Choctaw freedman, which occurred January 13, 1903; ~~and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of death of the above named person.~~

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 10, 1904.

Thomas Wright,

Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 1, asking why the enrollment of Laura Bell Wright, formerly Beatty, has not been approved, as her child, Willie Wright, has been enrolled. You also state that you forwarded proof of the death of Laura Bell Wright, but that the Commission will not allow you to file for her.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Laura Belle Wright, formerly Beatty, has been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, but her name has not been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen, prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. Pending the approval of her enrollment, selection in allotment could not be made in her behalf.

You are also advised that evidence of the death of Laura Wright, January 13, 1903, has been filed with the records of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 16, 1904.

Frank Battie,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 7th inst., requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of your minor child, Birdie Battie.

You are informed it appears from our records that Birdie Battie is an applicant to this Commission for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, but her right to final enrollment as such has not yet been determined by the Commission.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



Choctaw Freedmen,  
1905.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 1, 1904.

Thomas Wright,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 23, in which you ask the status of the enrollment of your wife, Laura Bell Wright, nee Beatty.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that it appears from our records that Laura Battie, or Laura Bell Wright, has been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, but her name has not yet been placed upon schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 18, 1904.

Frank Battle,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor daughter, Birdie Battle, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it would be advisable for you to appear in person before the Commission for the purpose of giving your testimony relative to the rights of said child as a Choctaw freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Such appearance should be made at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6-7, 1904 or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904; or you may appear at the general office of the Commission, Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 17, 1903.

Frank Battie,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and the affidavit of J. C. Banks relative to the death of your sister Laura Bell Wright, a Choctaw freedman which occurred January 13, 1903, and the affidavits being in proper form have been filed with the records as evidence of the death of the above named person.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1905.

Frank Beatty,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 10, 1905, in which you ask what action has been taken relative to the enrollment of your minor daughter Birdie Beatty.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has not yet passed upon the application for the enrollment of Birdie Beatty, daughter of Frank and Lillian Beatty, as a Choctaw freedman, but when a decision is reached in this case, you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 22, 1905.

Frank Battie,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Laura Battie as a Choctaw Freedman, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and bring with you such other witnesses as you have who can testify relative to the right of said Laura Battie to be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman.

Please attend to this matter at once, as the Commission is desirous of disposing of this case at an early date.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Lehigh, I. T. May 29, 1905

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, have there been any protest filed against Laura Belle Wright nes Beattie the reason she is not approved the last letter I received from you you stated you had sufficient proof and evidence of her death. I am kindly awaiting for an ans. Yours truly,

Thos Wright.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 10, 1905.

Frank Beatty,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 4, 1905, asking to be notified when your child Birdie Beatty is enrolled; you also ask how to secure the enrollment of Laura Beatty.

In reply to your letter you are advised that you will be notified when action is taken in the matter of the enrollment of Bertie Beatty as a Choctaw freedman.

Relative to the enrollment of Laura Beatty you are advised that the name of Laura Belle Wright, formerly Battie has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen which has been forwarded the Secretary of the Interior, but this office has not yet been advised of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

REFER TO REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*J. E. H.*

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1905.

Frank Battie,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of your infant child, Birdie Battie, as a Choctaw Freedman, you are advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with a sworn affidavit, setting forth the residence of said child from the date of his birth up to and including September 25, 1902. If your child is dead you will embody in your affidavit the date of his death.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
Acting Commissioner.



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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 8, 1905.

Frank Beattie,

Ishih, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit to the birth of your child Birdie Battie and her residence which you offer in support of the application for her enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and the same has been filed with the record in this case.

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Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Choc. Fr. 1006

Rosana Crawford

Fr. 1006

FREEDMAN

MINNIE FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Rosana Crawford, Henry Battie being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My sister's name is Minerva Battie. She was a slave and belonged to Molsy Colbert. She has always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct stenographic transcript of the deposition of the above named witness, as taken and reported to me by the stenographer, and a correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*[Signature]*

This woman probably married a man named Crawford. Record not clear.

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Choc. Fr. 1007

Albert Battie

Fr. 1007

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Albert Battie, said Battie being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 27. My mother's name was Minerva Battie and she belonged to Molsy Colbert, a Choctaw. I am married to my wife.

Martin Battie, being sworn, testified:

I know Albert Battie. I know his wife. I know they are married.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*J. M. ...*

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Wiley Harris*  
a citizen of the

*Chocoma Freedman Station.*

Approved *[Signature]* NOV 22 1902  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHECK LAW FREE M-N # 1007.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Urey Baine  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Hoosaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Sehugh, Ind. Ter., and died on the 6th day of  
May, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Albert Baine, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Hoosaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Sehugh, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the father of Urey Baine  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, or a grandchild.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman of the Hoosaw Nation;  
and that said Urey Baine died on the 6th day of  
May, 1900.  
Witnessed to mark Albert Baine

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 1900.  
A. W. Buebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Sabieha Croome, on oath state that I am 62  
years of age, and a citizen, by freedman, of the Hoosaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Sehugh, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Urey Baine  
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Hoosaw Nation;  
and that said Urey Baine died on the 6th day of  
May, 1900.

Witnessed to mark Sabieha Croome  
Albert Baine  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 1900.  
A. W. Buebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choc. Fr. 1008  
Martin Battie

Fr. 1008



FRIEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Martin Battie, said Battie being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name is Minerva Battie. She was a slave and belonged to Molsy Colbert, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Indian Territory. I am married.

Albert Battie, being sworn, testified:

I know Martin Battie. I know he is married. I know his wife. I was there when he was married.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my oath that this stenographic transcript contained herein is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. Friedman

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Corra Lee Wattle*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw freedman Nation*

Approved NOV 3 1902 1902

*Lawrence*  
Commissioner  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Choctaw freedman* Nation,  
of *Gora Lee Battie*, born on the *5th* day of *January*, 1902  
Name of Father: *Martin Battie*, a citizen of the *Choctaw freedman* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Mattie Battie*, a citizen of the *United States* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Armore, I. T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Southern* District.

I, *Mattie Battie*, on oath state that I am *30*  
years of age and a citizen, by *non-citizen* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Martin Battie*, who is a citizen, by  
*freedman*, of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *female* child was  
born to me on the *5th* day of *January*, 1902; that said child has been  
named *Gora Lee Battie*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Witnesses)  
*Mattie Battie*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *29* day of *October*, 1902  
*C. S. Hammon*  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Southern* District.

I, *Cornelia Childs*, a *mid-wife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Mattie Battie*, wife of *Martin Battie*,  
on the *5th* day of *January*, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a *female* child, that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Gora Lee Battie*.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Witnesses)  
*Cornelia Childs*  
*A. Rodgers*  
*Wm. C. Zimm*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *29* day of *October*, 1902  
*C. S. Hammon*  
Notary Public

Choc. Fr. 1009  
Mandy Thompson

Fr. 1009

FREEDMAN.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mandy Thompson, said Thompson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 68 years old. I belonged to Giles Thompson, Choctaws. I have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon oath that the stenographic transcript to above named Commission is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. C. ...*

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 4, 1903.

Mahala Irving,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Lillian Ellis relative to the death of your aunt, Anamda Thompson, a Choctaw freedman, which occurred May 23, 1903; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with our records as evidence of death of the above named person.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1010

Walter Ward

Fr. 1010

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Walter Ward, said Ward being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name is Mary Ward and she belonged to Giles Thompson, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Nation all the time.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of the Interior,  
do hereby certify that the above named Commission has  
stipulated to above named Commission that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

W. H. H. H. H.



Choc. Fr. 1011

Laura Horn

Fr. 1011

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Laura Horn, said Horn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Josephine Thompson and she belonged to Giles Thompson. I have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the Census

I hereby certify that the stenographic notes of the stenographer in above named Commission, and this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, JUNE 10, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson as Choctaw freedmen.

Henry Chalk, being sworn and examined by Chairman Tamm Bixby, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Henry Chalk.
- Q How old are you? A I could not tell you my age and tell you the truth. I don't know exactly how old I am.
- Q Were you a grown man at the time of the breaking out of the Civil War? A I know how old I was then; I lost my age after that.
- Q How old were you then? A I was seventeen years old then.
- Q Where do you live now? A I live right here at Muskogee now.
- Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q How long have you lived in Muskogee? A I have been backwards and forwards up here for about eighteen years.
- Q Have you lived in the Territory ever since the breaking out of the war? A I have lived here all my life; was born and raised here.
- Q Were you out of the territory at the time of the war? A No sir.
- Q Never was taken out at the time of the war? A No sir, I was just running cattle and driving wagons during the war.
- Q Did you know at the time of the war, Giles Thompson and his wife? A Yes sir, I know Giles Thompson and his wife.
- Q Did you live near them? A I lived down just east of them but I used to live up there just before the war about twelve miles right south of them, down on Blue.
- Q On Blue? A Yes sir, right on this old Texas road where it crosses Blue on the other side of the salt works.
- Q Where did Giles Thompson live at the breaking out of the war? A Right on Blue by the salt works.
- Q Where were the salt works? A Right there just this side of Buffalo Head.
- Q Near Boggy Depot? A Yes sir just between Buffalo Head and Boggy Depot where he run these saltworks.
- Q Was Giles Thompson a Choctaw? A No sir, a white man.
- Q Married to a Choctaw woman? A Yes sir.
- Q What was her name? A I don't know her name she was Jesse Walls and Dave Walls' sister.
- Q Do you know whether or not Giles Thompson wife was named Charlotte? A I would not swear to it.
- Q Did you know them both personally? A Yes sir.
- Q Saw them a good many times? A A great many times.
- Q Did Giles Thompson's wife own any slaves? A She owned them all.
- Q How many did she own? A I couldn't tell you how many there was for they run the big salt works and the farm too.
- Q Can you remember the names of any of Mrs. Thompson's slaves? A Yes sir, I can remember a good many of the names; Grundy was one and Cook was another.
- Q Cook? A Yes sir, and Harrison and Pont.
- Q Pont? A Yes sir, Pont, out here now.
- Q Pont who? A Pont Thompson. And another one they called Syd and old aunt Betsy she is down to McAlester now.
- Q Do you think of any more? A Angelina and Ellen.
- Q Yes, go ahead. A And Betsy, another Betsy, they had two Betsies and then one they called Mandy, she was a yellow woman. I done forgot most of them.

- Q Do you remember one named Laura? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you remember one named Josephine? A Josephine? She must be young
- Q No, she wouldn't be young now, she is dead? A I don't know; I wont swear to nothin' but what I recollect 'cause they was so many of them.
- Q Do you remember whether Mrs. Thompson had a slave named Mary Ward?
- A Mary Ward? I don't remember her at all.
- Q You don't recall her? A No sir.
- Q Do you remember one named Betsy Windon? A That must be the Betsy I was talking about.
- Q Do you know what her husband's name was? A No sir.
- Q Do you remember whether Mrs. Thompson had a slave named Nicy Harris
- A Nicy? Yes sir, she had one named Nicy.
- Q Do you know whether Nicy is dead or not? A No sir.
- Q You won't say whether Mrs. Thompson had fifty or a hundred or two hundred slaves? A No sir, I don't believe she had as many as two hundred. I don't think it; I don't think she had that many at all.
- Q Did Giles Thompson's wife have any children? A I think she did; had two or three.
- Q Do you remember their names? A No sir.
- Q Don't know what became of them? A No sir, I don't, I wouldn't know them now if I could see them.
- Q How old were these children at the breaking out of the war? A They were small children like. I was talking with one of the women down here at South McAlester, she was telling how just before the war she was pinching them and her mistress whipper her about it, the one called Angeline, she was the nurse.
- Q Who were you the slave of? A I was born and raised with Dave Homer a full blood Choctaw, he died and then I fell to his daughter and his daughter sold me then to Mary McCoy and I stayed with her till six years after slavery.
- Q Where did you live with Mary McCoy? A Right on Kiamichi a little east-- north, of Goodland about a mile, if you know where Goodland is, just in the edge of the prairie about a mile from Goodland.
- Q Do you remember the names of any of Mrs. Thompson's slaves who are now alive? A Yes sir.
- Q Who are they? A Well, I know one here -- Pont here, I saw him day before yesterday.
- Q Pont Thompson? A Yes sir. Syd Thompson down here at Stringtown and Angeline at South McAlester and old aunt Betsy, her mother; Betsy's name now is Crockett.
- Q Do you think of any others? A I don't know where the others are they are down there scattered about Atoka, from Atoka to Stringtown, I know where they is.
- Q Have you given us all the names you can recollect now? A About all I recollect.
- Q You are not able to recall any one by the name of Josephine? A I can't recall her now. Did you find one they called Cook on there, Cook was a big heavy-set black fellow.
- Q Did Mrs. Thompson have slaves living throughout the country down there near Boggy Depot on different farms? A They was all farming on the salt works.
- Q How many was at work on the salt works? A I don't know; they would be up and down there on the creek where they had the salt works some of them hauling water, some tending the salt kettles; I was a young boy, gathering up and hauling salt to Boggy Depot.
- Q How big a farm did they have? A I could not tell you exactly how big a farm but it was a good big farm.

- Q Did they have a good many slaves? A Yes sir, a good many slaves; the farm got big and and he put a heap of hands on his farm and had hired hands on his salt works. He had some of Robert Nail's b blacks hired there at work on his salt works .
- Q Did you know Lewis Duncan? He was an Indian and the husband of Josephine? A I don't know Lewis Duncan, if I knew I forgot about nim.

Witness excused.

Anna Bell, having been first duly sworn, testifies that she reported in full the proceedings in the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson, on June 10, 1904, and the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes in said cause on said date.

*Anna Bell.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June , 1904.

*W. O. Beall*  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
South McAlester, Ind. Ter. July 23, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Betsy Thompson being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A My name is Betsy Thompson.  
Q Do you go by any other name? A Winalow.  
Q How old are you? A I am one hundred and one.  
Q Are you that old Aunt Betsy? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A I haven't no father.  
Q Do you know the name of your mother? A My mother is named Polly, she belonged to white people not in this state.  
Q You were a slave before the war? A Yes, sir, slave from a little girl.  
Q What was the name of your owner? A My first owner was named Folsom.  
Q Who was your owner just before the war? A Giles Thompson.  
Q Were you his slave at the time you were freed? A Yes, sir, me and my children.  
Q Was Giles Thompson an Indian? A He wasn't Indian but he had two Indian wives, one died and he married the other sister; their name was Wallis.  
Q Their name was Wall? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of his first Indian wife? A Sallie.  
Q When did she die? A It has been years and years since she died.  
Q That was long before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of the other wife he had? A Charlette.  
Q Was Charlette his wife just before the war? A No, sir.  
Q Who was his wife then? A After she died he married a white woman.  
Q Did Charlette die before the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long before the war, do you remember? A No, sir, I don't know just exactly how long, I don't remember.  
Q Several years before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q This Sallie and Charlette were they members of some Indian tribe? A Yes, sir.  
Q What nation? A I don't remember.  
Q Where did they live? A They lived at Doakesville.  
Q You don't know what Indian tribe they belonged to? A No, sir.  
Q You know they were Indians? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did Sallie or Charlette have any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q By this man Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, they were all grown they died.  
Q Are any of these children living? A No, sir, not that I know of; they ain't any of them living now as I know of.



Q What were the names of some of these children? A Nettie and Sophia and Albert and Betay.

Q These were all the children that they had? A Yes, sir, I think that was all they had - they had more but I guess they died.

Q Did Giles Thompson have a child named Waldimer? A He didn't have any one named Waldimer as I know of, but he had one named Albert and the other one was named - he died in Texas and I can't recall his name now.

Q Who was Albert's mother? A His mother was named Charlotte Thompson.

Q She was his second wife? A Yes, sir.

Q After Charlotte Wall died who was Giles Thompson's next wife?

A After she died he married a white woman in Texas and I forget her name.

Q This wife he married in Texas was that the woman he was living with in the war? A Just after the war.

Q Then he didn't have any wife during the war and just before the war after Charlotte died? A No, sir, none but that white woman; he got her sight and uns on.

Q At the time the war broke out you were the slave of Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, all my children were born on Thompson's place right down at the salt works.

Q Where are these salt works located? A Way down on Boggy.

Q Were these children of Giles and his Indian wives living there with him at the time of the war? A No, sir, the girls were married off.

Q They were all grown at that time? A Yes, sir.

Q How many slaves did Giles Thompson have? A I x couldn't tell you, he had a good many.

Q Did he have as many as fifty? A I guess he had over fifty.

Q Did he have as many as a hundred? A Just about that children and all.

Q Do you remember the names of any of his slaves? A Uncle Cook and Aunt Rachel, that is two,; Aunt Peggy is three and Aunt Jinny is four and Sarah is five; that is how many women he had.

Q Do you know a slave named Anderson? A Yes, sir, I believe he had a man named Anderson.

Q Do you know whether he had one named Sid? A Yes, sir, Sydney Thompson; and Henry Thompson and Jim Thompson, they were my sons.

Q Do you know one named Laura? A I know he had a slave named Grundy but I don't believe he had one named that.

Q Do you know of one named Angie? A She is my daughter; I had four daughters and one died and the other daughters are at Stringtown.

Q Angie was born a slave? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you any other daughters? A Yes, sir, I have three living.

Q What are their names? A Rachel and Frances; two boys, one named Jim and the other Henry.

Q They are both living? A Yes, sir, all my children were born slaves.

Q Did Giles Thompson have some children by this white woman he married? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know the names of those children? A No, sir.

Q You are sure that these wives, Sallie and Charlette, died some time before the war are you? A Charlette died just commencing of the war, just about - yes, sir, I was a slave yet when she died but I can't remember what month but it was about Christmas.

- Q Had the war started yet when she died? A Yes, sir, the war had started but it hadn't ended yet.
- Q You are sure that she died while the war was going on? A Yes, sir, we use to give rappers for them; she said she was going to see old Lincoln.
- Q They had started to fight had they - Indians had gone to the war had they? A Yes, sir, the Indians were going at the time she died.
- Q Where did you live during the war? A Didn't you hear me tell you at the salt works down on Boggy.
- Q You stayed there all the time? A Yes, sir, stayed there until we were freed.
- Q Did all these slaves stay there? A Yes, sir.
- Q The soldiers didn't come around there and run you off? A No, sir, we didn't see any soldiers at all.
- Q When did Giles Thompson die, do you know? A Been dead about six or seven years now I guess; that is as near as I can guess at it.
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- Q About how long after the war when he died? A He died after the war, I don't know how long he lived then after the war.
- Q Did he live quite a while after? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you stay down there with him after the war? A No, sir, I left him; he said if we didn't get out he would burn the houses down and we went to Fort Smith.
- Q That was after the war? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long did you stay at Fort Smith? A About five years the children come out here and I walked out here.
- Q When he drove you out was after the fighting had all quit? A Yes, sir, we were all freed. George Harkins had one of my old mistresses and he told us he didn't like the way Giles was treating us and he told us to get out and Sam Ward he killed a beef and gave us.
- Q Did you know Henry Chalk? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did he live down there near you? A No, sir, he lived way down towards Caddo.
- Q He was a slave was he? A Yes, sir.
- Q Whose slave was he? A I can't recollect the name but I knowed him that is all.
- Q You don't know of any boys by those Indian women? A Yes, sir, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I told you his name, Albert.
- Q That is the only boy that Giles had by his Indian wife? A Yes, sir, and the other boy went to Texas to school and he died at Texas and I disremember his name, he was grown, but he died in Texas.
- Q Who were you slaves owned by, by Giles or his wife? A Giles Thompson.
- Q You were freed under Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, she didn't have no niggers, he bought us all.
- Q Was Giles Thompson ever recognized as a citizen of any Indian tribe? A I don't know but he was just the same as an Indian, he had two wives.
- Q They were both Indians? A Yes, sir.
- Q You don't know what tribe they belonged to? A No, sir - they were Chestaws.
- Q Their name before they married Giles was Wall? A Yes, sir.



- Q Do you know the names of any of their family? A No, sir.  
Q Did Giles ever have a slave named Nancy? A Yes, sir, she is  
dead, she was his cook.  
Q Did Giles have a slave named Mary? A Yes, sir, she is at  
Stringtown.  
Q Did he have one named Josephine or Jessie? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she dead or living? A She is dead I think.

Witness excused.

Chas. T. Difenderfer being first duly sworn states that the  
above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his  
stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

*Chas. T. Difenderfer*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July 1904.

*Charles H. Sawyer*

Notary Public.

Choc. Fr. 1012

Dick Williams

Fr. 1012

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Dick Williams, said Williams being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 61. I belonged to Mr. Kingsbury, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Indian territory. I am married. My wife is a citizen. Her name is Charity Williams and she belonged to old man Dick Willis, a Chickasaw.

Department of the Interior,

Washington, D.C. 20547  
I hereby certify that the foregoing as  
steno-graphed and so named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes

W. M. Needles

Choc. 1013

Susan Washington

Fm 1013

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Assan Washington*  
a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved

NOV 25 1942

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

COMMISSION TO THE CHOCTAW TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN #1013

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Susan Washington  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Fredman Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Stringtown, Ind. Ter., and died on the 28 day of  
July, 1902  
(Here insert name of post office)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. }  
Centra District. }

I, Janet Hawkins, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by Fredman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Stringtown, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
daughter of Susan Washington  
(State relationship to the father, or uncle, or cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by Fredman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Susan Washington died on the 28 day of  
July, 1902  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN } Janet Hawkins  
(Must be Two } Wm C. Gunn  
Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Nov., 1902  
D. St. Luebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. }  
Centra District. }

I, John Jones, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age, and a citizen, by Fredman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Stringtown, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Susan Washington  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Fredman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Susan Washington died on the 28 day of  
July, 1902  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN } John Jones  
(Must be Two }  
Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Nov., 1902  
D. St. Luebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choc. Fr. 1014  
Zora Hawkins

Fr. 1014

FREEDMAN.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Zora Hawkins, said Hawkins being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother is Susan Washington and she belonged to Israel Folsom, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon the official oath as stenographer to the said Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*J. M. McDonald*



Choc. Fr. 1015

Lou Wright

Fr. 1015

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lou Wright said Wright being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

My mother was named Margaret Alexander and she belonged to Israel Folsom, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Indian Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I have sworn upon my oath as stated above and I believe that this is a true and correct translation of my statement.

*W. McDonald*

Choctaw Freedman  
1018

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 6, 1903.

Mrs. Lou Wright,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 2, in which you state that you went to the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, to file on your allotment, and were informed that you could not do so for a month, and you state that you desire to make application for your allotment before that time.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Lou Wright and her children, Charlie, Henrietta Eli, Arthur and Willie Wright, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Relative to the selection of allotments for yourself and your children at this time, your attention is invited to sections fifteen and sixteen of the rules and regulations governing the selection of allotments and the designation of homesteads in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

, copyeffulip is herewith inclosed you.

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17-1015

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 15, 1903.

Mrs. Lou Wright,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 11, asking when you will be permitted to select allotments for yourself and children.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Lou Wright and her children Charlie, Henrietta, Eli, Arthur and Willie Wright, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen but their names have not yet been placed on the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Until such time as the enrollment of yourself and your children has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior you will not be permitted to select your allotments.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1018

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 11, 1903.

Lou Wright,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd inst., stating that in June last you went to Agoka for the purpose of filing on land for yourself and five minor children, at which time you were advised that your application had not then been passed upon by the Commission, and you request information relative to the enrollment of yourself and children.

You are informed that Lou Wright and her minor children, Charlie, Henrietta, Eli, Arthur and Willie Wright have been enrolled by this Commission as Choctaw freedmen and their enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903, and you will now be permitted to select allotments of land for yourself and children upon your personal appearance at the Land Office in the Nation in which such lands are situated.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1016

Maggie McLendon

Fr. 1016

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I. T. Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Maggie McLendon, said McLendon being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother is Sora Hawkins and she belonged to Israel Folsom, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Indian Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the Commission that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

Choc. Fr. 1017

John Jones

Fr. 1017



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of John Jones, said Jones being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother is Zara Hawkins and she belonged to Israel Polson, a Choctaw. I am married to my wife.

Zara Hawkins, being sworn, testified:

I know John Jones, He is married and has a baby at his house.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes

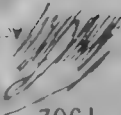
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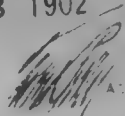
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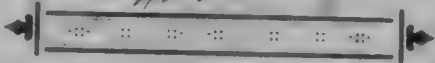
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U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No 733



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY. } SS.  
 Central Judicial District,

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and Publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. *John Jones* of *Stringtown* in the Indian Territory, aged *twenty-two* years and *Miss Emma Orr* of *Stringtown* in the Indian Territory, aged *twenty-four* years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official Seal this *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* A. D. 189*6*

BY *John B. ...*

CLERK OF THE U. S. COURT  
 DEPUTY.



## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } I.  
 INDIAN TERRITORY. } SS.  
 CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT, } A

do hereby certify, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 189*6* I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this *19* day of *November* A. D. 189*6*

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the UNITED STATES Court in the Indian Territory Central Judicial District Book \_\_\_\_\_ at Page *55*

*By Rev. C. P. Mathers*  
*Minister of the gospel*  
*of Stringtown*

NOTE:—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.)



Case Fr 1017

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

John Buttar Jones

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved

June 12 1900

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

**FILED**

JUN 12 1900

COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES.

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 of John Britton Jones born on the 18 day of March, 1900.  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: John Jones, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Emma Jones, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Postoffice, Stringtown OK

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY  
Central District.

I, Emma Jones, on oath state that I am 32  
 years of age and a citizen, ~~of~~ of the United States Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of John Jones, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was  
(once a female)  
 born to me on the 18 day of March, 1900 that said child has been  
 named John Britton Jones, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Emma Jones

(Must be in Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of June, 1900

[Signature]  
 Commissioner

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY  
Central District.

I, J. M. Miller, a Physician, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Emma Jones, wife of John Jones,  
 on the 18 day of March, 1900, that there was born to her on  
 said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named John Britton Jones.

WITNESSES TO MARK

J. M. Miller

(Must be in Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of June, 1900

A. Kennedy  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Dave Jones*

as a citizen of

*British*

Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Dave Jones, born on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1901  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: John Jones a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Emma Jones a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
 Post-office \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY  
Central District.

I, Emma Jones, on oath state that I am 34  
 years of age and a citizen, by United States of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of John Jones, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Dave Jones, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
Emma Jones  
 (Must be Two Witnesses)  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1901.  
D. Kennedy  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY  
Central District.

I, Melinda Dorsey, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Emma Jones, wife of John Jones  
 on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1901; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Dave Jones her

WITNESSES TO MARK  
Melinda Dorsey  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) Bob Howard  
Taylor Vaughan  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1901.  
D. Kennedy  
 NOTARY PUBLIC



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Edmund J. Jones*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation

Approved

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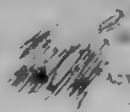


Commissioner.

*Proof of birth of child  
previously held for enrollment*

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COMMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

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NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In An Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Edmond Jones, born on the 30 day of Jan, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Jones a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Emma Jones a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Post-office: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central Judicial District.

I, Emma Jones, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S. Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Jones, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was  
born to me on 30<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1897; that said child has been named  
Edmond Jones, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Emma Jones

Must be Two  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1903  
J. S. Kennedy  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central Judicial District.

I, Bella Patton, on oath state that I was  
present when Emma Jones was confined, wife of John Jones  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1897; that there was born to her on said  
date male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
Edmond Jones  
(MALE OR FEMALE)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Bella Patton

Must be Two  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1903  
J. S. Kennedy  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, December 26, 1901.

John Jones,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Dave Jones, the infant son of John and Emma Jones, born July 8, 1901, and the same is returned to you herewith for the reason that it appears that the mother of this child is a citizen of the United States and it will therefore be necessary that this office be supplied with either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between yourself and Emma Jones.

This evidence of marriage is also necessary in the matter of the enrollment of your children Edmund and John Britten Jones, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Upon receipt of the evidence of marriage requested above and the return of the application, the matter will be given further consideration.

Yours truly,

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Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 3, 1902.

John Jones,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the marriage license and certificate between yourself and Miss Emma Orr and the same has been duly filed with the records of this office.

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Receipt is also acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Dave Jones, the infant son of John and Emma Jones, born July 8, 1901, and the same being in proper form, has also been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 18, 1903.

John Jones,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Emma Jones and Bella Patton relative to the birth of Edmond Jones, minor child of John and Emma Jones, January 30, 1897; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 3, 1903.

John Jones,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, Edmond Jones, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any evidence as to the birth of this child has ever been filed with the Commission. You should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavits.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signatures are by mark they must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as until this information is received nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of your child as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

B. C.

Acting Chairman.

Env.

Choc. Fr. 1018

Caroline Reed

Fr. 1018

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I. T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Caline Reddicks, said Reddicks being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I used to belong to Mr. Simon Lewis' sister Louisa Daniels. I have lived all the time in the Choctaw Nation.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

Will H. H. H.



No. 788

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, DISTRICT

I, *E. J. Fanning*, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr. *W. A. Reed* and  
Mrs. *Stella Jackson* was  
filed in my office in said Territory and District the  
1 day of *Aug*, A. D. 1900  
and duly recorded in Book *1* of Marriage  
Record, Page *394*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court,  
at *Atoka* this *18*  
day of *November* A. D. 1900

*E. J. Fanning*  
By *[Signature]* Deputy

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE INDIAN TERRITORY  
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Form No. 598

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT. } SS:

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Clergy:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between M<sup>r</sup> Wm Reed of Atoka in the Indian Territory, aged 23 years, and M<sup>rs</sup> Stella Jackson of Atoka in the Indian Territory, aged 21 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 24 day of July, A. D. 1900

Don J. Tolson Deputy. P. J. Fanning Clerk of the United States Court.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT. } SS:

I, H. C. Cannon,  
Minister of the Gospel

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 24 day of July, A. D. 1900; I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANNES OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 24 day of July, A. D. 1900

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book B, Page

H. C. Cannon  
Minister of the Gospel

Note.—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*William Owen Reed*  
*Abolter (presumably)*  
as civilized of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved NOV 22 1902 190  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Crookston Nation,  
 of William Owen Reed, born on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: William Reed, a citizen of the Crookston Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Stella Reed, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
 Post-Office: Albion Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Stella Reed, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen, by marriage, of the Crookston Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William Reed, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Crookston Nation, that a male child was born to me on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1902, that said child has been named William Owen Reed, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Stella Reed  
Just H. Clauborn  
Charley Reed

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1902

Just H. Clauborn  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Cent District. }

I, Mary Knoblin, a Friend, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Stella Reed, wife of William Reed, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1902, that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named William Owen Reed.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Knoblin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1902

Just H. Clauborn  
 Notary Public

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*IN RE*

*Application for Enrollment of*

*INFANT CHILD*

*William Owen Reed*

*as a ~~citizen~~ of the*

*State of New York*

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*Commissioner*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of William Owen Reed, born on the 4th day of September, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: William Reed, a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Stella Reed, a ~~citizen~~ <sup>Non Citizen</sup> of the Non Citizen Nation.  
 Post-Office: Waka, Ind. Terr.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. }  
Southern District. }

I, Stella Reed, on oath state that I am 32 years of age and a ~~citizen~~ <sup>Non Citizen</sup>, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William Reed, who is a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation, that a ~~male~~ <sup>male</sup> child was born to me on the 4th day of September, 1902; that said child has been named William Owen Reed, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Wm A. Zinner  
R. M. Nelson  
Stella Reed <sup>her</sup> ~~X~~ <sub>mark</sub>

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1902  
R. H. Suebaugh  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. }  
 District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_; that there was born to her on said date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.

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CHOCOTAW ENROLLMENT IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Archie Rederick*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw*

Nation

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Commissioner

*Proof of birth of child  
listed for enrollment 8/29/99*

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

CHAIRMAN.

CHOCOTAW ENROLLMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Archie Rednick, born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Hiram Rednick, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Caroline Rednick, <sup>nee Reed</sup> a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Clotter, D. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )

I, Caroline Rednick, on oath state that I am 46  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Hiram Rednick, who is a citizen, by  
marriage, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
 born to me on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1898; that said child has been  
 named Archie Rednick, and is now living.

WITNESSED TO ME:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Just Chambers  
Robert L. Williams  
Caroline Rednick <sup>nee Reed</sup>  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1903  
Just Chambers  
 Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )

I, Hanna Frasier, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Caroline Rednick, wife of Hiram Rednick,  
 on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1898; that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Archie Rednick.

WITNESSED TO ME:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Just Chambers  
Robert L. Williams  
Hanna Frasier  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1903  
Just Chambers  
 Notary Public



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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1908.

Harm Reddick,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Archie Reddick, son of Harm Reddick and Caroline Reed, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Archie Reddick, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth has been supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Mrv.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1018

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 18, 1903.

Caroline Rederick,

C/o James H. Chambers,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Hanna Frasier relative to the birth of your minor son, Archie Rederick, July 16, 1900, and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1019

Mittie Clayton

Fr. 1019

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Nettie Clayton, said Clayton being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother is galine Reddicks and she used to belong to Louisa Daniels, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of the original as submitted to me, and that this is a true and correct translation of the original as submitted to me.

*B. M. Donald*

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Theodore L. Clayton*  
as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation

Approved. JUN 11 1902 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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A. T. C. H. I. M. S.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Ciostaw Nation,  
of Theodor L. Clayton, born on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Albert Clayton, a citizen of the Ciostaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mittie Clayton, a citizen of the Ciostaw Nation.  
Post-office, Atoka, D. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, District.

I, Mittie Clayton, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Ciostaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Albert Clayton, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Ciostaw Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1902 that said child has been  
named Theodor L. Clayton, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Mittie L Clayton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902  
Just Chambers  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, District.

I, Mittie Clayton, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mittie Clayton, wife of Albert Clayton,  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Theodor L. Clayton

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Mittie Clayton  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902  
Just Chambers  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 11, 1902.

Albert Clayton,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Theodore L. Clayton, infant son of Albert and Mittie Clayton, born February 21, 1902, and the same being in proper form has been filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 1020

Celia Murphy

Fr. 1020



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Celie Murphy, said Murphy being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I was born a slave and belonged to Louisa Daniels, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of the original as presented to me by the said Celie Murphy at this place on the 29th day of August, 1899, and a true translation of the original.

B. M. Needles

Choc. Fr. 1021

Annie Perry

Fr. 1021

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Annie Perry, said Perry being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I was born a slave and belonged to Louisa Daniels, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official duty as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. C. 10

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No. *5411*

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SCT.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr. *J. M. Neil* and

Mrs. *Stella Connally*

was filed in my office in said Territory and District the *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct* A. D. *1900* and duly recorded in Book *1100* of Marriage Record, Page *1720*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at *Atoka* this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct* A. D. *1900*

E. J. FANNIN,  
Clerk

By *Louise Tolson* Deputy.

COMMISSIONER

NOV 28 1900

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between Mr. J. J. M. Neill of Lehigh in the Indian Territory, aged 32 years, and Miss Stella Connolly of Atoka in the Indian Territory, aged [REDACTED] years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, this 2 day of Oct A. D. 1900

Long Johnson  
Deputy

E. J. Garrison  
Clerk of the United States Court

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } I,  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } a

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED] A. D. [REDACTED] I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this the 2 day of Oct A. D. 1900

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book [REDACTED], Page [REDACTED]

B. J. Nelson a bidding at atoka  
a minister of the Gospel

NOTE - This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued within sixty days from the date thereof or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Francis M. Mill*  
as <sup>applicant</sup> citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 190

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Francis McNeill, born on the 1 day of July, 1901  
(This is the name of child.)  
Name of Father: Tom McNeill, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Estella McNeill, a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Atoka.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Estella McNeill, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Tom McNeill, who is a citizen, by  
of the Choctaw Nation, that a <sup>female</sup> child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the 1 day of July, 1901; that said child has been  
named Francis McNeill, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of September, 1901.

H. Christen

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1901; that there was born to her on said  
date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1901.

Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Francis McNeill

as a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation

Approved NOV 28 1902

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
FILED  
NOV 28 1902

Cherokee Nation  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Francis McNeill, born on the 1st day of July, 1901  
 Name of Father: Tom McNeill, a citizen of the United States ~~Nation~~.  
 Name of Mother: Stella McNeill, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Atoka, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District. )

I, Stella McNeill, on oath state that I am 21  
 years of age and a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup>, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Tom McNeill, who is a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> by  
~~Non Citizen~~, of the United States ~~Nation~~, that a ~~small~~ <sup>female</sup> child was  
 born to me on the 1st day of July, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Francis McNeill, and is now living.

Stella McNeill

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be in  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1902  
W. H. Smebaugh  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District. )

I, Angeline Mc Donald, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Stella McNeill, wife of Tom McNeill,  
 on the 1st day of July, 1901; that there was born to her on said  
 date a ~~small~~ <sup>female</sup> child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Francis McNeill.

Angeline Mc Donald  
her mark

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be in  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1902  
W. H. Smebaugh  
 Notary Public.

17-1021.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1902.

Tom McNeill,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Frances McNeill, infant daughter of Tom and Estella McNeill, born July 1, 1901; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from our records that your wife was listed for enrollment as Stella Conley, and that since that time she has been married to you. You are therefore requested to furnish the Commission with either the original marriage license and certificate, or certified copy thereof, between yourself and Stella Conley, as authority for the change of her name upon our records from her maiden name to her present married name.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-1021

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1902.

Tom McNeill,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, asking if your child, Franceil McNeill, has been enrolled, and stating that you forwarded evidence of your marriage to Estella Cowley in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

In reply to your letter you are advised it appears from our records that Franceil McNeill, infant daughter of Tom and Stella McNeill, has been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

You are further advised that the marriage license and certificate between T. J. McNeill and Stella Connelly has been filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the enrollment of the above named child.

Very respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1022

Creasie Boyd

Fr. 1022

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Creasie Boyd, said Boyd being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by her et alis., testified:

I belonged to William Johnson, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Nation ever since I was turned free.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the stenographic notes taken at the hearing of the above named Commission, and that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*R. W. McLaughlin*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Emma Boy*

a citizen of

*Chocoma*

Name

Approved: *[Signature]*

Commissioner

Proof of birth of child  
islet for enrollment

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
COMMISSION TO THE FIELD  
FIELD

1022

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Emma Boyd, born on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of Febry, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Aleck Boyd a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Creasie Boyd a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office Atoka I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Creasie Boyd, on oath state that I am 44  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Aleck Boyd, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a female child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1896; that said child has been named  
Emma Boyd, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two Witnesses.

J. K. Wade  
W. H. Martin

Creasie <sup>Her</sup> Boyd  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of May, 1904

Miss Shelby  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Jane Ward, a midwife, on oath state that I at-  
 tended on Mrs. Creasie Boyd, wife of Aleck Boyd  
 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Febry, 1896; that there was born to her on said  
 date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
(MALE OR FEMALE)  
Emma Boyd

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two Witnesses.

J. K. Wade  
W. H. Martin

Jane <sup>Her</sup> Ward  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of May, 1904

Miss Shelby  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

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No.

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SCT.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT }

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr. *Taylor Spawan* and  
M<sup>rs</sup>. *Helia Boyd*

was filed in my office in said Territory and District the *16* day of *Oct* A. D. *1900* and duly recorded in Book *101* of Marriage Records Page *111*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at *Okla* this *16* day of *Oct* A. D. *1900*

E. J. FANNIN,  
Clerk

*[Signature]*  
Deputy



# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } SS.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between *Mr. Taylor Johnson* of *Phillips* in the Indian Territory, aged *42* years, and *Miss Celea Boyd* of *Utaha* in the Indian Territory, aged *27* years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, this *26* day of *September* A. D. 1900

*[Signature]*

Clerk of the United States Court.

Deputy

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } SS.

I, *L. J. Boyd*  
a *Minister of Gospel*

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the *26* day of *Sept* A. D. 1900 I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this *26* day of *Sept* A. D. 1900

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book *B*, Page *173*

*L. J. Boyd*  
a *Minister of Gospel*

NOTE—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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17-1022.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Bertha Johnson*  
as a citizen of the

*Chicago Freedman Station.*

NOV 26 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

NO 1022

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Bertha Johnson, born on the 17th day of February, 1902.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Taylor Johnson, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Celia Johnson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-Office: Atoka, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Celia Johnson, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup>, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Taylor Johnson, who is a citizen, of the United States Nation, that a <sup>female</sup> child was born to me on the 17th day of February, 1902; that said child has been named Bertha Johnson, and is now living.

WITNESSED TO MAKE  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) }  
Celia Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1902.  
R. H. Mebaugh  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Crease Boyd, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Celia Johnson, wife of Taylor Johnson on the 17th day of February, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a <sup>female</sup> child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Bertha Johnson.

WITNESSED TO MAKE  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) }  
Crease Boyd  
Wm C. [unclear]  
[unclear]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1902.  
R. H. Mebaugh  
 Notary Public.

17-1082.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 4, 1903.

Taylor Johnson,  
Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Bertha Johnson, infant daughter of Taylor and Celia Johnson, born February 17, 1902; also a marriage license and certificate between Taylor Johnson and Celia Boyd; and the same are returned to you herewith.

You are informed that the mother of the child named in the application is listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. You will therefore understand that application should be made for the enrollment of her child as a Choctaw freedman; for which purpose there is enclosed a blank application for the enrollment of an infant child.

Upon return of same properly executed, together with your marriage license and certificate, the matter will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Enc. B.I. 150.

Acting Chairman.

17-1022

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Cressie Boyd,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Emma Boyd, daughter of Dick and Cressie Boyd, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your daughter, Emma Boyd, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of her birth has been furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1022.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Creasic Boyd,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your daughter, ~~Rama~~  
~~Boyd, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that~~  
a properly verified affidavit as to the birth of this child has been  
filed with the Commission. You should, therefore, immediately fill  
out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavit.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all  
blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the  
notary public, before whom the affidavits are sworn to, attaches his  
name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signature  
is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, wit-  
nesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as  
nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of  
your daughter as a Choctaw freedman until this affidavit is received.

Respectfully,

B.C.  
Env.

Chairman.

17-1022

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 29, 1903.

Aleck Boyd,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of  
Creasia Boyd and Jane Ward, relative to the birth of Emma Boyd,  
minor daughter of Aleck and Creasia Boyd, February 23, 1898, and  
the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records  
of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



17-1022

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 29, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has  
this day been made upon original Choctaw Freedmen Enrollment Card  
number 1022:

"No. 6 born Feby. 23, 1898. Proof of birth filed Sept.  
28, 1903."

You are therefore requested to make like notation upon  
the duplicate card in your possession bearing corresponding number  
in accordance with the above information.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



Chickasaw Pr.  
1022.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1903.

Sella Johnson,

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 20, in which you state that certain persons have filed on your land and you would contest the same as your enrollment has not been approved, and you ask what steps you shall take in the matter.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that on September 26, 1903, your enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman was approved by the Secretary of the Interior. You will therefore be permitted to appear at the land office and institute contest for the land claimed by you in allotment if you desire to do so.

Respectfully,

17-1028

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 11, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find affidavits relative to the birth of Emma Boyd, a Choctaw freedman, minor daughter of Aleck and Creasie Boyd, which you are requested to have properly signed and acknowledged at your earliest convenience and return the same to this office.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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17-1022

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 21, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has  
this day been placed upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card,  
No. 1022, Creasia Boyd, et al.,

"No. 6. Affidavits relative to birth  
filed May 19, 1904."

You are therefore requested to make like notation upon  
the duplicate card in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 1023

Rosetta Flack

Fr. 1023

FREDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Rosetta Flack, said Flack being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

My mother is Annie Perry and she belonged to Louisa Daniels, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy as shown to me by the said Rosetta Flack, and that this is a true and correct translation of my original notes.

R. H. Howard

1008

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Erdin Flack*

*adopted* ~~was~~ citizen of the

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved NOV 1 1902

*James B. By*

Commissioner

*AKA*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE LIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

FILED

NOV 4 1902

*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

1008

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Erdie Flack (Here insert name of child), born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1899  
 Name of Father: Joe Flack, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Rosetta Flack <sup>freedman</sup>, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Upton Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
District. )

I, Rosetta Flack, on oath state that I am 18  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Joe Flack, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
 born to me on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1899; that said child has been  
 named Erdie Flack, and is now living.

Rosetta Flack

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1902

Just Chambers  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
District. )

I, Estella McNeill, a Neighbor, on oath state that <sup>I was</sup>  
<sup>present with</sup> Mrs. Rosetta Flack is the wife of Joe Flack and  
 on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1899; ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~child~~  
~~a~~ Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Erdie Flack.

Estella McNeill

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1902

Just Chambers  
Notary Public

17-1023 ✓

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Leta V. Clark

(as a citizen of the

State of Massachusetts  
Nation.

Approved: Nov 26 1902 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Leta Black, born on the 25th day of July, 1902  
 Name of Father: Joe Black, a <sup>freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~ of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Roseua Black, a <sup>freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Atoka, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 Central District.

I, Roseua Black, on oath state that I am 18  
 years of age and a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Joe Black, who is a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup>  
~~freedman~~ of the Cherokee Nation, that a ~~male~~ <sup>female</sup> child was  
 born to me on the 25th day of July, 1902; that said child has been  
 named Leta Black, and is now living.

Rosetta Black

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
 (Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November 1902

R. W. Melbaugh  
 Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 Central District.

I, Angelina McDonald <sup>Midwife</sup>, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Roseua Black, wife of Joe Black,  
 on the 25th day of July, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
 date a ~~male~~ <sup>female</sup> child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Leta Black.

Angelina McDonald  
 her mark

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
 (Witnesses)

Wm. C. Gunn  
R. M. Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November 1902

R. W. Melbaugh  
 Notary Public

17-1023

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Rosetta Flack,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Erdie Flack, son of Joe and Rosetta Flack, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Erdie Flack, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth has been supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Brv.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1023.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 4, 1902.

Joe Flack,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of  
Rouetta Flack and Estella McNeill relative to the birth of your  
minor child, Ernie Flack, June 6, 1900; and the same being in  
proper form have been duly filed with the records of the  
Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Acting Registrar.

Choc. Fr. 1024

Louisa Cunish

Arella Beaver

Fr. 1024

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Louisa Lewis, said Lewis being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to Jim McCoy, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the official stenographic transcript of the testimony of Louisa Lewis, as given to the Commission, and the transcript of the testimony of the other witnesses of my stenographic notes.

W. M. C. C. C.

THIS CERTIFIES

THAT

Kurdy White

AND

Stna Lewis, both Citizens  
of the Choctaw Nation

MARRIAGE

Atona

~~Choctaw Nation and Territory~~

Third August 1901

John S. Murray  
Ordained Minister



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Pearl Gardner

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Giesman~~ation~~.

Approved

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Commissioner.



*Legitimate Child*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~son~~ *freedman* of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Earl Gardner*, born on the *30th* day of *March*, 1902.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Edmond Gardner*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Elizabeth Lewis*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Wapanucka, Ia*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
*Central* District. )

I, *Elizabeth Lewis*, on oath state that I am *20*  
years of age and a citizen, by *freedman* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a *female* child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the *30th* day of *March*, 1902; that said child has been  
named *Earl Gardner*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *18th* day of *November* 1902  
*L. Stonebaugh*  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
\_\_\_\_\_ District. )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1902  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INDIAN CHILD

Pearl Gardner Lewis

as a citizen of the

Choctaw

Nation.

Approved

NOV 24 1902

1902

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED

NOV 24 1902



ACTING CHAIRMAN.

#1024

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Pearl Gardner Lewis (Here insert name of child), born on the 30 day of March, 1902, 190 Name of Father: Edmond Gardner, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation. Name of Mother: Elisabeth Lewis, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation. Post-Office: Wagoner Vapamooka, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Elisabeth Lewis, on oath state that I am twenty years of age and a citizen, by blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am ~~married~~ unmarried, who is a citizen, by of the Nation, that a female child was (Male or female) born to me on the 30th day of March, 1902, 190; that said child has been named Pearl Gardner Lewis, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Elisabeth Lewis

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1902, 190

J. L. Humphrey Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Mrs. Irene Fryhoyer, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Elisabeth Lewis, single (unmarried) on the 30th day of March, 1902, 190; that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Pearl Gardner Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK

Mrs Irene Fryhoyer

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of November, 1902, 190

J. L. Humphrey Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Forbus Lewis White*

as a citizen of the

*Cherokee Nation*

Approved

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACT NO. 114-824

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT as a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Forbus White (Here insert name of child), born on the 10th day of August, 1902  
 Name of Father: Curry White, a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Esther White, a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Wapanucka, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

I, Esther White, on oath state that I am 18 years of age and a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Curry White, who is a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was born to me on the 10th day of August, 1902; that said child has been named Forbus White, and is now living.

Esther White

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1902.

D. H. Furbough  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District. )

Louisa James, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Esther White, wife of Curry White, on the 10th day of August, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Forbus White.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Wm. C. Brown  
R. M. Wilson

Louisa James  
marks

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1902.

D. H. Furbough  
Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

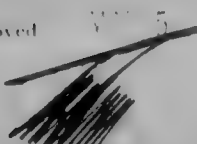
*Solomon Lewis*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved



1903

Commissioner.

*Proof of birth of child listed  
for enrollment: 8/29/99*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

APPROVED

*10 24*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Solomon Lewis (Here insert name of child), born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1898  
 Name of Father: Edmond Gudner a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Elizabeth Lewis a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District, )  
 I, Elizabeth Lewis, on oath state that I am 20  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Barn Out of Medlock, who is a citizen, by  
 of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation; that a Male child was  
 (Male or female)  
 born to me on 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1898; that said child has been named  
Solomon Lewis, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Elizabeth Lewis

Must be Two Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1903  
E. J. Ball  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )

Central District, )  
 I, Joana Williams, a Midwife, on oath state that I at-  
 tended on Elizabeth Lewis, wife of \_\_\_\_\_  
 on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1898; that there was born to her on said  
 date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
 (MALE OR FEMALE)  
Solomon Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK

Joana Williams

Must be Two Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1903  
E. J. Ball  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

17-1024.

Muskogee, Indian Territory. November 24, 1902.

Elizabeth Lewis,

Mopanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Pearl Gardner Lewis, infant daughter of Edmond Gardner and Elizabeth Lewis, born March 30, 1902; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



17-1024

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 3, 1903.

Elizabeth Lewis,

Waupanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, Solomon Lewis, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any evidence as to the birth of this child has ever been filed with the Commission. You should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavits.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signatures are by mark they must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as until this information is received nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of this child as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

B. C.

Acting Chairman.

Enc.

17-1084.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 6, 1903.

Elizabeth Lewis,

Care E.J. Ball,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Joannah Williams relative to the birth of your minor child, Solomon Lewis, June 16, 1898; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

On March 16, 1903, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes had the honor to forward, for Departmental consideration, schedules constituting part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, Numbers 1032 to 2386, inclusive, copies of which have been heretofore returned, approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

I now have the honor to invite Departmental attention to the names of Lenora, Joseph L. and Edna Lewis, which appear thereon opposite Numbers 2165, 2166 and 2167, respectively, and to advise that on April 20, 1904, Joe Cunish, approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen, Number 3029, appeared before the Choctaw Land Office, in Atoka, Indian Territory, and from his testimony it developed that he is the father of Lenora, Joseph L. and Edna Lewis above named; that he is known by the name of "Lewis" as well as the name of "Cunish" but that his correct name is "Cunish" and he therefore desires to have the names of his children, Lenora Lewis, Joseph L. Lewis and Edna Lewis, Choctaw freedman roll, Numbers 2165, 2166 and 2167, changed upon the roll from "Lewis" to "Cunish".

For the information of the Department there is inclosed

herewith copy of the testimony of Joe Gunish of April 20, 1904.

Inasmuch as it appears from the testimony of Joe Gunish that he is known both by the name of Joe Lewis and Joe Gunish, and as the mother of Lenora Lewis, Joseph L. Lewis and Edna Lewis is enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the name of Louisa Lewis, her name appearing upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, opposite Number 3607, I have to recommend that the names of Lenora Lewis, Joseph L. Lewis and Edna Lewis, opposite Numbers 2165, 2166 and 2167 respectively upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen be not changed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen in the possession of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and that the Commission be authorized to issue citizenship certificates and make allotments to the freedmen above named in the names by which they now appear upon the approved Choctaw freedman roll.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1024.

Choctaw Freedman  
1024

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

For your information there is inclosed herewith copy of letter this day addressed to the Secretary of the Interior recommending that the names of Lenora Lewis, Joseph L. Lewis and Edna Lewis, Choctaw freedman roll, Numbers 2165, 2166 and 2167, respectively, be not changed upon the approved roll, and that the Commission be authorized to make allotment of lands to the said freedmen under their names as they now appear upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen.

When the Commission is notified of Departmental action in this matter your office will be advised thereof.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Office of Indian Affairs,  
Washington,

July 27, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to a letter of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of the 18th instant, referring to the fact that on March 16, 1903, the Commission forwarded for your attention schedule constituting part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, Nos. 1032 to 2386, inclusive, it having been approved by you April 5, 1903.

The Commission now invites attention to the names of Lenora, Jose Lewis and Edna Lewis, which appeared thereon opposite Nos. 2165, 2166 and 2167, respectively, and to report that on April 20, 1904, Joe Cunish, who appears on approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen, No. 3029, appeared before the Choctaw land office in Atoka, and from his testimony it developed that he is the father of the persons given as Lenora, Joseph L. and Edna Lewis; that he is known by the name of Lewis, as well as the name of Cunish, but that his correct name is Cunish, and he therefore desires to have the names of his children, Lenora, Joseph L. and Edna, Choctaw freedman roll Nos. 2165, 2166 and 2167 changed upon the roll from Lewis to Cunish.

For the information of the Department, there is enclosed copy of the testimony of Joe Cunish of April 20, 1904.

Inasmuch as it appears from the testimony of Joe Cunish

that while he is known by the name of Joe Lewis, as well as Joe Gunish, and as his wife and the mother of these children is enrolled as a Choctaw freedman by the name of Louisa Lewis, her name appearing upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, opposite No. 3607, the Commission recommends that the names of Lenora Lewis, Joseph L. Lewis, and Wina Lewis, opposite Nos. 2165, 2166 and 2167, respectively, upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen in the possession of the Department and of this office, and that the Commission be authorized to issue citizenship certificates and make allotments to the freedmen above named in the names by which they now appear upon the approved Choctaw freedman roll.

In accordance with the testimony of Joe Gunish, his wife registered herself and the children by the surname of Lewis for the reason that she presumed that the surname of the father of Gunish was Lewis, when as a matter of fact, it was his first or given name, his name being Lewis Killey. Gunish takes his surname from the family owning him when he was a slave. From this statement of the facts in the case, it will be seen that none of these persons have the surname of Lewis, and I therefore cannot agree with the Commission in its recommendation that the surnames of the children be not changed. It is my opinion that the surnames of these children should be changed, and that the surname of the wife should be changed also to Gunish, and I so recommend.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tonner,

Acting Commissioner.

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Choctaw Freedman  
1024

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 9, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

For your information there is inclosed herewith copy of Departmental communication of August 1, 1904, (I. T. D. 6086-1904) directing the change of surname of the freedmen opposite Numbers ~~2165, 2166, 2167 and 3607~~ upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen from "Lewis" to "Cunish".

Your office is therefore authorized to make the necessary changes upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen in its possession, and upon the letter of transmittal of March 16, 1903. Applications for allotment in behalf of the persons above named may now be received.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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17-1024

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 9, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Referring to original Choctaw Precedent enrollment card No.1024, Louisa Lewis, et al, you are advised that the following changes have this day been made therein:

The surname of No.1 has been changed from "Lewis" to "Cunish". The surname "Lewis" has been inserted at No.5, in place of ditto marks. The surname of No.4 has been changed from "Lewis" to "Cunish". At No.7 the ditto marks have been erased, and the surname "Lewis" substituted. On the reverse side of the card, at No.2, the name "Joe Lewis" has been changed to "Joe Cunish".

You are further advised that the following notation has this day been placed upon said card:

" Nos.1, 4, 5 and 6, change in surname from Lewis to Cunish made under Departmental instructions of August 1, 1904. (D.C.#27454-1904) "

You are therefore requested to make like changes and notation upon the duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

EAP.

Washington.

ITD. C086-1904.

August 1, 1904.

L.R.S.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

July 15, 1904, Commissioner Needles transmitted a copy of the testimony given by Joe Cunish before the Commission on April 20, 1904, relative to the enrollment of his minor children, Lenora, Joseph L. and Edna.

It appears from said testimony that Louisa, wife of Joe Cunish, enrolled herself and said children as Choctaw Freedmen under the surname of Lewis; that Joe Cunish, a Choctaw Freedman, is also known as "Joe Lewis", his father's name being Lewis Killey; that Louisa is dead and the children above named live with their father who is enrolled under the name of Joe Cunish. The testimony of the minister who married Joe Cunish and Louisa shows that he was known as Joe Cunish at the time of such marriage. The father of said children now desires that their names be changed on the roll of Choctaw freedmen from "Lewis" to "Cunish".

Commissioner Needles recommends that the names of Lenora Lewis, Joseph L. Lewis and Edna Lewis, opposite Nos. 2165, 2166 and 2167, respectively, upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen be not changed upon the schedules, and that the Commission be authorized

to issue citizenship certificates and make allotments to the freedmen named in the paper by which they now appear upon the approved freedman roll.

Reporting July 27 the Acting Commissioner states that the facts as given in the testimony show that none of said persons has the surname of Lewis; that it is his opinion that the surnames of said children should be changed, and that the surname of the wife should be changed also to Smith, and he makes recommendation accordingly.

I concur in the Acting Commissioner's recommendation, and you are requested to correct the copies of the schedule returned to you in accordance therewith. The copy in this office has been likewise changed, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs authorized to make correction upon the copy in his office. Inclosed is a copy of the Acting Commissioner's report.

Respectfully,

(signed) Thos. Ryan,

Acting Secretary.

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Choc. Fr. 1025

Joana Williams

Fr. 1025

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of ~~Joanna~~ Joanna Williams, said Williams being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother is Louisa Lewis and she belonged to Jim McCoy, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

W. McDonald

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Elizabeth Williams

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*In RE* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Elizabeth Williams, born on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Roland Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Jana Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office: Wapanucka, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Central INDIAN TERRITORY District.

I, Jana Williams, on oath state that I am 26  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Roland Williams, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Elizabeth Williams, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Joannah Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902  
E. J. Ball  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Central INDIAN TERRITORY District.

I, Charlotte McCoy, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Jana Williams, wife of Roland Williams  
 on the 13 day of May, 1901; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Elizabeth Williams.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Charlotte McCoy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of April, 1902  
E. J. Ball  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Clay Carducci*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved

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*proof of birth of child listed  
for enrollment aug 29 1879*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Clay Gardner* (Here insert name of child) born on the *17* day of *aug*, 1897  
Name of Father: *Edmond Gardner* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Joana Williams* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-office *Mapanvaca S. C.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*centine* District.

I, *Joana Williams*, on oath state that I am *28*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
that I ~~was~~ *was* the lawful wife of *Edmond Gardner*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *male* child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on *17* day of *aug*, 1897; that said child has been named  
*Clay Gardner*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

*Joana Williams*

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, 1904  
*E. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*centine* District.

I, *Booker Younger*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I at-  
tended on Mrs. *Joana Williams*, wife of *Edmond Gardner*  
on the *17* day of *aug*, 1897 that there was born to her on said  
date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
*Clay Gardner*

WITNESSES TO MARK:

*Booker Younger*

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *11* day of *July*, 1904  
*E. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

17-1025

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 22, 1902.

Roland Williams,  
 Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Elisabeth Williams, infant daughter of Roland and Joannah Williams, born March 13, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1025

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Joanna Williams,  
Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Clay Gardner, son of Edmund Gardner and Joanna Williams, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Clay Gardner, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth has been furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1026.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Joana Williams,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your son, Clay Gardner, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that a properly verified birth affidavit has been filed with the Commission, as proof of birth of said child. You should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavit.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are acknowledged, attaches his name and affixes his seal to each affidavit. In case any signature is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your prompt attention as nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of your son as a Choctaw freedman until this affidavit is received.

Respectfully,

B.C.  
Env.

Chairman.

17-1026

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 6, 1903.

Dan Thompson,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 27, asking what you should do in the matter of your enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that you and your children, Nettie, Burt, Florence and Elmer Thompson, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

You are advised that if further evidence is necessary to enable the Commission to determine your right to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman you will be notified.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1025

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1904.

Joanna Williams,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Booker Younger, relative to the birth of your minor son, Clay Gardner, August 17, 1897, and the same have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1025

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the following notation has  
this day been placed upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card,  
No. 1025, Joana Williams, et al.,

"No. 3 born Aug. 27, 1897; proof  
of birth filed July 16, 1904."

You are therefore requested to make like notation upon  
the duplicate card of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 1026

Solomon McCoy

Fr. 1026



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Solomon McCoy, Mary McCoy being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My husband's mother was Mandy McCoy and she belonged to Jim McCoy. He has always lived in the Territory. He is a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. McDonald*

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-1028.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Muskogee, Indian Territory August 29, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Matilda Davis, her children Joicy, Joe, William, Winnie, Frances, Charley, Matilda Jr. George and Peter Davis and Lucy Varner, and her grandchildren Nimrod, Priscilla and Martha Athale Davis, Laura and Joseph Varner, Alma Lejester Wims, Ralph L. Davis and Ruth and Theresa Skelton, as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Peter Davis being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Peter Davis.  
Q What is your post office address? A Platter.  
Q Choctaw Nation? A No, sir X Chickasaw.  
Q What is your father's name? A Joe Davis.  
Q He was a citizen of the United States wasn't he? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Matilda Davis.  
Q Was she a slave? A Belonged to Mrs Kittie Folsom.  
Q How old are you? A About thirty-two.  
Q You say your mother belonged to Kittie Folsom? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was she? A I believe Chickasaw.  
Q Do you know whether she was Choctaw or Chickasaw? A I think she was a Chickasaw she has been dead a long time.  
Q You didn't know her did you? A Yes, sir but I was very small.  
Q Where was she living at that time? A Down at Doakesville.  
Q Where were you born? A I was born down at Doakesville.  
Q Was it in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation that you were born? A Chickasaw.  
Q How many children did Matilda have? A Fifteen.  
Q Are they all living? A No, sir, some dead.  
Q Give the names of Matilda's children according to their ages as near as you can? A Lucy Varner.  
Q Then? A Me.  
Q That is Peter Davis? A Yes, sir.  
Q Then? A Joicy Wims.  
Q How old is she? A I couldn't tell hardly as she is next to me.  
Q After Joicy? A Joe.  
Q Is Joe living? A ~~Yes, sir~~ No, sir.  
Q Is Joicy living? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did Joe die? A He was buried Christmas day.  
Q When was it? A Christmas year ago.  
Q Christmas 1902? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who comes next? A William.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who comes next? A Minnie Skelton.  
Q Where is she living? A She lives right close to us.  
Q Next? A Frances.  
Q Then comes who? A Charlie.  
Q Next? A Matilda.  
Q Next? A George.  
Q After George comes whom? A Ella, she is dead.  
Q Where was Lucy born? A Chickasaw Nation.

- Q Where has she lived ever since? A Chickasaw Nation.  
Q Has Lucy Varner lived any where else than in the Chickasaw Nation?  
A No, sir.  
Q Has Lucy Varner any children? A Yes, sir, two.  
Q What are their names? A Laura and Joseph.  
Q Where were those two children born? A Born in the Chickasaw  
Nation.  
Q Hasn't Lucy Varner been living in Texas? A No, sir, the  
children went to school over there.  
Q Have you always lived this side of Red River? A Yes, sir.  
Q Laura, Joseph and Lucy are all living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who were you married to? A Mollie Rutherford.  
Q Have you got any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are their names? A Nimrod, Priscilla and Martha Athale.  
Q Mollie Rutherford is the mother of these children? A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you married to her? A About nine years ago.  
Q Are those children living today? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have they always lived with you? A Yes, sir.

In the matter of your children Nimrod, Priscilla and  
Martha Athale it will be necessary for you to file with the Commis-  
sion a certified copy of your marriage license.

- Q Has Joicy any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many? A Two.  
Q She only applied for one, when was the last one born? A Maybe  
it was born too late.  
Q What is the name of this oldest child? A Alma Lejester Wims.  
Q Is Joe married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is he married to? A Miss Ella Taylor.  
Q Has he any children? A Yes, sir, Ralph L.  
Q Has Minnie Skelton any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are their names? A Roth and Theresa.  
Q You say you are about thirty years old? A About thirty-two.  
Q Where have you lived all your life? A From Doakesville back  
to Barrs Ferry and where I am now.  
Q Now ever since you can recollect where has your mother been  
living? A Right up and down Red River.  
Q Has she ever lived in Texas or Arkansas? A No, sir.  
Q Have any of your brothers or sisters ever lived in Texas or  
Arkansas? A No, sir.  
Q Sure about that? A No, sir.  
Q Not one of them? A No, sir.  
Q Where is your mother living now, north or south of Red River? A  
North of Red River.  
Q On the Chickasaw side? A Yes, sir, in Panola County on one  
of the Finch farms.  
Q Do you know whether your mother ever got any money from the  
Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations? A No, sir, not that I know of.

Witness excused.  
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Chas. T. Difendafer being first duly sworn states that

the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

*Chas. J. D. Pendap*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of August 1904.

*Charles Sawyer*  
Notary Public.

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Muskegee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1903.

J. E. Whitehead,  
Attorney at Law,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant, requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of Samuel Shoals, William Ware, Esther Morl or Fisher, Solomon McCoy and James Hall.

You are informed that S. D. Shoals of Oberlin, Indian Territory, and William Wire of Goodland, Indian Territory, are listed for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedule of Chickasaw Freedmen now being prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

You are further advised that Esther Fisher of Nelson, Indian Territory, and her son, Victor Fisher, have been enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen by this Commission and their enrollment, as such, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, April 8, 1903, and that Solomon McCoy of Bible, Indian Territory, who is now about forty-one years of age, has been enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw Freedman and his enrollment, as such, approved by the Secretary of

J.H.W.

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the Interior, April 8, 1903.

You are further advised that Jimmie Nail, son of Alfred and Winney Nail, now about nineteen years of age, has been enrolled by this Commission as a citizen by blood of the Cheataw Nation, and his enrollment, as such, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 19, 1903.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1027

Eliza Walker

Fr. 1027

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Eliza Walker, said Walker  
being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als.,  
testified:

My mother was Jane Colbert, and she belonged to Sam  
Colbert. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct  
translation of the original record of the enrollment of  
my sister, Eliza Walker.

A. McDonald



IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Mable Walker*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw Freedman* Station.

Approved, N. *[Signature]* 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Mable Walder, born on the 26 day of July, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Walder, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Eliza Walder, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Tringwood

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central Judicial District.

I, John Walder, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a citizen, by U. S. of the U. S. Nation;  
that I am the husband of Eliza Walder, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
born to me on the 26 day of June, 1897; that said child has been  
named Mable Walder, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of July, 1902

J. S. [Signature]  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, [Signature], on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. [Signature], wife of John Walder,  
on the [Signature] day of July, 1897; that there was born to her on said  
date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Mable Walder.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of July, 1902

[Signature]  
Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Amos Walker*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw Territory* Nation.

Approved *[Signature]* 190

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Mrs. M. W. Walker, born on the 25 day of Dec., 1878  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: John Walker, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Eiza Walker, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Dumont, Ok.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, John Walker, on oath state that I am 35  
 years of age and a citizen, by U.S. Nation,  
 that I am the lawful wife of husband Eiza Walker, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
 born to Eiza Walker on the 21 day of Dec., 1896; that said child has been  
 named M. W. Walker, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.  
 (Must be Two Witnesses.)  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of Nov., 1902  
John Walker  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
at, ... District.

I, Robert Brown, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Eiza Walker, wife of John Walker,  
 on the 20th day of Dec., 1896; that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named M. W. Walker.

WITNESSES TO MARK.  
 (Must be Two Witnesses.)  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of Nov., 1902  
Robert Brown  
Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Elizabeth Walker*

a witness of the

*Chortaw Freedman* Commissioner

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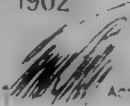


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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Eliza Walker (Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Lehigh (Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter., and died on the 25th day of  
November, 1901

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, John Walker, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a ~~citizen~~ by birth of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Stringtown (Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the husband of Eliza Walker (State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a ~~citizen~~ by freedman of the Choctaw Nation,  
and that said Eliza Walker (Here insert name of deceased) died on the 25 day of  
November, 1901 John Walker

WITNESSED TO MAKE.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902  
W. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Henry Kemp, on oath state that I am 50  
years of age, and a ~~citizen~~ by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Stringtown (Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Eliza Walker (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a ~~citizen~~ by freedman of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Eliza Walker (Here insert name of deceased) died on the 25 day of  
November, 1901 Henry Kemp

WITNESSED TO MAKE.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1902.  
W. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

17-1027

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Eliza Walker,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the births of Mabel and Amon Walker, children of John and Eliza Walker, has been filed with the Commission. There are inclosed herewith two blank applications for enrollment of infant children. In having them executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your two children, Mabel and Amon Walker, as Choctaw freedmen until this evidence is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
2 B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1087.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 1, 1908.

John Walker,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, in reply to our request dated October 16, 1908, for evidence of birth of your two minor children, Mabel and Amon Walker.

It is stated in your letter that your wife, Eliza Walker, died November 25, 1901, that the attending midwife is also dead, but that you can furnish your own affidavit and that of your sister-in-law relative to the birth of the children named.

You are advised that the affidavits of yourself and your sister-in-law relative to the birth of your two minor children, Mabel and Amon Walker, if properly executed and forwarded to the Commission, will receive proper consideration.

This matter should be attended to with as little delay as possible.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.



17-1087.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 13, 1902.

John Walker,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Rachel Brown relative to the birth of your minor child, Mabel Walker, June 26, 1897; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Receipt is also acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Rachel Brown relative to the birth of your minor child, Anna Walker, December 25, 1898; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-1027

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 27, 1902, enclosing four certified copies of Order of Court, Atoka County, Choctaw Nation, wherein John Walker is appointed guardian of the persons and estates of Myrtle, Dove, Cecil and Mable Walker, Choctaws by blood, card No. 1027, approved roll numbers 2174, 2175, 2176 and 2177, you are requested to advise this office immediately if said certified copies do not refer to Myrtle, Dove, Celie and Mable Walker, Choctaw freedman card No. 1027, approved roll numbers 2174 to 2177, inclusive.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1028

Rachael Brown

Fr. 1028

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Rachel Brown, said Brown being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Jane Colbert and she belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Nation.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

*Rachel Brown*

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CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Anna Brown,*

as a citizen of the

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

Nation.

Approved, **SEPT 8 1900** 190

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
COMMISSION TO THE FREE AND COPY  
MAILED APPLICANT.

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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
ACTING CHAPMAN.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Anna Brown*, born on the *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Ulongo Brown*, a citizen of the *U. S.* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Rachel Brown*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-office, *Stringtown, Ok.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Central* INDIAN TERRITORY District.

I, *Rachel Brown*, on oath state that I am *31*  
years of age and a citizen, by *blood* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Ulongo Brown*, who is a citizen, by  
of the *U. S.* Nation; that a *female* child was  
born to me on the *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, 1900; that said child has been  
named *Anna Brown*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of *July*, 1900.

*[Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Central* INDIAN TERRITORY District.

I, *Melinda May*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Rachel Brown*, wife of *Ulongo Brown*,  
on the *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Anna Brown*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of *Sept*, 1900.

*[Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Cleo Brown*

as a ~~citizen~~ of the

*Chadaw Freedman* Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~<sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Cleo Brown, born on the 29th day of March 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father Alonso Brown, a citizen of the United States ~~Nation~~  
 Name of Mother Rachael Brown a ~~citizen~~<sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Stringtown, Ia

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Osage District. }

I, Rachael Brown, on oath state that I am 36  
 years of age and a ~~citizen~~<sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Alonso Brown, who is a ~~citizen~~<sup>freedman</sup> by  
~~Non Citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation, that a ~~female~~<sup>female</sup> child was  
(Must be female)  
 born to me on the 29th day of March 1896 that said child has been  
 named Cleo Brown, and is now living.

Rachel Brown

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November 1902  
D. St. Linebaugh  
 Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
 \_\_\_\_\_ District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_; that there was born to her on said  
 date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be female)

WITNESSES TO MARK  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public



*IN RE*

*Application for Enrollment of*

*INFANT CHILD*

*Geo Brown*

*as a citizen of the*

*Choctaw Freedman Nation*

*Approved* DEC 5 1902

*[Signature]*  
*Commissioner*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEC 5 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

*Choctaw Freedman*

*#1028*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Leola Brown, born on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1897  
Name of Father: Thomas Brown, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mabel Brown, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Ringtown, Pa.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Mabel Brown, on oath state that I am 60  
years of age and a citizen, by marriage, of the U.S. Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Thomas Brown, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation, that a male child was  
born to me on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1902; that said child has been  
named Leola Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(MOTHER AND WITNESSES)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1902  
[Signature]  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Dr. O. West, on oath state that I  
was present and attended on Mrs. Mabel Brown, wife of Thomas Brown,  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Leola Brown.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(PHYSICIAN AND WITNESSES)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1902  
[Signature]  
Notary Public

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 10, 1900.

Rachel Brown,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Anna Brown, the infant daughter of Alenise and Rachel Brown, born July 6th, 1900 and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Maskogee, Indian Territory, September 13, 1900.

Rachel Brown,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant in which you state that there was a mistake made in the filling out of the application for enrollment of Anna Brown as it was stated in the affidavit of the mother that she was a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation when it should have been a Choctaw freedman.

You are informed that the Commission has made a notation of this fact and the application for the enrollment of your child, as previously stated, has been accepted and filed with the records of this Commission.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Rachel Brown,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Cleo Brown, daughter of Alonzo and Rachel Brown, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed

herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your daughter, Cleo Brown, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of her birth is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1028.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 5, 1902.

Alonso Brown,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Rachel Brown and E. D. Colbert relative to the birth of Cleo Brown, infant daughter of Alonso and Rachel Brown, March 29, 1897; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

Alonzo Brown,  
Platter, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of this office that on June 28, 1906, there was filed with the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a petition praying for the transfer of the name, among others, of your minor child, Cleburne Brown, from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, but there was no proof of birth filed for your said minor child.

In order that the rights of your said minor child, Cleburne Brown may be properly determined as a Choctaw freedman you are advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with proof of birth for said child and in order to assist you in this matter there is inclosed herewith blank proof of birth which you should have properly executed and return to this office not later than January 28, 1907.

This matter should receive your prompt attention and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof may deprive

C. B. --2

your child of such rights to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman as  
such child may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "C. B. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner.

B. C. Rev.



Choc. Fr. 1029

Mandy Manning

Fr. 1029

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mandy Manning, said Manning being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

My mother was Annie Ward.

Jane Ward, being sworn, testified:

I know Mandy Manning. She is my step-daughter. Her mother was Annie Ward. Abe Ward was her father.

Henry Kempt, being sworn, testified:

I am 47. I know Mandy Manning's father and mother. I do not know whether they were married or not, but they have always lived together. Her father was named Abe. They lived together as man and wife and were acknowledged man and wife in the neighborhood. I do not know who Abe belonged to.

Mr. Telle: Her father belonged to Eden Ward, a Choctaw.

Redirect: I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. Donald*

Choctaw Fr. 1029.

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NOTED MEN:

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lee Manning*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved

*6/12*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES.

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*IN RE* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Lee Manning, born on the 22 day of March, 1900  
 Name of Father: Bris Manning, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Mandy, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Postoffice: Stringtown, Ok.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY

Central District.

I, Mandy Manning, on oath state that I am 22  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Bris Manning, who is a citizen,  
 of the United States; that a male child was  
 born to me on the 22 day of March, 1900; that said child has been  
 named Lee Manning, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARR

Mandy Manning  
W. L. Emerson  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900

Commissioner

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY

Central District.

I, Mediada Orsey, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Mandy Manning, wife of Bris Manning,  
 on the 22 day of March, 1900; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Lee Manning.

WITNESSES TO MARR

J. Vaughan  
W. B. Johnson  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900  
J. S. Kennedy

Choctaw Fr. 1029

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lena Manning

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES.

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*In RE* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Frederick* Choctaw Nation,  
 of *Leona Manning*, born on the *22* day of *March* 1900  
 Name of Father: *Bris Manning*, a citizen of the *U.S.* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Mandy Manning*, a citizen of the *Frederick Choctaw* Nation.  
 Postoffice: *Stringtown, D. V.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY.

*Central* District. )

I, *Mandy Manning*, on oath state that I am *22*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Bris Manning*, who is a citizen, by

~~of the~~ Nation; that a ~~female~~ child was  
 born to me on the *22* day of *March* 1900; that said child has been  
 named *Leona Manning*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be by  
 Witnesses) *W. S. Emerson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *5th* day of *March* 1900

*Mandy Manning*  
*Mother*  
*Commissioner*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

INDIAN TERRITORY

*Central* District. )

I, *Mehuda Dorsey*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Mandy Manning*, wife of *Bris Manning*  
 on the *22* day of *March*, 1900; that there was born to her on  
 said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named *Leona Manning*.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be by  
 Witnesses) *J. Vaughan*  
*A. J. Johnson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7th* day of *June* 1900

*Mehuda Dorsey*  
*Mother*  
*W. S. Kennedy*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

Gilbert, Indian Territory, June 12, 1900.

Bris Manning, Esquire,  
Springtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the applications for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen of Leo and Leona Manning, the infant son and daughter of Bris and Handy Manning, born March 22nd, 1900, and the same, being in proper form, have been accepted and filed with the records of the Commission, and the children will be listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.



17-1029

Muskegee, Indian Territory, July 21, 1904.

Brisco Manning,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Mandy Manning and Ellen Walker, relative to the birth of your infant son, Butler Manning, January 2, 1903, which it is presumed have been forwarded to this office as an application for enrollment of said child

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as a Choctaw freedman.

Under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, which was ratified by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 25, 1902, the Commission is without authority to receive or consider the application for enrollment of infant children born to citizens by blood or freedmen of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations subsequent to the date of said ratification.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



Choc. Fr. 1030

Jimmie Wolford

Fr. 1030

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T.; Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of the children of John Walford, Mary Ward being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I knew John Walford. He belonged to Wade Hampton, a full-blood Choctaw. I know A. Walford. I know they were married. I was at the wedding. I have always lived in the Territory with these children.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. Edwards*

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Jimmie, Henry and Albert Walford, as freedmen of  
the Choctaw Nation.

ANNIE THOMAS, having been called and duly sworn, tes-  
tified in behalf of the applicants, as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Annie Thomas.  
Q How old are you? A Thirty-three.  
Q Where do you live? A Stringtown. I live four miles west of  
Stringtown.  
Q Do you claim any rights as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation?  
A I don't; the children do.  
Q You are a negro and a non-citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q You are here in the interest of three minor children? A Yes.  
Q Jimmie, Henry and Albert Walford? A Yes, sir.  
Q You are their mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are these children? A Jimmie will soon be 16, Henry  
will be 15 and Albert will be 13 soon.  
Q Who is the father of these children? A John Walford.  
Q Is he living? A No, he is dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead it will soon  
be 13 years.  
Q Was John Walford a Choctaw Freedmen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know who he belonged to? A I don't know; this lady  
does.  
Q When were you married to John Walford? A I was married to him  
this coming January will be 17 years ago.  
Q Where were you married? A At Stringtown.  
Q Who married you? A Preacher by the name of Cartwright.  
Q Did you get a certificate? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got it with you? A No, sir, it got burnt up in my house.  
Q Did you live with John Walford all the time up to this death?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q He never had any other wife? A No, sir.  
Q You were living together, as husband and wife, at the time that  
these children were born? A Yes, sir.  
Q Everybody recognized you as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q All these children were born in the Choctaw Nation, are living  
here now and they have always lived here? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

MARY COLBERT, having been called as a witness on behalf of the applicant, and duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Mary Colbert.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, sir.  
Q About how old are you? A Well, sir, I guess I couldn't hardly tell you; don't know my age.  
Q About how big a girl were you when the war was going on? A When the war closed I was 27 years old.  
Q Where do you live? A Stringtown.  
Q Are you a Choctaw Freedmen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who did you belong to? A Jiles Thompson.  
Q Did you know John Walford? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was he any relation to you? A No, sir.  
Q How long did you know John Walford? A I was acquainted with him when he was quite a boy. He looked to be about 17 years old at the time I first got acquainted with him.  
Q Where and when did you first get acquainted with him? A At Skulleyville, a year ago since the war.  
Q Was John Walford living during the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who was he living with? A Wade Hampton.  
Q Where did Wade Hampton live? A Big Narrows, Betwixt here and Fort Smith.  
Q Did Wade Hampton own a good many slaves? A No, sir.  
Q Who was John Walford's father and mother? A His mother was named Mary --she was a slave of Wade Hampton's, I suppose. She was freed, her and this boy.  
Q When did John Walford die? A He has been dead, I reckon--- well, I don't know zactly when he died; he has been dead quite awhile.  
Q About how old was he when he died? A I don't know; I never did hear him say what his age was.  
Q This woman, Mary, and John Walford belonged to Wade Hampton? A I suppose he did.  
Q Were you living there near Wade Hampton's when the war began? A No, sir.  
Q Did you see Mary, the mother of John Walford, during the war? A Yes, I seed them at Wade Hampton's.  
Q Did you see them after the war? A Yes, sir, I seed him.  
Q Was he here in the Choctaw Nation all during the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you know about John Walford's marriage to this woman, Annie? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you present when they were married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where were they married? A Stringtown.  
Q Who married them? A Parson Cartwright.  
Q You were there at the house? A Yes, sir, - was right in the yard when they was married.  
Q Did you know these children, Jimmie, Henry and Albert Walford? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know them to be the children of John Walford? A Yes.  
Q All of them were born after his marriage to this woman? A Yes.  
Q Did John Walford and this woman, Annie, live together up to the time John died? A Yes, sir.

Witness Excused.

Mary E. Rogers, having been by me first duly sworn, on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes, as taken in said cause on said date.

*Mary E. Rogers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12 day of September, 1904.

*W. W. Kelly*  
Notary Public.

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C O P Y.

Atoka, I.T. Oct. 3, 1902.

Hon. Tans Bixby,

Actg. Chm'n, Dawes Com.

Dear Sir:

When you were here I agreed to write you relative to the case of Al. Coon whose name appears on the '96 roll as an inter-married citizen of the Choctaw Nation. He had me to look after his case as he claimed citizenship by blood and not by intermarriage. On his representations some years since I was under the impression that there was a mistake in his case, and that he should have been enrolled as a Choctaw by blood. On investigation, however, I find that he tried to work me and that he is a white man, or at least a U.S. citizen and not entitled to enrollment at all. He married a Choctaw woman, but not according to Choctaw law. He married her in Tex. having run away with her. I get these facts from various sources and he can not deny them successfully. T.E. Oakes of Nelson, I.T. raised the girl Viney Peters that Coon married and knows all about the man.

There is another matter I wish to write you about, and that is this. Does your record show that Jim Wafford, Albert

Wafford and Henry Wafford were listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen here at Atoka in 1898? If so, they are wrongfully enrolled as I have lately found out that their father was never a Choctaw Freedman as was claimed, and their mother Cherry Ann Thomas is also a U.S. citizen. It appears that the father of these children's name was Jack Pratt, a Texas negro, but it was claimed at enrollment that his real name was John Wafford and Mary Ward so stated the claim. It now turns out that she was mistaken, so if they are enrolled they should be taken off. Reub. Neal of Stringtown, I. Ter., a witness to these facts.

I know of a great many other cases but could not name them at present. The Choctaw Cit. Com. should really take these cases up as they are paid to look after them but none seem to interest themselves in it.

Please write me soon in re Wafford children as I need the proof of their citizenship in a land suit.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. T. E. L. P.



Choctaw Freedman  
1030  
Choctaw D 730

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 14, 1902.

A. Sells,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 2 relative to the cases of Al Coonard and the Wafford children. You state therein that Al Coon is not entitled to enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation either by blood or intermarriage, and you are advised that the statements contained in your letter have been made a matter of record with the Commission.

In regard to the enrollment of Jim, Albert and Henry Wafford as Choctaw Freedmen, you are advised that your statements have also been made a part of the record in this case. It appears from our records that Jimmie Wafford, eleven years old, Henry Wafford, ten years old and Albert Wafford, eight years old, children of John Wafford and Annie Wafford, were on August 29, 1899, listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen. It further appears that their mother was a non-citizen and that their father, John Wafford, who is dead at the time of their application, belonged to the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge



17-1030

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 28, 1903.

Anna Thomas,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 22, asking why the names of your three minor children, James W., Henry and Albert Wafford, have not been placed upon the schedules prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has not yet finally passed upon the right to enrollment of Jimmie, Henry and Albert Wafford, children of John Wafford, deceased, and Annie Wafford, as Choctaw Freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1030

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 10, 1905.

James Wafford,

c/o Annie Thomas,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd inst., requesting to be advised relative to your enrollment.

You are advised it does not appear from our records that any application has ever been made to this Commission for the enrollment of any person by the name of James Wafford.

It does appear, however, that Jimmie Walford, and his brothers, Henry and Albert Walford, children of John and Annie Walford, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, and it is believed that you are the person so listed as Jimmie Walford.

You are informed that before the application of yourself and your brothers, for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, can be given further consideration, it will be necessary that further evidence be furnished relative to the right of said persons to such enrollment, and it will be necessary for your mother to appear in person before the Commission for that purpose. Such appearance may be made at the office of the Commission, in Muskogee, Indian Territory, at any time, or at the Choctaw Land Office of the Commission, at Atoka, Indian

J. V. M

Territory, September 6 and 7, 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office of the Commission, at Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 8 and 9, 1904.

It is important that this matter receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1030

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Annie Thomas,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your children Jimmie, Henry and Albert Walford, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to their rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, at any time, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1030

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 26, 1904.

A. D. Brown,

Attorney at Law.

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 23rd instant, requesting to be advised whether or not Jimmie, Henry and Albert Wafford are applicants for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, and if so the status of their application.

You are informed that Jimmie, Henry and Albert Wafford are listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their rights to final enrollment as such have not yet been determined.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1031

Claria A. Harris

Fr. 1031

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Cloria Ann Harris, Alex Harris being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My wife belonged to Jesse Wright, a Choctaw. She has always lived in the Choctaw Nation.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct stenographic transcript of the testimony of the above named Commissioner that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Bill Donald*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Richard Harris*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved

~~FEB 24 1899~~

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Commissioner.

*Proof of birth of child given orally  
filed for enrollment. 8/24/99  
(born Aug. 10, 1897)*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHESTNUT HILL, PA.  
17-1037



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Richard Harris, born on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Wesley Harris a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Claudia A. Harris a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office Stroughton, Ia.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Claudia A. Harris, on oath state that I am 39  
years of age and a citizen, by marriage of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Wesley Harris, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation, that a Male child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on 14<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1897; that said child has been named  
Richard Harris, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses.

J. M. Beall  
Chas Collins

Claudia A. Harris  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1903

J. S. Kennedy  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Martha Colbert, on oath state that I  
was present and helped attend Claudia A. Harris, wife of Wesley Harris  
attended on Mrs. Claudia A. Harris, wife of Wesley Harris  
on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1897; that there was born to her on said  
date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
Richard Harris  
(MALE OR FEMALE)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses.

J. M. Beall  
Chas Collins

Martha + Colbert  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1903

J. S. Kennedy  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Choctaw Freedman  
Case No 1031.  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lettie Harris*

as a citizen of the

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Nation.

Approved,

*[Signature]* June 7 1900  
Commissioner.

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JUN 7 1900  
COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In re the application for enrollment, as a citizen of the  
Choctaw Nation, Choctaw Freedman, of Lettie Harris, born on the 10th  
day of February, 1900.

Name of Father; Alec Harris, a citizen of the United States.

Name of Mother; Claria Harris, a Choctaw Freedman.

Post Office, Stringtown, Ind. Ter.

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We, Shell Colbert and Martha Colbert, being of lawful age, on  
oath, state that We are personally acquainted with Cora Ann Harris,  
registered as Claria A. Harris, a Choctaw Freedman, and that there  
was born to her on the 10th of February, 1900, a girl child, which  
has been named, Lettie Harris; that neither of us were present at  
the birth of the child, but went to the house the next day, and  
saw both the mother and the child, and that said child is now  
living.

The reason that the mother can not be present is that she is  
sick in bed and unable to travel.

Witnesses to mark;

Wm. O. Beall

Guy L. Emerson

Shell <sup>his</sup> Colbert

Martha <sup>her</sup> Colbert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of June, 1900.

  
Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1900

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

of Lettie Harris, born on the 10 day of February, 1900

Name of Father: Ake Harris, a citizen of the United States Nation.

Name of Mother: Charia A Harris, by adoption a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice, Stringtown, Ok.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER/Father.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Ake Harris, on oath state that I am 60

years of age and a citizen, of the United States, Nation:

that I am the lawful wife of Charia A Harris, who is a citizen, by

adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was

born to me on the 10 day of February, 1900; that said child has been

named Lettie Harris, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) Wm O Beall, Guy L. Emerson

Ake Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June, 1900

Commissioner

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, District.

I, a, on oath state that I

attended on Mrs, wife of

on the day of; that there was born to her on

said date a child; that said child is now living and is said to have been

named

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 1900

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 3, 1903.

Clarie A. Harris,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, Richard Harris, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any evidence as to the birth of this child has ever been filed with the Commission. You should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavits.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are acknowledged affixes his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signatures are by mark they must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as until this affidavit is received nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of this child as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

B. C.

Acting Chairman.

Env.

17-1051.

Waskogee, Indian Territory, February 24, 1903.

Alex Harris,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Gloria A. Harris and Martha Gilbert relative to the birth of your minor child, Richard Harris, January 14, 1897; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1032

Walter Harris

Fr. 1032



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of the children of Nicey Harris, Alex Harris being sworn by Commissioner ~~Needles~~ and examined by him et al., testified:

Nicey Harris belonged to Giles Thompson, a Choctaw.

These children have been living in the Territory all the time.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the aforesaid Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*R. M. Glendon*



Choc. Fr. 1033

James Osborn

Fr. 1033

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of James Osborn, said Osborn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

My mother's name was Ruthie Anderson and she belonged to Emma Colbert, a Choctaw. I have been living right here in Atoka ever since I was born.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify under official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. McDonald*

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COMMISSIONERS  
HENRY L. DAVIS  
TAMM BIXBY  
THOMAS B. NEELPS  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Creek F 1115.

ALFRED L. AYLESWORTH  
SECRETARY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1903.

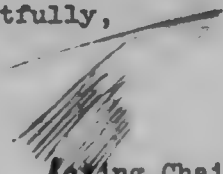
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that Clara Osborn, aged 1, and Irene Osborn, aged 10 months, are regularly enrolled on Creek Freedman Card Field No. 1115; that selections of land have been made for them in the Creek Nation, and that their names are included in a partial roll of Creek freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 28, 1902.

It appears from the records of the Creek Enrollment Division that the father of the above named children is Jas. Osborn, a Choctaw citizen, and their mother is Annie Osborn, a Creek freedman.

Respectfully,



Acting Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1034

John Nail

Fr. 1034

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of John Nail, said Nail being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Susan Nail and she belonged to Robert Nail; he was a Choctaw. I have been living here in the Nation all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*J. M. McDonald*

Choc. Fr. 1035

Hardy James

Fr. 1035

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Hardy Stevenson.

Hardy Stevenson says:

I am about 34. My mother Salina Pursley  
belonged to George Pursley a Choctaw. I wife and family are  
Chickasaw Freedmen.

Hardy Stevenson

enrolled.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Hardy James, said James being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him, testified:

My mother belonged to George Pussley, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all the time.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon the oath of the stenographer to whom said Commissioner's transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald



Roll 17-2191  
Roll 17-3038

Card 17-1038  
Card 17-1038

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE,  
Atoka, Indian Territory, December 16, 1903.

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In the matter of the enrollment of Hardy James (or Hardy Stevenson) as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

HARDY JAMES being first duly sworn testifies:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

- Q What is your name? A Hardy James.
- Q What is your post office address? A Waupanucka, Indian Territory.
- Q Was it formerly Boggy Depot? A Yes, sir.
- Q How old are you? A I am about 28 or 29.
- Q What was the name of your master? A Geo. Pusley.
- Q What is the name of your father? A His name was Hardy James.
- Q Is he living? A No, sir.
- Q Do you know who owned your father, Hardy James? A No, sir. Some of the Jameses owned him.
- Q Was he ever owned by any of the Colbert's? A May have -- I don't know.
- Q What is your mother's name? A Salina Mahardy.
- Q Did she ever go by any other name than Salina Mahardy?  
A Yes, sir; her owners name was Pusley and she some times went by the name of Pusley.
- Q Is your mother living? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you make personal appearance before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes during any of its session in 1898 and make application to be enrolled as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir. I appeared before the Commission at Ardmore, Indian Territory, five years ago.
- Q How did you give your name in when you appeared at Ardmore?  
A I gave my name as Hardy Stevenson.
- Q Then when the Commission was at work in the Choctaw Nation in 1899, the year following, did you then appear before them again? A Yes, sir.
- Q Where did you go before the Commission in 1899? A Right here at Atoka, Indian Territory.
- Q How did you give your name in at that time? A As Hardy James.
- Q Will you state why you made two different appearances before the Commission for the purpose of enrollment and one time you gave your name as Hardy Stevenson and the next time as Hardy James? A Well I was always know -- my father's correct name was Stevenson, but he went by the name of James because he was owned by a James -- my brothers ever in the Chickasaw Nation --

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five of them all go by the name of Stevenson -- they wanted me to change my name from Hardy James to Hardy Stevenson -- I told them that I had always been enrolled by the Indians as Hardy James and that I had made an application to the Commission under that name because that was the way I was on the old Indian Rolls. Telle was there and said that it would not matter and that I could come here and enroll under the name of Hardy Stevenson and that he would have the matter fixed up with the Commission -- Mr. Telle told me tho' that he thought it would be better for me to make a new application to the Commission and make it under the name of Hardy James as that was the way I was on the old Indian Roll.

- Q Is that the only time you were ever enrolled under the name of Stevenson -- the time at Ardmore? A Yes, sir.
- Q You have been talking about Mr. Telle telling you that it would be better for you to enroll under the name of Hardy James as you were on the rolls that way -- was that Mr. Alington Telle, formerly of Atoka? A Yes, sir. He told me that I had always been enrolled as Hardy James on all the old Choctaw freedmen rolls and that I had better stay with that name.
- Q Have you been to the Choctaw Land Office and selected any land in allotment? A Yes, sir.
- Q Under what name did you select your allotment? A Hardy James.

Witness excused:

Fred V. Kinkade being first duly sworn on oath states that above and foregoing is a true, full and correct translation of his stenographic notes as taken in said cause on date first above written.

Sworn to before me this January 7, 1908.

*Fred V. Kinkade*  
*David Shelby*  
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 19, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the eighth instant referring to Choctaw freedman card Number 90 and also Choctaw freedman card 1038, and advising that the enrollment of Hardy James, Choctaw freedman roll Number 2191 and Hardy Stevenson Choctaw freedman roll Number 3038 are unquestionably duplicates.

You further advise in your letter that on September 2, 1903, Hardy James appeared at your office and made application for a selection of land in allotment and that land was allotted to him of the appraised value of \$110.00. In view of the fact that you have heretofore made an allotment to Hardy James you recommend that the enrollment of Hardy Stevenson, Choctaw freedman roll Number 3038, on Choctaw freedman card Number 90 be canceled.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the only information we have in regard to this duplicate enrollment is your letter of the eighth instant and the notation on the face of the card as referred to therein. In order to request of the Department the cancellation of the enrollment of Hardy Stevenson, Choctaw freedman

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roll Number 3038, it will be necessary for us to secure some further evidence of this fact. Inasmuch as Hardy James apparently lives in the neighborhood of Atoka, Indian Territory, you are directed to take the necessary steps to procure his attendance before your office and there secure from him and such other witnesses as he may present, testimony showing this erroneous enrollment. When this testimony is secured please forward the same to this office and we will then proceed to request of the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of Hardy Stevenson, Choctaw freedman roll Number 3038.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw freedmen  
90; 1038.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 15, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 15, inclosing copies of the testimony of Hardy James, approved Choctaw freedman roll Number 2191, showing that the said Hardy James is identical with Hardy Stevenson, approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, Number 3038, and requesting that, as allotment has already been made to Hardy James, the enrollment of Hardy Stevenson be cancelled.

There is inclosed you herewith copy of letter this day addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, recommending the cancellation of the enrollment of Hardy Stevenson, approved Choctaw freedman roll Number 3038. As soon as the commission is informed of the approval of this recommendation you will be furnished copies of Departmental letters relative thereto.

In the meantime you are requested to withhold the issuance of citizenship certificate or the making of any allotment to Hardy Stevenson, approved roll of Choctaw freedmen Number 3038.

Respectfully,

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Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 15, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

On March 16, 1903, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes had the honor to transmit for Departmental consideration a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, Numbers 1032 to 2386, inclusive, copies of which have been heretofore returned approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

The Commission has now to advise that on December 16, 1903, at the Choctaw Land Office of the Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory, Hardy James, whose name appears upon said schedule opposite Number 2191 appeared before the Commission in the matter of selecting his allotment, and from his testimony at that time it developed that he is identical with Hardy Stevenson, whose name appears opposite Number 3038 on a schedule of Choctaw freedmen transmitted to the Department with our letter of September 9, 1903, approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903.

For the information of the Department there is inclosed herewith copy of the testimony of Hardy James of December 16, 1903.

The Commission has, therefore, to recommend that as allotment has already been made to Hardy James, approved Chester Freedman roll, Number 2191, the enrollment of Hardy Stevenson, approved Chester Freedman roll Number 3028, be cancelled upon the schedules of Chester Freedman in the office of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and that the Commission be authorized to cancel his enrollment upon the schedules of Chester Freedman in its possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner.

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Commissioner.

Commissioner.



W.C.P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON.

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March 12, 1904.

L.R.S.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

The Department is in receipt of your letter of January 15, 1904, relative to cancelling the name of Hardy Stevenson, on a certain roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Department.

It appears that on December 16, 1903, Hardy James, whose name appears opposite number 2191 on the schedule of Choctaw freedmen, number 1032 to 2386, inclusive, approved by the Department April 8, 1903, testified before the Commission in the matter of selecting his allotment, and from his testimony it developed that he is identical with Hardy Stevenson, whose name appears opposite number 3038 on the schedule of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Department September 26, 1903. You therefore recommend that the name of Hardy Stevenson opposite number 3038, be cancelled.

You are advised that said cancellation has been made upon the copy of the schedule in this office. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been authorized to make



a corresponding change upon the copy of said schedule in his office and you are authorized to change the schedule in your possession accordingly.

A copy of Indian Office letter transmitting your communication is inclosed.

Respectfully,

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Thos. Ryan.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

13323-1904.

WASHINGTON.

March 8, 1904,

COPY.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to letter of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated January 15, 1904, referring to the fact that on March 16, 1903, the Commission transmitted for Departmental consideration a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, Nos. 1032 to 2386 inclusive, copies of which have been heretofore returned approved by you April 8, 1903.

The Commission now report that on December 16, 1903 at the Choctaw land office of the Commission, Hardy James, whose name appears upon said schedule apposite #2191 appeared before the Commission in the matter of selecting his allotment, and from his testimony at that time it developed that he is identical with Hardy Stevenson, whose name appears opposite #3038 on a schedule of Choctaw freedmen transmitted to the Department September 9, 1903, approved by you September 26, 1903. For <sup>the</sup> information of the Department there is enclosed copy of the testimony of Hardy James of December 16, 1903. The Commission therefore recommend that as allotment has already been made to Hardy James, approved Choctaw freedman #2191, the enrollment of Hardy Stevenson, approved

Chestaw freedmen #3038 should be cancelled upon the schedules of Chestaw freedmen in your office and in this office and that the Commission be authorized to cancel his enrollment on the schedules of Chestaw freedmen in their possession.

An examination of the rolls of Chestaw freedmen in this office discloses the statements made by the Commission to be correct as to their present status, and in the light of the report made by the Commission I concur in the Recommendation that the name of Early Stevenson be stricken from the rolls.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tenner,

Acting Commissioner.

KKH:LM

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office.

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed you herewith copy of Departmental letter of March 12, 1904, (I.T.D. 1944-1904) authorizing the cancellation of the enrollment of Hardy Stevenson, approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, Number 3038.

You are therefore authorized to make the proper corrections upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen and the letters of transmittal in the possession of your office.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Choc. Fr. 1036

Howard Ward

Fr 1036

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Howard, Hattie and Melia Ward, children of Sloan Ward, Hattie Ward being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

She was married to Sloan Ward and he was a Choctaw citizen and belonged to Israel Folson, and the above children were born in lawful wedlock. (There is another one, Alice Butler, who is married and is my daughter by Ward.)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

Choc. Fr. 1037

Willis McCoy

Fr. 1057



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Willis McCoy, said McCoy being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to Jim McCoy, a Choctaw. My wife is a citizen. She belonged to Britt Willis, a Chickasaw. Me and my wife have both lived in the Indian territory all our lives.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*G. M. McDonald*



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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1902.

Willis McCoy,  
Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sirs

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of William McCoy, the infant son of Willis and Minerva McCoy, born January 7, 1902, and the same is returned you herewith for the reason that the records of the Commission show that the mother of the child is a Chickasaw freedman.

You will understand therefore that application should be made for its enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

For the purpose of assisting you in the matter a new blank has been prepared in this office and is enclosed you herewith. Upon its return properly executed, the matter will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Enc. W. 119.

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 11, 1902.

Elizabeth Abram,  
Filmora, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the applications for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen of Rachael McCoy and Nettie McCoy, twin children of Willis McCoy and Elizabeth Abram, born March 18, 1886; and the same are herewith returned to you, for the reason that it does not appear for what purpose they were forwarded.

You are advised that it does not appear that any personal application has been made for the enrollment of these children as Chickasaw freedmen; and if it is desired to make such application it would be necessary that personal appearance be made by them if they are married, or by their father or mother in their behalf, if unmarried, either at Muskogee, Indian Territory, or one of the appointments of the Commission in the Choctaw Nation, a list of which is herewith enclosed, prior to December 25, 1902.

Respectfully,

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Enc Notice of Appointments.

Acting Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1038

Shelby Colbert

Fr. 1038

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Shelby Colbert, said Colbert being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I was born and have and belonged to Sam Colbert and I suppose he was a Coctaw. I have been living here in the Nation all my life. I am married.

Hull Colbert, being sworn, testified:

I know Shelby Colbert. I know his wife Martha. I know that they are married. I did not see them married, but they have been living together as man and wife and are now.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that I have read each of the stenographic notes taken before me by the Commissioner, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

Choc. Fr 1039

Ed Butler

Fr 1039

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ed Butler, said Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I am 42. I belonged to Mrs. Robb here in town. She is an Indian; she is a Choctaw. I have been living in the Indian Territory all my life. I am married; my wife's name is Sallie Butler. (Excused to find witnesses to prove marriage.)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, fair and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*M. J. ...*

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ed Butler, said Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 42 years old. I belonged to Mrs. Robb. I have been living here in the nation ever since. I am married to my wife. I'm Choctaw.

Louisa Tipkins, being sworn, testified:

I know Ed Butler and know his wife Sallie Butler. They weremarried in Caddo. I did not see them. I could have gone to the wedding, I was invited, but did not go down. They have been living together as man and wife and raising a family.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.  
I hereby certify that such as stenographic notes and that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*S. M. Dowell*



Choc. Fr. 1040

Hull Colbert

Fr. 1040



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Hull Colbert, said Colbert being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

My mother's name was Jane Colbert and she belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Nation all the time.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
I hereby certify under oath that the  
stenographic transcript furnished to you is a true and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

*B. M. Osmond*

Choc. Fr. 1041

Nathan Gary

Fr. 1041

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Nathan Gary, said Gary being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 46. I belonged to Mrs. Margaret Gary, a Choctaw.

I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

*I have read the above and find it to be a true and correct transcription of my stenographic notes.*

*B. J. Needles*

Choc. Fr. 1042

Nicodemus Colbert

Fr. 1042

FREDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Nicodemus Colbert, said Colbert being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified.

My mother's name was Tracy Colbert and she belonged to J.G. Ainsworth, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Nation. I am married. My wife is a state woman.

Nathan Gary, being sworn, testified:

I know Nicodemus Colbert and his wife. His wife is named Zora. I know they are married. I was at the wedding. They have been living together as man and wife ever since.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.  
I have read the foregoing statement of Nicodemus Colbert and as  
stated above that the same is true and that this  
translation is a true and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

*L. McDonald*

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Edwin N. Colbert*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved

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*Ames*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEC 29 1900

*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Edwin N Colbert, born on the 8 day of Aug, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Dimas Colbert, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: O J Colbert, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Lehigh I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, O J Colbert, on oath state that I am 33  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Dimas Colbert, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 3rd day of August, 1900 that said child has been  
named Edwin N Colbert, and is now living.  
O. J. Colbert.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Dec 1900  
A J Wess  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Bettie Lewis, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. O J Colbert, wife of Dimas Colbert,  
on the third day of August, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a Boy child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Edwin N Colbert.  
Bettie Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of December 1900.  
Commission Expires Sept 20 1903  
A H Nuttall  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Central Judicial District

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Under Law of February 20, 1902  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ozie Colbert

as a citizen of the

Nation

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*James B. Bushy*

Commissioner

*RB*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHIEF

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Ozra Coeher*, born on the *17* day of *August*, *1898*  
Name of Father: *McCormac Coeher*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Ozora Coeher*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-Office: *Highway 2*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *Ozora Coeher*, on oath state that I am *35*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Marriage*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *McCormac Coeher*, who is a citizen, by  
*Adoption* of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
born to me on the *17* day of *August*, *1898*; that said child has been  
named *Ozra Coeher*, and is now living.  
*Ozora Coeher*

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *28* day of *October*, *1902*  
*J. J. [Signature]*  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Central* District.

I, *A. G. [Signature]*, a *Physician*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs *Ozora Coeher*, wife of *McCormac Coeher*,  
on the *17* day of *August*, *1898*; that there was born to her on said  
date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Ozra Coeher*.  
*A. G. [Signature], M.D.*

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *11* day of *October*, *1902*  
*J. J. [Signature]*  
Notary Public

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 31, 1900.

Demus Colbert,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Edwin N. Colbert, the infant son of Demus and O. K. Colbert, born August 3rd, 1900, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and this child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

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Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Nicodemus Colbert,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Ozie Colbert, son of Nicodemus and Ozora Colbert, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Ozie Colbert, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth has been supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Rev.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1042.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 1, 1902.

Nicodemus Colbert,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of  
Ozora Colbert and H.C. Goben relative to the birth of your minor  
child, Ozie Colbert, August 17, 1898; and the same being in proper  
form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as  
evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1043

George Choate

Fr. 1043

FREDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of George Choate, said Choate being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I was 34 in September. My mother's name was Liddie Choate and she belonged to old Jim Choate, a Choctaw. I have lived here in the nation all my life.

Department of the Interior,

*I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.*

*J. McDonald*

Choc. Fr. 1044

David McCoy

Fr. 1044



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of David McCoy, said McCoy being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

I belonged to old man Jim McCoy. I stayed with him until I was freed. Ab McCoy told me to go, said he would kill me before he would turn me loose. I went down below Fort Gibson. His son told me to go there. I stayed there about a year. After the old man died the old woman said for me to come home. I came back before the slaves were freed. I came back about a year before they were freed. I was living close to Fort Towson when the slaves were freed. My master was living up by old Fort Washita when he died. I did not run off any more; I stayed there with the old lady. Nobody went with me. I went by myself. I belonged to the old man.

Department of the Interior,

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.  
I, Commissioner Needles, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. Needles



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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*David McCoy*  
a ~~person~~ of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

NOV 21 1902

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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NOV 21 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHIEF

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of David McCoy  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Frederick Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Waupanuska, Ind. Ter., and died on the 30 day of  
May, 1902  
(Here insert name of post office.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Willie McCoy, on oath state that I am 45  
years of age and a citizen, by Frederick, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Waupanuska, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
son of David McCoy,  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by Frederick of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said David McCoy died on the 30 day of  
May, 1902

WITNESSED TO NAME:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of November 1902

D. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

Miss Lewis, on oath state that I am 45  
years of age, and a citizen, by Frederick of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Waupanuska, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with David McCoy,  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by Frederick of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said David McCoy died on the 30 day of  
May, 1902

WITNESSED TO NAME:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Nov 1902

D. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Dan Ward, et, al.

Decision Rendered. May 3 1905

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Record in the matter of the application for enrollment  
as Choctaw Freedmen of-

Dan Thompson,  
Nettie Thompson  
Burt Thompson  
Florence Thompson  
Elmer Thompson

17-1045.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Dan Ward, said Ward being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Mary Ward and she belonged to old Giles Thompson, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Nation all my life. I am married to my wife.

(Marriage certificate filed.)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*A. W. Donald*

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 2, 1902.

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In the matter of the application for enrollment as a  
Choctaw freedman of Dan Thompson.

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Dan Thompson being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Dan Thompson.  
Q What is your age? A As near as I can get at it I'm  
thirty two.  
Q What is your post office address? A Phillips, I. T.

By A. Telle, Attorney.

- Q Where were you living at the time of the enrollment in '99;  
what was your post office address? A The last enrollment?  
Q Yes. A At Phillips. Been there three years.  
Q Where did you live before you went to Phillips? A Stringtown  
Q What is your mother's name? A Mary Ward.  
Q What is her husband's name? A Henry Ward.  
Q I will ask you if Henry Ward is your father? A No sir.  
Q Who is your father? A Harrison Thompson.  
Q Then Henry Ward as I understand it is your step father?  
A Yes sir.  
Q I will ask you how it was that in the enrollment in '99  
they got your name as Dan Ward instead of Dan Thompson?  
A That's the way my mother's registered.  
Q They just registered you by your mother's name? A Yes sir.  
Q What's the name of your wife? A Mary Thompson.  
Q Is she a Choctaw freedwoman or state raised woman? A State  
raised woman.  
Q What's the names of your children? A The oldest one, Nettie  
Q The next? A Burt?  
Q The next? A Florence Thompson.  
Q The last named child has been born since the enrollment?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Your purpose in appearing here then as I understand it is to  
show that your name is Dan Thompson - your real name - and  
that you are the identical person that was enrolled in '99 at  
Atoka as Dan Ward? A Yes sir.  
Q And that this is your family? A Yes sir.  
Q Enrolled as Wards at that time? A Yes sir.

By the Commission:

- Q And you desire to have your name and the surname of your  
children changed upon our records from Ward to Thompson?  
A Yes sir.

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A. Telle, a witness on behalf of the applicant being first  
duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A A. Telle.  
Q What is your age? A Forty two.  
Q Your post office address? A Atoka, Indian Territory.  
Q Are you a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know the applicant who has just testified? A Yes sir.  
Q Will you make a statement as to the facts?  
A Some ten or twelve years agoe rather in 1886 I came in possession of the rolls of the Choctaw Nation as National Secretary and for several years had those rolls in my possession and personally knew a large majority of the freedmen that were on those rolls and knew Dan Thompson and his family as they lived near me from the time they were first free until I was grown and I have known them now for a period of something near thirty years - over thirty years. I know the statement made by Dan Thompson as to his surname is correct; I know his mother and know that Henry Ward is his step father and not his father and that his father was Harrison Thompson now dead and was a former slave of Giles Thompson, a Choctaw citizen.

By the Commission.

The name of Dan Ward, twenty eight years of age of Stringtown, Indian Territory and his two minor children Nettie, aged three years and Burt aged one year appears upon Choctaw freedman card field number 1045 listed for enrollment August 30, 1899.

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Clara Mitchell Wood being first duly sworn upon her oath states that as stenographer for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause and that the above and foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes of said proceedings on the 2nd day of April 1902.

*Clara Mitchell Wood*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April 1902.

*Philip H. Harris*  
*Notary Public*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, JUNE 10, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson as Choctaw freedmen.

Henry Chalk, being sworn and examined by Chairman Tamm Bixby, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Henry Chalk.
- Q How old are you? A I could not tell you my age and tell you the truth. I don't know exactly how old I am.
- Q Were you a grown man at the time of the breaking out of the Civil War? A I know how old I was then; I lost my age after that.
- Q How old were you then? A I was seventeen years old then.
- Q Where do you live now? A I live right here at Muskogee now.
- Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q How long have you lived in Muskogee? A I have been backwards and forwards up here for about eighteen years.
- Q Have you lived in the Territory ever since the breaking out of the war? A I have lived here all my life; was born and raised here.
- Q Were you out of the territory at the time of the war? A No sir.
- Q Never was taken out at the time of the war? A No sir, I was just running cattle and driving wagons during the war.
- Q Did you know at the time of the war, Giles Thompson and his wife? A Yes sir, I know Giles Thompson and his wife.
- Q Did you live near them? A I lived down just east of them but I used to live up there just before the war about twelve miles right south of them, down on Blue.
- Q On Blue? A Yes sir, right on this old Texas road where it crosses Blue on the other side of the salt works.
- Q Where did Giles Thompson live at the breaking out of the war? A Right on Blue by the salt works.
- Q Where were the salt works? A Right there just this side of Buffalo Head.
- Q Near Boggy Depot? A Yes sir just between Buffalo Head and Boggy Depot where he run these saltworks.
- Q Was Giles Thompson a Choctaw? A No sir, a white man.
- Q Married to a Choctaw woman? A Yes sir.
- Q What was her name? A I don't know her name she was Jesse Walls and Dave Walls' sister.
- Q Do you know whether or not Giles Thompson wife was named Charlotte? A I would not swear to it.
- Q Did you know them both personally? A Yes sir.
- Q Saw them a good many times? A A great many times.
- Q Did Giles Thompson's wife own any slaves? A She owned them all.
- Q How many did she own? A I couldn't tell you how many there was for they run the big salt works and the farm too.
- Q Can you remember the names of any of Mrs. Thompson's slaves? A Yes sir, I can remember a good many of the names; Grundy was one and Cook was another.
- Q Cook? A Yes sir, and Harrison and Pont.
- Q Pont? A Yes sir, Pont, out here now.
- Q Pont who? A Pont Thompson. And another one they called Syd and old aunt Betsy she is down to McAlester now.
- Q Do you think of any more? A Angeline and Ellen.
- Q Yes, go ahead. A And Betsy, another Betsy, they had two Betsies and then one they called Mandy, she was a yellow woman. I done forget most of them.

- Q Do you remember one named Laura? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you remember one named Josephine? A Josephine? She must be young
- Q No, she wouldn't be young now, she is dead? A I don't know; I wont swear to nothin' but what I recollect 'cause they was so many of them.
- Q Do you remember whether Mrs. Thompson had a slave named Mary Ward?
- A Mary Ward? I don't remember her at all.
- Q You don't recall her? A No sir.
- Q Do you remember one named Betsy Windon? A That must be the Betsy I was talking about.
- Q Do you know what her husband's name was? A No sir.
- Q Do you remember whether Mrs. Thompson had a slave named Nicy Harris?
- A Nicy? Yes sir, she had one named Nicy.
- Q Do you know whether Nicy is dead or not? A No sir.
- Q You won't say whether Mrs. Thompson had fifty or a hundred or two hundred slaves? A No sir, I don't believe she had as many as two hundred. I don't think it; I don't think she had that many at all.
- Q Did Giles Thompson's wife have any children? A I think she did; had two or three.
- Q Do you remember their names? A No sir.
- Q Don't know what became of them? A No sir, I don't, I wouldn't know them now if I could see them.
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- Q How old were these children at the breaking out of the war? A They were small children like. I was talking with one of the women down here at South McAlester, she was telling how just before the war she was pinching them and her mistress whipper her about it, the one called Angeline, she was the nurse.
- Q Who were you the slave of? A I was born and raised with Dave Homer a full blood Choctaw, he died and then I fell to his daughter and his daughter sold me then to Mary McCoy and I stayed with her till six years after slavery.
- Q Where did you live with Mary McCoy? A Right on Kiamichi a little east-- north, of Goodland about a mile, if you know where Goodland is, just in the edge of the prairie about a mile from Goodland.
- Q Do you remember the names of any of Mrs. Thompson's slaves who are now alive? A Yes sir.
- Q Who are they? A Well, I know one here -- Pont here, I saw him day before yesterday.
- Q Pont Thompson? A Yes sir. Syd Thompson down here at Stringtown and Angeline at South McAlester and old aunt Betsy, her mother; Betsy's name now is Crockett.
- Q Do you think of any others? A I don't know where the others are they are down there scattered about Atoka, from Atoka to Stringtown, I know where they is.
- Q Have you given us all the names you can recollect now? A About all I recollect.
- Q You are not able to recall any one by the name of Josephine? A I can't recall her now. Did you find one they called Cook on there, Cook was a big heavy-set black fellow.
- Q Did Mrs. Thompson have slaves living throughout the country down there near Boggy Depot on different farms? A They was all farming on the salt works.
- Q How many was at work on the salt works? A I don't know; they would be up and down there on the creek where they had the salt works some of them hauling water, some tending the salt kettles; I was a young boy, gathering up and hauling salt to Boggy Depot.
- Q How big a farm did they have? A I could not tell you exactly how big a farm but it was a good big farm.

- Q Did they have a good many slaves? A Yes sir, a good many slaves; the farm got big and and he put a heap of hands on his farm and had hired hands on his salt works. He had some of Robert Nail's blacks hired there at work on his salt works .
- Q Did you know Lewis Duncan? He was an Indian and the husband of Josephine? A I don't know Lewis Duncan, if I knew I forgot about him.

Witness excused.

Anna Bell, having been first duly sworn, testifies that she reported in full the proceedings in the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson, on June 10, 1904, and the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes in said cause on said date.

*Anna Bell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June , 1904.

*W. O. Beall*

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
South McAlester, Ind. Ter. July 23, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Betay Thompson being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A My name is Betay Thompson.  
Q Do you go by any other name? A Winslow.  
Q How old are you? A I am one hundred and one.  
Q Are you that old Aunt Betay? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A I haven't no father.  
Q Do you know the name of your mother? A My mother is named Polly, she belonged to white people not in this state.  
Q You were a slave before the war? A Yes, sir, slave from a little girl.  
Q What was the name of your owner? A My first owner was named Folsom.  
Q Who was your owner just before the war? A Giles Thompson.  
Q Were you his slave at the time you were freed? A Yes, sir, me and my children.  
Q Was Giles Thompson an Indian? A He wasn't Indian but he had two Indian wives, one died and he married the other sister; their name was Wallis.  
Q Their name was Wallis? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of his first Indian wife? A Sallie.  
Q When did she die? A It has been years and years since she died.  
Q That was long before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of the other wife he had? A Charlotte.  
Q Was Charlotte his wife just before the war? A No, sir.  
Q Who was his wife then? A After she died he married a white woman.  
Q Did Charlotte die before the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long before the war, do you remember? A No, sir, I don't know just exactly how long, I don't remember.  
Q Several years before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q This Sallie and Charlotte were they members of some Indian tribe? A Yes, sir.  
Q What nation? A I don't remember.  
Q Where did they live? A They lived at Doakesvil e.  
Q You don't know what Indian tribe they belonged to? A No, sir.  
Q You know they they were Indians? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did Sallie or Charlotte have any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q By this man Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, they were all grown they died.  
Q Are any of those children living? A No, sir, not that I know of; they ain't any of them living now as I know of.

- Q What were the names of some of these children? A Nettie and Sophia and Albert and Betsy.
- Q These were all the children that they had? A Yes, sir, I think that was all they had - they had more but I guess they died.
- Q Did Giles Thompson have a child named Waldimer? A He didn't have nary one named Waldimer as I know of, but he had one named Albert and the other one was named - he died in Texas and I can't recall his name now.
- Q Who was Albert's mother? A His mother was named Charlotte Thompson.
- Q She was his second wife? A Yes, sir.
- Q After Charlotte Wall died who was Giles Thompson's next wife? A After she died he married a white woman in Texas and I forget her name.
- Q This wife he married in Texas was that the woman he was living with in the war? A Just after the war.
- Q Then he didn't have any wife during the war and just before the war after Charlotte died? A No, sir, none but that white woman; he got her sight and unsen.
- Q At the time the war broke out you were the slave of Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, all my children were born on Thompson's place right down at the salt works.
- Q Where are those salt works located? A Way down on Boggy.
- Q Were these children of Giles and his Indian wives living there with him at the time of the war? A No, sir, the girls were married off.
- Q They were all grown at that time? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many slaves did Giles Thompson have? A I x couldn't tell you, he had a good many.
- Q Did he have as many as fifty? A I guess he had over fifty.
- Q Did he have as many as a hundred? A Just about that children and all.
- Q Do you remember the names of any of his slaves? A Uncle Cook and Aunt Rachel, that is two; Aunt Pagg is three and Aunt Jinny is four and Sarah is five; that is how many women he had.
- Q Do you know a slave named Anderson? A Yes, sir, I believe he had a man named Anderson.
- Q Do you know whether he had one named Sid? A Yes, sir, Sydney Thompson; and Henry Thompson and Jim Thompson, they were my sons.
- Q Do you know one named Laura? A I know he had a slave named Grundy but I don't believe he had one named that.
- Q Do you know of one named Angie? A She is my daughter; I had four daughters and one died and the other daughters are at Stringtown.
- Q Angie was born a slave? A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you any other daughters? A Yes, sir, I have three living.
- Q What are their names? A Rachel and Frances; two boys, one named Jim and the other Henry.
- Q They are both living? A Yes, sir, all my children were born slaves.
- Q Did Giles Thompson have some children by this white woman he married? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you know the names of those children? A No, sir.
- Q You are sure that these wives, Sallie and Charlotte, died some time before the war are you? A Charlotte died just commencing of the war, just about - yes, sir, I was a slave yet when she died but I can't remember what month but it was about Christmas.



- Q Had the war started yet when she died? A Yes, sir, the war had started but it hadn't ended yet.
- Q You are sure that she died while the war was going on? A Yes, sir, we use to give suppers for them; she said she was going to scold old Lincoln.
- Q They had started to fight had they - Indians had gone to the war had they? A Yes, sir, the Indians were going at the time she died.
- Q Where did you live during the war? A Didn't you hear me tell you at the salt works down on Boggy.
- Q You stayed there all the time? A Yes, sir, stayed there until we were freed.
- Q Did all these slaves stay there? A Yes, sir.
- Q The soldiers didn't come around there and run you off? A No, sir, we didn't see any soldiers at all.
- Q When did Giles Thompson die, do you know? A Been dead about six or seven years now I guess; that is as near as I can guess at it.
- Q About how long after the war when he died? A He died after the war, I don't know how long he lived then after the war.
- Q Did he live quite a while after? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you stay down there with him after the war? A No, sir, I left him; he said if we didn't get out he would burn the houses down and we went to Fort Smith.
- Q That was after the war? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long did you stay at Fort Smith? A About five years the children come out here and I walked out here.
- Q When he drove you out was after the fighting had all quit? A Yes, sir, we were all freed. George Harkins had one of my old mistresses and he told us he didn't like the way Giles was treating us and he told us to get out and Sam Ward he killed a beef and gave us.
- Q Did you know Henry Chalk? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did he live down there near you? A No, sir, he lived way down towards Caddo.
- Q He was a slave was he? A Yes, sir.
- Q Whose slave was he? A I can't recollect the name but I knewed him that is all.
- Q You don't know of any boys by these Indian women? A Yes, sir, ~~there was one~~ I told you his name, Albert:
- Q That is the only boy that Giles had by his Indian wife? A Yes, sir, and the other boy went to Texas to school and he died at Texas and I disremember his name, he was grown, but he died in Texas.
- Q Who were you slaves owned by, by Giles or his wife? A Giles Thompson.
- Q You were freed under Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, she didn't have no niggers, he bought us all.
- Q Was Giles Thompson ever recognized as a citizen of any Indian tribe? A I don't know but he was just the same as an Indian, he had two wives.
- Q They were both Indians? A Yes, sir.
- Q You don't know what tribe they belonged to? A No, sir - they were Choctaws.
- Q Their name before they married Giles was Wall? A Yes, sir.

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- Q Do you know the names of any of their family? A No, sir.  
Q Did Giles ever have a slave named Nancy? A Yes, sir, she is  
dead, she was his cook.  
Q Did Giles have a slave named Mary? A Yes, sir, she is at  
Stringtown.  
Q Did he have one named Josephine or Josier? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she dead or living? A She is dead I think.

Witness excused.

Chas. T. Difendafer being first duly sworn states that the  
above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his  
stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

*Chas. T. Difendafer*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of July 1904.

*Charles H. Sawyer*  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
September 6, 1904.

17-1046.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Dan Ward, Nettie Ward, Burt Ward, Florence Thompson and Elmer Thompson as Choctaw Freedmen.

Dan Ward, being first duly sworn by Chairman Bixby, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Dan Ward.  
Q. These two childrens' names should be Florence Ward and Elmer Ward? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You are the son of Mary Thompson? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is Nettie alive? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is Burt? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Florence? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Elmer? A. He is dead.  
Q. When did he die? A. August 5, 1903.  
Q. Where have you lived? A. Stringtown.  
Q. Anywhere else? A. I did live at Lehigh a while.  
Q. Where were you born? A. Stringtown.  
Q. Where have you lived since you were born? A. Never been out of the Nation.  
Q. Never been in Texas? A. Only once, and staid about three months.

Witness excused.

Mary Ward, being first duly sworn by Chairman Bixby, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Mary Ward.  
Q. Have you filed? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You were enrolled as Mary Ward? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You were a slave of Giles Thompson? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What was Giles Thompson; a white man? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What was the name of his wife? A. Charlotte.  
Q. He was married to two Choctaw women, was he not?  
A. One is all I know of.

(Dan Ward, the principal applicant, is a son of Mary Ward, who is identified on card number 17-967, and is enrolled at number 2059 on the final roll approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 3, 1903.)



J. C. Folsom, being first duly sworn by Chairman Bixby, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. J. C. Folsom.  
Q. You are a Choctaw by blood? A. I am.  
Q. You were a Commissioner at one time? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Did you know Giles Thompson in his lifetime? A. I did.  
Q. There has been some question as to whether he was a Choctaw?  
A. He was a white man.  
Q. Was he married to a Choctaw? A. He was married to a Choctaw two different times.  
Q. When did he marry a second time? During the war was he recognized as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation?  
A. He had been recognized all the time up to the end of the war.  
Q. With all the rights of a Choctaw? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you think that his slaves are entitled to enrollment? A. The slaves he owned belonged to him and not to his wife. His Choctaw wife had no property.  
Q. Do you think his slaves are entitled to rights as Choctaw freedmen. A. I do not know.  
Q. There is no question, is there, that he was married to a Choctaw woman? A. He was married twice.  
Q. He was recognized during the war as an intermarried citizen?  
A. Yes, sir, given all the rights of a Choctaw citizen up to the end of the war.

Witness excused.

Elsie E. Ashton, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she reported the proceedings above and that this is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes.

*Elsie E. Ashton*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of September, 1904.

*J. H. Campbell*  
Notary Public.

THIS CERTIFIES

THAT

AND

Accordingly registered

MARRIAGE

*Henry James ...*

*of the ...*

*...*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Florence Shipman*

as a citizen of the

*Chocoma* Nation.

Approved.

*April 16 1902*

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Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE-CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Flourence Thompson*, born on the *8th* day of *November*, 18*00*  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Dan Thompson*, a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Mary Thompson*, a citizen of the *United States* Nation.  
Post-office, *Phillips Ind. Ter*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Central* District.

I, *Mary Thompson*, on oath state that I am *20*  
years of age and a citizen, ~~of~~ of the *United States* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Dan Thompson*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption*, <sup>(Sordunah)</sup> of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *female* child was  
born to me on the *8th* day of *November* 18*00*; that said child has been  
named *Flourence Thompson*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

*Mary Thompson*  
*2nd* day of *August* 1900.  
*D. S. Kennedy*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Central* District.

I, *Malinda Dorsey*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Mary Thompson*, wife of *Dan Thompson*,  
on the *8th* day of *November*, 18*00*; that there was born to her on  
said date a *female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Flourence Thompson*.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

*Malinda + Dorsey*  
*2nd* day of *August* 1900.  
*D. S. Kennedy*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Elmer Thompson

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Freedman Nation.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>Freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~ of the Chectaw Nation,  
 of Elmer Thompson, born on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1902  
 Name of Father: Dan Thompson, a <sup>Freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~ of the Chectaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Mary Thompson, a citizen of the United States ~~Nation~~  
 Post-Office: Phillips, Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
 Central Judicial District. }

I, Mary Thompson, on oath state that I am 22  
 years of age and a citizen, of the State of Arkansas ~~Arkansas~~ Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Dan Thompson, who is a <sup>Freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~, by  
 adoption, of the Chectaw Nation, that a <sup>male</sup> ~~female~~ child was  
 born to me on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1902; that said child has been  
 named Elmer Thompson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Mary Thompson

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1902.

John R. ...  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
 Central Judicial District. }

I, Ella Ward, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Mary Thompson, wife of Dan Thompson,  
 on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
 date a <sup>male</sup> ~~female~~ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Elmer Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Ella Ward

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1902.

John R. ...  
Notary Public.

17-1045.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Dan Thompson and his minor children, Nettie Thompson, Burt Thompson, Florence Thompson and Elmer Thompson, as Choctaw Freedmen.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein and from the census card record that on August 30, 1899, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Dan Thompson (as Dan Ward), and his minor children, Nettie Thompson (as Nettie Ward), three years of age, and Burt Thompson (as Burt Ward), one year of age, as Choctaw Freedmen; that on April 16, 1902, there was filed with this Commission written application for the enrollment of Florence Thompson (born November 8, 1900), and on November 21, 1902, there was filed with this Commission written application for the enrollment of Elmer Thompson (born August 26, 1902), children of the said Dan Thompson, as Choctaw Freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on April 2, 1902, and June 10, 1904, at South McAlester, Indian Territory, on July 23, 1904, and at Atoka, Indian Territory, on September 6, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Dan Thompson is the son of Mary Ward (formerly Mary Thompson), a recognized and enrolled Choctaw Freedman, whose name appears (as Mary Ward) as number 2059 upon the lists prepared by this Commission under the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903; that the said Dan Thompson was born in the Choctaw Nation about the year 1871, and has resided therein continuously since the date of his birth up to and including September 25, 1902; that the minor applicants herein have made their home with their father, the said Dan Thompson.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Dan



Thompson, Nettie Thompson, Burt Thompson, Florence Thompson and Elmer Thompson should be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress, approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman

  
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

MAY 3 1905

  
Commissioner.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1905.

Dan Thompson,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered May 3, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Nettie Thompson, Burt Thompson, Florence Thompson and Elmer Thompson as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling you and your children as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of said time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

J. D.  
James Dixon

Chairman.

Registered.  
Enc. 17-1045.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered May 3, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Dan Thompson, Nettie Thompson, Burt Thompson, Florence Thompson and Elmer Thompson as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicants as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of said time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

*James Bloddy*

Chairman.

Registered.  
Enc. 17-1045.

See 17-1478 for registry receipt for this letter.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1901.

A. Yelle,

Attorney at Law,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the matter of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Florence Thompson, the infant daughter of Dan and Mary Thompson, born November 8, 1900, you are informed that the Commission has after a consideration of this matter determined to return the application submitted by you for the reason that it is impossible to identify the Dan Thompson who appears in the application for the enrollment of the child as the Dan Ward who has been listed for enrollment by the Commission as a Choctaw freedman.

The testimony taken by the Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory, August 30, 1899, in the matter of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Dan Ward, contains no statement as to his ever having been known by the name of Thompson. The name of his father appears upon our records as Henry Ward and the name of his mother as Mary Ward, who was the slave of Giles Thompson.

With the return of the application for the enrollment of

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this child the Commission has to request that you advise Mr. Thompson that it will be necessary for him to personally appear before the Commission so that his testimony may be taken relative to his correct name, after which the application for the enrollment of his child will receive proper consideration.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 21, 1903.

Dan Thompson,  
Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 16, asking the status of your enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Dan Thompson and his children, Nettie, Burt, Florence and Elmer Thompson, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman  
1045.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 24, 1904.

Dan Thompson,

Phillips, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 4, 1904, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, has been by him referred to this Commission for consideration and appropriate action. Therein you ask relative to the enrollment of yourself and your family as Choctaw freedmen.

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In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Dan Thompson and his children, Nettie, Burt, Florence and Elmer Thompson have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. It is suggested that if you will communicate with the Commission again in about two months you will be informed as to whether or not you have been enrolled and your enrollment approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1045

Phillips, I. T. March 15, 1904

Commissioner.

Sir:

I received your letter on the 14th request whether I want my name Dan Ward or Thompson. I want it to go on my father's name Dan Thompson if it possible.

Yours,

Dan Thompson.



Choctaw Freedman,  
1045.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 27, 1904.

Dan Ward,  
Stringtown,  
Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 20,  
in which you ask why you are not permitted to file on your allotment.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that it appears  
that you have been listed for enrollment under the name of Dan Thomp-  
son, and that you and your children, Nettie, Bert, Florence and  
Elmer Thompson, have been so listed for enrollment but your names  
have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen pre-  
pared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Pending your enrollment by the Commission and the approval  
thereof by the Secretary of the Interior, no selection of allotment  
can be made by you.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 15, 1904.

Dan Ward,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 8th inst., addressed to the Hon. Green McCurtain, and by him referred to this Commission for appropriate consideration. Therein you request to be advised relative to the right of yourself and family to enrollment.

You are informed it appears from our records that Dan Ward, or Thompson, and his minor children, Nettie and Bert Ward, and Florence and Elmer Thompson, are listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

W.C.B.

COMMISSIONERS  
TAMM BILBY,  
THOMAS S. NEEDLES,  
C. E. BRACKINRIDGE.

WM O BRALL,  
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER TO APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING  
Choctaw Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 21, 1904.

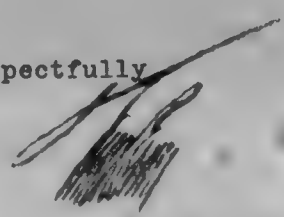
Dan Ward,

Phillips, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 15, asking if you can now file on your allotment. In reply thereto, you are advised that the names of Dan Ward, or Thompson, and his four minor children have not yet been placed upon schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior, and no selection of allotment can therefore be made for them at this time.

Respectfully



Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 27, 1904.

Dan Thompson,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

It appears from our records that on August 30, 1899, application was made for the enrollment of yourself and your two minor children Nettie and Bert under the names of Dan, Nettie and Bert Ward at which time it was stated the name of your father was Henry Ward and that of your mother was Mary Ward.

On April 2, 1902, you appeared before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, accompanied by A. Telle, at which time you stated under oath that the name of your father was Harrison Thompson and you requested that your surname be changed upon the records of the Commission from Ward to Thompson. Your testimony at that time was corroborated by that of Mr. Telle and in compliance with your request at that time the surname of yourself and two minor children was changed to Thompson.

Under date of September 6, 1904, you appeared before the Commission at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, at which time you stated that your name was Dan Ward, and the names of your two youngest children should be entered upon the records of the Commission as Florence and Elmer Ward.

D. T. #2

You are advised that the Commission is now preparing a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for approval, but before the names of yourself and your family are placed thereon, you are requested to state how you desire the surname of yourself and children to appear. It is important that this matter receive immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1045

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 18, 1904.

Dan Thompson,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 15, 1904, in which you state that you desire to be enrolled under the name of Dan Thompson, and you are advised that your request has been made a matter of record.

Respectfully,

CHAIRMAN.

17-1043

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 7, 1905.

Dan Thompson,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 1, 1905, asking if your name has been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the names of yourself and your children Nettie, Burt, Florence, and Elmer Thompson have been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior but this office has not yet been advised of Departmental action thereon. You will be notified when your enrollment is approved.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. Fr. 1046

Francis Cravens

Fr. 1046



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Francis Gravens, said Gravens being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother is Betsy Thompson and she belonged to Giles Thompson, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon the official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. H. Donald

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of

Nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Eoline Graves, born on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1901  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: James Graves a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Frances Graves a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office Strungtown

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 Central Judicial District.

I, Frances Graves, on oath state that I am 32  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of James Graves, who is a citizen,  
 of the United States Nation; that a female child was  
 born to me on 13<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Eoline Graves, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) M. D. Kennedy  
E. Strungtown  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902  
D. Kennedy  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 Central Judicial District.

I, Melinda Dorsey, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Frances Graves, wife of James Graves  
 on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1901; that there was born to her on  
 said date, a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Eoline Graves.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
 (Must be Two Witnesses) M. D. Kennedy  
E. Strungtown  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902  
D. Kennedy  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

17-1046

Waxahatchee, Indian Territory, April 11, 1902.

James Cravens,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Erline Cravens, infant daughter of James and Frances Cravens, born December 17, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 8, 1905.

Frances Gravens,

ChickieChockie, I.T.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April, 28th, in which you ask information relative to the status of yourself and your child, Earlen Gravens.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Frances Gravens and her daughter Eryline Gravens have been listed for enrollment as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen, prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1904

J. A. Cravens,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of your wife, Frances Cravens; and minor daughter, Erline Cravens; also that of Betsy Thompson.

You are informed that Frances Cravens and her minor daughter, Erline Cravens, and Betsy Thompson, the mother of Frances Cravens, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen but their rights to final enrollment as such have not yet been determined.

Respectfully,

JH

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1047

Mandy Lather

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the enrolment of Mandy Lathers, said Lathers being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I was born a slave and belonged to Sallie gardner. My mother 's name was Julia gardner and she belonged to Sallie Gardner. I have been living in the territory all my life. I am a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

Wm. J. ...



17-1047

No. 11118

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central DISTRICT ) SCT:

I, P. J. Lamm Clerk  
of the United States Court in the Indian Territory  
and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that

the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of  
Mr. W. H. Thomas and  
Mrs. Essie White was  
filed in my office in said Territory and District the  
26 day of Nov A. D. 1902  
and duly recorded in Book 2 of Marriage  
Record, Page 106

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court,  
at Nowata this 26  
day of Nov, A. D. 1902

P. J. Lamm Clerk.  
By J. E. Owen Deputy

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
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[Signature]  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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No. 1448

FORM NO. 593.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT. } SS:

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. D. H. Moore of Phillips in the Indian Territory, aged 23 years, and Miss Cecily White of Phillips in the Indian Territory, aged 17 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 26 day of Nov, A. D. 1902

J. H. Collins  
Deputy.

P. J. Fanning  
Clerk of the United States Court.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central DISTRICT. } SS:

1. J. H. Collins  
2. Member of the Board

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 26 day of Nov, A. D. 1902, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANNES OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 26 day of Nov, A. D. 1902

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book 15, Page 112

J. H. Collins

Member of the Board.

NOTE—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

A CITIZEN OF THE

Nation

Approved

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Commissioner

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Department of the Interior,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Eddie Whitw  
(Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the Choctaw (Freedman) Nation, who formerly resided at or near

Lehigh, Ind. Ter., and died on the 24th. day of

(Here insert name of post office)

April 1906.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

State of Oklahoma

County of Coal

I, Marshall White

on oath state that I am 53

years of age and a citizen, by marriage of the Choctaw Nation:

that my postoffice address is Griffin, Oklahoma Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice)

the Father of Eddie White, deceased,  
(State relationship, as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc. Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation

and that said Eddie White died on the 24th. day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)

April 1906.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses)

H. A. Jurey - Coalgate  
C. T. Gibson

his  
Marshall X White  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of August 1908

my commission expires 7th Feb. 1911. C. W. Shredgill  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

State of Oklahoma

County of Coal

I, W. H. Griffin

on oath state that I am 46

years of age, and a citizen by of the Nation.

that my postoffice address is Griffin, Oklahoma Ind. Ter.:

(Here insert name of postoffice)

that I was personally acquainted with Eddie White  
(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation:

and that said Eddie White died on the 24th. day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)

April 1906.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of August 1908.

my commission expires 7th Feb. 1911. C. W. Shredgill  
Notary Public.

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I. N. RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Wiley Sathers*  
as a citizen of the

*Choctaw Freedman* Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Wiley Sathers, born on the 28th day of December, 1900  
 Name of Father: Ed Sathers, a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Non Citizen Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Mandy Sathers, a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Greata, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, District. )

I, Mandy Sathers, on oath state that I am 41 years of age and a ~~widow~~ <sup>freedman</sup> by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Ed Sathers, who is a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> by of the Non Citizen Nation, that a ~~male~~ <sup>female</sup> child was born to me on the 28th day of December, 1900; that said child has been named Wiley Sathers, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Wm C. Bunn Mandy Sathers mark  
R. M. Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1902

D. W. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, District. )

I, Cressie Morris, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mandy Sathers, wife of Ed Sathers, on the 28th day of December, 1900; that there was born to her on said date a ~~male~~ <sup>female</sup> child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Wiley Sathers

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1902

D. W. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

17-1047

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 16, 1907.

E. H. Morris,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 10, 1907, asking for the return of your marriage license and certificate which was filed with this office.

In reply to your letter you are advised that this office has been directed by the Department to retain all papers filed with this office in enrollment matters and it is therefore impracticable to comply with your request for the return of your marriage license and certificate.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. Fr. 1048

William McCoy

Fr 1048



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of William McCoy, said McCoy being examined and sworn by Commissioner Needles et alst, testified:

My mother's name was Mandy McCoy and she belonged to Jim McCoy, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory. I am married. My wife's mother was Charity Williams and she belonged to Britt Willis, Chickasaws. We have both lived in the Territory all our lives.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

Bullard

Choc. Fr. 1049

Virginia Hatley

Fr. 1049

TREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Virginia Hatley, said Hatley being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name is Datsy Fisher and she belonged to Robert Jones himself, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

Choc. Fr. 1050

Douglas Butler

Fr. 1050

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Douglas Butler, said Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My father is Ed Butler and belonged to Israel Folsom, a Choctaw. (Proof of his marriage has been made.) I have always lived in the Indian Territory. I am married. My wife is a citizen. Her father was Sloan Ward and he belonged to Israel Folsom, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Wm. Donald*

Choc. Fr. 1051

Fr. 1051

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lee Campbell, said Campbell being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother was Rosetta Brown and she belonged to Tom Lewis, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I have read the foregoing statement as stated and find it correct. I certify that this is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

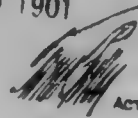
B. H. Edwards



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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No. 588

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SCT.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

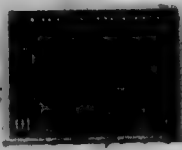
Mr. *Lee Campbell* and  
Miss *Lulu Smith*

was filed in my office in said Territory and District the *2* day of *Nov* A. D. *1899* and duly recorded in Book *1* of Marriage Record, Page *294*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at *Alfpa* this *4* day of *Nov* A. D. *1899*

E. J. FANNIN,  
Clerk

By



*[Signature]*  
Deputy

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

NO. [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,  
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } SS.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

*You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between Mrs. Lee Campbell of Carey in the Indian Territory, aged 25 years, and Miss Lulu Smith of Carey in the Indian Territory, aged 18 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.*

.....  
WITNESS My hand and official seal, this 24 day of Oct A.D. 1894

*D. W. Robb*

Deputy

*E. Harmon*

Clerk of the United States Court.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } SS.

*L. H. [REDACTED]*

*do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 24 day of Oct A.D. 1894*

*I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.*

*Witness my hand this 26 day of Oct A.D. 1894*

*My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book (A), Page (33)*

*L. H. [REDACTED]*

*Minister of the Gospel*

NOTE—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Mary Gamalia (Cunpha)  
as a citizen of  
(Adopted) Chickasaw Nation.

Approved: DEC 19 1901 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**

DEC 19 1901

*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Mary Hannah, born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: R. L. Campbell, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lula Campbell, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Carney, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District.

I, Lula Campbell, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by Marriage, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of R. L. Campbell, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1901; that said child has been  
named Mary Hannah, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) Jessie Thomas mark  
A. B. Nelson mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1901.  
Jessie Thomas  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District.

I, Caroline Lewis, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Lula Campbell, wife of R. L. Campbell,  
day of October, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Mary Hannah.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) Clara Benton mark  
A. W. Phillips mark  
Caroline Lewis mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of December, 1901.  
A. Benton Phillips  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 19, 1901.

A. Telle,

Attorney at Law,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation of Mary Gennelia Campbell, the infant daughter of R. L. and Lula Campbell, born October 23rd., 1901, and the same being in proper form, has been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1061

Choctaw Freed. 1051

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 21, 1902.

Jim McGoy,

Caney, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 19th instant, in which you desire to be informed if one, Lee Cannel who signs his name R. L. Campbell, is a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that on August 30, 1899, Lee Campbell, whose full name is given as Robert Lee Campbell, 27 years of age, of Atoka, Indian Territory, was listed for enrollment by this Commission as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 1052

David Cox

Fr 1052

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of David Cox, said Cox being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to Mollie Cox, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Nation ever since I was turned free.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the National Council that this transcript is a true, fair and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. W. ...*



Choc. Fr. 1053

Nancy Thomas

Fr. 1053

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Nancy Thomas, David Cox, her son, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother belonged to Mollie Cox, a Choctaw. She has always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*W. H. ...*

Choc. Fr. 1054  
Angeline McDonald

Fr. 1054

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Angeline McDonald, said McDonald being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name is Jane Colbert. I belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the nation.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the said Commissioner that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*Angeline McDonald*

17-1054

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lillie Ward

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Freedman ~~Nation~~

Approved NOV 28 1902 190

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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NOV 23 1902

Choctaw Freedman

17-1054

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Lillie Ward, born on the 26 day of July, 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Howard Ward, a <sup>freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Maggie Ward, a <sup>freedman</sup> ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Stringtown, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Maggie Ward, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup> of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Howard Ward, who is a ~~citizen~~ <sup>freedman</sup>  
~~freedman~~ of the Choctaw Nation, that a <sup>female</sup> ~~male~~ child was  
born to me on the 26th day of July, 1902; that said child has been  
named Lillie Ward, and is now living.

Maggie Ward

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1902  
D. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Angeline McDonald, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Maggie Ward, wife of Howard Ward,  
on the 26th day of July, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a <sup>female</sup> ~~male~~ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Lillie Ward.

Angeline McDonald  
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1902  
D. Stonebaugh  
Notary Public.

17 - 1054

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 14, 1908.

Maggie McDowel,

c/o D. H. Linebaugh,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Lillian Ward, infant daughter of Howard Ward and Maggie McDowel, born June 28, 1901, and the same is returned to you herewith for the reason that it does not appear from our records that any person by the name of Maggie McDowel has ever been listed for enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

It does appear from our records, however, that Maggie McDonald, 16 years of age, daughter of Angelise McDonald, of Stringtown, Indian Territory, is listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

If you are the identical Maggie McDonald listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, as stated above, it will be necessary that application be made for the enrollment of your child as a Choctaw Freedman.

Upon receipt of such an application for the enrollment of



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Your child's case will receive proper consideration;

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge

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17-1054.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1908.

Howard Ward,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

DEAR SIR:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Lillie Ward, infant daughter of Howard and Maggie Ward, born July 26, 1908; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from our records that your wife was listed for enrollment as Maggie McDonald, and that since that time she has been married to you. You are therefore requested to furnish either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between yourself and Maggie McDonald as authority for the change of her name upon our records from her maiden name to her present married name.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-1054.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, January 30, 1907.

Henry McDonald,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 10, 1907, stating that your former wife's name is now Carrie Brown; that you had a child born to you on June 13, 1903, named Fred McDonald, and you wish to come and file on his land.

You are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application has ever been made for the enrollment of your child Fred McDonald, and under the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, the time within which applications could be received for the enrollment of minor children of Choctaw freedmen expired July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that an application has been made for the enrollment of your child prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear at this office immediately for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-054

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 13, 1907.

H. Augustus Gessa,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 28, 1907, in which you ask to be advised if Jimmie Boyd, son of Annie McDonald, a Choctaw freedman, has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; you state that this child was born in 1904 and was enrolled by its mother the same year, but she has never allotted land for it.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that an application was ever made for the enrollment of Jimmie Boyd as a Choctaw freedman under the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, and the time for the reception of original applications for the enrollment of minor Choctaw freedmen, expired July 25, 1906, and the Secretary of the Interior is without authority to approve the enrollment of any persons subsequent to March 4, 1907.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. Fr. 1055  
Edmund Colbert

Fr. 1055

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ATOKA, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Edmond Colbert, said Colbert being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw. I have lived in the Nation all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a stenographic transcription of the testimony of Edmond Colbert, as given at Atoka, I.T., August 30, 1899, and that the same is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*J. M. ...*

Chectaw  
Freedman-1055

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 1, 1903.

E. D. Colbert,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 18, 1903, relative to your enrollment as a Chectaw Freedman.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Edmond Colbert, about sixty-eight years of age, the son of Sam and Harriett Colbert, formerly a slave of Sam Colbert, has been enrolled by this Commission as a Chectaw Freedman, and on April 8, 1903, his enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

It is believed that you are the Edmond Colbert referred to.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

7-1066

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 26, 1905.

Edmund Colbert,

Boynton, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 18, 1905, stating that you are a Choctaw freedman but living in the Creek Nation, and ask information relative to your case.

In reply to your letter you are informed that if you will state your age, the names of your parents and such other information as will enable us to identify you upon our records the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1056

Sloan Ward

Fr. 1056



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sloan Ward, said Ward being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to Israel Folsom, a Choctaw and I have always lived in the nation.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commissioner that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*J. McDonald*

Choc. Fr. 1057

Katie Wilson

Granted Feb. 18, 1907.

Fr. 1057

FREEDMAN

✓ COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Katie Wilson, said Wilson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I was born a slave and belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw. ✓  
I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. H. Donald*

No. *872*

# Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SCT.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr. *Sherrill Brown* and

Miss *Allie Nelson*

was filed in my office in said Territory and District the *30* day of *Nov.* A. D.

*1900* and duly recorded in Book *011* of Marriage Record, Page *508*

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at *Delaware* this *30* day of *Nov.* A. D. *1900*

E. J. FANNIN,  
Clerk.

By *Don J. Folsom* Deputy

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE INDIAN TERRITORY  
FIELD  
NOV 1 1902

CHOCOMAHEE RESERVE

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

NO. [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT. }

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between Mr. Sheridan Brown of Coalgate in the Indian Territory, aged 28 years, and Miss Alice Wilson of Lehigh in the Indian Territory, aged 21 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

.....  
WITNESS My hand and official seal, this 31 day of Oct A. D. 1900

Don J. Hobbes  
Deputy

E. J. [Signature]  
Clerk of the United States Court

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } I,  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS. a  
CENTRAL DISTRICT. }

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. \_\_\_\_\_ I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the BANS OF MATRIMONY between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. \_\_\_\_\_

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book *one* Page *408*

A. Blake one  
Minister of G.P.

NOTE - This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

17-1057 ✓

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n. B87 IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Harlow Easter*  
as a *freedman* citizen of the

*Choctaw*. Nation.

Approved. 190

Commissioner.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a free citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Shurlow Easter, born on the 23 day of June, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Easter, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Katie Easter, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Atoka

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Katie Easter, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by freedom, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Easter, who is a citizen, by  
freedom, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the 23 day of June, 1901; that said child has been  
named Shurlow Easter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Katie Easter  
mark  
Sam A. Gunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Nov., 1902  
R. H. Luebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
\_\_\_\_\_ District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190 \_\_\_\_\_; that there was born to her on said  
date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named \_\_\_\_\_  
(Male or female)

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Martin R Brown*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Approved

NOV 7 1902

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPT. OF THE  
COMMISSION TO

FILED

NOV 7 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CLERK

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Martin Roosevelt Brown born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1902  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Sherdan Brown a citizen of the U S Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Allice Brown a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office Atkinson

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Allice Brown, on oath state that I am 23  
 years of age and a citizen, by Blood, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Sherdan Brown, who is a citizen, by  
 of the United States Nation; that a male child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1902; that said child has been  
 named Martin Roosevelt Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

J. H. Nash  
E. B. Barlett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1902

J. S. Gentry  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Sylvania Stevenson, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Allice Brown, wife of Sherdan Brown  
 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1902; that there was born to her on  
 said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Martin Roosevelt Brown.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1902

Sylvania Stevenson  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

17-NB-87

S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Thurlow Easton as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made for the enrollment of Thurlow Easton as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of Section 1 of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that the said Thurlow Easton was born January 28, 1901; that he is the son of John Easton, a non citizen, and Katie Easton whose name appears as Katie Wilson opposite No. 3218 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903, and that said applicant was living September 25, 1902.

I am of the opinion that Thurlow Easton should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 26, 1898 (30 stats., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and it is so ordered.

  
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

John Easter,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 18, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Thurlow Easton as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Thurlow Easton ~~has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted~~ to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Jame Dixoy*

Commissioner.

Registered,  
Incl. 17-NB-87

17-H.B.-87

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907

C.F.B. Weeks,  
Attorney at Law,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on February 18, 1907, rendered his decision grant-  
in the application for the enrollment of Thurlew Easton as a  
Choctaw freedman.

You are further advised that the name of Thurlew Easton  
has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedman to be submitted  
to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be noti-  
fied of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Registered.

17-NE-87

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

Manfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 18, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Thurlow Easton as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Thurlow Easton has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *James Dixby*

Commissioner.

Registered.  
Incl. 17-NE-87

COPY

17-1087.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 8, 1902.

Sheridan Brown,

Alderson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 4th inst., enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Martin Roosevelt Brown, infant son of Sheridan and Allie Brown, born September 22, 1902; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the marriage license and certificate of Sheridan Brown and Allie Wilson; and the same have been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment of the above named child, and as authority for the change of the name of the mother upon our records from her maiden name to her present married name.

You are advised that it will be necessary that the Commission retain this evidence of your marriage for the present, therefore your request for its return cannot be complied with.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Tams Dixby*  
Acting Chairman.

17-1057.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 8, 1903.

John Taster,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the application for enrollment as a Choctaw  
child of Thirley Taster, infant son of John and Katie Taster,  
born June 23, 1901; you are informed that it will be necessary for  
you to furnish the Commission with the affidavit of the attending  
physician or midwife as to the birth of this child, and the fact  
that it is still living, blank for which purpose is herewith  
enclosed you.

In having same executed, be careful to see that all  
blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and in  
event the person whose name is to be affixed to the affidavit is  
unable to write, and the signature is by mark, such signature must  
be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

The notary public before whom the same is acknowledged  
must affix his notarial jurat and seal to the affidavit.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Tams Dixby*  
Acting Chairman.

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17-1057.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 2, 1905.

Simon Thompson,

Ft. Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 16, enclosing a letter addressed to you from this office relative to the enrollment of your step-son, Robert Thompson, and asking if he has yet been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the name of Robert Thompson has not yet been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior, but you will be advised of such further action as may be taken in your case.

The communication of the Commission enclosed with your letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Tamo Linby*

Commissioner in Charge.



COPY.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, October 21, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Under date of August 15, 1905 (I.T.D. 6999-1905) the Department transmitted, with the request that I furnish a report showing fully what confirmation the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes contain touching upon the allegations therein, a petition of Katie Wilson for herself and her children, Allie Brown, Eddie, Blaine, Priscilla, Blanche and Wade Wilson and her grandchild, Martin Roosevelt Brown, praying that their names be stricken from the roll of Choctaw freedmen and that the petitioner, Katie Wilson, be enrolled as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation and that her children, Allie Brown, Eddie, Blaine, Priscilla, Blanche and Wade Wilson and her grandson, Martin Roosevelt Brown, be enrolled as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

The petitioner, Katie Wilson, alleges that in the month of August, 1877, she was duly and lawfully married to Martin Wilson, a full-blood Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian with whom she lived until his death on December 24, 1899, and that the other petitioners are the descendants of the said Martin Wilson by his marriage with Katie Wilson.

It is further alleged that at the time of the marriage of Katie Wilson to Martin Wilson, the former was a citizen of the United States, as the Choctaw tribe of Indians did not adopt the freedmen until May 21, 1863; that the petitioner's marriage was in accordance with the provisions of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of 1866 and that said treaty invested her as an intermarried citizen with all the rights of an Indian by blood in the tribe of which her husband was a member.

Reporting upon the petition I have the honor to advise that at Atoka, Indian Territory, on August 30, 1899, Katie Wilson personally appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of herself and her children, Allie, Eddie, Elaine, Triscilla, Blanche and Wade Wilson, as Choctaw freedmen. Katie Wilson testified that she was born a slave and was at the time of the war of the rebellion owned by a Choctaw Indian by the name of Sam Colbert and that she and her family had always resided in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country, Indian Territory.

The names of the applicants were identified upon the 1896 census roll of Choctaw freedmen as residents of Jacks Park County, opposite numbers 3714, 3716, 3717, 3718, 3719, 3720 and 3721 respectively.

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It further appears from the records of this office that Allie Wilson was, on October 31, 1900, married to Sheridan Brown, a non-citizen negro, and that there was born to her on September 22, 1902, a male child named Martin Roosevelt Brown.

The applicants were, on March 16, 1903, enrolled by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as Choctaw freedmen and their names appear upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903, as follows:

2218 Wilson, Katie  
2219 Brown, Allie  
2220 Wilson, Eddie  
2221 Wilson, Elaine  
2222 Wilson, Priscilla  
2223 Wilson, Blanche  
2224 Wilson, Wade  
2225 Brown, Martin Roosevelt

No claim or allegation was made by the applicants at the time of the submission of their application that they were entitled to any recognition other than as Choctaw freedmen nor has any such claim subsequently been submitted until the receipt of Departmental letter of August 15, 1906, enclosing the petition herewith transmitted.

The petitioner, Katie Wilson, alleges that when the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes was making the final roll of the citizens of the Choctaw Nation her husband, Martin Wilson, went to Atoka, Indian Territory, for the purpose of having himself and family placed on the roll of Choctaw citizens; that he did not take

the petitioner or any of the members of his family with him but said that he would attend to it himself; that when he returned the petitioner asked him about the matter and he told her that he was on the Choctaw roll and that she and the children were on the freedman roll; that the petitioner protested that such enrollment was wrong and that she and the children belonged on the same roll with him, but that her husband advised her to keep still and let it remain and in obedience to his command the petitioner was compelled to drop the matter and to submit to the enrollment of herself and children as Choctaw freedmen over her protest and in abrogation of the rights of herself and children as Choctaw citizens.

These allegations are not substantiated by the records of this office. Katie Wilson, in person, appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Atoka, Indian Territory, on August 30, 1899, and it further appears that at the time she made application for the enrollment of herself and children, her husband, Martin Wilson, was dead.

The name of Martin Wilson, supposedly the alleged husband of the petitioner, appears upon the census roll of the citizens of the Choctaw Nation as a citizen by blood of said tribe, a resident of Jacks Park County, thirty-eight years of age, opposite number 14122. Martin Wilson never appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as an applicant for enrollment and opposite his name upon the 1896 Choctaw census roll is stamped "Dead," clearly

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indicating that Martin Wilson died subsequent to the preparation of the 1896 roll and prior to the reception of applications for enrollment by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I have further to report that Katie Wilson and the persons in whose behalf the petition is submitted have voluntarily selected allotments as Choctaw freedmen; that certificates for such allotment selections have been delivered to the allottees and that patents conveying to them the lands selected have been prepared. Choctaw-Chickasaw freedman patents numbers 5039 to Katie Wilson, 6413 to Eddie Wilson, 5806 to Blaine Wilson, 5807 to Priscilla Wilson, 6574 to Blanche Wilson and 5808 to Wade Wilson have been executed by the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation. Since the receipt of Departmental letter of August 15, 1905, the execution of these patents by the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation has been withheld.

I have further to report that Choctaw-Chickasaw freedmen patents numbers 1325 to Allie Brown and 1326 to Martin Roosevelt Brown were executed by the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation on December 12, 1904 and by the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation on December 21, 1904, and were during the month of May, 1905, delivered by a representative of the firm of Mansfield, McMurray & Gornish to Allie Brown and were accepted by her; that said patents were subsequently returned by Allie Brown to this office for the approval of the Secretary of the Interior; that on July 7, 1905, the patents

were transmitted to the Department and were, on July 26, 1905, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, were subsequently returned to this office and have been recorded and are now ready for delivery to the allottees.

The petitioners have never been recognized or in any manner enrolled by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation or admitted to citizenship in that tribe, by any duly constituted court or citizenship committee of the Nation, by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes or the United States Court in Indian Territory, or by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court.

The applicants did not, within the time prescribed by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641) ever make any application or assert any rights whatever to enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation and I very much question my authority and jurisdiction at the present time to consider any application on their behalf for enrollment as such citizens.

I cannot believe that it was the purpose of Congress and certainly it was never the intention of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations to grant to persons of this character the right to recognition and enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation. Waiving the question of application, the petitioners have entirely failed to make a case. The citizenship of the alleged Choctaw Indian through whom they claim is not established. There is no proof whatever of the marriage of the petitioner, Katie Wilson, to her alleged Choctaw husband, Martin Wilson, and the voluntary selection by the petition-

ere of allotments seemingly is a full confirmation of their status as Choctaw freedmen.

I desire also to invite the attention of the Department to the fact that there are now pending before this office, having been submitted through the Department or direct by attorneys on behalf of claimants, several petitions of like character as the one herein referred to, for the transfer of the names of persons from the rolls of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen to the rolls of the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

In all of these cases allotments have been voluntarily selected by or on behalf of the petitioners as Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen and in none of the cases is there any record in this office of any of the petitioners ever having, within the time prescribed by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, submitted an application for enrollment as a citizen of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

I have submitted a full report upon the petition transmitted with Departmental letter of August 15, 1905, but would suggest as to the other petitions that no action be taken thereon until final disposition is made by the Department of the application of Joe and Dillard Perry to be transferred from the roll of Chickasaw freedmen to the rolls of citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation.

I have in conclusion to recommend that petitions of this character which are now being received be indexed and preserved in

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order that consideration may be given thereto in the event the Department finally decides that claimants of this class are entitled to have their rights as citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations determined.

The petition referred to is returned herewith.

I will submit to the Department in a separate communication my views relative to the questions of law involved in this case.

Respectfully,

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SIGNED

*James D. Ingham*

Commissioner.

Through the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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Refer in Reply  
to the  
following:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

Nov. 17, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the enclosed letter of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, of October 21, 1905, referring to the fact that under date of August 15, 1905 -- I.T.D. 5932-1905 -- the Department transmitted to him with request that he furnish a report showing fully what confirmation his records contain of the allegations in a petition of Katie Wilson for herself and her children, Allie Brown, Eddie, Blaine, Priscilla, Blanche, and Wade Wilson, and her grandchild, Martin Roosevelt Brown, praying that their names be stricken from the roll of Choctaw freedmen, and that the petitioner, Katie Wilson, be enrolled as a citizen by inter-marriage of the Choctaw Nation, and that her children, Allie Brown, Eddie, Blaine, Priscilla, Blanche, and Wade Wilson, and her grandson, Martin Roosevelt Brown, be enrolled as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Mr. Bixby says the petitioner, Katie Wilson, alleges that in the month of August, 1877, she was duly and lawfully married to Martin Wilson, a full blood Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian, with

whom she lived until his death on December 24, 1899, and that the other petitioners are the descendants of Martin Wilson by her marriage with him.

It is further alleged that at the time of the marriage of Katie Wilson and Martin Wilson, the former was a citizen of the United States, as the Choctaw tribe of Indians did not adopt the freedmen until May 21, 1893; that the petitioner's marriage was in accordance with the provisions of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of 1866 and that said treaty invested her as an intermarried citizen with all the rights of an Indian by blood in the tribe of which her husband was a member.

Reporting upon the petition Mr. Bixby says that at Atoka, on August 30, 1899, Katie Wilson personally appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of herself and her children, Allie, Eddie Blaine, Priscilla, Blanche, and Wade Wilson, as Choctaw freedmen. She testified that she was born a slave and was at the time of the war of the rebellion owned by a Choctaw Indian by the name of Sam Colbert, and that she and her family had always resided in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country, in Indian Territory.

The names of the applicants were identified upon the 1896 census roll of Choctaw freedmen as residents of Jacks Fork County opposite numbers 3714, 3715, 3717, 3718, 3719, 3720 and 3721, respectively.

It further appears from the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes that Allie Wilson was, on October 31, 1900, married to Sheridan Brown, a non-citizen negro, and that there was born to her on September 22, 1902, a male child named Martin Roosevelt Brown.

Further, the applicants were, on March 16, 1903, enrolled by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as Choctaw freedmen, and their names appear upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Department on April 8, 1903, as follows:

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2218	Wilson, Katie
2219	Brown, Allie
2220	Wilson, Eddie
2221	Wilson, Blaine
2222	Wilson, Priscilla
2223	Wilson, Blanche
2224	Wilson, Wade
2225	Brown, Martin Roosevelt

No claim or allegation was made by the applicants at the time of the submission of their application that they were entitled to any recognition other than as Choctaw freedmen, nor has any such claim subsequently been submitted until the receipt of Departmental letter of August 15, 1905, enclosing the petition to which reference is made.

The petitioner, Katie Wilson, alleges that when the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes was making the final roll of citizens of the Choctaw Nation her husband, Martin Wilson, went to Atoka for the purpose of having himself and family placed on the roll of Choctaw citizens; that he did not take the petitioner or any of the members of his family with him, but said that he would attend to it

himself; that when he returned the petitioner asked him about the matter and he told her that he was on the Choctaw roll and that she and the children were on the freedman roll; that the petitioner protested that such enrollment was wrong and that she and the children belonged on the same roll with him, but that her husband advised her to keep still and let it remain, and in obedience to his command she was compelled to drop the matter and to submit to the enrollment of herself and children as Choctaw freedmen over her protest and in "abrogation" (derogation) of the rights of herself and children as Choctaw citizens.

The Commissioner says these allegations are not substantiated by the records of his office; that Katie Wilson appeared in person before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Atoka, on August, 30, 1899, and at that time made application for the enrollment of herself and children, her husband, Martin Wilson, being dead.

He finds that the name of Martin Wilson, supposedly the alleged husband of Katie Wilson, appears upon the census roll of citizens of the Choctaw Nation as a citizen by blood of the tribe, a resident of Jacks Fork County, 38 years of age, opposite No. 14,122. Martin Wilson never appeared before the Commission as an applicant for enrollment, and opposite his name upon the 1896 Choctaw census roll is stamped "dead", showing that Martin Wilson died subsequent to the preparation of the 1896 roll, and prior to the reception of applications for enrollment by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

The Commissioner further reports that Katie Wilson and the persons in whose behalf the petition is submitted, have voluntarily selected allotments as Choctaw freedmen; that certificates for such allotment selections have been delivered to the allottees and that patents conveying to them the lands selected have been prepared. Choctaw-Chickasaw freedmen patents numbers 5039 to Katie Wilson, 6413 to Eddie Wilson, 5806 to Blaine Wilson, 5807 to Priscilla Wilson, 6674 to Blanche Wilson and 5808 to Wade Wilson have been executed by the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation. Since the receipt of Departmental letter of August 15, 1905, the execution of these patents by the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation has been withheld.

Mr. Piny further reports that Choctaw-Chickasaw freedmen patents numbers 1525 to Allie Brown and 1526 to Martin Roosevelt Brown were executed by the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation on December 12, 1904, and by the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation on December 21, 1904, and were, during the month of May, 1905, delivered by a representative of the firm of Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish to Allie Brown and were accepted by her; that the patents were subsequently returned and then transmitted to the Commissioner's office for the approval of the Department; that on July 7, 1905, they were transmitted to the Department and were on July 26, 1905, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, were subsequently returned to the Commissioner, and have been recorded and are now ready for delivery to the allottees.

He further says that the petitioners have never been recognized or in any manner enrolled by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation or admitted to citizenship in that tribe by any duly constituted court or citizenship committee of the nation, by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes or the United States Court in Indian Territory, or by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court.

The applicants did not, says the Commissioner, within the time prescribed by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1903 (32 Stats., 641), make any application or assert any rights whatever to enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and he very much questions his authority and jurisdiction at the present time to consider any applications on their behalf for enrollment as such citizens.

He says he cannot believe that it was the purpose of Congress, and certainly it was never the intention of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, to grant to persons of this character the right to recognition and enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation. Waiving the question of application the Commissioner says the petitioners have entirely failed to make a case; that the citizenship of the alleged Choctaw Indian through whom they claim is not established; that there is no proof whatever of the marriage of the petitioner, Katie Wilson, to her alleged Choctaw husband, Martin Wilson, and that the voluntary selection by the petitioners of allotments seemingly is a full confirmation of their status as Choctaw freedmen.

Mr. Bixby desires also to invite the attention of the Depart-

ment to the fact that there are now pending before his office, having been submitted through the Department or directly by attorneys on behalf of claimants, several petitions of like character as the one herein referred to, for the transfer of the names of persons from the rolls of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen to the rolls of citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

In all of these cases allotments have been voluntarily selected by or on behalf of the petitioners as Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen, and in none of the cases is there any record in his office of any of the petitioners ever having, within the time prescribed by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, submitted an application for enrollment as a citizen of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations.

The Commissioner has made this full report upon the petition transmitted with Departmental letter of August 15, 1905, but suggests as to the other petitions that no action be taken thereon until final disposition is made by the Department of the application of Joe and Dillard Perry to be transferred from the roll of Chickasaw freedmen to the rolls of citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation.

In conclusion the Commissioner recommends that petitions of this character which are now being received be indexed and preserved in order that consideration may be given thereto in the event the Department finally decides that claimants of this class are entitled to have their rights as citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations determined. He returns the petition.

I apprehend that all of the questions arising in this case will be finally disposed of under the Department's action in the cases of Joe and Dillard Perry, to which the Commissioner refers, and that a discussion of the points he raises is not necessary in this case at this time, for that reason.

I therefore concur in his recommendation that as to applications pending before him and as to any others which may be filed either with him or with the Department, report be not required at the present time, the whole matter being held in abeyance until final disposition is made of the cases of Joe and Dillard Perry.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

(E.B.H.) P.



Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 25, 1906.

C. B. Weeks,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 25, 1905, enclosing affidavits of Katie Wilson and Mary Colbert to the birth of Thurlow Easton, child of John Easton and Katie Wilson, June 28, 1901.

You will be notified of the action taken upon these affidavits.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

C O P Y.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL,

WASHINGTON.

J.R.W.  
W.C.P.  
S.V.P.

I.T.D.  
11805; 15526, 1905.

September 28, 1906.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

I received by reference of January 25, 1906, for opinion thereon, the papers in reference to the petition of Katie Wilson and others to be transferred from the roll of freedman citizen to that of blood citizen of the Choctaw Nation. The petition was referred to the Commissioner for the Five Civilized Tribes for report, showing fully what conformation the records of the Commission contain touching its allegations. The report of October 31 is of considerable length but deficient in matters of fact. It states that Katie Wilson appeared personally before the Commission August 30, 1899, and applied for enrollment of herself and children as freedmen and testified that she was born a slave and at the outbreak of the rebellion was owned by Sam Colbert, who it is implied, but not stated, was a Choctaw citizen and that she and her family have always resided in Indian Territory, and the applicants are identified on the 1896 Census Choctaw freedmen roll; that the applicants were enrolled by the Commission March 16, 1903 as Choctaw freedmen and this was approved by the Secretary of the Interior, April 8, 1903, and no allegation or claim was made that they were entitled to any other

recognition prior to the filing of the present petition; that the allegation that her application as freedman was made by her husband contrary to her expressed wish and not by herself is not substantiated by the records, as they show that she applied in person and that her husband Martin Wilson was then dead, and that such name "supposedly the alleged husband" appears on the 1896 Census roll of citizens by blood but his name thereon "is stamped 'dead', clearly indicating that he died subsequent to preparation of the 1896 Census roll and prior to reception of applications for enrollment by the Commission."

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That applicants have selected and accepted allotments as freedmen and patents have been executed for certain of them by the Choctaw authority but execution by the Chickasaw authority has been withheld pursuant to departmental instructions of August 15, 1905. To others patents were fully executed and delivered without your approval, were returned for approval, have been approved and are now in charge of the Commissioner for delivery. As his conclusion from such facts the Commissioner states:

The applicants did not, within the time prescribed by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641) ever make any application or assert any rights whatever to enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation and I very much question my authority and jurisdiction at the present time to consider any application on their behalf for enrollment as such citizens.

I cannot believe that it was the purpose of Congress and certainly it was never the intention of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations to grant to persons of this character the right to recognition and enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation. Waiving the question of application, the petitioners have entirely failed to make a case. The citizenship of the alleged Choctaw Indian through whom they claim is not established. There is no proof whatever of the

marriage of the petitioner, Katie Wilson, to her alleged Choctaw husband, Martin Wilson, and the voluntary selection by the petitioners of allotments seemingly is a full confirmation of their status as Choctaw freedmen.

I will submit to the Department in a separate communication my views relative to the questions of law involved in this case.

The separate communication of views upon the law promised to be sent is not among the papers referred to me and upon inquiry at the Indian Territory Division of your office, I am informally advised that no such paper was received from the Commissioner. The Indian Office expresses no opinion and merely states its anticipation that "This case will be finally disposed of under the departmental action in the cases of Joe and Dillard Perry." There is a brief and argument by applicant's counsel served on counsel for the Nation by registered mail December 16, 1905, to which no response is made, so that I am unaided by any argument opposed to the contention of law made on behalf of the applicants.

All this, however, is immaterial in view of the provisions of section 4 of the act approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stat., 157) which reads as follows:

That no name shall be transferred from the approved freedmen, or any other approved rolls of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole tribes, respectively, to the roll of citizens by blood, unless the records in charge of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes show that application for enrollment as a citizen by blood was made within the time prescribed by law by or for the party seeking the transfer, and said records shall be conclusive evidence as to the fact of such application, unless it be shown by documentary evidence that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes actually received such application within the time prescribed by law.

Under the facts stated by the Commissioner these applicants come clearly within the inhibition of this provision of law and their request to be transferred can not be granted. It is not claimed in the papers now before me that application for enrollment as a citizen by blood was made within the time prescribed by law or for any of these persons, nor is there anything to indicate that any of them come within the exception in the law. In other words there is nothing tending to impugn the correctness of the statement that no such application was made.

The law prohibits the transfer of these names and the application must for that reason be denied.

It is not intended by this to express any opinion as to the merits of the case or as to what action would have been proper in the absence of a provision like that of the act of April 26, 1906.

Very respectfully,

Frank L. Campbell,

Assistant Attorney-General.

Approved:

Sept. 28, 1906.  
Thos. Ryan.  
Acting Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

J.W.G.

D.C. 44567-1906.  
I.T.D.18984-1906.

October 5, 1906.

J.P.

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

There is inclosed a copy of the approved opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of September 28, 1906, in the matter of the petition of Katie Wilson, et al, to be transferred from the freedmen roll to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

In accordance with the opinion, said petition is hereby denied.

The papers received with your letter of October 21, 1906, and those since received, relative to this matter, have been sent to the Indian Office for its files.

A copy of the Indian Office letter of November 17, 1906, submitting your report is inclosed.

The Indian Office will advise local attorney of the action taken herein.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thos. Ryan,

Acting Secretary.

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Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

Katie Wilson,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that on October 5, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior denied the petition praying for the transfer of your name from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation, and for the transfer of the names of your children, Blaine, Priscilla, Blanche, and Wade Wilson, from the approved freedmen roll to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Francis Bixby

Commissioner.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

Eddie Wilson,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on October 8, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior denied the petition for the transfer of your name from the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Tamc Dixie*

Commissioner.



COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

Allie Brown,

Alderson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that on October 5, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior denied the petition for the transfer of your name and the name of your minor son, Martin Roosevelt Brown, from the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Tamc Dixey.*

Commissioner.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

Albert J. Lee,  
Attorney at Law,  
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information copy of Departmental letter of October 5, 1906, (I.T.D. 18954-1906), transmitting the approved opinion of the Assistant Attorney General for the Department of the Interior of September 28, 1906 (I.T.D. 11805, 15526-1905), accompanied by the report of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs of November 17, 1905 (Land 86478-1905), in the matter of the petition of Katie Wilson, et al., to be transferred from the freedmen roll to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

The Assistant Attorney General in his opinion of September 28, 1906, after referring to the provisions of Section 4 of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), states: "The law prohibits the transfer of these names, and the application must for that reason be denied."

The Department on October 5, 1906, in accordance with the opinion denied the petition praying for the transfer of the names of Katie Wilson, Allie Brown, Eddie Wilson, Blaine Wilson, Priscilla

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Wilson, Blanche Wilson, Wade Wilson and Martin Roosevelt Brown  
from the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens  
by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Tamc Dixby.*

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

M. M. Lindly,

Attorney at Law,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

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M. M. L. - 3.

Wilson, Blanche Wilson, Wade Wilson and Martin Roosevelt Brown  
from the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens  
by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Tama Dixby.*

Commissioner.

LBA 17-2.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith for your information copy of Departmental letter of October 3, 1906 (I.T.D. 18954-1906), transmitting the approved opinion of the Assistant Attorney General for the Department of the Interior of September 28, 1906 (I.T.D. 11805, 15526-1905), accompanied by the report of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, of November 17, 1905 (Land 86478-1905), in the matter of the petition of Katie Wilson, et al., to be transferred from the freedmen roll to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

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by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Tame Bixby.*

Commissioner.

LBA 17-3.

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COPY

Mustogee, Indian Territory, July 11, 1906.

M. M. Lindly,

South McAlester.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Allie Brown and Hattie Wilson to the birth of John McKinley Brown, child of Allie and Sheridan Brown, and of Pressilla Brown and Hattie Wilson, to the birth of Allie Brown, child of Melton and Pressilla Brown, December 21, 1904 and August 1, 1904, respectively.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Tamo Dixby*  
Commissioner.



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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 2, 1906.

Albert J. Lee,  
Attorney at Law,  
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of  
Jul. 17, 1906, transmitted the affidavits of Ross Mason  
and Beake, and also of the affidavits of Lee Willson, uncle of Edwy  
Willson and Percy Willson, only.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Tamc Dixby*

Commissioner.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 28, 1906.

C. R. Weeks,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 25, 1906, inclosing affidavit of Sarah Wilson nee Shields to the birth of Blanche Wilson, child of Eddie Wilson and Sarah Wilson nee Shields, January 25, 1906.

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You will will be notified of such action as is taken in regard to the affidavit to the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Wm. J. Deall*

Acting Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

17 MB 87.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

John Easter,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Thurlow Easter, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It appears from the application on file in this office that the affidavit of the attending physician or midwife is wanting. If there was no physician or midwife in attendance at the birth of this child it will be necessary that you furnish affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the date of his birth, names of his parents and whether or not he was living March 4, 1906.

There is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are

J.R. 2.

requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. Fr. 1058

Vinetta Moses

Fr. 1058

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I. T. Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Winnitta Moses, said Moses being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother is Katie Wilson and she belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw. I have been living in the territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office,  
Washington, D. C.  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.  
Very respectfully,  
my stenographic clerk,  
*Lillian*

COPY

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. 372.

United States of America,  
The Indian Territory,  
Central District, | ss:

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE))  
GREETING: You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Ben Moses of Atoka in the Indian Territory, aged 21 years, and Miss Nettie Wilson of Stringtown in the Indian Territory, aged 17 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 21 day of Dec.

A. D. 1898.

(Signed) E. W. Fennin,

D. N. Robb, Deputy.

Clerk of the U. S. Court.

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CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
Central district. | ss:

I, Rev. S. V. Boyd, a minister of the gospel, do hereby certify that of the 24 day of Dec. A. D. 1898, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 24 day of Dec. A. D. 1898.

My credentials are on file in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book B Page 127.

(Signed) S. V. Boyd

(2 5/8 Rev. st.

a Minister of the Gospel.

The following indorsement appears on back:

No. 372. CERTIFICATE OF RECORD OF MARRIAGES. United States of America, The Indian Territory, Central District (set:).

I, E. J. Fannin, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and district aforesaid, do hereby certify that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of Mr. Ben Moses and Miss Bettie Wilson were filed in my office in said Territory and District the 28 day of Dec. A. D. 1898, and duly recorded in Book I of Marriage record, Page 186.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court, at Atoka, this 29 day of Dec. A. D. 1898.

E. J. Fannin, Clerk.

By D. N. Robb, Deputy.

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Fred V. Kinkade, being first duly sworn on oath states; that the above and foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the original marriage license and certificate between Mr. Ben Moses and Miss Nettie Wilson; that the original is now in his possession and has been carefully compared by him and that the above copy is in all things true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of May 1903.

*Harry Shelby*  
Notary Public.



Choctaw Friedman  
Case No 1058

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Natie Levicey Moses

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved, June 7th

1900

  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*Choctaw Indian*  
 IN RE: Application for Enrollment as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Natie Levee Moses*, born on the *22<sup>nd</sup>* day of *January*, 1900  
 Name of Father: *Ben Moses*, a citizen of the *Choctaw Indian* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Vinella Moses*, *Choctaw Indian*, a citizen of the *Choctaw Indian* Nation.  
 Postoffice, *Okla. I. T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Central* District.

I, *Vinella Moses*, on oath state that I am *19*  
 years of age and a citizen by *Choctaw Indian* of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Ben Moses*, who is a citizen by  
*Indian* of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *female* child was  
 born to me on the *22<sup>nd</sup>* day of *January*, 1900; that said child has been  
 named *Natie Levee Moses*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Thos L. Emerton*  
*W. Kaylesworth*  
*Vinella Moses*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1900  
*[Signature]*  
*Commissioner*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY  
*Central* District.

I, *Winnall McDonald*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Vinella Moses*, wife of *Ben Moses*,  
 on the *22<sup>nd</sup>* day of *January*, 1900; that there was born to her on  
 said date a *female* child, that said child is now living, and is called to  
 named *Natie Levee Moses*.

WITNESSED TO MARK

*Thos L. Emerton*  
*W. Kaylesworth*  
*Winnall McDonald*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1900  
*[Signature]*  
*Commissioner*

Land.  
93, 933-1905.

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

Nov. 29, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to letter of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, of the 20th instant, acknowledging receipt, by reference to the Department, under date of November 10, 1905--I.T.D. 10,619-1905-- for report and recommendation, of a letter of Chester Howe, Attorney at Law, of this City, dated November 7, 1905, and addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, enclosing the petition of Wacey Moses, et al., for transfer from the roll of Chickasaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Mr. Bixby says the petitioner alleges that on June 10, 1877, she was married to Charles Moses, a Choctaw Indian, and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation; that since her marriage she has continuously lived with Charles Moses; that there was born of the union one child, Benjamin Moses, now about 27 years of age; that on December 24, 1898, Benjamin Moses was lawfully married to Vinetta Moses, and that there have been born to the union three children, Katie L. Charles Jr., and Samuel B. Moses.

The petitioner prays that her name be stricken from the

roll of Chickasaw freedmen and that she be enrolled as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation, and that the name of Benjamin Moses and the names of his three children be stricken from the roll of Chickasaw freedmen and they be enrolled as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Reporting on this matter, Mr. Bixby says the petitioner, Vacey Moses, and her son, Ben Moses, have been enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen, their names appearing opposite Nos. 3301 and 3302, respectively, upon the schedule of Chickasaw freedmen transmitted for Departmental approval March 20, 1903. The schedule containing the names of Vacey Moses and Ben Moses was approved by the Department April 10, 1903.

He further says Charles Moses, through whom the petitioner, Vacey Moses, claims her right as an intermarried citizen of the Choctaw Nation, has been enrolled as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, his name appearing opposite No. 12,175 on the schedule of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, transmitted for Departmental approval February 15, 1903, and which was approved by the Department March 6, 1903.

Katie L. Moses, daughter of Ben Moses, has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman, her name appearing opposite No. 2227 as Katie Levicey Moses upon the schedule of Choctaw freedmen transmitted for Departmental approval March 16, 1903, and which was approved by the Department April 8, 1903.

The Commissioner finds it does not appear from the records of his office that any application has been made for the enrollment

of Charles Moses, Jr. and Samuel B. Moses as citizens or freedmen of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw nations.

The petitioner, Vacey Moses, personally appeared before the Choctaw land office, at Atoka, Indian Territory, April 27, 1903, and selected as an allotment the north half of the southeast quarter of section 23, township 2 south, range 11 east, and on July 19, 1904, made an additional selection for allotment, described as the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, section 21, township 1 south, range 13 east.

Choctaw freedmen allotment certificates Nos. 49 and 3,010, describing the allotments selected by Vacey Moses, have been executed and delivered to her.

Choctaw-Chickasaw freedmen allotment patent No. 24, describing allotment selection of Vacey Moses, of April 27, 1903, has been executed by the chief Executives of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, approved by the Department, recorded in the Commissioner's office, and is now ready for delivery to the allottee.

Choctaw-Chickasaw freedmen allotment patent No. 7,010, describing the selection of Vacey Moses of July 19, 1904, has been executed by the chief Executives of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and is now held in the Commissioner's office.

Ven Moses personally appeared before the Choctaw land office, at Atoka, on September 8, 1903, and selected as a portion of his allotment the south half of the northeast quarter, section 11, township 1 south, range 13 east.

On May 23, 1904, he made an additional selection of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, section 36, township 1 north, range 12 east.

Choctaw freedmen allotment certificates Nos. 495 and 2542, describing the land selected by Ben Moses have been executed and delivered to him.

Choctaw-Chickasaw freedmen allotment patent, No. 3125, describing the land selected by Ben Moses on September 27, 1903, and May 23, 1904, have been executed by the chief Executives of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and are now held in the Commissioner's office.

Ben Moses, on April 20, 1903, selected as the allotment of his minor child, Katie Levicey Moses, the south half of the southeast quarter, section 23, township 2 south, range 11 east, Choctaw Nation, for which Choctaw freedmen allotment certificate No. 60 has been executed and delivered.

Choctaw-Chickasaw freedmen patent No. 224, describing the land allotted to Kate Levicey Moses, has been executed by the chief Executives of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, approved by the Department, recorded in the Commissioner's office, and is now ready for delivery to the allottee.

Mr. Bixby further reports that at the time Charles Moses made application for the enrollment of himself as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, at Atoka, on September 1, 1899, no application was made by himself, his wife, Vacey Moses, or his son, Ben Moses, as citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

Vickey Moses personally appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Tishomingo, on September 27, 1898, and made application for the enrollment of herself and her son, Ben Moses, as Chickasaw freedmen. She testified at the time of making her application that her husband was a Choctaw Indian, but had made no application for herself or her son, Ben Moses, as citizens of the Choctaw Nation. She further testified that she was a slave of Ivira Willis, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Subsequent to the application made by Vickey Moses for the enrollment of herself and son, Ben Moses, as Chickasaw freedmen, the latter was on December 24, 1898, married to Vineta Wilson, a Choctaw freedman, by whom he had a child, Fattie Lovick Moses, born January 12, 1900, and for whose enrollment as a Choctaw freedman application was made June 7, 1900.

The Commissioner says none of the petitioners here ever made application to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation, nor does it appear from the records of this office that they ever, prior to this time, asserted any right to enrollment or recognition as such citizens.

In reference to the tribal recognition of Ben Moses as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, as alleged in the petition of Vickey Moses, the Commissioner reports that the enrollment of Ben Moses is found upon the 1893 leased district payment roll of the Choctaw Nation, Atoka County, page 76, opposite No. 312, a line being drawn through the name and a notation placed opposite, as

follows: "Negro; not entitled".

It does not appear that the per capita payment of \$103 was made to Ben Moses in 1893.

Mr. Bixby further says the facts in reference to this case are practically the same as those set forth in letter of the Commissioner of October 21, 1905, transmitting the petition of Katie Wilson, et al., for transfer of their names from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the rolls of citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

He returns Mr. Howe's letter of November 7, 1905, with the petition therewith enclosed; also a letter of Messrs. Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, of September 1, 1905, addressed to the Department, in reference to the petition, a duplicate of which was, on October 12, 1905, referred to the Commissioner for reconsideration and appropriate action.

The Commissioner says that Katie L. Moses, daughter of Ben Moses, has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman, her name appearing opposite No. 1227 on the roll of freedmen. Now it came that this child of Ben Moses, who is enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman, was enrolled as a Choctaw freedman, is not explained, but under the approved opinion of the Assistant Attorney General in the Joe and Willard Perry case the application for reclassification of Katie L. Moses as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation could be considered by the Department, when case of Vicey Moses and her son Ben, the father of Katie, could not be, since no application for reclassification was made within the time required for the filing of applications for enrollment as citizens by blood of the



Cheotaw Nation.

The Commissioner says that Vissy Moses appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on September 27, 1898, and made application for the enrollment of herself and her son, Ben Moses, as Chickasaw freedmen, she testified that her husband was a Cheotaw Indian. The question arises, under this statement, as to whether the Commission was not in duty bound to take notice of the statement and investigate the true status of Ben Moses.

However, I recommend that the enrollment of Mattie L. Moses be readjudicated in view of the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General in the Joe and Dillard Perry case, and that the applications of the other parties be rejected.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

October 6, 1906.

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tuskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

In view of the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of September 28, 1906, in the case of Katie Wilson, et al, applicants for transfer from the freedmen roll to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, copy of which opinion has been sent you, the petition in the similar case of Vicky Moses, et al, for transfer from the roll of Chickasaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, is hereby denied.

A copy of the Indian Office letter of November 29, 1905, submitting your office report of November 20, 1905, is inclosed.

The papers in the case have been returned to the Indian Office, which will advise the local attorneys for the applicants of the action herein.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thos. Ryan  
First Assistant Secretary.

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Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

P-242.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 18, 1906.

Vinetta Moses,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that the Department on October 6, 1906, denied the petition for the transfer of your name and that of your minor daughter, Katie Levicey Moses, from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

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Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. Fr. 1059  
Sylvester Graves

Fr. 1059

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sylvester Graves, said Graves being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I was a slave and belonged to Daniel graves, a Choctaw. I have been living right here in the Territory ever since I was turned free. My wife is Jennie Graves. I was married to her.

Phyllis Factor, being sworn, testified:

Sylvester Graves and Jennie Graves were married. I saw them married. A preacher married them. His name was Butabr.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.  
I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by the said Sylvester Graves, and that this translation is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by the said Sylvester Graves.

*B. H. C. ...*

Choctaw. Fr. 1060

Harriett Wilson

Fr  
1060

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I. T. Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Harriett Wilson and her children, John Wilson, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

Harriett Wilson's mother was Jane Colbert and she belonged to Sam Colbert, Choctaw. She has always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Atoka, I. T.

Witness my hand and seal at this place this 30th day of August 1899.

*Wm. C. ...*

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Lora Wilson  
a ~~person~~ of the

Choctaw Nation

Approved <sup>NOV 20 1910</sup>  
L. H. Beedington  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Dora Wilson  
(the deceased name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Grandman Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Atoka, Ind. Ter., and died on the 11 day of  
September, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Centrat District. )

I, Harriet Wilson, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by Grandman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
mother of Dora Wilson

who was a citizen, by Grandman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Dora Wilson died on the 11 day of

Sept, 1900.  
WITNESSES TO MARK  
Harriet Wilson  
Wm O. Dunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Nov, 1902  
R. W. Linebaugh  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Centrat District. )

I, Walter Harris, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age, and a citizen, by Grandman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Dora Wilson  
who was a citizen, by Grandman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Dora Wilson died on the 11 day of

Sept, 1900.  
WITNESSES TO MARK  
Walter Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Nov, 1902  
R. W. Linebaugh  
Notary Public

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Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Earl Mack*  
as a *freedman* of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved *M* 190



Commissioner.

*Proof of birth of child for whom  
application was made Nov. 21, 1902*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a freeman Cherokee Nation,  
of Earl Flock, born on the 31 day of August, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Army Flock, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Eliza Flock, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-Office: Atoka

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Eliza Flock, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by marriage, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Army Flock, who is a citizen, by  
marriage of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(Name of child)  
born to me on the 31 day of August, 1901; that said child has been  
named Earl Flock, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of August, 1901.  
W. D. Johnson  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Harris Wilson, MD, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Eliza Flock, wife of Army Flock  
on the 31 day of August, 1901; that there was born to her on said  
date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Earl Flock.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of August, 1901.  
W. H. Finbaugh  
Notary Public

1. *Harris Wilson*, on oath state that I am ~~41~~  
years of age and a citizen, by *freeman*, of the *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by

\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a \_\_\_\_\_ child was  
born to me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1901; that said child has been  
named \_\_\_\_\_, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1901

Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )

*Central* District, )

1. *Harris Wilson*, M.D., on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Elyza Flack*, wife of *Army Flack*  
on the *31* day of *August*, 1901; that there was born to her on said  
date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Earl Flack*

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *22* day of *August*, 1901

*W. H. Friebaugh*  
Notary Public

17-1060.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 8, 1903.

Henry Flack,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Ed Flack, infant son of Henry and Eliza Flack, born August 31, 1901; you are informed that it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with the affidavit of the mother as to the birth of this child, and the fact that it is still living, a blank for which purpose is herewith enclosed you.

In having same executed, be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and in event the person whose name is to be affixed to the affidavit is unable to write, and her signature is by mark, such signature must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

The notary public before whom the same is acknowledged must affix his notarial jurat and seal to the affidavit.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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17-1060.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 30, 1903.

Henry Flack,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from our records that on November 21, 1902, application was made for the enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Earl Flack, infant son of Henry and Eliza Flack, born August 31, 1901; at which time only the affidavit of Harriet Wilson, grandmother of the child, was furnished the Commission.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Eliza Flack as to the birth of Earl Flack August 31, 1901; and the application now being complete and in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw Fr. 1061

Henry Folsom

Fr 1061

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Henry Folsom, said Folsom being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to David Folsom, a Choctaw. I have been living right in the Choctaw nation since I was turned free.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official stamp as stenographer to the Commission that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

W. H. Howard



Choctaw Fr. 1062

Edmund Flint

Fr. 1062

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Edmund Flint, said Flint being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

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I belonged to Salina Davis, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Choctaw Nation.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. H. McDonald*

Choctaw Fr. 1063

Henry Seely

Fr 1063

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 30, 1890.

In the matter of the enrollment of Henry and Norah Sealy, Edmund Flint being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

The mother of these two children was a sister of mine and her name was Mary Sealy. She belonged to Jim Davis whose wife was a Choctaw. These children have always lived in the nation and are living here now with their father Thomas Sealy, who is a Chickasaw freedman.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. W. Conner

Choctaw Fr. 1064

Martha Williams

Fr. 1064

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Martha Williams, said Williams being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother was Netsy Williams and she belonged to Forbes La Flore, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes  
I have examined the foregoing as  
correctly translated from the Choctaw  
language and certify that this  
translation is a correct translation of  
my signography.  
Wm. Needles

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Raymond Beeby*  
as a citizen of the

*Choctaw Freedman*

Approved, *June 8* 1900

 Commissioner.

*Choctaw Freedman*  
*No 1164.*

**FILED**

JUN 8 1900

MISSION TO FIVE TRIBES

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a <sup>Christian Indian</sup> citizen of the ~~Cherokee Nation~~ Nation,  
 of <sup>Busby</sup> ~~William~~ <sup>Raymond</sup>, born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1900  
 Name of Father: Elijah Busby, a citizen of the non Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Martha Williams, a citizen of the Christian Indian Nation.  
 Postoffice,

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )

I, Martha Williams, on oath state that I am 33  
 years of age and a citizen, by Christian Indian, of the non Nation;  
 that I am the ~~lawful wife of~~ unmarried, who is a citizen, by  
whose father is Elijah Busby male child was  
 of the non Nation; that a male child was  
 born to me on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1900; that said child has been  
 named Raymond Busby, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Martha Williams

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900  
 Commissioner

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )

I, Frances Carson a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Martha Williams  
 on the 15 day of October, 1900; that there was born to her on  
 said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Raymond Busby.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Frances Carson  
(Mark)

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900  
 Commissioner



Choctaw Fr. 1065

Mat. Spencer

1065

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES/

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mat Spencer, said Spencer being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to John Wilson, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the stenographic notes of the examination of Mat Spencer, and that the transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

W. M. Needles

Choctaw Fr. 1066

Annie Flack

1066

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Annie Flack, Henry Flack being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My wife's mother belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw.  
My wife has always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the stenographer to whom named herein, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD,

Ollie Clark

as a citizen of the

Republic of the United States of America

Approved: NOV 26 1902

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Commissioner.

CHRISTIAN F. LUDWIG

1066

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Ollie Flaek, born on the 13 day of Dec., 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father Henry Flaek, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Annice Flaek, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Atoka

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Central District.

I, Annice Flaek, on oath state that I am 25  
 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Henry Flaek, who is a citizen, by  
freedman, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on the 13 day of Dec., 1900; that said child has been  
 named Ollie Flaek, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

Ollie Flaek

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Nov, 1902

R. H. Luebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Central District.

I, Harrison Wilson, mother of Annice Flaek, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Annice Flaek, wife of Henry Flaek,  
 on the 13 day of Dec., 1900; that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
 named Ollie Flaek.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Harrison Wilson  
Wm C. Bunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Nov, 1902

R. H. Luebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choctaw Fr. 1067

Isaac Perry

Fr. 1067

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Isaac Perry, said Perry being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Nancy Vinson and she belonged to Isaac Chuknubbi, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Indian Territory all my life.

I am married. My wife is a citizen. Her mother was Harriett Wilson, a Choctaw. She belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct stenographic transcription of the testimony of Isaac Perry, as given to the Commission, and that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

Phillip Needles



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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Archie Perry*  
Secretary of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

Approved NOV 25 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FILED  
NOV 5 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHIEF

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN # 1067

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Sarah Perry (Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Atoka, Ind. Ter., and died on the 21 day of  
February, 1907.  
 (Here insert name of post office.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Isaac Perry, on oath state that I am 34  
 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
husband of Sarah Perry  
 (State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Sarah Perry died on the 21 day of  
February, 1907.  
 (Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Nov, 1907

Det. Knebaugh  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Alex Harris, on oath state that I am 58  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Stringtown, Ind. Ter.;  
 (Here insert name of post office)

that I was personally acquainted with Sarah Perry  
 (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Sarah Perry died on the 21 day of  
February, 1907.

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Nov, 1907

Det. Knebaugh  
 Notary Public.

Choctaw Fr. 1068

James Perry

1068

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jim Perry, said Perry being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I was born a slave and belonged to Swinney Frazier, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Indian territory all my life. My wife was named Louisa Bateese. Her father belonged to Tom Griggs. I was married to my wife. Judge Vinson married me. I lived with her as man and wife and lived with her until she died.

(Certificate of marriage to be supplied.)

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, B. M. C. [unclear],  
stenographer to above named Commissioner, certify that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct transcription of  
my stenographic notes.

B. M. C. [unclear]

Office of circuit judge of 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Judicial District Choctaw Nation

To all whom it may concern, this  
is to certify that I have this day  
joined together in the bonds of  
matrimony, one James Perry of  
Blue County C. S. and one Louwisa  
Battice of Kiamishi C. S. according  
to the laws of the Choctaw Nation

This may 24<sup>th</sup> 1884

W. C. Binson

Circuit judge of 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Dist  
C. S.

Choctaw Fr. 1069

Ed M<sup>c</sup>Donald

Fr 1069

COMMISSIONERS  
HENRY L. DAVIS  
TAMS BIXBY,  
ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES  
ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 18th, 1899.

To **Ed McDonald, Esq.,**

**Atoka, Indian Territory.**

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of ~~the same~~ **marriage license** in the matter of the application for enrollment of **Hubert McDonald, son**

of **Ed McDonald** and **Gertrude McDonald**  
**Freedman**

as a citizen of the **Choctaw** Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,

**Tams Bixby.**  
Acting Chairman.

17-1069

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Ed McDonald,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Hubert McDonald, son of Ed and Gertrude McDonald, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Hubert McDonald, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth has been supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Inv.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.



17-1088.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 27, 1908.

Ed McDonald,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Mildred McDonald, infant daughter of Ed and Gertrude McDonald, born December 31, 1900; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-1069

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 7, 1908.

Ed McDonald,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 28th, in which you ask information relative to the status of Hubert McDonald.

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In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Hubert McDonald has been listed for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, but his name has not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen, prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1069.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Ed McDonald,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, Hubert McDonald, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any affidavit as to the birth of this child has been filed with the Commission, and you should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavit.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are sworn to, attaches his name and seal to each affidavit. In case any signature is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of your son as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation until this affidavit is received.

Respectfully,

B.C.  
Env.

Chairman.

17-1069

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1906.

Ed McDonald,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of  
Gertrude and Angeline McDonald relative to the birth of your minor  
son, Hubert McDonald, January 20, 1899; and the same being in proper  
~~form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as~~  
evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1039

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has  
this day been made upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card  
No. 1069:

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"No. 2 born Jan. 20, 1899; proof of birth  
filed Dec. 2, 1903."

You are, therefore, requested to make like notation upon  
the duplicate card in your possession in accordance with the above  
information.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ed McDonald, said McDonald being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Annie McDonald. She was a slave and belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw.

I am married. My wife is a state woman. I have been living in the Territory all my life.

(Marriage certificate to be supplied.)

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs,

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

Richard C. ...

No. 169

## CERTIFICATE OF RECORD OF MARRIAGES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Indian Territory

SECT

CENTRAL DISTRICT

I, E. J. FANNIN, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of

Mr Ed Fashes and

Mrs Gertrude Howell

were filed in my office in said Territory and District

the 21 day of April A. D., 1898

and duly recorded in Book 1 of Marriage Record

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WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at

Alona

this

21

day of

April

A. D., 1898

By

E. J. Fannin

E. J. FANNIN, Clerk.

Deputy

17-111

# Marriage License

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Indian Territory  
Central District

SS

To Any Person Authorized By Law to  
Solemnize Marriage Greeting

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the  
Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between  
Mr. Ed. Fisher of Atoka  
in the Indian Territory, aged — 22 — years, and  
Miss Gertrude Nowell of Atoka  
in the Indian Territory, aged — 21 — years,  
according to law and do you officially sign and return this  
License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS My hand and Official Seal, this 29 day of April A. D. 1898

L. A. Roth  
Deputy

J. H. Hamlin  
Clerk of the U. S. Court

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Indian Territory  
Central District

SS

I, J. H. Hamlin

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That on the

29<sup>th</sup> day of April

A. D. 1898, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing

License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1898

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, in the Indian  
Territory, Central District, Book 15 Page 446

J. H. Hamlin  
Clerk

NOTE: This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the  
United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date there-  
of or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100).



*Fredman*

- IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Hubert McDonald*

as a citizen of

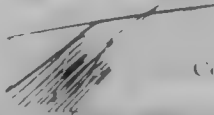
*Arctaw*

Nation.

Approved

*L. C. B. 1910*

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Commissioner.

*for enrollment of child  
for whom enrollment  
application was made 7/21/99.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

FILED

*DEC 2 1908*



COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Freeborn Choctaw Nation,  
 of Herbert McDonald, born on the 20 day of January, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Ed McDonald a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Gertrude McDonald a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office Atoka D. S.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, District. )

I, Gertrude McDonald, on oath state that I am 26  
 years of age and a citizen, by marriage, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Ed McDonald, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was  
(Male or female)  
 born to me on 20th day of January, 1899; that said child has been named  
Herbert McDonald, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Gertrude McDonald

Make Two Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

25th day of November, 1903  
Just Claubers  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, District. )

I, Angeline McDonald, a Choctaw, on oath state that I at-  
 tended on Mrs. Gertrude McDonald, wife of Ed McDonald  
 on the 20th day of January, 1899; that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
(Male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Make Two Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

25th day of November, 1903  
Just Claubers  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Melvin McDonald*

as a ~~citizen~~ of the

*Cherokee Freedman* Nation.

Approved DEC 24 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**  
**DEC 24 1902**

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Melardus McDonald, born on the 31st day of December, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Ed McDonald, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Gertrude McDonald, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
 Post-Office: Atoka, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
 District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a \_\_\_\_\_ child was  
(Male or female.)  
 born to me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1900; that said child has been  
 named \_\_\_\_\_, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1900

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
 District. }

I, Angelina McDonald, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Gertrude McDonald wife of Ed McDonald,  
 on the 31st day of December, 1900; that there was born to her on said  
 date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Melardus McDonald.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1902

Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Michael McDonald

Adopted ~~was~~ citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved

1902

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Mildred McDonald, born on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Dec, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Ed McDonald, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Gertrude McDonald a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Atoka Ind, Ok

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Gertrude McDonald, on oath state that I am 24  
 years of age and a citizen, by Marriage, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Edward McDonald, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
 born to me on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1900; that said child has been  
 named Mildred McDonald, and is now living:

WITNESSES TO MARR

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1900

Jas H Chamberlain  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
 District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190 \_\_\_\_\_; that there was born to her on said  
 date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be female)

WITNESSES TO MARR

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190 \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

Choctaw Fr. 1070

Harriet McDonald

Fr. 1070

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COMMISSIONERS  
HENRY L. DAWES  
TAMM BIRBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

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ALLISON I. AYLSWORTH  
SECRETARY

ADDRESSES ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Harriet McDonald,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

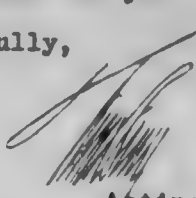
It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of William McDonald, son of Tom and Harriet McDonald, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, William McDonald, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth has been supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,



Acting Chairman.

Env.  
B.C.



17-1070

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 3, 1903.

Angeline McDonald,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, William McDonald, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any evidence as to the birth of this child has ever been filed with the Commission. You should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavits.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the same are acknowledged affixes his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signatures are by mark they must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as until this information is received nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of this child as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

B. C.  
Env.

Acting Chairman.

17-1070.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 1, 1903.

Angeline McDonald,

Care James H. Chambers,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit relative to the birth of Woody McDonald, minor son of Thomas and Harriet McDonald, August 1, 1898.

It appears from our records that on August 31, 1899, Harriet McDonald and her two minor children, Florence and William McDonald, were duly listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen. It further appears that the father of the children named was Thomas McDonald; but it does not appear that any application has ever been made for the enrollment of a child by the name of Woody McDonald, as a member of the above named family.

On February 3, 1903, you were requested to furnish the Commission with proof of the birth of William McDonald. You are now advised that it will be necessary that affidavits relative to the birth of William McDonald be forwarded to this office before any further consideration can be given his final enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and a blank for that purpose is enclosed you herewith.

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It appearing from our records that the mother of William McDonald is dead, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with the affidavits of two disinterested persons who know of the birth of William McDonald, and the fact that he is still living, and blanks for such purpose are enclosed you herewith.

This matter should receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Tom McDonald,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, William McDonald, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that a properly verified affidavit as to the birth of this child has been filed with the Commission, and you should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavit. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are sworn to, attaches his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signature is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

The mother of this child being dead, you should furnish the affidavits of two disinterested parties, who know of the birth of this child and that it is still alive, in lieu of her affidavit.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as until the affidavits requested are furnished nothing further can be

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in the matter of the enrollment of your son as a freeman of the  
Charter Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

H.C.  
Muv.

17-1070

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 13, 1903.

Ann McDonald,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 25, 1903, enclosing the affidavits of Frances Brown and Ben Moses relative to the birth of Woodie McDonald, infant son of Tom and Harriet Eudella McDonald, August 1, 1898.

It appears from our records that on August 31, 1899, Harriet McDonald and her two minor children, Florence and William McDonald, were duly listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen.

It further appears from our records that on February 3, 1903, you were requested to furnish the Commission with evidence of the birth of the William McDonald above referred to, and on April 1, 1903, there was received at this office your affidavit relative to the birth of Woody McDonald, minor son of Thomas and Harriet McDonald, August 1, 1898, and in acknowledging receipt of the same you were advised that it did not appear from our records that any application had ever been made for the enrollment of a child by the name of Woody McDonald as a member of the above named family, and you were again requested to furnish the Commission with proof of birth of William McDonald, a blank for such purpose being enclosed therewith.

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You are now requested to state whether the affidavits signed by yourself, Frances Brown and Ben Moses relative to the birth of Woodie McDonald, August 1, 1898, are intended as proof of birth of the child William McDonald.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS

TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRACKINRIDGE,  
W. E. STANLEY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES. 17-1070.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Atoka, I. T. Dec. 20th, 1903.

Commission to the  
Five Civilized Tribes.

Your letter dated Nov. 13th was rec'd, and I will  
say in reply that the affidavits signed by Francis Brown, Ben  
Moses and myself are prof of the child William McDonald.

Respect.

Ann McDonald.



17-1070.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 26, 1903.

Ann McDonald,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant, stating that the affidavits signed by Frances Brown, Ben Moses and yourself, relative to the birth of Woody McDonald, which were recently forwarded to the Commission are intended as proof of the birth of William McDonald.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BERRY,  
THOMAS B. WHEELER,  
C. E. BRIDGEMAN,  
WM. O. HALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

THIS IS COPY TO THE FOLLOWING:  
17-1070

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 15, 1904.

Tom McDonald,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the enrollment of your minor child, Woodie McDonald, as a Choctaw Freedman, was approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 28, 1904. It does not appear, however, that selection of allotment of the lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, of said child, has as yet been made.

You are therefore notified to appear before the land office for the nation in which you desire his allotment for the purpose of making selection thereof.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Harriett McDonald, said McDonald being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name is Annie McDonald and she used to be long to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Indian Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs,

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and correct copy of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Woodie McDonald, born on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Aug, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Tom McDonald a citizen of the Choctaw Nation  
Name of Mother: Harriet Emma McDonald a citizen of the Choctaw Nation  
Post-office \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF ~~MOTHER~~ Francis Brown

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Centrae District.

I, Francis Brown, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by Blood of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I ~~was the lawful wife of~~ was acquainted with Tom McDonald ~~husband~~  
of the Mrs. Harriet E. McDonald his wife citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation; that a male child was  
born to Mrs. H. E. McDonald on 1<sup>st</sup> day of Aug, 1898 that said child has been named  
Woodie McDonald, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Francis Brown

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1908

D C Blossum

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Ben Moses  
AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR HIS WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Centrae District.

I, Ben Moses, on oath state that I ~~was~~  
was acquainted with Harriet E. McDonald ~~husband~~  
wife of Tom McDonald ~~husband~~  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Aug, 1898 that there was born to her on said  
date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
Woodie McDonald.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Ben Moses

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Oct, 1908

D C Blossum

NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

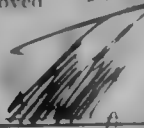
INFANT CHILD

*Woody McDonald*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw (Frederick)* Nation

Approved DEC 26 1903



Commissioner

*proof of birth of child  
for whose enrollment  
application was made.*

*8-31-99*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEC 26 1903



Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Moody McDonald (Here insert name of child), born on the 1st day of August, 1898  
Name of Father: Thos. McDonald a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Harriet McDonald a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office: Atoka Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY. } District.

Mother and Father are dead.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation; that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation; that a \_\_\_\_\_ child was born to me on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_; that said child has been named \_\_\_\_\_, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1900

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY. } District.

Central District.  
I, Angelina McDonald, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Harriet McDonald, wife of Thos McDonald on the 1st day of August, 1898 that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Moody McDonald

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of March 1900

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF,

Harriet McDonald

a citizen of the

Choctaw Freedman Acton.

Approved

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C. H. Austin  
Commissioner

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN #1070



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Harriet McDonald  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the Cherokee Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Shingtown, Ind. Ter., and died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of post office)

May, 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Central District.  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

I, Angeline McDonald, on oath state that I am about 50  
years of age and a citizen by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.; that I am

the mother of Harriet McDonald  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen by freedman of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Harriet McDonald died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

May, 1902 Angeline McDonald  
WITNESSES TO MAKE her  
Jim Brown mark

(Must be Two Witnesses) Tom Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of November, 1902  
R. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Central District.  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

I, Estella McNeill, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age, and a citizen by freedman of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Harriet McDonald  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen by freedman of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Harriet McDonald died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

May, 1902 Estella McNeill

(Must be Two Witnesses) \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of November, 1902  
R. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choc. Fr. 1071  
Alex Carter

Fr. 1071

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Alex Carter, said Carter being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother is Annie McDonald and she belonged to Sam Colbert, a Choctaw. I have been living in the territory all my life.

My wife's mother used to be Caroline Colbert, a Chickasaw, and she has lived in the Indian Territory all her life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon the official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

Choc. Fr. 1072

Lester Perry

Fr. 1072

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CHOCTAW ENROLLMENT  
FREEDMAN

Lester Perry, et, al.

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Decision Rendered May 3 1905

GRANTED.

Copy of Decision Forwarded.  
Attorneys For Choctaw and Chickasaw  
Nations. May 3 1905

Copy of Decision Forwarded  
Applicant May 3 1905.

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FRANK W

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lester Perry, said perry  
being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als.,  
testified:

My mother is Patsy Perry and she used to belong to Jesse  
Wright, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Choctaw Nation.

Dept. of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of  
the stenographic notes of the testimony of Lester Perry, taken at Atoka, I.T.,  
August 31, 1899.

*L. M. ...*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, DECEMBER 5, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Celie Perry, Beatrice Perry, Wesley Perry and Luther Perry as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

LESTER PERRY

Being first duly sworn testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

- Q What is your name? A Lester Perry.
- Q Are you enrolled as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation?
- A Yes sir.
- Q Have you taken your allotment? A Yes sir I have taken my allotment.
- Q When did you first apply before the Commission? A When the Dawes Commission was first going around enrolling the Choctaws and Chickasaws.
- Q Do you know how many years ago that was? A It has been 4 or 5 years ago, maybe 6 years ago; it was when they was around the first time.
- Q Where was it that you appeared before the Commission the first time? A At Atoka.
- Q Where at Atoka? A It was out at what they called Vail's Park, about a mile west of town.
- Q Were you sworn and examined at that time? A Yes sir.
- Q For whom did you apply at that time? A I applied for myself and my three children.
- Q Are you sure you mentioned the names of your children?
- A Yes sir.
- Q What are the names of the three children you applied for at that time? A Celie Perry, Beatrice Perry and Wesley Perry.
- Q You say you mentioned the names of these children at that time? A Yes sir, it was this way: that was after my wife was enrolled as a Cherokee and I went down there to enroll and I wanted to get my children on the roll; Linton Telle was there and I told him my wife was on the Cherokee roll and I ask him if I could put my children on the Choctaw roll with me: He said he would see the Captain of the Com-



mission and see if they could be put on the Choctaw roll; he said they couldn't get on the Cherokee roll with their mother. He seen the Captain of the Commission, and he said he guess they had better be enrolled with me. The other one has been enrolled since then.

Q What is the name of the other child? A Luther Perry.

Q Where are you living now? A Six miles north of Atoka.

Q Are all of these children living now? A Yes sir.

Q Where are they living? A They are living at home with me.

Q Who is the mother of these children? A Josephine Perry.

Q What was her maiden name? A Her maiden name was Josephine Flax but they called her Daisy McCoy.

Q What is this paper? A That is the marriage certificate of myself and Josephine Flax.

Q Is the A. D. Perry mentioned in this certificate yourself?

A Yes sir.

Q Have you got two names? A My name is Austin; that is one of my names; I was registered as Lester and my mail all comes now from the Dawes Commission to Lester Perry, but I am mostly called Austin.

Q Who is the Josephine Flax mentioned in this certificate?

A That is my wife.

Q What is she; a freedman? A Yes sir. She's a freedman.

Q What Nation? A Cherokee Nation.

Q Have you ever applied for the enrollment of these children as Cherokee freedmen? A No sir.

Q Has anyone else ever applied for them as Cherokee freedmen.

A Not that I know of; their grandmother and great grandmother both live in the Cherokee Nation but me nor their mother neither ever applied for them in the Cherokee Nation.

Q Your wife Josephine has applied in the Cherokee Nation?

A Yes sir.

Q Under what name has she applied? A Daisy McCoy she always told me.

Q If the Commission should find that these children are entitled to be enrolled as Cherokee freedmen and Choctaw freedmen in which Nation do you elect that they should be enrolled? A I want them enrolled as Choctaws.

Q And if the Commission should enroll them as Choctaw freedmen do you on their behalf relinquish all right and title and interest which these children may have or might have in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q What is your wife's mother's name? A Leah Cushenbury; she goes by the name of McCoy.

Q Is her grandmother living? A Yes sir.

Q What is her name? A As near as I can remember it is Sina Thompson.

Q Is your wife living with you in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.

Q What is your post office address? A Lehigh.



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Mattie V. Vaughn states upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mattie V. Vaughn

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me  
this 5th day of December 1904.

Charles H. Farrey  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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J. CHARLES

THIS CERTIFIES

MARRIAGE

State of New York

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*McDonald*

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Luther Perry*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation

Approved, OCT 30 1901 190

*C. R. Beckwith*  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Croctaw Nation,  
 of Luther Perry, born on the 19th day of April, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Lester Perry, a citizen of the Croctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Josephine Perry, a citizen of the Croctaw Nation.  
 Post-office, Schleigh, Ind. Ky.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Cent District.

I, Josephine Perry, on oath state that I am 31  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Lester Perry, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Croctaw Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on the 19th day of April, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Luther Perry, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Josephine Perry

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of August, 1901.

Joseph H. ...  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Cent District.

I, Mrs. Lizzie Brown, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Josephine Perry, wife of Lester Perry,  
 on the 19th day of April, 1901; that there was born to her on  
 said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named Luther Perry.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Lizzie Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of August, 1901.

Joseph H. ...  
NOTARY PUBLIC

*W.B.*

17-1072.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Celie Perry, Beatrice Perry, Wesley Perry and Luther Perry as  
Choctaw Freedmen.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on August 31, 1899  
at Atoka, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission  
for the enrollment of Celie Perry, Beatrice Perry and Wesley Perry,  
as Choctaw Freedmen, and that on October 30, 1901, there was filed  
with this Commission a written application for the enrollment of  
Luther Perry, as Choctaw Freedman. Further proceedings were had  
in the matter of said application at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
on December 5, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the  
applicants are the minor children of Lester Perry, a recognized  
and enrolled Choctaw Freedman, whose name appears as No. 248,  
on the lists prepared by this Commission, under the Act of  
Congress approved July 1, 1900, (32 Stat., 441) of persons entitled  
to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, and approved by the Secretary  
of the Interior April 2, 1900, and his wife Josephine Perry, who at  
the time of her marriage was a member of the Choctaw Nation.

It further appears from the record herein that on December  
5, 1904 at Muskogee, Indian Territory, Lester Perry, the father of  
the applicants appeared in person before the Commission and stated  
that he had his children enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that  
Celie Perry, Beatrice Perry, Wesley Perry and Luther Perry should  
be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, in accordance with the provisions  
of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1900 (32 Stat., 441) and  
July 2, 1900 (32 Stat., 441), and it is so ordered.

*[Signature]*  
Chairman  
*[Signature]*  
Secretary

*C. R. Beckwith*  
Commissioner

MAY 1905

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 31, 1901.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Luther Perry, the infant son of Lester and Josephine Perry, born April 19, 1900, and the same is returned to you herewith.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that her name is Josephine Perry, that she is 31 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation. If this is a fact, you are requested to state her full maiden name, the time and place she made application for enrollment, the names of her parents and any other information that may lead to her identification.

Upon receipt of this information and the return of the application will be given further consideration.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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(Copy)

Lehigh Ind.Ter.

Sept. 13 1901.

Commission to the five

Civilized Tribes

sir yours of Aug 31 at hand. in regards to your request and as to the certainty of my wife maiden name is that her name was Josephine Flax as to the place she was enroled I am not where but if my memrie serve right it was at Ft.Gibson

Now I want to say just here that when she was enroled she was enroled by the name of Mc.Coy and she was Enroled as Daisy Mc.Coy for what this was done for I am not able to tell but her Grand Mother and Mother can tell I supose they are residing now at Vinita I. T. and is know as Sinie Mc.Coy and Lear Mc.Coy those are the names they are Enroled by her mother and Farther when Lived here went by the name of Wesly Flax and Lear Flax.

her mother  
Lear is now married a second time and is known as Lear Cushenberry and Lives at Vinita I. T. this all I am able to state and be sure but I know she drew money in the Cherokee Nation with the Freedmans of that Nation her and all her Brothers sisters and mother and Grandma.

I dont know hether you entended that I should go before a Magistrate or not if so I will state that I am unable to do so just Now

Lester Perry





Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 21, 1901.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory .

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 13th, relative to the enrollment of your child Luther Perry, as a Choctaw Freedman .

If you will now forward to this office the application previously submitted by you for the enrollment of this child, the matter will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-1072

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1901.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation of Luther Perry, the infant son of Lester and Josephine Perry, born April 19, 1901.

~~In the affidavit of the mother, Josephine Perry, she~~  
states that she is a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation but it does not appear from our records that any application has been made by her for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

The application for the enrollment of Luther Perry, being in proper form has been accepted by the Commission as evidence of the birth of the child but as it appears the mother claims to be a Cherokee freedman, no definite action will be taken toward listing the child for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman until the disposition of the claim of the mother for enrollment as a freedman of the Cherokee nation. The same is true of your other children, Celie, Beatrice and Wesley Perry.

Yours truly,

Choctaw Freedman  
1072

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 8, 1904.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter asking if your children are entitled to share in the distribution of land of the Choctaw nation.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Celie, Beatrice, Wesley and Luther Perry, children of Lester and Josephine Perry, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 23, 1904.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 16th inst., stating the names and ages of your minor children, and the information has been made of record in the matter of the application for enrollment of said children as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1072.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1904.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of your minor children.

You are informed that before the application for the enrollment of your minor children can be given further consideration it will be necessary that you supply the Commission with evidence of the marriage between yourself and the mother of said children. If you are unable to furnish the original marriage license and certificate, or a certified copy thereof, the affidavits of eye witnesses to said marriage, if forwarded to this office, will receive due consideration.

Respectfully,

JD.

Chairman.

17-1072

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 27, 1904.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant, enclosing the certificate of marriage between A. L. Perry and Josephine Plax, and the same have been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment of your minor children Celie, Beatrice, Wesley and Luther Perry as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BERRY,  
THOMAS R. NEEDLES,  
C. E. BRACKENRIDGE,  
WM. O. BRALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 16, 1904.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant requesting to be advised why your minor children Celie, Beatrice, Wesley and Luther Perry have not been approved as Choctaw freedmen.

~~You are advised that before the application for the en-~~  
rollment of said children can be given further consideration it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory for the purpose of testifying relative to the time and place application was made for the enrollment of said children and by whom such application was made. It is important that such appearance be made with as little delay as possible.

Respectfully,

  
Chairman.



COMMISSIONERS:

TAMM BLESBY,  
THOMAS R. NEEDLES,  
C. E. BRACKINRIDGE,

WM. O. BEALL,  
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 11, 1905

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 2, 1905, asking to be advised whether or not application has been made for the enrollment of Celie, Beatrice, Wesley, and Luther Perry, children of Leslie and Josephine Perry, as Cherokee freedmen.

In reply you are advised that an examination of the records of the Cherokee Enrollment Division fails to disclose that application has been made for the enrollment of the parties referred to as Cherokee freedmen, under the names indicated.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 2, 1905.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

You are requested to advise the Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division whether any application has ever been made for the enrollment of Celie, Beatrice, Wesley and Luther Perry, children of Leslie and Josephine Perry, as Cherokee Freedmen, and if so give status of their application for such enrollment.

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It appears from the records of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division that the mother of these children, Josephine Perry, is a Cherokee Freedman and is enrolled as such under the name of Daisy McCoy.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Chectaw Freedman  
1072

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 2, 1905.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 25, giving the names of your wife and children and requesting to know what is causing the delay in their enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission is now considering the application for the enrollment of your children, Celie, Beatrice, Wesley and Luther Perry, as Chectaw freedmen, and you will be advised of such action as may be taken.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1072

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1905.

COPY.

Lester Perry,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered May 3, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of your children, Celie Perry, Beatrice Perry, Wesley Perry, and Luther Perry, as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling your children as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED!

James Dickey

Registered.  
Enc. 17-1072.

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1908.

COPY.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered May 3, 1908, granting the application for the enrollment of Celie Perry, Beatrice Perry, Wesley Perry and Luther Perry as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicants as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of said time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

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Registered.  
Enc. 17-1072.

Chairman.

See 17-1478 for registry receipt for this letter.

Choc. Fr. 1073

Sylvester Fisher

Fr. 1073

FRANKMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sylvester Fisher, said Fisher being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Phoebe Fisher and she belonged to Eden Ward, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the territory.

My wife's mother was Salina Salina Mahardy and she belonged to George Pussley, a Choctaw. My wife has always lived in the territory.

Department of the Interior,

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. Needles

FRIEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Henry and Lou Harris, their brother, Sylvester Fisher, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

Henry and Lou Harris' mother was Phoebe Fisher and she belonged to Edon Ward, a Choctaw. They have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the Census

I herewith certify that the foregoing  
stenographic transcript is a true and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes

R. M. DeLoach



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE,

Atoka, Indian Territory, April 8, 1904.

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In the matter of the enrollment of Henry Harris and Lou Harris as Freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, Choctaw Freedmen Card No. 1073, Approved Roll No's. 3648 and 3649.

In the matter of the enrollment of John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris as Freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, Choctaw Freedmen Card No. 577, Approved Roll No's. 1225 and 1226.

SYLVESTER FISHER being first duly sworn on oath  
testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name ? A Sylvester Fisher.  
Q What is the name of your father ? A August Fisher.  
Q What is the name of your mother ? A Phoebe Harris.  
Q Are both your father and mother dead ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you any half brothers and sisters ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me their names ? A Henry and Lou Harris.  
Q Who is the father of these two children ? A Robt. Harris.  
Q What is the name of their mother ? A Phoebe Harris.  
Q Is this child Henry Harris ever called John Henry Harris ?  
A Yes, sir; that is his nick name -- John Henry.  
Q Is this child Lou Harris ever called any other name ? A Yes,  
sir; her name is Louis, but we always called her Lou and I  
had her enrolled that way.  
Q Did you make application for the enrollment of Henry and Lou  
Harris as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation to the Commission to  
the Five Civilized Tribes in 1899 ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where did you make that application ? A Right here -- the Com-  
mission was camped here near Atoka.  
Q Is the father of these two children living at this time ?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Where does he live ? A Down below Antlers, I. T.  
Q What is the age of Henry Harris ? A I do not know exactly.  
Q Well about how old do you think he is ? A I do not know ex-  
actly -- I have had the children seven years this coming Aug-  
ust -- he is about twenty I guess -- he claims to be twenty  
one, but I do not think he is hardly that old.  
Q You have had these children with you for seven years you say ?  
A Yes, sir/  
Q And they have not lived with their father Robt. Harris since  
the time you first took them ? A No, sir.  
Q Has Robt. Harris a daughter by the name of Rosella ? A Yes.  
Q One named Vineta ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these two children also your half sisters ? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

HENRY HARRIS being first duly sworn as a witness testifies as follows:

- Q What is your name ? A Henry Harris.  
Q What is the name of your father ? A Robt. Harris.  
Q What is the name of your mother ? A Phoebe Harris.  
Q Are you a half brother to Sylvester Fisher the witness who just testified here ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you live with him ? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you been living with him ? A Seven years.  
Q Have you any sisters ? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are their names ? A Rosetta, Vineta and Louisa.  
Q Is this your sister, Louisa, who is here present ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does she live with your half brother, Sylvester Fisher ? A Yes, sir; we both live there with him.  
Q Has she lived with him the same length of time you have ? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

LOU HARRIS being first duly sworn as a witness testifies as follows:

- Q What is your name ? A Louisa Harris.  
Q Are you some times called Lou ? A Yes, sir; that is what my folk call me.  
Q What is the name of your father ? A Robt. Harris.  
Q What is the name of your mother ? A Phoebe Harris.  
Q Are you a full sister to Henry Harris the witness who was just on the stand ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you a sister to Vineta Harris ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Sylvester Fisher your half borther ? A Yes, sir.  
Q You heard the testimony of your borther did you not ? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you been living with Sylvester Fisher the same length of time he has ? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

Fred V. Kinkade being first duly sworn on oath states that above and foregoing is a true, full and correct translation of his stenographic notes as taken in said cause on said date.

*Fred V. Kinkade*  
Sworn to before me this April 12, 1904.

*Wm. Kelly*  
Notary Public

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 19, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Chickasaw Land Office,  
Tishomingo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith copy of a letter this day addressed to the Secretary of the Interior recommending the cancellation of the enrollment of John Henry and Louisa Harris, opposite Nos. 1225 and 1226 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen. As soon as the Commission is advised of Departmental action in this matter, your office will be duly notified.

You are therefore requested to withhold the issuance of citizenship certificates or the making of allotments to the freedmen whose names appear opposite numbers 1225 and 1226 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, until otherwise further advised.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Inc. W-19-2.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 19, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Chootaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith copy of letter this day addressed to the Secretary of the Interior recommending the cancellation of the enrollment of John Henry and Louisa Harris, opposite Nos. 1225 and 1226 upon the approved roll of Chootaw freedmen. As soon as the Commission is advised of Departmental action in this matter, your office will be duly notified.

You are therefore requested to withhold the issuance of citizenship certificates or the making of allotments to the freedmen whose names appear opposite numbers 1225 and 1226 upon the approved roll of Chootaw freedmen, until otherwise further advised.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Inc. W-19-1.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 19, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

On March 16, 1903, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes had the honor to transmit for Departmental consideration a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen numbers 1032 to 2386, inclusive, copies of which have been heretofore returned approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

The Commission now has the honor to advise that on April 8, 1904, Sylvester Fisher, whose name appears upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen opposite No. 3645, appeared at the Choctaw Land Office of the Commission in Atoka, Indian Territory, and from his testimony at that time it developed that John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris, whose names appear opposite numbers 1225 and 1226, respectively, are his half brother and sister and are identical with Henry Harris and Lou Harris, whose names appear upon the schedule of Choctaw freedmen transmitted with our letter of September 9, 1903, opposite numbers 3648 and 3649, respectively. The testimony of the said Henry Harris and Lou Harris was also taken at the same time, and for the information of the Department there is inclosed herewith copy of the testimony of Sylvester Fisher and Henry and

Secretary, -2-

Lou Harris of April 8, 1904.

The Commission has therefore to recommend that the enrollment of John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris opposite numbers 1225 and 1226 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen be cancelled on the schedules of Choctaw freedmen and letters of transmittal in the office of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and that the Commission be authorized to cancel their enrollment upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen and letters of transmittal in its possession.

Respectfully,

*James H. ...*

Chairman.

*T. F. ...*  
Commissioner.

*D. B. ...*  
Commissioner.

Through the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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D C 15078-1904      DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
ITD 3650-1904      WASHINGTON.      May 6, 1904.  
LRS

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I.T.

Gentlemen:

The Department is in receipt of your communication of April 19, 1904, recommending that the enrollment of John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris, whose names appear opposite numbers 1225 and 1226, respectively, upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, be cancelled on the schedules of Choctaw freedmen and letters of transmittal in this office and the office of Indian Affairs, and that the Commission be authorized to cancel their enrollment upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen and letters of transmittal in its possession, for the reason that it is shown by the testimony of Sylvester Fisher and Henry Harris and Lou Harris, a copy of which is transmitted, that John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris are identical with Henry Harris and Lou Harris whose names appear on the schedule of Choctaw freedmen opposite numbers 3648 and 3649, respectively.

Reporting May 2 the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs concurs in your recommendation. A copy of his letter is inclosed.

The enrollment of John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris, numbers 1225 and 1226, respectively, on the schedule of Choctaw freedmen

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is hereby cancelled, and you are directed to note such cancellation on the copies of the schedule returned to you. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been requested to note the cancellation on the copy of the schedule in his office.

Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, May 2, 1904.

( COPY )

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration letter of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, of the 19th instant, referring to the fact that on March 16, 1903, the Commission transmitted for Departmental consideration a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of the Choctaw freedmen, Nos. 1032 to 2386, inclusive, copies of which were approved by you April 8, 1903, and returned to the Commission.

The Commission now reports that on April 8, 1904, Sylvester Fisher, whose name appears upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen opposite No. 3645, appeared at the Choctaw Land Office of the Commission, in Atoka, and from his testimony at that time it developed that John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris, whose names appeared opposite Nos. 1225 and 1226, respectively, are his half brother and sister, and are identical with Henry Harris and Louisa Harris whose names appear upon the schedule of Choctaw freedmen transmitted with letter of the Commission of September 9, 1903, opposite Nos. 3648 and 3649, respectively.

The testimony of Henry Harris and Louisa Harris was also taken at the same time, and for the information of the Department there is enclosed copy of the testimony of Sylvester Fisher and Henry

and Louisa Harris of April 8, 1904.

The Commission therefore recommends that the enrollment of John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris, opposite Nos. 1225 and 1226, upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, be cancelled on the schedules of Choctaw freedmen and letters of transmittal in your office and in this office, and that the Commission be authorized to cancel their enrollment on the schedules of Choctaw freedmen and letters of transmittal in its possession.

I concur in this recommendation.

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Very respectfully,

A. C. Tonner.

Acting Commissioner.

E.B.H. - L.C.

Choctaw Freedman  
1073

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 16, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed you herewith copy of Departmental letter of May 6, 1904, (I.T.D. 3650-1904) authorizing the cancellation of the enrollment of John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris, opposite Numbers 1225 and 1226, respectively, upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen.

You are, therefore, authorized to cancel the enrollment of John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris, Numbers 1225 and 1226 upon the approved schedules of Choctaw freedmen and letters of transmittal in the possession of your office.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Choctaw Freedman  
1073

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 16, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Choctaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed you herewith copy of Departmental letter of May 6, 1904, (I.T.D. 3650-1904) authorizing the cancellation of the enrollment of John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris, opposite Numbers 1225 and 1226, respectively, upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, and upon the letters of transmittal.

You are, therefore, authorized to cancel the enrollment of John Henry Harris and Louisa Harris, Numbers 1225 and 1226 upon the approved schedules of Choctaw freedmen in the possession of your office and upon the letters of transmittal thereof.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

AB 3-16

17-1073

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 18, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to original Choctaw freedman enrollment card, No. 1073, Sylvester Fisher, et al., you are advised that the following information relative to the parentage of Nos. 4 and 5 on said card have been placed upon the reverse side of said card.

On line 4 under the name of "Mother", "Phoebe Harris, Dead", and on line 5 in the same columns have been placed ditto marks.

You are therefore requested to make like additions on the reverse side of the corresponding duplicate card in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1073

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 18, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to original Choctaw freedman enrollment card, No. 1073, Sylvester Fisher, et al., you are advised that the following information relative to the parentage of Nos. 4 and 5 on said card have been placed upon the reverse side of said card.

On line 4 under the name of "Mother", "Phoebe Harris, Dead", and on line 5 in the same columns have been placed ditto marks.

You are therefore requested to make like additions on the reverse side of the corresponding duplicate card in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 1074

Fr 1074

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Henry Thompson, said Thompson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to old man Giles Thompson's wife, a Choctaw. I have never been out of the nation a month in my life.

I was married to my wife by the Indian law by a preacher named Collins. They did not give out any marriage certificates when I was married.

Ester Perry: I know Henry Thompson. I know he is married to his wife. I know they were married. I was <sup>not</sup> at the wedding, but they were married. She told me that she was married to Mr. Thompson and they lived together as man and wife.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

R. M. Edwards



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COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BERRY,  
THOMAS E. WHEELER,  
C. E. BRACKENRIDGE,  
WM. O. BRALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

NUMBER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 9, 1905.

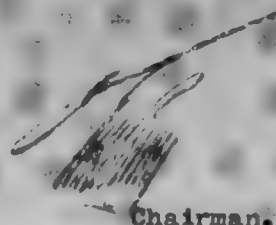
Henry Thompson,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Information has reached this office that your son Harrison Thompson has died since the time he was listed for enrollment.

For the purpose of making his death a matter of record there is inclosed herewith blank which you are requested to have executed and returned to this office as early as practicable. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and the Notary Public beforewhom the same are acknowledged affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

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Choc. Fr. 1075

Easter Perry

Fr. 1075

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I. T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Easter Perry, said Perry being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My father was named Kiah and he belonged to old man George Hawkins. My father and mother were married. Mr. Telle's uncle married my father and mother. I am a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the stenographic notes of the examination of Easter Perry, and that the transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

W. H. L. ...

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Ester Perry*  
a ~~resident~~ of the

*Choctaw*, Nation

Approved NOV 25 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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NOV 25 1902

*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN #1075

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Ester Perry (Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Lehigh, Ind. Ter., and died on the 7 day of  
July, 1900  
(Here insert name of post office)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Jeff Perry, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by free man of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Lehigh, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
husband of Ester Perry  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by free man of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Ester Perry died on the 3 day of  
July, 1900  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of July, 1902.  
D. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Ruth Anderson, on oath state that I am 50  
years of age, and a citizen, by free man, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Atoka, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with Ester Perry  
who was a citizen, by free man, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Ester Perry died on the 3 day of  
July, 1900  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of July, 1902.  
Ruth X Anderson  
Wm A. [unclear]  
D. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public.

Choc. Fr. 1076

Alex Harris

Fr. 1076

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Alex Harris, said Harris being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother's name was Nicey Thompson and she belonged to Giles Thompson, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify that the official use of this stenographer to the named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. Reynolds

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, Philip Wright a Minister of the gospel hereby certify that on the 14 day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety 7 Mr. Alexander Harris of Kansas City, Mo. in the County of Jackson and State of Missouri and M. Pinkie Ailep of Kansas City in the County of Jackson and State of Missouri were by me united in marriage at 1862 Terrace St in the County of Jackson and State of Missouri, according to the laws of said state.

I further certify that the marriage license was issued in the county of Jackson, State of Missouri, on the 14 day of June A. D. 1897.

Witnesses W. New

H. Ailep.

Rev. P. H. Wright.

Geo. C. Gaugh, Printing and binding, Kansas City, Mo.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Tams Bixby Acting Chairman.



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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lucindy Harris*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation.

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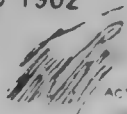
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
 of *Lucindy Harris*, born on the *1st* day of *Febry*, 1901  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: *Alex Harris* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Sindie Harris* a citizen of the *U. S.* Nation.  
 Post-office *Stringtown, T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Central Judicial* Indian Territory District.

I, *Sindie Harris*, on oath state that I am *29*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *of the United States* Nation:  
 that I am the lawful wife of *Alex Harris*, who is a citizen, by  
*Adoption* of the *Choctaw* Nation; that a *Female* child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on *1st* day of *Febry*, 1901; that said child has been  
 named *Lucindy Harris*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Pinkie Harris*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

*3<sup>d</sup>* day of *April*, 1902  
*S. S. Kennedy*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Central Judicial* Indian Territory District.

I, *Melinda Dorsey*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mr. *Sindie Harris*, wife of *Alex Harris*  
 on the *1st* day of *Febry*, 1901, that there was born to her on  
 said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 named *Lucindy Harris*, her  
*Melinda Dorsey*  
 midwife

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Saisie Washington*  
*Warwick Garrett*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

*3<sup>d</sup>* day of *April*, 1902  
*S. S. Kennedy*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Mary Harris*  
as a child of the

*Chodaw Friedman*

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*[Signature]*  
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*[Signature]*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Niecey Harris, born on the 25th day of July, 1902  
Name of Father: Alex Harris, a <sup>freedman</sup> citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Pinkie Harris, a ~~citizen of the~~ Non Citizen Nation.

Post-Office:

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )

I, Pinkie Harris, on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a ~~citizen~~ by Non Citizen of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alex Harris, who is a ~~citizen~~ by  
freedman of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
born to me on the 25th day of July, 1902; that said child has been  
named Niecey Harris, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MAKE

Pinkie Harris

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November, 1902.

R. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )

I, Jane Ward, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Pinkie Harris, wife of Alex Harris,  
on the 25th day of July, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Niecey Harris.

WITNESSES TO MAKE

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Jane Ward  
Wm. A. Harris  
Wm. A. Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November, 1902.

R. H. Smebaugh  
Notary Public

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
South McAlester, Ind. Ter. July 23, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Betsy Thompson being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A My name is Betsy Thompson.  
Q Do you go by any other name? A Winslow.  
Q How old are you? A I am one hundred and one.  
Q Are you that old Aunt Betsy? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A I haven't no father.  
Q Do you know the name of your mother? A My mother is named Polly, she belonged to white people not in this state.  
Q You were a slave before the war? A Yes, sir, slave from a little girl.  
Q What was the name of your owner? A My first owner was named Polson.  
Q Who was your owner just before the war? A Giles Thompson.  
Q Were you his slave at the time you were freed? A Yes, sir, me and my children.  
Q Was Giles Thompson an Indian? A He wasn't Indian but he had two Indian wives, one died and he married the other sister; their name was Walls.  
Q Their name was Wall? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of his first Indian wife? A Sallie.  
Q When did she die? A It has been years and years since she died.  
Q That was long before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of the other wife he had? A Charlotte.  
Q Was Charlotte his wife just before the war? A No, sir.  
Q Who was his wife then? A After she died he married a white woman.  
Q Did Charlotte die before the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long before the war, do you remember? A No, sir, I don't know just exactly how long, I don't remember.  
Q Several years before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q This Sallie and Charlotte were they members of some Indian tribe? A Yes, sir.  
Q What nation? A I don't remember.  
Q Where did they live? A They lived at Doakesvil e.  
Q You don't know what Indian tribe they belonged to? A No, sir.  
Q You know they they were Indians? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did Sallie or Charlotte have any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q By this man Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, they were all grown they died.  
Q Are any of those children living? A No, sir, not that I know of; they ain't any of them living now as I know of.

- Q What were the names of some of those children? A Nettie and Sophia and Albert and Betsy.
- Q Those were all the children that they had? A Yes, sir, I think that was all they had - they had more but I guess they died.
- Q Did Giles Thompson have a child named Waldimer? A He didn't have nary one named Waldimer as I know of, but he had one named Albert and the other one was named - he died in Texas and I can't recall his name now.
- Q Who was Albert's mother? A His mother was named Charlotte Thompson.
- Q She was his second wife? A Yes, sir.
- Q After Charlotte Wall died who was Giles Thompson's next wife?
- A After she died he married a white woman in Texas and I forget her name.
- Q This wife he married in Texas was that the woman he was living with in the war? A Just after the war.
- Q Then he didn't have any wife during the war and just before the war after Charlotte died? A No, sir, none but that white woman; he got her sight and unseen.
- Q At the time the war broke out you were the slave of Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, all my children were born on Thompson's place right down at the salt works.
- Q Where are those salt works located? A Way down on Boggy.
- Q Were these children of Giles and his Indian wives living there with him at the time of the war? A No, sir, the girls were married off.
- Q They were all grown at that time? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many slaves did Giles Thompson have? A I x couldn't tell you, he had a good many.
- Q Did he have as many as fifty? A I guess he had over fifty.
- Q Did he have as many as a hundred? A Just about that children and all.
- Q Do you remember the names of any of his slaves? A Uncle Cook and Aunt Rachel, that is two,; Aunt Pagy is three and Aunt Jinny is four and Sarah is five; that is how many women he had.
- Q Do you know a slave named Anderson? A Yes, sir, I believe he had a man named Anderson.
- Q Do you know whether he had one named Sid? A Yes, sir, Sydney Thompson; and Henry Thompson and Jim Thompson, they were my sons.
- Q Do you know one named Laura? A I know he had a slave named Grundy but I don't believe he had one named that.
- Q Do you know of one named Angie? A She is my daughter; I had four daughters and one died and the other daughters are at Stringtown.
- Q Angie was born a slave? A Yes, ir.
- Q Have you any other daughters? A Yes, sir, I have three living.
- Q What are their names? A Rachel and Frances; two boys, one named Jim and the other Henry.
- Q They are both living? A Yes, sir, all my children were born slaves.
- Q Did Giles Thompson have some children by this white woman he married? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you know the names of those children? A No, sir.
- Q You are sure that these wives, Sallie and Charlotte, died some time before the war are you? A Charlotte died just commencing of the war, just about - yes, sir, I was a slave yet when she died but I can't remember what month but it was about Christmas.

- Q Had the war started yet when she died? A Yes, sir, the war had started but it hadn't ended yet.
- Q You are sure that she died while the war was going on? A Yes, sir, we use to give suppers for them; she said she was going to scald old Lincoln.
- Q They had started to fight had they - Indians had gone to the war had they? A Yes, sir, the Indians were going at the time she died.
- Q Where did you live during the war? A Didn't you hear me tell you at the salt works down on Boggy.
- Q You stayed there all the time? A Yes, sir, stayed there until we were freed.
- Q Did all these slaves stay there? A Yes, sir.
- Q The soldiers didn't come around there and run you off? A No, sir, we didn't see any soldiers at all.
- Q When did Giles Thompson die, do you know? A Been dead about six or seven years now I guess; that is as near as I can guess at it.
- Q About how long after the war when he died? A He died after the war, I don't know how long he lived then after the war.
- Q Did he live quite a while after? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you stay down there with him after the war? A No, sir, I left him; he said if we didn't get out he would burn the houses down and we went to Fort Smith.
- Q That was after the war? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long did you stay at Fort Smith? A About five years the children come out here and I walked out here.
- Q When he drove you out was after the fighting had all quit? A Yes, sir, we were all freed. George Harkins had one of my old mistresses and he told us he didn't like the way Giles was treating us and he told us to get out and Sam Ward he killed a beef and gave us.
- Q Did you know Henry Chalk? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did he live down there near you? A No, sir, he lived way down towards Caddo.
- Q He was a slave was he? A Yes, sir.
- Q Whose slave was he? A I can't recollect the name but I knowed him that is all.
- Q You don't know of any boys by these Indian women? A Yes, sir, ~~Intermittent~~ I told you his name, Albert:
- Q That is the only boy that Giles had by his Indian wife? A Yes, sir, and the other boy went to Texas to school and he died at Texas and I disremember his name, he was grown, but he died in Texas.
- Q Who were you slaves owned by, by Giles or his wife? A Giles Thompson.
- Q You were freed under Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, she didn't have no niggers, he bought us all.
- Q Was Giles Thompson ever recognized as a citizen of any Indian tribe? A I don't know but he was just the same as an Indian, he had two wives.
- Q They were both Indians? A Yes, sir.
- Q You don't know what tribe they belonged to? A No, sir - they were Choctaws.
- Q Their name before they married Giles was Wall? A Yes, sir.

- Q Do you know the names of any of their family? A No, sir.  
Q Did Giles ever have a slave named Nancy? A Yes, sir, she is dead, she was his cook.  
Q Did Giles have a slave named Mary? A Yes, sir, she is at Stringtown.  
Q Did he have one named Josephine or Jessie? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she dead or living? A She is dead I think.

Witness excused.

Chas. T. Difendaffer being first duly sworn states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

*Chas. T. Difendaffer*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July 1904.

*Charles H. Sawyer*  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Alexander Harris and his two children, Lucindy and Nicey Harris, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Alexander Harris, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Alexander Harris.  
Q How old are you? A Twenty-eight years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Stringtown.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Nicey Harris.  
Q What is your father's name? A Alexander Harris.  
Q Is your father living? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother is dead, is she? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your father a state man? A Yes sir, he is.  
Q Was your mother a state woman? A No sir, she was not.  
Q Was Nicey Harris, your mother, a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A She was.  
Q Who was her owner? A Giles Thompson.  
Q Giles Thompson a white man was he? A He was a white man.  
Q Was Giles Thompson's widow a Choctaw? A She was.  
Q You know her name? A I did know it, but I forgot it.

Sidney Thompson, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Sidney Thompson.  
Q You know Alexander Harris? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A Fifty-seven years of age.  
Q Who was Alexander Harris' mother? A His mother my sister.  
Q What was her name? A Nicey Harris.  
Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been enrolled yet? A No sir, not yet.

- Q Who did Nicey Harris belong to? A Giles Thompson.  
Q Was Giles Thompson a white man? A Yes sir.  
Q Married to a Choctaw? A Yes sir.  
Q Who did you belong to, to Giles Thompson or his wife?  
A His wife.  
Q Did Nicey Harris belong to Giles Thompson or his wife?  
A His wife.  
Q Was Nicey Harris a slave of Giles Thompson's wife at the  
time of the beginning of the war? A Before the war, slave  
good while before the war.  
Q Did she remain the slave of Giles Thompson all through the  
war? A All through, I was there on the place and ought to  
know.  
Q Do you remember the time of the surrender, when slaves  
were all thurned loose? A In '65?  
Q Yes sir, you remember that do you? A Yes sir.  
Q Was Nicey Harris on Giles Thompson's place at that time?  
A Right in the kitchen.  
Q Did she stay in the kitchen after the war was over?  
A Yes sir, nearly a year after the war was over.  
Q Where did Nicey Thompson live after the war? A She  
lived at Stringtown, that is where she did.  
Q Did she ever live outside of the Choctaw nation?  
A Always in the Choctaw nation.  
Q Did you know Alexander Harris since his birth? A Yes sir,  
ever since a baby.  
Q Where has he lived all the time? A He lived near  
Stringtown.  
Q He ever lived away? A Not that I know of.  
Q What was Alexander Harris' father's name? A Alex Harris.  
Q He was a state man? A Yes sir.  
Q You know Pinkie Harris? A Pinkie? No sir, I do not.  
A Parthena, that is his wife. That is what they called her.  
A Not that I know of.  
Q Whose wife is Pinkie Harris? A Alexander Harris'.  
Q She is a state woman? A Yes sir.

Alexander Harris, being recalled, testified as follows

- Q Did you ever live outside of the Choctaw nation? A Not  
for a home, tracked back and forward, catch train and run off  
month or so.  
Q Never stayed out but for month or so? A Not that I  
recollect.  
Q You never made your home anywhere else than Choctaw  
nation? A No, I was born here.  
Q Always lived here? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's proper name? A Proper name is  
Parthena Harris.  
Q Was Parthena Harris ever known by any other than that of  
Parthena Harris? A No, only Pinkie, that was her baby name.

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Q They called her Pinkie? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your wife's maiden name? A Allep.  
Q When was it you lived in Kansas City, Missouri?  
A That is where I married.  
Q Were you living there then? A I just went and  
stopped a month or so at a time, stopped at Galena, Kansas once.  
Q Did you ever make Kansas City your home? A No, I did not  
make my home, just went off and stayed two or three months.  
Q You have always made your home in the Choctaw country?  
A Always, yes sir.  
Q Never lived any place else? A No sir.

Sarah Jones, being first duly sworn upon her oath,  
testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Sarah Jones.  
Q Do you know Giles Thompson? A Yes sir.  
Q What kind of a man is Giles Thompson? A He is a white  
man.  
Q How old are you, auntie? A Could not say.  
Q About how old are you? A I just guessing at this, I  
sixty years.  
Q Were you the slave of Giles Thompson? A yes sir.  
Q Who was Giles Thompson's wife? A Charlotte Thompson.  
Q What was Charlotte Thompson's maiden name? A Walls.  
Q Was she a white woman or Choctaw Indian? A She was a  
Choctaw, one-quarter blood.  
Q You know Nicey Harris? A yes sir, I sure did.  
Q Did you live right on the place with Nicey Harris? A Yes  
sir.  
Q And you knew her all through the war? A yes sir.  
Q Was Nicey Harris a slave of Giles Thompson's wife and she  
stayed right on his place all through the war and even after  
the war, did she? A Yes sir.  
Q You were right there yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q And you knew her there at that time? A yes sir, we  
were all children together I ought to know her.  
Q Did Nicey Harris go out of the Choctaw country after the  
war was over? A No further than here to this town and  
Stringtown.  
Q She stayed in the Choctaw nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You remember the time the slaves were all freed? A Yes  
sir, I could not tell you date of the year, I cannot count.  
Q At that time when all were freed where was Nicey Harris?  
A Here at Stringtown.  
Q Or Giles Thompson's place? A There on her place then.  
Q There on Mrs. Thompson's place? A Yes sir.  
Q At the time of the surrender? A yes sir.  
Q How long after that, after the surrender, did Nicey  
Harris stay on Giles Thompson's place? A I could not remember  
that; I went to Ft. Smith after that, do not know how long she  
stayed.  
Q You stayed there yourself clear through the war and how  
long afterwards? A I was about nine months.

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Q How long did you stay at Giles Thompson's place after the surrender? A I stayed there two months I guess, near as I can come at it.

Q When you left was Nicey Harris on that place? A yes sir.

Q And that is the last you know of her? A yes sir.

Daisy D. Daubin upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Daisy D. Daubin*

Sworn to before me this the 24 day of September,  
A.D., 1904.

*W. J. Martin Jr*  
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 6, 1902.

Alex Harris,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Lucindy Harris infant daughter of Alex and Pinkie Harris, born February 1, 1901, and the same is returned to you herewith with the information that the mother of this child being a citizen of the United States, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with either your original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof.

Upon receipt of the same and return of the application for the enrollment of your child, the matter will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Enc. W. 166.

Commissioner in Charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 16, 1902.

Alexander Harris,  
Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing the marriage certificate of Alexander Harris and Pinkie Ailey, and also enclosing the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Lucindy Harris, the infant daughter of Alex and Pinkie Harris, born February 1, 1901.

The evidence of marriage enclosed in your letter has been duly filed with the records of this office and the application for the enrollment of Lucindy Harris, being in proper form, has also been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 27, 1904.

Alic Harris,

Stringtown, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter without date relative to your right to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and in reply you are advised that your name and the names of your children Lucindy and Nicey Harris, have not yet been placed upon the schedule of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

It is suggested, however, that you communicate with the Commission in about thirty or sixty days, when you will be notified whether your enrollment has been approved.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Alexander Harris,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children Lucindy and Nicey Harris, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as early as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of William Thompson, said Thompson being examined by Commissioner Needles et als., and sworn by him, testified:

I belonged to old Giles Thompson. He was a white man, but his wife was a Choctaw. I have been living right here in this Choctaw Nation since I was turned free.

My wife is a citizen. She belonged to old lady Polly Hampton, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, fair and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDaniel

Choc. Fr. 1078  
Sid Thompson

Fr. 1078

## FREEDMAN

### COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES?

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sid Thompson, Robert Thompson, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

Sid Thompson was away for eight or ten years after he was set free. He lived in the Chickasaw nation and stayed there five years and moved from there to Cherokee nation and has been there ever since. He was here about 15 years after the war. He is married. He lives now in the Cherokee nation and came down last fall to register and did not get up this far as his child died and he went back. He has no citizenship in the Cherokee nation. His wife is a state woman. He was married to his wife. I know that to be so. His children have never been enrolled either. I did not see them married, but I have seen people that did see them married and they have been living together as man and wife. Sid Thompson is my brother. He is a Choctaw. He was a slave himself and belonged to Giles Thompson, a Choctaw.

### Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the said Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes

*B. M. [Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
South McAlester, Ind. Ter. July 23, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of the slaves of Giles Thompson as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Betsy Thompson being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A My name is Betsy Thompson.  
Q Do you go by any other name? A Winslow.  
Q How old are you? A I am one hundred and one.  
Q Are you that old Aunt Betsy? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A I haven't no father.  
Q Do you know the name of your mother? A My mother is named Felly, she belonged to white people not in this state.  
Q You were a slave before the war? A Yes, sir, slave from a little girl.  
Q What was the name of your owner? A My first owner was named Folsom.  
Q Who was your owner just before the war? A Giles Thompson.  
Q Were you his slave at the time you were freed? A Yes, sir, me and my children.  
Q Was Giles Thompson an Indian? A He wasn't Indian but he had two Indian wives, one died and he married the other sister; their name was Wallis.  
Q Their name was Wall? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of his first Indian wife? A Sallie.  
Q When did she die? A It has been years and years since she died.  
Q That was long before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of the other wife he had? A Charlette.  
Q Was Charlette his wife just before the war? A No, sir.  
Q Who was his wife then? A After she died he married a white woman.  
Q Did Charlette die before the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long before the war, do you remember? A No, sir, I don't know just exactly how long, I don't remember.  
Q Several years before the war was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q This Sallie and Charlette were they members of some Indian tribe? A Yes, sir.  
Q What nation? A I don't remember.  
Q Where did they live? A They lived at Doakesville.  
Q You don't know what Indian tribe they belonged to? A No, sir.  
Q You know they they were Indians? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did Sallie or Charlette have any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q By this man Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, they were all grown they died.  
Q Are any of these children living? A No, sir, not that I know of; they ain't any of them living now as I know of.

- Q What were the names of some of those children? A Nettie and Sophia and Albert and Betsy.
- Q Those were all the children that they had? A Yes, sir, I think that was all they had - they had more but I guess they died.
- Q Did Giles Thompson have a child named Waldimer? A He didn't have any one named Waldimer as I know of, but he had one named Albert and the other one was named - he died in Texas and I can't recall his name now.
- Q Who was Albert's mother? A His mother was named Charlotte Thompson.
- Q She was his second wife? A Yes, sir.
- Q After Charlotte Wall died who was Giles Thompson's next wife?
- A After she died he married a white woman in Texas and I forget her name.
- Q This wife he married in Texas was that the woman he was living with in the war? A Just after the war.
- Q Then he didn't have any wife during the war and just before the war after Charlotte died? A No, sir, none but that white woman; he got her sight and unseen.
- Q At the time the war broke out you were the slave of Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, all my children were born on Thompson's place right down at the salt works.
- Q Where are these salt works located? A Way down on Boggy.
- Q Were these children of Giles and his Indian wives living there with him at the time of the war? A No, sir, the girls were married off.
- Q They were all grown at that time? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many slaves did Giles Thompson have? A I x couldn't tell you, he had a good many.
- Q Did he have as many as fifty? A I guess he had over fifty.
- Q Did he have as many as a hundred? A Just about that children and all.
- Q Do you remember the names of any of his slaves? A Uncle Cook and Aunt Rachel, that is two; Aunt Pagy is three and Aunt Jinny is four and Sarah is five; that is how many women he had.
- Q Do you know a slave named Anderson? A Yes, sir, I believe he had a man named Anderson.
- Q Do you know whether he had one named Sid? A Yes, sir, Sydney Thompson; and Henry Thompson and Jim Thompson, they were my sons.
- Q Do you know one named Laura? A I know he had a slave named Grundy but I don't believe he had one named that.
- Q Do you know of one named Angie? A She is my daughter; I had four daughters and one died and the other daughters are at Stringtown.
- Q Angie was born a slave? A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you any other daughters? A Yes, sir, I have three living.
- Q What are their names? A Rachel and Frances; two boys, one named Jim and the other Henry.
- Q They are both living? A Yes, sir, all my children were born slaves.
- Q Did Giles Thompson have some children by this white woman he married? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you know the names of those children? A No, sir.
- Q You are sure that these wives, Sallie and Charlotte, died some time before the war are you? A Charlotte died just commencing of the war, just about - yes, sir, I was a slave yet when she died but I can't remember what month but it was about Christmas.

Q Had the war started yet when she died? A Yes, sir, the war had started but it hadn't ended yet.

Q You are sure that she died while the war was going on? A Yes, sir, we use to give suppers for them; she said she was going to recall old Lincoln.

Q They had started to fight had they - Indians had gone to the war had they? A Yes, sir, the Indians were going at the time she died.

Q Where did you live during the war? A Didn't you hear me tell you at the salt works down on Boggy.

Q You stayed there all the time? A Yes, sir, stayed there until we were freed.

Q Did all these slaves stay there? A Yes, sir.

Q The soldiers didn't come around there and run you off? A No, sir, we didn't see any soldiers at all.

Q When did Giles Thompson die, do you know? A Been dead about six or seven years now I guess; that is as near as I can guess at it.

Q About how long after the war when he died? A He died after the war, I don't know how long he lived then after the war.

Q Did he live quite a while after? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you stay down there with him after the war? A No, sir, I left him; he said if we didn't get out he would burn the houses down and we went to Fort Smith.

Q That was after the war? A Yes, sir.

Q How long did you stay at Fort Smith? A About five years the children come out here and I walked out here.

Q When he drove you out was after the fighting had all quit? A Yes, sir, we were all freed. George Harkins had one of my old mistresses and he told us he didn't like the way Giles was treating us and he told us to get out and Sam Ward he killed a beef and gave us.

Q Did you know Henry Chalk? A Yes, sir.

Q Did he live down there near you? A No, sir, he lived way down towards Caddo.

Q He was a slave was he? A Yes, sir.

Q Whose slave was he? A I can't recollect the name but I knewed him that is all.

Q You don't know of any boys by these Indian women? A Yes, sir,

~~Intermittent~~ I told you his name, Albert:

Q That is the only boy that Giles had by his Indian wife? A Yes, sir, and the other boy went to Texas to school and he died at Texas and I disremember his name, he was grown, but he died in Texas.

Q Who were you slaves owned by, by Giles or his wife? A Giles Thompson.

Q You were freed under Giles Thompson? A Yes, sir, she didn't have no niggers, he bought us all.

Q Was Giles Thompson ever recognized as a citizen of any Indian tribe? A I don't know but he was just the same as an Indian, he had two wives.

Q They were both Indians? A Yes, sir.

Q You don't know what tribe they belonged to? A No, sir - they were Choctaws.

Q Their name before they married Giles was Wall? A Yes, sir.

- Q Do you know the names of any of their family? A No, sir.  
Q Did Giles ever have a slave named Hicy? A Yes, sir, she is  
dead, she was his cook.  
Q Did Giles have a slave named Mary? A Yes, sir, she is at  
Stringtown.  
Q Did he have one named Josephine or Jenicy? A Yes, sir,  
Q Is she dead or living? A She is dead I think.

Witness examined.

Chas. T. Defendant being first duly sworn states that the  
above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his  
stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

*Chas. T. Defendant*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July 1864.

*Charles H. Sawyer*

Notary Public.



17-1078.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sid Thompson and his two children, Albert Thompson and Henry Thompson, as Choctaw freedmen.

Sid Thompson, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Sidney Thompson.  
Q What is your age? A Fifty-seven.  
Q What is your post office address? A Stringtown.  
Q Who was your master? A Giles Thompson.  
Q Was Giles Thompson a white man? A Yes sir.  
Q Married to a Choctaw? A Yes sir.  
Q What was his wife's name? A Charlotte.  
Q Have you any children? A Two.  
Q What are their names? A Albert and Henry. All them living with me.  
Q Have you always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir, born and raised here.  
Q Ever live outside of the Choctaw Nation? A No sir.

Julius C. Folsom, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Julius C. Folsom.  
Q You are a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You know the applicant, Sid Thompson? A I do.  
Q Do you know to whom he belonged during the war? A I do.  
Q What was the name of his master? A Giles Thompson, intermarried Choctaw.

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Q And Giles Thompson's Choctaw wife was Charlotte Thompson?

A Charlotte Walls before she was married.

Q What relation are you to Giles Thompson? A He is my father-in-law.

Q You were one of the overseers of the slaves of Giles Thompson and well acquainted with all of his slaves?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember of seeing the applicant, Sid Thompson, on Giles Thompson's place as Giles Thompson's slave at the time the slaves were freed at the end of the war? A Yes sir. Yes he was under my charge when he was freed in the Choctaw nation.

Q Do you know whether or not Sid Thompson has continued to live in the Choctaw country since he was freed? A I think he has, I have seen him off and on every year since the war.

Daisy D. Daubin upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Daisy D. Daubin*

Sworn to before me this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1904.

*Wm. Martin Jr.*  
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1903.

Sidney Thompson,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant, requesting information relative to your enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, stating that you were listed for enrollment at Atoka, Indian Territory.

You are advised that it appears from our records that Sid Thompson, sixty years of age, and his minor sons, Albert and Henry Thompson, are listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedule of such freedmen being prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BERRY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLER,  
C. R. BECKENRIDGE.  
—  
WM. O. SMALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

<p>REFER TO REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p>17-1076.</p>
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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Ed Thompson,

Chelsea, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children Albert and Henry Thompson, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as early as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory September 1, 1904.

Sidney Thompson,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ult., requesting that Charles Le Flore of Limestone, Indian Territory and Martin Dick of Atoka, Indian Territory be summoned as witnesses to testify in support of your application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

You are advised that if you desire the testimony of the persons named in your letter in support of your application for enrollment, they will be heard upon their personal appearance as indicated in our letter of August 16, 1904.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1079

Robert Thompson

Fr. 1079

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I. T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Robert Thompson, said Thompson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al., testified:

My mother belonged to Giles Thompson. I was a slave myself and belonged to Giles Thompson. I have lived in the Territory all my life. I am Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing  
stenographic transcription of the  
transcript is a true and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

*[Signature]*

Choc. Fr. 1080

Henrietta Kiel

Fr. 1080



FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Henrietta Kiel, William Kiel, her husband, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My wife is the daughter of William Butler.

W.H. Butler: The grandmother of Henrietta Kiel belonged to Thomas Lewis, a Choctaw.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify on my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. M. L. Orndorff

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 21, 1900.

Line Baugh Bros.,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

The Commission is in receipt of your telegram of this date as follows:

"Is Henrietta Kiel enrolled as Choctaw Freedman? Wire answer. Collect."

You are informed that this Commission cannot make any certificate as to the enrollment of any person in any of the tribes of the Indian Territory for the reason that such enrollment does not become final until approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The records of this Commission show, however, that Henrietta Kiel, 23 years of age, together with her four minor children were listed for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen on August 31, 1899. The mother of this party of whom you inquire is named Dilly Butler, and her father, W. H. Butler, and she is the wife of William Kiel, a Chickasaw Freedman. Post-office given at the time of their appearance before the Commission last August was Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1081

Sam Boyd

Fr. 1081

FRIEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I. T. Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Sam Boyd, said Boyd being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I was born a slave. My mother was Lila and she belonged to Forbes La Flore, a Choctaw. I have been living in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations ever since I was turned free.

My wife is a citizen. Her name is Nancy. Her mother belonged to Dave Folsom, a Choctaw. Me and my wife have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes  
that the above is a true and correct translation of  
the foregoing.

B. M. Needles,

GENE: Atoka COUNTY.

POST OFFICE: Schigh, S. J.

# Choctaw Nation. Freedmen Roll.

CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FIELD NO. 108

Dawes' Roll No.	NAME	Relationship to Person first Named.	AGE	SEX	TRIBAL ENROLLMENT.		SLAVE OF—	REMARKS.
					Year	County. No.		
3654	Boyd, Sam		34	M.		Atoka		Not on roll.
2259	" Nancy	Wife	26	F.	1896	"	1690	" " "
2260	" Walter	Son	9	M.	1896	"	687	" " "
2261	" Sammie	"	7	"	1896	"	683	
2262	" Senzo	"	5	"	1896	"	684	
3055	" McKinley	"	2	"				Not on roll.
2263	" McKinley	Son	3 1/2	M.				Born April 26, 1900
10								
11								
12								
13								
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15								
16								
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No. 7 Council roll June 13, 1907

No. 1 on roll as Nancy & Sam

No. 10 Do. Birth record of birth filed March 20, 1900

For children of Nat. W. (Apr 26, 06) No 96

#1 to 6

Date of Application for Enrollment.

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2, 3, 4, 5, 7.

CITY	COUNTY	OWNER	DATE	YEAR	MOTHERS TRICHOPTERA	No.
	Bine		S. J. Day	18	Blue	70
	Alaska	W. J. Day	Nancy Day	11	Alaska	
			No. 2			
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			No. 2			

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Melinda Boyd

as a citizen of the

STATE OF ALABAMA

Approved NOV 12 1902

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES CIVILIZED TRIBES

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NOV 12 1902

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Melinda, born on the 26th day of April, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Sam Boyd, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nancy Boyd, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Lehigh, Indian Territory.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central Judicial District.

I, Nancy Boyd, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by adpption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Sam Boyd, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the 26th day of April, 1900; that said child has been  
named Melinda, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Nancy, Boyd

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 1902.

John Rennie  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central Judicial District.

I, Francis Davis, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. ~~Sam Boyd~~ Nancy Boyd, wife of Sam Boyd,  
on the 26th day of April, 1900; that there was born to her on said  
date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female)  
named Melinda.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Mrs. Francis Davis  
Mark

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Peartie Harby  
Walter Boyd

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 1902.

John Rennie  
Notary Public.



IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

McKinley Boya  
as a citizen of

C. K. [unclear] Name

Approved



by

Commissioner

(Proof of birth of child & parental  
guardianship)

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COMMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation Nation,  
of Mc Kinley Boyd, born on the 26th day of January, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Sam Boyd, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nancy Boyd, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office Lehigh, Ind Terr.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. }  
Central Judicial District. }

I, Nancy Boyd, on oath state that I am 33  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Sam Boyd, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on 26th day of January, 1897; that said child has been named  
Mc Kinley, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

*Nancy Boyd*

Must be Two  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

17th

day of

*March*

1903

*John A. Rennie*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. }  
District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I at-  
tended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1897; that there was born to her on said  
date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
(MALE OR FEMALE)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of

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NOTARY PUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central DISTRICT. )

I, Jessie Stewart, on oath state that  
I am 324 years of age; and am personally acquainted with  
Nancy Boyd, and know that on the 26th day of January  
~~1887~~ <sup>1887</sup> there was born to her a male child, that said child is  
~~1889~~ now living and said to have been named McKinley Boyd.

Jessie Stewart

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of  
March 1903.

John Remick

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
 COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
 DISTRICT. )  
Central

I, Elizabeth Eddy Eddings, on oath state that  
 I am 30 years of age; and am personally acquainted with  
 Nancy Boyd, and know that on the 26th day of January  
1897 there was born to her a male child, that said child is  
 now living and said to have been named McKinley Boyd.

Elizabeth Eddings

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of

March MARCH 1903.

John Rennie

Notary Public.

17-1081.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 13, 1902.

Sam Boyd,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Melinda Boyd, infant daughter of Sam and Nancy Boyd, born April 20, 1900; and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Respectfully,

Act'n, Chairman.

17-1081

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 3, 1903.

Nancy Boyd,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, McKinley Boyd, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any evidence as to the birth of this child has ever been filed with the Commission. You should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavits.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signatures are by mark they must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as until information is received nothing further can be done in the enrollment of this child as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

B. C.

Acting Chairman.

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17-1081.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 2, 1903.

John Rennie,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo referring to our letter dated February 3, 1903, to Nancy Boyd, requesting evidence of the birth of her minor child,

McKinley Boyd, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation. You state that she is unable to furnish the affidavit of the attending midwife and you ask to be advised what steps she should take in the matter.

You are informed that if Nancy Boyd is unable to furnish the affidavit of the attending midwife; the affidavits of two disinterested parties, properly executed, together with her own affidavit relative to the birth of the child should be furnished the Commission with as little delay as possible.

Enclosed you will find the necessary blanks.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1903.

Sam Boyd,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Nancy  
Boyd, Josie Stewart and Elizabeth Eddings, relative to the birth of  
your minor son McKinley Boyd, January 26, 1897, and the same being  
in proper form have been duly filed with our records as evidence of  
birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



17-1081

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 12, 1906.

A. T. West,

Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 1, 1906, in which you ask if applications for the enrollment of Alberta and Lucille Boyd were received.

In reply you are advised that affidavits to the birth of Elberta and Lucile Boyd, children of Sam and Nancy Boyd, April 7, 1903, and January 27, 1905, respectively, were received at this office, July 18, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. Fr. 1082

Ida Allen

Fr. 1082

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ida Allen, said Allen being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My mother was Dillie Butler. Her mother's name was Rosetta Campbell and she belonged to Tom Lewis and were Choctaws. I have lived in the Territory all my life.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

B. McDonald

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Augustus Allen  
as a child of

Charlotte Freeman

Approved,

NOV 21 1902

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Augustus Allen, born on the 8th day of February, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: George Allen, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ida L. Allen, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Sehigh I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Central District.

I, Ida L. Allen, on oath state that I am 17  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption <sup>provisional</sup> of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of George Allen, who is a citizen, by  
of the United States Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 8th day of February, 1900; that said child has been  
named Augustus Allen, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of November, 1902

J. J. [Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Central District.

I, Sady Long, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ida L. Allen, wife of George Allen,  
on the 8th day of February, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Augustus Allen.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1902

Sady Long  
[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Choc. Fr. 1083

William H. Butler

Fr. 1083

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 31, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Wm. H. Butler, said Butler being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I belonged to David Folsom, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Nation.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*D. M. C. ...*

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the enrollment of Molsie Foster, Salina Mahardy being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et a. s., testified:

I am about 70 years old. I live in Boggy in Atoka county. I was a slave under George Pussley. I know Molsie Foster; she is my daughter. She was married when she was 20 years old and she has been married about 16 years. Alex Foster was her father; he was a Choctaw by blood on his mother's side, his father being a freedman. Molsie Foster married William Butler. She has been living with him ever since they were married. She has been known as Molsie Butler for about 15 years. William Butler is a Choctaw Freedman. Molsie has four children by William Butler.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_ as given to me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_.

*R. M. [Signature]*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, I. T. JUNE 25, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Molsie Butler for the enrollment of herself and her four minor children, Bessie Butler, Reggie Butler, Vivial Butler and Wadie Butler, as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation. Molsie Butler, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Molsie Butler.  
Q What is your age? A 33.  
Q What is your post office address? A Number Six, Phillips.  
Q Indian Territory? A Yes sir.  
Q As a citizen of what nation are you now making application for the enrollment of yourself and your children? A Choctaw  
Q How long have you resided in the Choctaw Nation?  
A All my days.  
Q Have you ever been enrolled by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation?  
A Not that I know of.  
Q Were you ever admitted to citizenship by this Commission, or by the United States Court on appeal, under the provisions of the act of June 10, 1896? A Yes sir, Yes sir.  
Q By what court were you admitted to citizenship?  
A United States Court.  
Q At what place? A South Town, South-----  
Q South McAlester? A South McAlester, I think that is right.  
Q Under what name were you admitted to citizenship by the Court? A Molsie Foster, maiden name.  
Q Did you make application to this Commission in 1896 for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation?  
A Yes sir, I think it was in 1896.  
Q Under what name did you make application at that time?  
A Molsie Butler, nee Foster.

Upon examination of the certified copies of judgments rendered by the United States Court for the Central District of the Indian Territory, it is found that Molsie Foster was admitted to citizenship by said Court in Court Case No. 57, on January 28, 1898.

- Q What was your father's name? A Alex Foster.  
Q IS he living? A No sir.  
Q Was he a citizen of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Was he an Indian by blood? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Salina.  
Q Salina Foster? A She has married since, she is not Foster now, she is Mahardy now.  
Q Is she a citizen of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir, she is a Choctaw Citizen.  
Q Is she a citizen by blood or intermarriage? A  
A She is a freedman.  
Q Has your mother been enrolled by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation as a Choctaw freedman? A I think so.  
Q Has she been enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw freedman, do you know? A I do not know for certain, but I think so.  
Q Do you know how you happened to be admitted by the Court as Molsie Foster instead of Molsie Butler? A I do not know exactly, just by mistake in copying the name, because both names were on the first affidavits.

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Upon examination of the records of the Commission it is found that petition of Molsie Butler, nee Foster, for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation was filed with this Commission on September 4th, 1896; that said petition was endorsed "In the matter of the application of Molsie Foster for enrollment with the Choctaw tribe of Indians," and that an appeal from the decision of the Commission to the United States Court for the Central District of the Indian Territory, was taken in the name of Molsie Foster.

- Q How many children had you living at the time you made application to the Dawes Commission in 1896? A Two.
- Q What were their names? A Bessie and Roggie.
- Q How old are they at the present time? A Bessie will be twelve the 29th of this month, and Roggie was eight years last March, the 30th day.
- Q At the time that you made application to the Commission in 1896, you didn't apply for the admission of your two children, Bessie and Roggie? A No sir.
- Q How many other children have you living at the present time? A Besides Bessie and Roggie?
- Q Yes. A Two.
- Q What are their names? A Vivial and Wadie.
- Q Vivial is a girl? A Yes sir.
- Q How old is she? A Four years old.
- Q Wadie is a boy? A Yes sir.
- Q How old is he? A Two. He is past two.

The applicant offers in evidence the affidavits of mother and midwife as to the birth of Vivial Butler on February 3, 1897, and the affidavits of mother and midwife as to the birth of Wadie Butler on September 30th, 1898.

- Q Have all these children the same father? A Yes sir.
- Q What is his name? A William Butler.
- Q Is he a citizen of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Is he a Choctaw by blood? A No sir, he is a freedman.
- Q Has he been recognized and enrolled by the Choctaw tribal authorities as a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q Has he been enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q When were you and William Butler married? A We were married in 1888, the first day of November.
- Q By whom were you married? A G. W. Hall.
- Q Was he a minister of the Gospel? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you and your husband been living together ever since as man and wife? A Ever since.
- Q Have you been outside of the Indian Territory within the last three years? A No sir.
- Q Have any of your children ever been recognized and enrolled by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation as citizens of the Choctaw Nation? A Not that I know of.
- Q Have any of your children ever been enrolled by the Choctaw authorities with their father, William Butler, as Choctaw freedmen? A Not that I know of.
- Q Did you ever appear before this Commission in the Choctaw Nation and make application for enrollment? A Yes sir, before the Dawes Commission, yes sir.
- Q At what place was that? A At Atoka.
- Q When was it? A It was in 1899, I think, if I am not mistaken.
- Q Do you know what month, A September.

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- Q Would you be certain whether it was August or September?  
A I think it was September.  
Q Did you offer any evidence or introduce any witnesses at that time? A I offered the judgment.  
Examination by Mr. Gresham, attorney for applicant:  
Q Were you present when the notary public made out the original application in 1896? A Yes sir, I was present, some of my writing is of it.  
Q Do you know why your name was put down as Foster in place of Butler? A The first time?  
Q Yes, in the first application? A Why, the notary public, he put it down so that they would know who my father was.  
Q Why were your children not put in? The first two children?  
A In the first application? A  
Q Yes. A We didn't think of the children at the time, just in a hurry to get mine fixed up and never thought of the children-- just neglected it.  
Q You and your husband, I believe you say, have never lived apart since you were married? A No sir.  
Q Have always lived together and the children lived with you?  
A Lived with us.  
Q And in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q Well, you say your father was named Alex Foster, a Choctaw?  
A Yes sir.  
Q How much Choctaw was he? A He was half.  
Q Half breed Choctaw? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I think about 32 years. I think I was only one year old when he died, as near as I can remember my mother telling me.

Examination by the Commission:

- Q You say that your mother's name is Salina Mahardy?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A I do not believe I can remember what it was-- I have forgotten his name.  
Q Do you know the name of her mother? A I have heard her call it lots of times, but I believe I have forgotten it. I believe it is Fannie, I am not sure. Well, she knows her mother's name.  
Q Do you know who your mother belonged to?  
A I think it was Pusleys.

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Jacob Kiel, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Jacob Kiel.  
Q How old are you? A Going on 56.  
Q What is your post office address? A Lehigh.  
QQ Are you a citizen of any Indian Nation? A Yes sir. I was born and raised in the Choctaw.  
Q Are you a Choctaw by blood? A Chickasaw, but raised in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q Are you a Chickasaw Indian by blood? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Molsie Butler, the applicant in this case?  
A Yes sir, I have known her, about her and her mother.  
Q What was her father's name? A Alex Foster.  
Q Is he living? A Dead.  
Q Was he a Choctaw Indian by blood? A Yes sir. That is what he was called-- he don't use no other language but the Choctaw language.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Molsie's mother? Aunt Salina, Salina Mahardy now.

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- Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she a Choctaw by blood or a Choctaw freedman?  
A Freedman.  
Q Do you know William Butler the husband of Molsie Butler?  
A Yes sir  
Q Do you know whether or not they were ever legally married?  
A They have been married I guess for ten years.  
Q Were you present when they were married? A Yes sir.  
Q Who performed the ceremony for them? A Hall.  
Q Was he a Minister of the Gospel? A Yes sir.  
Q What name did Molsie Butler go by and what did the people call her before she married William Butler? A Called her Molsie Foster.

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Molsie Butler, being recalled, testified as follows:  
Examination by the Commission:

- Q Is there any additional evidence that you desire to offer at this time in support of your application for the enrollment of yourself and children as citizens of the Choctaw Nation? A I do not exactly understand.  
(Question explained) A No sir.

You will be furnished with the decision of the Commission in the matter of your application for the enrollment of yourself and your children as citizens of the Choctaw Nation, mailed to you at your post office as given in your testimony.

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Kate DeBoyd, being first duly affirmed states that as stenographer to the commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 25th day of June, 1901, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Kate DeBoyd

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this  
25th day of June, 1901.

Philip D. Hopkins

Notary Public

Choctaw Freedman #160

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Muskogee, I. T. September 12, 1902.

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In the matter of the application for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen of Bessie and Roggie Butler, minor children of William H. Butler and Molsie Butler.

William H. Butler being duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A William H. Butler.  
Q How old are you? A Forty-seven years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Phillips.  
Q Is that in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A All my life.  
Q Born and raised in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a Choctaw Freedman? A Choctaw Freedman, Yes sir.  
Q Are you enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Whose slave were you? A David Folsom's

The name of Wm. H. Butler, forty-five years of age, is found upon Choctaw Freedman Roll Card, field No 1083, listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman August 31, 1899. The name of Wm. H. Butler is also found on page 417 No. 645 of the 1894 Choctaw census roll of the Choctaw Freedmen.

- Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Molsie Butler.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.  
Q How many? A Four by my present wife.  
Q What are their names? A Bessie, Roggie, Vivial and Wadie.  
Q Has application for the enrollment of either of these children ever been made to this Commission? A For their enrollment? Yes sir.  
Q For all of them? A Yes sir.  
Q Application has been made for their enrollment as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is the mother of these children a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation? A Citizen by blood.

It appears from the records of the Commission that an application for the enrollment as citizens by blood of Bessie and Roggie Butler, was made to this Commission, and their names are found upon Choctaw Roll card, field No R. 731. It also appears from the records of the Commission that application for the enrollment of Vivial and Wadie Butler was made by Molsie Butler June 25, 1901 and their names appear with that of Molsie Butler on Choctaw roll card, field No. R. 638.

- Q You are now applying for the enrollment of Bessie and Roggie Butler as Choctaw freedmen? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is Bessie? A Thirteen years old.  
Q Bessie is thirteen years old? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is Roggie? A Roggie is nine-going on ten.  
Q You are the father of these children? A Yes sir.  
Q Molsie Butler is the mother? A Yes sir.  
Q Are they now living with you? A Yes sir.  
Q Have they always lived with you since their birth? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married to Molsie Butler? A I was married to her in eighty-eight.  
Q Have you a certificate of that marriage? A Yes sir.
- It would be advisable for you to file that certificate with the Commission.
- Q You have never been separated from your wife? A No sir.

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Chas. Diffendaffer, after being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause, taken on September 12, 1902, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

*Chas. Diffendaffer.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of September 1902

*[Signature]*

Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD.

*Vivial Butler*

As a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

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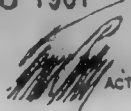
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Commissioner.

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## Department of the Interior,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Ursula Butler, born on the 3 day of Feb, 1899  
 Name of father: W H Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of mother: Malsie Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post Office: Lehigh I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Malsie Butler, on oath, state that I am 31 years of age and a  
 citizen, by blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the  
 lawful wife of W H Butler who is a citizen, by adoption, of the  
Choctaw Nation; that a female child was born to me on the 3 day  
 of Feb, 1899; that said child has been named Ursula Butler  
 and is now living.

Malsie Butler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 1899  
A. Y. Wiser  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Mary Gibson, a midwife, on oath, state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Malsie Butler, wife of W H Butler  
 on the 3 day of Feb, 1899; that there was born to her on said date a female child;  
 that said child is now living and is said to have been named Ursula Butler

C. W. Plummer

Mary Gibson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 1899  
A. Y. Wiser  
 Notary Public.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Wadie Butler.

As a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

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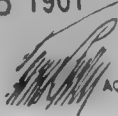
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## Department of the Interior,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Wadie Butler, born on the 30 day of Sept, 1898  
 Name of father: W. H. Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of mother: Malsie Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post Office: Lehigh I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Malsie Butler, on oath, state that I am 31 years of age and a  
 citizen, by blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the  
 lawful wife of W. H. Butler who is a citizen, by adoption, of the  
Choctaw Nation; that a male child was born to me on the 30 day  
 of Sept, 1898; that said child has been named Wadie Butler  
 and is now living.

Malsie Butler  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 1899  
A. T. West  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Mary Gibson, a midwife, on oath, state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Malsie Butler, wife of W. H. Butler  
 on the 30 day of Sept, 1898; that there was born to her on said date a male child;  
 that said child is now living and is said to have been named Wadie Butler.

Witness  
B. W. Summers Mary Gibson  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 1899  
A. T. West  
 Notary Public.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Bessie Butter*

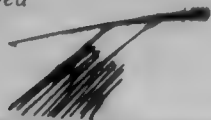
as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,  
of \_\_\_\_\_, born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_  
Here insert name of child.  
Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Mollie Butler, on oath state that I am 36  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption (Widow) of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Wm H Butler, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption (Widow) of the Cherokee Nation; that a female child was  
(Male or Female.)  
born to me on 29 day of June, 1899; that said child has been named  
Bessie Butler, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

7<sup>th</sup>

day of

September 1904

W. S. Angell

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Wm H Butler, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mollie Butler, wife of myself  
on the 29 day of June, 1899; that there was born to her on said date a  
(Male or Female.)  
child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Bessie

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

7<sup>th</sup>

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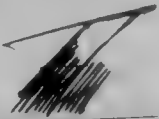
*Roggie Butler*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

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Commissioner

*proof of birth of child listed for  
enrollment Aug 21, 1894*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,  
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(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }  
I, Mollie Butler, on oath state that I am 36  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption (Middler) of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William H Butler, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption (Middler) of the Cherokee Nation; that a female child was  
(Male or Female.)  
born to me on 30 day of March 1893; that said child has been named  
Roggie Butler, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK :  
Mollie Butler  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
Subscriber and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1904.  
W H Angell  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central DISTRICT. }  
I, William H Butler, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mollie Butler, wife of myself  
on the 30 day of March 1893; that there was born to her on said date a female  
(Male or Female.)  
child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Roggie Butler  
W H Butler

WITNESSES TO MARK :  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
Subscriber and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1904.  
W H Angell  
Notary Public.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
ATOCA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
September 7, 1904.

17-1083.

In the matter of the enrollment of Melsie Butler and her four children, Bessie, Reggie, Vivial and Wadie Butler, as Choctaw Freedmen.

Melsie Butler, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Melsie Butler.  
Q. You appear here in behalf of yourself and your children, Bessie, Reggie, Vivial and Wadie? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You were denied by the Choctaw, Chickasaw Citizenship Court as a citizen by blood, and you now apply as a freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Who is the father of these children? A. William H. Butler.  
Q. Have you always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Never outside? A. No, sir.  
Q. Were all these children born in the Choctaw Nation? A. Yes, sir, every one.  
Q. Have you filed proof of birth for all these children? A. For Vivial and Wadie.  
Q. Are these four children all living now? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Have they always lived with you in the Choctaw Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You have always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A. Always.  
Q. Your mother is Salina Mahardy, a freedman who belonged to George Pusley? A. Yes, sir, to his wife.

Witness excused.

Elsie E. Ashton, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly reported the proceedings above and this is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes.

*Elsie E. Ashton*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1904.

*J. M. [Signature]*  
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 6, 1902.

Molsie Butler,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 1st instant, in which you desire to be advised of the present status of the citizenship case of yourself and your children as applicants for enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

Replying to your communication you are advised that it does not appear from the records of the Choctaw Nation in our possession that you or your children have ever been recognized, and enrolled by the Choctaw tribal authorities as citizens of that Nation.

It does appear, however, that under the act of Congress of June 10, 1896, you filed with this Commission an original application for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, wherein you prayed for admission as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, under the name of Molsie Butler, nee Foster. This case was [REDACTED] the Commission under the name of Molsie Foster and on December 7, 1896, the Commission denied your application for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. From such decision an appeal was taken to the United States Court for the Central District of the Indian

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Territory, which court on October 27, 1897 reversed the decision of the Commission and admitted to Choctaw citizenship Molsie Foster, Roger and Bessie Butler.

On January 18, 1898, the United States Court for the Central District of the Indian Territory reformed the judgment theretofore entered of record in the case by striking therefrom the names of Roger and Bessie Butler for the reason that their names were not included in the original application made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in 1896.

You and your two children, Vivial and Wadie Butler, who have been born since the date of the filing of your original application for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, have been listed for enrollment by this Commission as citizens of the Choctaw Nation in pursuance of the judgment of the United States Court admitting you to citizenship.

The Commission will at as early a date as practicable render its decision in these cases and you will be advised of such decision and also of the forwarding of the record in these cases to the Secretary of the Interior for his review.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw D 638  
Choctaw R 731  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 4, 1902.

W. H. Butler,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 1st instant, written in behalf of your two minor children, Bessie and Poggie Butler and requesting if they cannot be enrolled as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation by reason of the admission of their mother as a citizen of that tribe, that they be enrolled as Choctaw freedmen, following your status.

Replying to your inquiry you are advised that it appears from our records that on June 21, 1901, Molsie Butler, 35 years of age, of Phillips, Indian Territory, made personal application to this Commission for the enrollment of herself and her four minor children, Bessie, Poggie, Vivial and Wadie Butler, as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

It further appears that Molsie Butler was admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation by a judgment of the United States Court for the Central District of the Indian Territory, rendered August 26, 1897 in Choctaw citizenship case No. 57, being admitted by said judgment under the name of Molsie Foster.

The Commission in pursuance of the judgment of the United States Court above referred to, on June 25, 1901, listed

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for enrollment Melsie Butler, the person so admitted by the judgment of the court and her two minor children, Vivial and Wadis Butler, both of whom were born subsequent to the date of the filing of the original application by Melsie Pester with this Commission under the provisions of the act of Congress of June 10, 1896.

Fessie and Poppie Butler having been born prior to the date of the filing of the original application by their mother, Melsie Pester, for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, and not being included in such application, this Commission is without authority to enroll these two children as citizens of the Choctaw Nation and the fact that their mother had been admitted to Choctaw citizenship would not be material to any right they might have to enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

No application has ever been made to this Commission for the enrollment of these two children as Choctaw freedmen and if you are desirous of making such application for them, it will be necessary that you personally present yourself before the Commission at its office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, for such purpose. It is advisable that if such is your intention, you make the application on behalf of these children at the earliest practicable date as it is probable in the near future some date

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will be fixed upon terminating the time within which the Commission can receive and consider applications of this character.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-2-02.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 20, 1902.

W.H. Butler,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 16th inst., enclosing the certificate of marriage between W.H. Butler and Malsie Ferrester, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of your application for the enrollment of your two minor children, Bessie and Ruggie Butler.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman  
D 130.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1903.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 18, asking relative to the enrollment of Malsie Butler or Foster and her family as Choctaw freedmen. You also state that she appeared before the Commission at South McAlester, Indian Territory, at its recent appointment, and gave testimony.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Malsie Butler is an applicant to this Commission for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and her name appears on Choctaw freedman card D 130; her two children, Bessie and Roggie Butler are also applicants for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen and their names appear on Choctaw freedman card D 162.

It also appears from our records that Malsie Butler was admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation by a judgment of the United States Court for the Central District of the Indian Territory, in Court case, citizenship docket, Number 57, under the name of Malsie Foster, and is an applicant to this Commission for the enrollment of herself and her children, Vivial and Wadie Butler, whose names appear on Choctaw roll card D 638. Application has also been made



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for the enrollment of her children, Fessie and Reggie Butler as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and their names are found on Choctaw card R 731.

You are further advised that it does not appear from our records that additional testimony was taken in any of the cases above named, at the appointment of the Commission at South McAlester, Indian Territory, in December last.

You are informed that there are not sufficient copies of the testimony on file in these cases to permit the withdrawal of one copy.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

~~Choctaw R 731.~~  
Choctaw Freedman  
D 162.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 27, 1903.

W. H. Butler,

Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 24, asking relative to the status of the claim of your children, Bessie and Roggie Butler, and in reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Bessie and Roggie Butler, children of W. H. and Molsie Butler, have been listed among the doubtful claimants to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, and their final right to such enrollment has not yet been determined. As soon as a decision is reached in this case you will be notified of the action of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1903.

William H. Butler,  
Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ult., requesting to be advised what has been done in the matter of the application for enrollment of your two minor children, Bessie and Roggie Butler, as Choctaw freedmen.

In reply to your letter you are informed that no action has yet been taken by the Commission relative to the enrollment of said children as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman  
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Lawson, Indian Territory, May 11, 1904.

W. A. Butler,

Lehigh, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 4, inclosing copy of opinion of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court in the case of Melsie Butler, in which the court says that she is a Choctaw freedman, and you therefore ask to be informed if the name of Melsie Butler appears upon the Choctaw freedman roll, and state that you have four children, Bessie, Roggie, Vivial and Wadie Butler.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Melsie Butler and her children, Bessie, Roggie, Vivial and Wadie Butler, have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the secretary of the Interior.

The copy of the opinion of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court, inclosed with your letter, is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

17-1083.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Molsie Butler,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children Bessie, Roggie, Vivial and Wadie Butler, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as early as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1083.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 20, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Chickasaw Land Office,  
Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby advised that the following notations have  
~~this day been made upon Choctaw freedman enrollment card number 1083~~  
William H. Butler et al.

"No. 3 born June 29, 1889, proof of birth filed Sept.  
20, 1904."

"No. 4 born Mar. 30, 1893, proof of birth filed Sept.  
20, 1904."

You are therefore requested to place like notations upon dupli-  
cate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1083

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 27, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 22nd instant, requesting information relative to certain notations which were forwarded by our letter of September 20, 1904 to be placed upon duplicate Choctaw freedman enrollment card number 1083 William H. Butler et al.

You state that lines 2, 3 and 4 on said cards are blank. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the names, information and notations appearing on original Choctaw freedman enrollment card number 1083 opposite numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and you are requested to place said names, information and notations upon the duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Enc. E. B. 2-27

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 12, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of names, information and notations which have been placed upon original Choctaw freedman enrollment card number 1083 and you are requested to place said names, information and notations upon the duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Enc. E. B. 3-27



Choc. Fr. 1084

Fannie McCurtain

(jacket empty)

(No jacket for Martha Jones)

Fr. 1084



Choc. Fr. 1085

Fannie McCurtain

Fr. 1085

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Record in the matter of the application for enrollment  
as a Choctaw Freedman of-

Fannie White.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
September 23, 1904

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Fannie McCurtain (now White) as a freedman of the Choctaw  
Nation.

Examination by the Commission:

Fannie McCurtain (now White) being duly sworn  
testifies as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. My name is Fannie McCurtain, my name is Fannie White now.
- Q. When were you married to White? A. Four years ago.
- Q. On September 25, 1902, your name was Fannie White? A. Yes sir.
- Q. How old are you? A. I am going on 26 years old.
- Q. What is your post office address? A. South McAlester.
- Q. Is that in the Choctaw Nation? A. Yes sir.
- Q. How long have you been a resident of the Choctaw Nation? A. All my life.
- Q. You have never been out of the nation? A. Except one year.
- Q. You have lived continuously in the Choctaw Nation from the date of your birth until the present time? A. Yes sir.
- Q. When was that one year when you were absent from the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A. That was in 1903.
- Q. Then from the date of your birth up to and including September 25, 1902, you lived continuously in the Choctaw Nation? A. Yes sir.
- Q. You have never lived any place else? A. No sir.
- Q. What is your mother's name? A. Jane Ward.
- Q. Is she a Choctaw freedman? A. Yes sir.
- Q. What is your father's name? A. Frank Floridan, but he is dead.
- Q. He was a non-citizen? A. Yes sir.
- Q. The rights you claim you claim through your mother Jane Ward? A. Yes sir.

Witness excused.

Jane Ward being duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q. What is your name? A. Jane Ward.  
 Q. How old are you? A. Going on 56 years.  
 Q. What is your post office address? A. Atoka.  
 Q. Do you know the applicant, Fannie White? A. Yes sir.  
 Q. What relation is she, if any, to you? A. My daughter.  
 Q. Are you a Choctaw freedman? A. Yes sir.  
 Q. What was the name of your master or mistress A. Selina E Davis.  
 Q. Was she a Choctaw? A. Yes sir.

Jane Ward the witness, mother of the applicant herein, is identified on Choctaw freedman card number 952, as number 3533 upon the lists prepared by this Commission of Choctaw freedmen ~~xxx~~ and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on September 26, 1903.

- Q. Who is the father of Fannie White? A. Frank Floridan.  
 Q. He was a non-citizen? A. Yes sir.  
 Q. Where has Fannie White been living since her birth up September 25, 1902? A. She lived in Atoka until 4 years ago since then she has been living in South McAlester.  
 Q. Has Fannie White ever made her home out of the Indian Territory? A. She lived in Shawnee one year.  
 Q. When was that? A. Last year, 1903.  
 Q. Before that she had never been a resident outside of the Choctaw Nation? A. No sir.

Fannie White Re-called.

- Q. Were you divorced from David McCurtain? A. Yes sir.  
 Q. Did you have any children by David McCurtain? A. Yes sir.  
 Q. What was that child's name? A. Cecil McCurtain.  
 Q. You were divorced from David McCurtain before your marriage to White? A. Yes sir.

I, Minerva M. Gilbert, stenographer to the Commission to the five Civilized Tribes do hereby certify, upon my oath, that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Minerva M. Gilbert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of September, 1904.

J. B. Campbell  
 Notary Public.

17-1085.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Fannie White as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Fannie White having been first duly sworn upon her  
oath testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Fannie White.
- Q What is your post office address? A South McAlester.
- Q Are you an applicant as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation?
- Q Yes sir.
- Q When did you make application? A When was I enrolled.
- Q Yes? A I have been to the land office at Atoka but my name hasn't been approved yet; I have only been here once before.
- Q Where did you first appear before the Commission to make application? A At Atoka.
- Q How long ago since you applied before the Commission at Atoka? A I don't remember; I rather think it was in '95, or whenever they were there; I have registered at Atoka each time the Dawes Commission was there until this last time. I registered at South McAlester the last time; I think it was in December 1902 but I havn't kept up with the years. I don't know just when it was I registered; I registered when the Indian Commissioners were there and when the Dawes Commission was there.
- Q Did you appear before the Indian Commission at Atoka after you appeared before the Dawes Commission or before? A Afterwards.
- Q How long afterwards? A I don't know how long it was afterwards; I registered each time they were there; I think they were there together at Atoka.
- Q When you appeared before the Indian Commission at Atoka who was there? A Linton Tell was there and Lon Hawkins.
- Q What members of the Dawes Commission were there? A I didn't know any of the Dawes Commission men, but as I was about to register the head Commissioner ask who my mother was and Linton Tell he got up and said that is Aunt Jane Ward's daughter and they didn't ask me any more questions.

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- Q Now do you know whether that was the first time the Commission was at Atoka? A I don't think it was the first time I registered; I registered every time the Commission was there.
- Q When you appeared before the Commission at Atoka what name did you give in at that time? A Fannie McCurtain.
- Q What other members of your family were registered at Atoka at the same time? A Jane Ward, thats my mother, Johnie Ward and Rebecca Anderson and Lydia Crome: My mother lived at Atoka and I lived at McAlester and I went down there to register because my mother lived there.
- Q Did you and these others register at the same session at that time at Atoka? A Yes sir I think there was more than one day; I think there was two days and they registered before I did.
- Q Your mother was living at Atoka and you at South McAlester?  
A Yes sir.

Mattie V. Vaughn states upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mattie V. Vaughn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of November 1904.

J. H. Humphreys  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of Fannie White for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the census card record that on August 31, 1899 application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of the applicant herein, (as Fannie McCurtain, 22 years of age) as a Choctaw Freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on September 23, 1904 and November 22, 1904.

It appears from the record herein that the applicant is a daughter of Jane Ward, a recognized and enrolled Choctaw Freedman, whose name appears as No. 3583 upon the lists prepared by this Commission, under the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on September 26, 1903.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant was born in the Choctaw Nation, and has resided therein continuously since the date of her birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Fannie White should be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 26, 1898 (30 Stat., 495) and July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

  
Commissioner.

  
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 21, 1905.

Fannie White,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 21, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling you as a Choctaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

~~CHICKASAW~~

*Tams Birby*

Chairman.

Registered.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 21, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission rendered March 21, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Fannie White as a Choctaw Freedman.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicant as a Choctaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, her name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,  
~~ENGINEER~~

*Tams Bixby*  
Chairman.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 11, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation has this day been made upon original Choctaw Freedman enrollment card, number 1085:

"No. 1 was wife of David McCurtain, on Choctaw Freedman card No. 697, and mother of No. 5 thereon."

You are therefore requested to make like notation upon the duplicate card in your possession, in accordance with the above information.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

14-1085.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Fannie McCurtain,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your right as such freedman.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as early as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1086

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 1, 1904.

Fannie White.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

In the matter of your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, for the purpose of testifying relative to the application made for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman in August 1899.


Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Rebecca Anderson

Fr. 1086



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Record in the matter of the application for enrollment  
as Choctaw Freedmen of-

Rebecca Anderson  
Janie Busby  
Luther Anderson  
Clinton Anderson  
Lenora Anderson  
Jennie Anderson  
Mattie Anderson

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In the matter of the application for enrollment of Rebecca Anderson and her children, Jennie Busby, Luther Anderson, Quinton Anderson, Lenora Anderson and Pattie Anderson as Choctaw Freedmen.

Rebecca Anderson called as a witness, after being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q What is your name? A Rebecca Anderson

Q What is your age? A I think, if I am not mistaken, I am about - four years of age.

Q What is your post office address? A Atchafalaya Postoffice

Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.

Q What is your husband's name? A Will Anderson.

Q Have you ever married more than once? A Yes, sir.

Q What was your former husband's name? A Busby

Q Did you have any children by Busby? A Jennie Busby, one child

Q Have you any children by Will Anderson? A Yes, in five

Q What are their names? A Luther, Anderson, Quinton, Lenora, Jennie and Pattie

Q Are these children living at the present time? A Yes, sir.

Q Living with you? A Yes, sir, all except Jane Ward

Q What is her name? A Jennie Ward

Q When was she married? A Since the last enrollment at the 29th of December, 1905

Q What is your mother's name? A Jane Ward.

Q Was Jane Ward the slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes, sir.

Q What was the name of that Indian? A Talina Davis

Q What was your father's name? A My ~~father's~~ father's name was Clarence Black.

Q Was he a Choctaw freedman? A Yes, sir.

Q He is dead now? A Yes, sir.

Q How long has he been dead? A Between eleven and thirteen years.

Q Was he a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes, sir.

Q What was the name of that Indian? A Black.

Q Where was he when living the first time?

A Living right in Atchafalaya, and until a year or so I lived in Fort Tulee.

Q You have always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Never have lived outside? A No, sir.

Witness excused.

Jane Ward called as a witness, after being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Jane Ward

Q How old are you? A Sixty three years old

Q What relation are you to Rebecca Anderson? A Her mother

Q Was Rebecca Anderson born since the war? A Yes, sir.

Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes, sir.

Q Are you enrolled? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you filed on your land? A Yes, sir.

Q What was the name of Rebecca Anderson's father?

A Clarence Black, but they called him Clarence Black.

Q Where has Rebecca Anderson been living all her life?

A Been living right here

Q You always lived here in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q She has always lived with you until she got married? A Yes, sir

Q Since she got married she has been living in the Choctaw Nation?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are all of Rebecca Anderson's children living now?

A Yes, sir, six of them

Witness excused.



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Samuel Osterhold, stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, being duly sworn, on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of his stenographic notes as taken by him in the proceedings had in the above entitled cause at Atoka, Indian Territory, on September 6, 1904.

*Samuel Osterhold*

Sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 1904.

*W. W. Shelly*  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOCHEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 25, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Rebecca Anderson, Janie Busby, Luther Anderson, Clinton Anderson, Lenora Anderson, Jennie Anderson and Mattie Anderson as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Rebecca Anderson being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Rebecca Anderson.
- Q What is your post office address? A Atoka is now.
- Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q You are an applicant before the Commission as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation are you not? A Yes sir as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.
- Q When did you first appear before the Commission? A I don't remember the year it was.
- Q About how many years ago, and where? A It was at Atoka about a mile west of the town at Vail's Park.
- Q Did you appear in person? A Yes sir.
- Q Were you sworn and examined? A Yes sir.
- Q Who else did you appear for at that time, if you appeared for any besides yourself? A I appeared for myself and my six children.
- Q What are their names? A Janie Busby, Luther Anderson, Clinton Anderson, Lenora Anderson, Jennie Anderson and Mattie Anderson.
- Q You do remember who it was you testified before? A No sir I didn't know any of the names of the men; the only one I knew was Linton Tell; he was there.
- Q Was Linton Tell there when you testified at that time?  
A Yes sir he was there.
- Q Are you positive you gave the names of these six children there at that time? A Yes sir, I'm positive I did.
- Q At Vail's Park? A Yes sir at Vail's Park.
- Q How far was that from Atoka? A It was about a mile or a mile and a half; it was west of town; I wasn't living at Atoka then; I was living at South McAlester, and my mother sent for me to come down and meet them there.

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- Q Was there any other members of your family there at the same time? A Yes sir my mother and brother and sister were there.
- Q Did you register the same day your mother did? A No sir not on the same day; she had done been there before the Commissioners when I got there.

The mother of the applicant is identified as Jane Ward on Choctaw freedman card 952 and is number 63533 upon the final roll approved by the Secretary of the Interior on September 26, 1903.

Mattie V. Vaughn states upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mattie V. Vaughn

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 25th day of November 1904.

Blampford  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Rebecca Anderson, and her children, Janie Busby, Luther Anderson, Clinton Anderson, Lenora Anderson, Jennie Anderson and Mattie Anderson, as Choctaw Freedmen.

--: D E C I S I O N :--


It appears from the record herein and from the census card record that on August 31, 1899, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Rebecca Anderson and her children, Janie Busby, fourteen years of age, Luther Anderson, nine years of age, Clinton Anderson, seven years of age, Lenora Anderson, five years of age, Jennie Anderson, four years of age, and Mattie Anderson, two years of age, as Choctaw Freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Atoka, Indian Territory, on September 6, 1904, and at Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 25, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Rebecca Anderson is the daughter of Jane Ward, a recognized and enrolled Choctaw Freedman, whose name appears as number 3533 upon the lists prepared by this Commission under the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903; that the said Rebecca Anderson was born in the Choctaw Nation about the year 1870, and has resided therein continuously since the date of her birth up to and including September 25, 1902, and that the minor applicants herein have made their home with their mother, the said Rebecca Anderson, continuously since the dates of their respective births up to and including September 25, 1902.

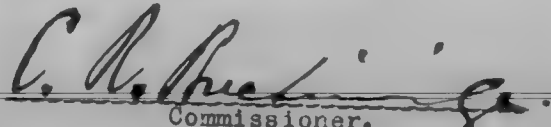
It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Rebecca Anderson, Janie Busby, Luther Anderson, Clinton Anderson,

Lenora Anderson, Jennie Anderson and Mattie Anderson should be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, in accordance with the provisions of the acts of Congress, approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
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Chairman.

  
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Commissioner.

  
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Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

APR 22 1905

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 22, 1905.

Rebecca Anderson,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered April 22, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Janie Busby, Luther Anderson, Clinton Anderson, Lenora Anderson, Jennie Anderson, and Mattie Anderson, as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision, and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling you and your children as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Lewis Lloyd*

Chairman.

Registered.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 22, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered April 22, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Rebecca Anderson, Janie Busby, Luther Anderson, Clinton Anderson, Lenora Anderson, Jennie Anderson and Mattie Anderson as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicants as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of said time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,  
SIGNED

*Janie Busby*  
Chairman.

Registered.

Enc-17-1086.

(See 17-1329 for registry receipt for this letter).

Choctaw Freedman  
1086

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1904.

Rebecca Anderson,  
Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 17, asking the status of the enrollment of yourself and your children, Luther, Clinton and Lenora Anderson, and stating that you have improvements on certain land which you desire to select in allotment.

In reply to your letter, you are advised that before further consideration can be given your application for the enrollment of yourself and your children, Jennie, Mary, and Thea, Clinton, Lenora, Jennie and Mattie Anderson, it will be necessary for you to appear in person before the Commissioner's office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, to testify relative to your right to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen.

If you will forward description of the land on which you have improvements and which you desire to select in allotment, proper notation thereof will be made upon our records, and you will be notified in the event any other person makes application for the same land and will be permitted to institute contest proceedings therefor.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



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Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Rebecca Anderson,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children, Janie Busby, Luther Anderson, Clinton Anderson, Lenora Anderson, Jennie Anderson and Mattie Anderson, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as early as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1086

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 1, 1904.

Rebecca Anderson,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of yourself and your children as Choctaw freedmen, it will be necessary for you to appear in person before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, for the purpose of testifying relative to the application made by you for such enrollment in 1899.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1088

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1905.

Rebecca Anderson,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 25, 1905, asking why the enrollment of yourself and your six children has not been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on April 22, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and your six children as Choctaw freedmen, but your names have not yet been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. You will be notified when your enrollment is approved by the Department.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1087

Jack Shidds

Granted Feb. 28, 1907.

Fr. 1087

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment as a  
Choctaw freedman.....OF.....

JACK SHIELD.....17-1087.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, January 28, 1907.

In the matter of the application of Jack Shield  
for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

JACK SHIELD, being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commissioner.

- Q What is your name? A Jack Shield.  
Q How old are you? A About 39 I expect.  
Q What is your Post Office address? A Stringtown, I.T.  
Q Do you appear heretoday for the purpose of giving testimony in the matter of the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A John Shield.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About five years.  
Q Did he have an owner? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was he the slave of? A Bob Shield.  
Q Do you know that he was owned by Bob Shield of your own personal knowledge? A Yes sir.  
Q What was Bob Shield? A A Choctaw Indian.  
Q What was the name of your mother? A Nancy Shield.  
Q Is she living? A No sir she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A About 12 years.  
Q Was she owned by any Choctaw Indians? A Yes sir, by Henry Harrison.  
Q Was you owned by anybody? A No sir, I was born after slavery was over I guess.

The name of Jack Shield is identified as Jack Shields on Choctaw freedman field card No. 1087, at No. 1 thereon.

- Q When did you first make application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman? A Well I came here twice to meet the Commission.  
Q Where did you go to make application? A Atoka.  
Q Was that when Colonel Needles was here? A Yes sir, I believe it was.  
Q Do you know in what direction from Atoka the Commission was encamped? A Out here at Vail's Park one time and the other time at the Choctaw Court House.  
Q You appeared before the Commission both times \* did you?  
A Yes sir.  
Q How do you know that your father and mother were owned by Choctaws? A Well I seen the Choctaws.  
Q Well how do you know they owned your father and mother?  
A Well every body said so.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Nancy Shield.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.

- Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.  
Q How many? A Five living.  
Q What are the names of your children who are dead?  
A Rosa Lee, thats the dead one.  
Q Any others dead? A No sir.  
Q Is that all the children you ever had? A No sir not all I ever had but its all that was enrolled.  
Q What are the names of your other children commencing with the next oldest after Rosa Lee? A Classic, Lurena, Jonas, Israel and Becky, she never was on the roll.  
Q Who is Sarah Shield? A Thats my daughter, she is married.  
Q Then that makes seven children in all? A Yes sir, seven.  
Q Did you ever make any claim to enrrollment in any other nation in Indian Territory excepting the Choctaw Nation? A No sir.  
Q Did your father or mother ever reside in any other nation excepting the Choctaw? A No sir.  
Q Did they ever live in Texas? A No sir.  
Q Was you ever recognized by the Choctaw Indians as a Choctaw freed-man? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever vote at the elections in the Choctaw Nation?  
A Yes sir nearly every time.  
Q Where did you vote? A Over at Stringtown and Many Springs.  
~~Q Did you ever draw any money from the Choctaw Nation? A No sir.~~  
Q Did you ever receive \$100.00 from the Choctaw tribal authorities?  
A No sir.  
Q The Choctaws never paid you \$100.00? A No sir.

(Witness Excused)

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I, Charles Bozarth, stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on oath state that the above is a full, true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes as taken in said cause on said date.

Charles Bozarth

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of January 1907.

W. H. Angell

Notary Public.

17-1087  
O.L.J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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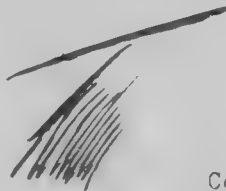
In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jack Shield as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N .

It appears from the census card record in this case that on August 30, 1899, application was made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Jack Shield as a Choctaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein that said applicant was born subsequent to the War of the Rebellion, and is the son of John Shield (now deceased) and Nancy Shield (now deceased), both of whom were slaves of Choctaw Indians during the War of the Rebellion and resided in the Choctaw Nation at the date of the Treaty of Fort Smith, and that said applicant was a resident of the Indian Territory on June 28, 1898.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that Jack Shield, should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 18, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and it is so ordered.



Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

FEB 28 1907



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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 2, 1907.

Jack Shield,  
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 28, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Jack Shield, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Jack Shield has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedman to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*James Bixby*

Commissioner.

Registered.  
Incl. 17-1087

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 2, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

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You are hereby advised that the name of Jack Shield has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedman to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

*Wm. S. Dixby*

Commissioner.

Registered.  
Incl. 17-1087

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Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Jack Shields,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your right as such freedman.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as early as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

117-1007

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMS BIRBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. B. BRECKINRIDGE.  
  
WM O. BRALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER TO REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:  
17-1007.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 22, 1905.

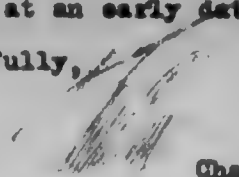
Jack Shields,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of yourself as a Choctaw Freedman, you are advised that it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and testify relative to your right as such Freedman.

You should attend to this matter at once, as the Commission is desirous of disposing of your case at an early date.

Respectfully,

  
Chairman.

W.P.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 2, 1907.

S. T. Wiggins,  
Attorney at Law,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the order of this office of July 27, 1906, denying the petition submitted by you for the transfer of the name of Harriett Spears from the roll of Chickasaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Nothing in Enrollment Jacket of  
Press Gibson, Choctaw Freedman  
# 1088.

1-18-47.

B.D.F.

Choc. Fr. 1089

Thomas Gibson

Fr. 1089

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

of INFANT CHILD

Mary Gibson

as a citizen of the

of the United States

Approved NOV 7 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE CHOCTAW FREEMEN

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ACTING COMMISSIONER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Mary Madeline, born on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1898  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Thomas Gibson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Mary Gibson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-Office: Lehigh, Ind. Terr.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Mary Gibson, on oath state that I am 26  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Thomas Gibson who ~~is~~ was a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was  
(Male or female.)  
 born to me on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1898; that said child has been  
 named Mary Madeline, and is now living.

Mary Gibson

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1902  
W. H. [Signature]  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District. }

I, Mary Gibson, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Mary Gibson, wife of Thomas Gibson  
 on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1898, that there was born to her on said  
 date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female.)  
 named Mary Madeline her

Mary Gibson  
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1902  
John [Signature]  
 Notary Public

17-1089.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Thomas Libson*  
*grandson*  
*of the*

*Choctaw.*      *Nation.*

Approved NOV 26 1902 190

*T. A. Beckwith*  
*Commissioner*

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN # 1089

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Thomas Gibson  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Lehigh, Ind. Ter., and died on the 10 day of  
March, 1902  
(Here insert name of post office.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )  
I, Mary F. Gibson, on oath state that I am 86  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Lehigh, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
wife of Thomas Gibson  
(State relation, as the father, son, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Thomas Gibson died on the 10 day of  
March, 1902

WITNESSED TO MAKE  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Ram Nelson  
Wm. C. Burn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of November, 1902  
D. H. Linebaugh  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
Central District. )  
I, M. H. Butler, on oath state that I am 47  
years of age, and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Phillips, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with brother of Thomas Gibson  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Thomas Gibson died on the 10 day of  
March, 1902

WITNESSED TO MAKE  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of November, 1902  
D. H. Linebaugh  
Notary Public.

17-1089

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Thomas Gibson,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Mary Gibson, daughter of Thomas and Mary F. Gibson, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affix his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your daughter, Mary Gibson, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of her birth has been supplied.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1089.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 8, 1908.

Thomas Gibson,

Lehigh, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Mary Gibson, the mother, and Mary Gibson, attending midwife, relative to the birth of your minor child, Mary Magdeline Gibson, November 17, 1908; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Nothing in Enrollment Jacket of  
Eddie Ael, Choctaw Freedman # 1080

. 1-15-1944

B. D. .

Choc. Fr. 1091

Mary Mayes

Fr. 1091

D.C.L.L.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for enrollment as  
a Choctaw Freedman of--

Lillie Harris

17-1091.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In re application for Enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation, of Wilsie Hunter, born on the 6th day of December  
1899, wife of Wilsie Hunter, a citizen of the United States  
Name of Mother: Mary E. Hunter, a citizen of the Choctaw  
Nation. Post Office: Janis, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
Central District.

I, Mary E. Hunter, on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a citizen by freedom of the Choctaw Nation;  
That I am the lawful wife of Wilsie Hunter, who is a citizen  
by \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States Nation, that a male child was  
born to me on the 6th day of December 1899, that said  
child has been named Emmanuel Hunter and is now living.

Witnesses to Mark:

Wm C. Brown  
Miss

Mary E. Hunter  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of November 1902.

J. J. Garner  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE.

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
Central District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state  
that I attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_, that there was born to her  
on said date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and  
is said to have been named \_\_\_\_\_.

Witnesses to mark: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1902.

Notary Public

17-454

In re the application  
for removal of  
Emmanuel Kente  
as a free man of  
the Choctaw Nation

appeared

Commissioner

CHOCTAW NATION

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*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes and signatures, possibly including names like "John" and "James"]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
APRIL 4, 1904.

17-1091. -----

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Mary Mayes and her niece, Lillie Harris, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Said Mary Mayes, being first duly sworn, on her oath, testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

- Q What is your name? A Mary Mayes.
- Q How old are you? A Forty-four years old. Will be forty-five years old along July 4, as near as I can get at my age. I was born one year before the war.
- Q What is your post-office address? A Purcell, Indian Territory.
- Q That in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long have you lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A Been there ever since I was twelve.
- Q Where were you born? A In the Choctaw Nation.
- Q Were you born a slave? A I was born a year before the war commenced.
- Q What is your father's name? A My father was named George Needham.
- Q Was he a white man? A Supposed to be.
- Q What is your mother's name? A Catherine Hampton.
- Q To whom did she belong? A To the widow Blackburn, a Choctaw citizen by blood.
- Q She was a Choctaw? A Yes, sir, she was a Choctaw.
- Q After the war commenced, where did your mother live? A Right there with the old lady.
- Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did she ever leave the Choctaw Nation? A She never left it at all. I was about twelve years old when she left the Choctaw Nation.
- Q Where did she go? A She went to the Chickasaw Nation.
- Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir. She lives west of Coalgate seven miles.
- Q From the time of the beginning of the war until the present day your mother lived in the Choctaw and Chickasaw country? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you ever live anywhere else than in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A No, sir, sure.
- Q Did you ever go to Texas? A No, sir.
- Q How is it you are not on the roll? A I don't know. I enrolled every time the Choctaw freedmen were enrolled.
- Q What names have you gone under? A First time I enrolled in the Choctaw Nation was down on Blue branch as Mary Stevenson. Then I married this Mayes that I have got now, and I been enrolled by this name twice, Mayes.
- Q You applied in 1899 for Lillie Harris? A Yes, sir.

- Q Who is she? A That is my niece. I took her when she was eleven months old.
- Q Who is the mother of Lillie? A Her mother lives in the Seminole Nation.
- Q Is she a Seminole freedman? A No, sir. I don't think so, exactly.
- Q Who was Lillie Harris' father? A My half brother.
- Q Same mother? A Same mother.
- Q Then Lillie Harris is the daughter of your brother, Charley Harris? A Yes, sir.
- Q What has become of Charley? A He is in the Seminole Nation.
- Q Is he on the rolls? A I suppose so. He got on the roll twice when I did. I don't know why he is off. Look up his rights.
- Q Do you know whether Charley Harris was married to Retta? A Yes, sir he was.
- Q Were you there when they got married? A No, sir, I was not there but my mother was there.
- Q She told you? A Yes, sir.
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- Q Do you know whether Charley and Retta live together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir, they are together right now, the last I heard of them, about a week or two ago, they were together.
- Q Is Charley older than you? A No, sir. I am the oldest. He is next to me.
- Q Has Charley always lived in the Indian Territory? A Yes, sir.
- Q Didn't he live in Texas? A No, sir. Wasn't a one of my mother's children ever lived in Texas.
- Q Your mother is alive? A Yes, sir. She lives at Coalgate, seven miles west of Coalgate.
- Q What name does your mother go under now? A Catherine Hampton.
- Q What is your stepfather's name? A Wade Hampton.

The mother of the applicant is identified as Catherine Hampton on Choctaw freedman card No. 932, and is numbered 3521 on the final roll of freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

- Q Whatever rights you claim in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation is on account of your being a freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q You don't claim as a citizen by blood? A No, sir.
- Q Just a freedman? A Just a freedman.
- Q In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lillie Harris as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with evidence of the marriage of Charley Harris to Retta Harris. Do you understand that, now? A Yes, sir.
- Q We would also like to have information in regard to Charley Harris, whether or not he has ever applied to the Dawes Commission; and if so where? A Yes, sir.
- Q You understand that, now? A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you got any children living? A No, sir, none at all.
- Q How old is Lillie now? A She is eleven years old the twenty-first of January, this last January.

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Wirt Franklin, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported

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all proceedings had in the above entitled cause, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on April 4, 1904, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes, taken in said cause.

Wirt Franklin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 1904.

Charles B. Spruce  
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of


INFANT CHILD

*Emmanuel Vuites*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw Greenwood*

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Commissioner.

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*Choctaw Greenwood*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Emanuel Hunter born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1899  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Willie Hunter a citizen of the US Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Mary Eliza Hunter a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
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AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

~~State of Arkansas~~  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 County of Fulton District.

I, Mary Eliza Hunter, on oath state that I am 30  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Willie Hunter, who is a citizen, by  
 of the US Nation; that a Male child was  
 (Male or female)  
 born to me on 6<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1899 that said child has been named  
Emanuel Hunter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

A B Schoolfield  
Mary Eliza Hunter  
Mabel McGehee

Must be Two Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1904

A B Schoolfield  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

~~State of Arkansas~~  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 County of Fulton District.

I, Francis M. Gurr, a Midwife, on oath state that I at-  
 tended on Mrs. Mary Eliza Hunter, wife of Willie Hunter  
 on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1899, that there was born to her on said  
 date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
 (MALE OR FEMALE)  
Emanuel Hunter

WITNESSES TO MARK:

A B Schoolfield  
Francis M Gurr  
Mabel McGehee

Must be Two Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1904

A B Schoolfield  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 14, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Lillie Harris as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Charles Harris having been first duly sworn upon his  
oath testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Charles Harris.  
Q What is your post office address? A Sasaka, Seminole  
Nation.  
Q Is that where you get your mail? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Seminole Nation? A About  
7 years I guess.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Henrietta Harris.  
Q Do you call her Retta for short? A Yes sir sometimes I  
call her Retta and sometimes I call her Henry.  
Q Is she a Seminole freedman? A No sir her folks never  
got their rights.  
Q Your wife never was enrolled as a Seminole? A No sir.  
Q Has she ever applied? A No sir she never has applied.  
She has a brother living here.  
Q She and her brother are both Seminole freedmen? A Yes  
sir.  
Q You are a Choctaw freedman are you not? A Yes sir.  
Q What relation are you to Mary Mays? A She is my sister.  
Q Have you a child called Lillie Harris? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you the father of that child? A I'm said to be.  
Q What do you say about it? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is the mother of Lillie Harris? A Henrietta Harris.  
Q That is the one you have just spoken of as Henrietta or Retta?  
A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married to Retta or Henrietta? A About  
15 years ago.  
Q Where were you married? A In the Choctaw Nation.  
Q Where? A About 5 miles from Atoka.  
Q What direction? A 5 miles north of Atoka.  
Q Where were you living at that time? A I was living  
there with her mother; she was living with her mother there  
and I was living with her there.



- Q. Was she living in the Choctaw nation? A Yes sir, in the Choctaw Nation.
- Q Who married you? A A preacher by the name Tipkins.
- Q Where were you married; in a church? A Yes sir.
- Q What church? A Church of Macedonia; the African Methodist church.
- Q Was there lots of people there? A Yes sir.
- Q Did the preacher give you a certificate when you were married? A No sir.
- Q Do you know where that preacher is now? A No sir.
- Q Have you tried to find him? A No sir.
- Q Is Lillie Harris the child of yourself and Retta Harris? A Yes sir.
- Q Was she born after you were married? A Yes sir.
- Q How soon after you were married was she born? A I guess nearly five years; we have one older than her; she's dead.
- Q The other child is dead? A Yes sir.
- Q What became of the child Lillie? A My sister left her at home.
- Q Your sister took her is that what you mean? A My sister left her at home.
- Q You left her with your sister, Mary Mays? A Yes sir.
- Q Where is that? A There at Purcell.
- Q What Nation? A Chickasaw Nation.
- Q Where has that child Lillie been living ever since she was born? A With my sister Mary Mays since she was about 11 months old.
- Q Is she living with her to-day? A Yes sir.
- Q Were you a slave yourself? A Well I guess not; I don't remember anything about it.
- Q How old are you? A About 40 years old.
- Q Do you remember anything about the war? A No sir.
- Q Was your mother a slave? A Yes sir.
- Q What was her name? A Catharine .
- Q Catharine who; what was her last name? A Catharine Hampton.
- Q Is she living? A Yes sir.
- Q Is she on the rolls? A Yes sir.
- Q Has she taken her allotment? A Yes sir.

In the matter of the enrollment of your child Lillie Harris, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with the marriage certificate between you and Retta Harris, the mother of Lillie Harris, if you are unable to do that, you must furnish the Commission with the affidavits of two or more witnesses who were present, and who know of their own knowledge that you were married, you and Retta.

- Q You have never appeared before the Commission before have you? A No sir.
- Q For yourself you have never appeared? A No sir.

Mattie V. Vaughn states upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mattie V. Vaughn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of  
November A. D. 1904.

Charles H. Sawyer  
Notary Public.

Indian Territory  
Central District ss.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1905

personally appeared, before me the undersigned authority,

Samuel Brown and H M Tipton  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>both</sup> ~~all~~ of whom reside at or near Atoka, Indian Territory, and after being sworn upon th ir several oaths do declare that they are aged respectively, 57 years, and 60 years and \_\_\_\_\_ years and \_\_\_\_\_ years, and

they are each of them acquainted with Charley Harris, who now resides in the Seminole Nation, but formerly lived near Atoka Indian Territory--

Affiants further state that they knew Henrietta Ragsby, who married the said Charley Harris, and that said marriage was solemnized at Macedonia Church, by Parson H M Tipton, on the third day of July A. D. 1890, and that affiants and each of them was present at the time of said ceremony of marriage.

That said ceremony was performed at a large public gathering, held for the purpose, in said Church.

Samuel Brown

Witnesses to mark  
T. B. Looney  
O. B. Wasson

H M<sup>his</sup> Tipton  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of November 1905,

Thos B. Looney  
Notary Public, Central District  
Indian Territory

My Commission Expires  
January 17<sup>th</sup> 1909.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Lillie Harris as a Choctaw Freedman.

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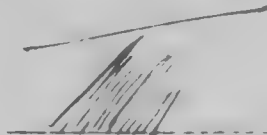
It appears from the census card record in this case and from the record herein that application was made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Atoka, Indian Territory on September 1, 1899 by Mary Mayes for the enrollment of her minor niece, Lillie Harris, as a Choctaw Freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application at Muskogee, Indian Territory before said Commission on April 4, 1904 and November 14, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant, Lillie Harris was born about the year 1893 and is the legitimate daughter of one Charles Harris, born since the War of the Rebellion, a son of Catherine Hampton, a recognized and enrolled Choctaw Freedman, whose name appears as No. 3521 upon the list, prepared by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes under the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903.

It further appears from the record herein that said Charles Harris, the father of the applicant, has resided in the Seminole Nation, since about the year 1897; that he left the applicant in the care and custody of his sister in the Choctaw Nation and has not made application for the enrollment of himself as a Choctaw Freedman within the time limited by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641).

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant, Lillie Harris, was born in the Choctaw Nation and has resided therein continuously since the date of her birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that Lillie Harris should be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 23, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and it is so ordered.



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Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 17, 1906.

Charles Harris,  
*Saskaw* Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered April 17, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Lillie Harris as a Choctaw freedman.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of the decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against her enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the name of Lillie Harris will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*[Signature]*

Acting Commissioner.

Registered.

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*Original letter del. to Charles Harris,  
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Wuskogee, Indian Territory, April 17, 1906.

COPY

A. C. Hayes,

Purcell, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered April 17, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Lillie Harris as a Choctaw freedman.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of the decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against her enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the name of Lillie Harris will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Registered.

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 17, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered April 17, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Lillie Harris as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against her enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the name of Lillie Harris will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Wm. C. Scott*  
Acting Commissioner.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 8, 1903.

Wilse Hunter,

Janis, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Emanuel Hunter, minor son of Wilse and Mary H. Hunter, born December 6, 1899; you are informed that it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with the affidavit of the attending physician or midwife as to the birth of this child, and the fact that it is still living, a blank for which purpose is herewith enclosed you.

In having same executed, be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and in event the person whose name is to be affixed to the affidavit is unable to write, and the signature is by mark, such signature must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

The notary public before whom the same is acknowledged must affix his notarial jurat and seal to the affidavit.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Respectfully,

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Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 1, 1903.

Mary Eliza Hunter,

Janis, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your son, John Hunter, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any affidavit as to the birth of this child has ever been filed with the Commission, and you should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank for proof of birth.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are acknowledged, attaches his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signature is by mark it must be attested by two disinterested parties witnesses thereto.

On January 8, 1903, the Commission wrote you in regard to the application for the enrollment of Emanuel Hunter, minor son of Wilse Hunter and Mary E. Hunter, stating that the birth affidavit, theretofore filed in the matter of his enrollment was not complete, inasmuch as there was no affidavit of the attending physician or midwife. Therefore, another affidavit is enclosed you herewith for proof of birth of Emanuel Hunter, and you should

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immediately have same properly executed.

The matters herein referred to must have your immediate attention, as nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of John and Emanuel Hunter as Choctaw freedmen until these birth affidavits are received.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Choctaw Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1904.

A. C. Mayes,

Purcell, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 18, asking the status of the enrollment of Mary Mayes and Lillie Harris, and in reply you are advised that it appears from our records that ~~Mary Mayes and Lillie Harris have been listed for enrollment as~~ Choctaw freedmen but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. You are now advised that before further consideration can be given their application it will be necessary for Mary Mayes to appear in person before the commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, to testify relative to the right to enrollment of herself and her niece, Lillie Harris. This matter should have her immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 18, 1904.

A. C. Mayes,

Purcell, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 10, in which you ask if Charlie Harris has appeared before the Commission for enrollment and state that you have a daughter of his who has not been enrolled unless her father made application for her.

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~~You also ask if the enrollment of Mary Mayes has been approved.~~

In reply to your letter you are advised that Mary Mayes has been enrolled by the Commission as a Choctaw freedman and her name placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen which has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior but the Commission has not yet been notified of Departmental action thereon.

You are further advised that you do not give the name of the child of Charley Harris to whom you refer, but it appears from our records that Mary Mayes made application for the enrollment of her niece, Lillie Harris, daughter of Charley Harris and Retta Harris, as a Choctaw freedman at the time she made application to the Commission, but the name of Lillie Harris has not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. If this is not the person to whom you

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refer, and you will state the name of the child and such other information as would lead to its identification, the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Replying to that portion of your letter in which you ask to be furnished the description of certain cheap lands which have not yet been allotted in the neighborhood of several post offices named by you, you are advised that the Commission cannot furnish you this information as the clerical work incident to the preparation thereof is so great. You are informed, however, that if you will forward the numbers of two or three sections, giving the correct description of the township and range in which the same are located, you will be furnished a plat of the unallotted lands and the appraisal thereof.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 8, 1904.

A. C. Mayes,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd inst., requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of Mary Mayes.

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You are informed it appears from our records that Mary Mayes, now about 45 years of age, of Purcell, Indian Territory, has been duly enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw freedman, her enrollment as such having been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, June 28, 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 25, 1904.

Mary Eliza Hunter,

Janis, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Frances McGee, relative to the birth of John Hunter, a Choctaw freedman, son of Mary Eliza Hunter and Wilse Hunter, September 1st, 1897, and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of the birth of the above named child.

Receipt is also acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Frances McGee, relative to the birth of Emanuel Hunter, son of Mary Eliza Hunter and Wilse Hunter, which it is presumed have been forwarded to this Commission as an application for the enrollment of said Emanuel Hunter as a Choctaw freedman. Said child appears to have been born December 6, 1899.

You are informed it does not appear from our records that any previous application has ever been made to this Commission for the enrollment of Emanuel Hunter as a Choctaw freedman, and under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, and ratified by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, September 25,



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1902, this Commission is new, and has been since said last mentioned date, without authority to receive or consider the enrollment of any person whatsoever as a citizen or freedman of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 15, 1904.

A. G. Mayes,

Parcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, requesting if it is too late for Charley Harris to appear before the Commission to make application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, stating that he is the father of Lillie Harris whose name was included in the application made for the enrollment of Mary Mayes as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised it does not appear that any application has been made to this Commission for enrollment of said Charley Harris as a Choctaw freedman and under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, the Commission is now without authority to receive or consider the original application for the enrollment of any person whomsoever as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Relative to the enrollment of Lillie Harris you are advised the Commission has not yet determined her right to final enrollment as such.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 22, 1905.

Charles Harris,  
Sasaka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Lillie Harris, as a Choctaw Freedman, you were advised on November 14, 1904, when you were before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, to testify relative to the enrollment of said Lillie Harris, that it would be necessary for you to furnish the Commission evidence of your marriage to Henrietta Harris, mother of Lillie Harris; said proof to consist either of your marriage license and certificate, a certified copy thereof, or the affidavits of two disinterested parties who were eye-witness to the marriage of yourself and Henrietta Harris.

You have as yet failed to furnish proof of marriage as requested. You are again advised that it will be necessary for such proof of your marriage to Henrietta Harris to be furnished the Commission before the application of Lillie Harris for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman can be disposed of.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 21, 1905.

Mary Mayes,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of this office that you made application for the enrollment of your niece, Lillie Harris, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, and it also further appears from your testimony, taken at Muskogee April 4, 1904, that said child is in your custody.

You are advised that in the matter of the enrollment of said Lillie Harris as a Choctaw Freedman it will be necessary that proof be furnished of the marriage between Charles Harris and Henrietta Harris, parents of said Lillie Harris; said proof may consist of the original marriage license and certificate, a certified copy thereof or the affidavits of two disinterested parties who were eye witnesses to the marriage of said Charles Harris to said Henrietta Harris.

This matter should receive your prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 21, 1905.

Charles Harris,

Sasaka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Lillie Harris, as a Choctaw Freedman you were advised on November 14, 1904 when you were before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory to testify to the enrollment of the said Lillie Harris, and also by letter from this office on March 22, 1905, that it would be necessary for you to furnish this office evidence of your marriage to Henrietta Harris, mother of Lillie Harris; said proof to consist either of your marriage license and certificate, a certified copy thereof or the affidavits of two disinterested parties who were eye witnesses to the marriage of yourself and Henrietta Harris.

You have as yet failed to furnish proof of marriage as requested. You are again advised that it will be necessary for such proof of your marriage to Henrietta Harris to be furnished this office before the application of Lillie Harris for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman can be disposed of.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

SECTION OF COPY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 23, 1905.

Charley Harris,

Puroell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 18, 1905, inclosing joint affidavit of Samuel Brown and W. M. Tipton to the marriage between yourself and Henrietta Babsby, which you offer in support of the application for the enrollment of your child Lillie Harris as a Choctaw freedman and the same has been filed with the record in this case.

Respectfully,

  
Acting Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 6, 1906.

Charles Harris,

Sasakwa, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on August 22, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior approved the enrollment of Lillie Harris, as a Choctaw freedman, and her name appears upon the final roll of such freedmen opposite No. 5382.

She is now entitled to an allotment and application therefor should be made without delay at the Land Office for the Nation in which the prospective allotment is located.

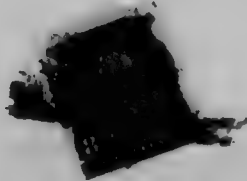
Respectfully,

*W. O. Beall*

Acting Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
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Charles Harris,  
Sasakwa, Indian Territory.

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Laura Jackson

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

South McAlester, I.T., Sept. 9, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Laura Jackson, said Jackson being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 41. I belonged to Eastman Loman, a Choctaw. I was on Kiamish when I was turned free. I have always lived in the Indian territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. McDonald*

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Henry Jackson  
as a citizen of

Chortau. Name

Approved Date

Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Henry Jackson, born on the 14 day of July 1897  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Edward Jackson a citizen of the White State Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Laura Jackson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-office

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, District. )

I, Laura Jackson, on oath state that I am 48  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Edward Jackson, who is a citizen, by  
of United States of the White State Nation; that a Male child was  
 (Male or female)  
 born to me on 12 day of July 1897; that said child has been named  
Henry Jackson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Laura Jackson

Must be Two Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

21 day of November 1903  
W. B. Blair

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Central INDIAN TERRITORY, District. )

I, Edward Jackson, a Physician, on oath state that I at-  
 tended on Mrs. Laura Jackson, wife of Ed Jackson  
 on the 12 day of July 1897; that there was born to her on said  
 date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
 (MALE OR FEMALE)  
Henry Jackson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Edward Jackson  
W. B. Blair

Must be Two Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

21 day of November 1903  
W. B. Blair

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1903.

R. B. Coleman,  
McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant requesting to be advised whether the enrollment of Laura Jackson and her minor children, Eddie, Stella, Pet and Henry Jackson has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

You are advised that it appears from our records that Laura Jackson, 41 years of age, and her minor children, Eddie, Stella, Pet and Henry Jackson were duly listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, September 11, 1899. No decision has yet been rendered by the Commission relative to their rights to enrollment as such.

You are further advised that information has been received at this office that Henry Jackson, the youngest child of Laura Jackson, has died since the time he was listed for enrollment. Please advise the Commission whether this information is correct, or not, returning your reply in the enclosed envelope at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Trv.

Commissioner in Charge.

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17-1092.

M'Alister, Indian Territory August the 22 1903.

Commission to the Five Tribes.

Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen.

In answer to your communication relative to the death of Henry Jackson minor child of Ed. Jackson and Laura Jackson, Choctaw Freedmen.

I have to advise that Henry Jackson still lives, the rumor became current of his death through a letter from St. Louis, written to teas his father, his mother at that time being in St. Louis for treatment. Henry is a live.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) R. B. Coleman.

17-1092

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 29, 1903.

R. B. Coleman,  
McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 22nd instant stating that the information received by this office relative to the death of Henry Jackson, minor child of Ed. and Laura Jackson Choctaw freedmen, is incorrect, and that Henry Jackson is still living.

Your prompt action in forwarding the above information is duly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1092.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Laura Jackson,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of Henry Jackson, minor child of Ed and Laura Jackson, as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, it does not appear that any affidavit as to the birth of this child has been filed with the Commission, and you should, therefore, immediately fill out and return to the Commission the enclosed blank affidavit.

In having the same executed be careful to see that all blank spaces are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public, before whom the affidavits are sworn to, attaches his name and seal to each separate affidavit. In case any signature is by mark, it must be attested by two disinterested parties, witnesses thereto.

This matter should have your prompt attention as nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of your son as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation until this affidavit is received.

Respectfully,

B.C.  
Env.

Chairman.



REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Edward Jackson,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Henry Jackson, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. Fr. 1093

Polly Carson

Fr. 1093

**FREEDMAN**  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH MCALESTER, I. T., SEPT. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1899.

D. K. CARSON, being sworn, testified as follows.

- Q. What is your name? A. D. K. Carson.
- Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.
- Q. What is your wives name? A. Pollie Carson.
- Q. Who did she belong to? A. Polly LeFlore.
- Q. A Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Choctaw I believe.
- Q. Where has she been living since she was set free?
- A. At Boggy Depot.
- Q. Has she been out side of the Indian Territory?
- A. No sir.
- Q. How old is Polly? A. Forty-five (45) .

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

R. R. Craven

Choc. Fr. 1094  
Nancy Wright

Fr. 1094

FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH MCALESTER, I. T., SEPT. 4", 1899.

D. K. CARSON, being sworn, testified:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Q. Do you know Nancy Wright?     | A. Yes sir.         |
| Q. How old is she?               | A. Near ninty (90). |
| Q. What county does she live in? | A. Tobucksy.        |
| Q. Whom did she belong to?       | A. Gov. Wright.     |
| Q. A Choctaw?                    | A. Yes sir.         |

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

R R Green

Choc. Fr. 1095.

Henry Chalk

Fr. 1095

FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH MCALISTER, I. T., SEPT. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1899.

HENRY CHALK, being sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Henry Chalk.
- Q. How old are you? A. I think about fifty-seven (57).
- Q. Who did you belong to? A. Dave Holmes.
- Q. Belong to any body else? A. Yes, Joe Taylor.
- Q. Was he a Choctaw or a Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.
- Q. Where have you been living since you were set free?  
A. In the Territory.
- Q. Have you been outside of the Territory? A. No sir.
- Q. Are you married? A. Have been.
- Q. What is your wifes name? A. Jincy Chalk.
- Q. Does she live with you? A. No sir.
- Q. What is your mothers name? A. Susan Chalk.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

*R. R. [Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, MARCH 22, 1902.

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In the matter of the application of Mary Taylor for the enrollment of herself and her eight minor children as Choctaw freedmen.

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Mary Taylor being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A My name was Mary Taylor.  
Q What is your name? A ~~Mary Mackey now.~~  
Q How old are you? A I cant tell just exactly how old I am; somewhere in thirty - thirty six I guess by now.  
Q Where do you live? A I been living in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q Where do you live now? A Live here in the Creek Nation while I'm here.  
Q How long have you been in the Creek Nation? A I aint been in the Creek Nation so very long.  
Q How long have you been here; answer my questions directly now? A I cant exactly say how long I been here.  
Q About how long? A Somewhere ever a year.  
Q What are you doing here? A Just staying round like every body else does.  
Q Come from the Choctaw Nation here? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A All my days.  
Q Born there? A Born there.  
Q Never have lived anywhere else? A Never have lived any where else, that I know of without it was my father and mother carried me round somewhere when I didn't know nothing about it.  
Q What is your father's name? A Henry Chalk.  
Q What is your mother's name? Rhoda.  
Q Are your father and mother living? A Father's living; mother's dead.  
Q Were your father and mother both slaves of Choctaw Indians?  
A I cant tell you anything about it because I was - if I was here I dont know whether I was big enough to remember anything or not.  
Q Are you married? A Who?  
Q You? A Yes sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Been married twice.  
Q What is your first husband's name? A Moses Taylor.  
Q Ever go by any other name? A I cant tell you anything about it; all I knew he went by is Moses Taylor.  
Q Was he a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A No sir, I dont think he was.  
Q State negro? A I think he was.  
Q Was he a slave? A He said he was.  
Q Do you know who he belonged to? A No sir.  
Q Did you have any children by Moses Taylor? A Yes sir.  
Q How many? Seven; no it was six.  
Q How many children did you have by Moses Taylor  
A Just give me a little time and I will tell you.



Mary Taylor--2.

- Q How many did you have? A Six.  
Q What was the first child named? A Andrew.  
Q How old is he? A Somewhere about twenty or twenty three, years old as near as I can guess.  
Q Where does he live? A Here.  
Q Living with you? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Henry.  
Q How old is he? A He's about seventeen I think.  
Q What is the name of the next? A James.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Morris.  
Q How old is James? A Dude's about--  
Q How old is James? A Dude's about--  
Q How old is James? A James is about sixteen I guess.  
Q What's the name of the next one? A Dude is the way you got it down there.  
Q I dont want the way we got it down here; what is the name of your next child? A Her name is Beatrice.  
Q How old is she? A She's going on twelve years old.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A The next oldest is Harriet.  
Q How old is Harriet? A She is now going on nine years old.  
Q Who is the father of these six children? A Moses Taylor.  
Q Moses Taylor is the father of all six down to Harriet? A Yes sir.  
Q Got any more? A Two more.  
Q What are their names? A Joshua and Minnie.  
Q Which is the oldest? A Joshua is the oldest.  
Q How old is Joshua? A Seven.  
Q What is the next one? A Minnie.  
Q How old is Minnie? A Five .  
Q Who is the father of these two children? A Roswell Mackey.  
Q How do you spell that? A I cant spell Roswell.  
Q Is he a state negro? A No he aint.  
Q Was he ever a slave? A I dont know whether he has been a slave or not.  
Q Does he claim any right to enrollment as a citizen or freedman of any tribe? A Claims right in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Has he ever made application for the enrollment of these two children in the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Have they ever been enrolled in the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Have they got any rights in the Cherokee Nation? A Not that I know of; if they is they are not on there.

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HENRY CHALK BEING FIRST DULY SWORN TESTIFIES ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT AS FOLLOWS:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Henry Chalk.  
Q How old are you? A I cant tell you.  
Q About how old? A Sixty I reckon  
Q Where do you live? A I live in the Choctaw Nation but I been here a good while working for Captain Severs.  
Q Do you know this woman Mary Mackey? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she any relation to you? A Claims to be my daughter.  
Q Is she your daughter? A Yes sir.  
Q Certain of that? A I'm certain of it.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Rheda.

Henry Chalk--2.

- Q Where was she born? A Mary?  
Q Yes. A Born down there in the Choctaw Nation; there at Kiamitia  
Q Do you know about when she was born? A Yes sir I does.  
Q When? A About when?  
Q Yes. A No sir I done forgot her age.  
Q Was she born after the war? A O, yes after the war.  
Q Always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir; I raised her there and she's never been anywhere else.  
Q Were you a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.  
Q Who? A Mary Taylor; I was a slave of Joe Taylor's wife.  
Q Where was you when the war broke out? A Right there at Kiamitia; stayed right there all the time.  
Q Do you remember when the slaves were freed? A Yes sir I does.  
Q Where was you? A Right there at home in the house.  
Q Do you remember the treaty of Fort Smith? A I heard of it but I was'nt up there.  
Q Where was you? A At home.  
Q Never went out of the Choctaw Nation? A Never went anywhere; stayed right with my old Missis six years after the freedom; stayed there and worked for her running teams from Ft. Smith.

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Roswell Mackey being first duly sworn testified on behalf of the applicant as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Roswell Mackey.  
Q Are you the husband of Mary Mackey? A Yes sir.  
Q How many children have you by her? A Just two.  
Q What are their names? A Joshua and Minnie.  
Q Were you ever a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A I'm forty eight.  
Q Who was you the slave of? A Captain Smith.  
Q Who was he? A A Cherokee Indian.  
Q Have you ever been enrolled as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been enrolled by the Dawes Commission as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you apply for any of these children? A No sir.  
Q Why didn't you? A I didn't apply for them because every child had to give his own name; that's the reason I didn't try.  
Q Who told you that? A I, I heard several people talking about it.  
Q Did you make application for these children when you applied for yourself? A No sir; I never made an application for either one of them.

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Clara Mitchell Wood being first duly sworn upon her oath

states that as stenographer for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the twenty second day of March 1902 and that the above and foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

*Clara Mitchell Wood.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty ninth day of March A. D. 1902.

*M. J. Green*  
Notary Public.

Choc. Fr. 1096

Willis James

Fr. 1096

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

South McAlester, I.T., Sept. 11, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Willis James, said James being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am 22. My mother's name was Nancy Douglas and she belonged to Isaac Chuknubbi, a Choctaw. I have always lived in the Indian Territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify as true and correct with as stenographic notes prepared by me, that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*B. M. C. O. A. S.*

Choc. Fr. 1097

Amos Choate

Fr. 1097

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

South McAlester, I.T., Sept. 11, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Amos Choate, said Choate being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 27. My mother's name was Judy Choate and she belonged to Tilly Prazier. I live in Sans Bois and have lived there for 13 years. I have always lived in the territory. I am married. My wife sold her rights. My first wife died. I have three children by her. She was a citizen and she belonged to old man Nelson Harris, a Choctaw. My first wife's name was 'Lizabeth Harris.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the Commission has as stenographer to it the said Freedman and that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*J. H. Needles*

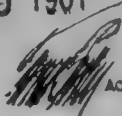
This is to certify that  
Amos Shoat and Lurina  
dunkin are duly married  
according to law by  
A. G. homar this the 20. day  
of may. A. D. 1898  
A. G. homar minister  
of the gospel



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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Allen Choate*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*. Nation.

Approved AUG 29 1901 1901

*C. R. Beckwith*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Allen Choate, born on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1901  
Name of Father: Amos Choate, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Luvena Choate, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office, Saw Bois, Ind.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Luvena Choate, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by marriage of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Amos Choate, who is a citizen, by  
Fredman of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
born to me on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1901, that said child has been  
named Allen Choate, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Luvena Choate  
Amos Choate  
Fredman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1901.

A. H. Mason  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Lillie Harris, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Luvena Choate, wife of Amos Choate,  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Allen Choate.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lillie Harris  
Amos Choate  
Fredman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1901.

A. H. Mason  
NOTARY PUBLIC

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Willie Choate

as a citizen of the

CHOCTAW FREEMEN

Nation.

Approved

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*[Handwritten signature]*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Willie Choate, born on the 22 day of Feb, 1902  
(Her mother of child)  
Name of Father: Amos Choate, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lurena Chout, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-Office: Sam Boie

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

I, Lurena Choate, District, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Amos Choate, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb, 1902; that said child has been  
named Willie Choate, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lolayna Hicks  
Ellie Mason  
Lurena Choate  
Truse

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of December 1902.  
H. W. Mason  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

I, Winnie Brown, District, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lurena Choate, wife of Amos Choate,  
on the 22 day of Feb, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Willie Choate.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lolayna Hicks  
Ellie Mason  
Winnie Brown  
Truse

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Dec. 1902.  
H. W. Mason  
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 20, 1901.

Amos Shete,

Sansbois, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant in which you request that you be furnished with a blank application for the enrollment of an infant child.

In accordance with your request there is enclosed you herewith, a blank of the description desired. In having the same executed, be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full and in the event either the mother or attending physician or nurse making affidavit to the birth of the child, are unable to write and their signatures are by mark, that such signatures are attested by two disinterested parties as witnesses thereto.

The Notary Public taking the acknowledgements of the mother and attending physician or nurse must affix his notarial jurat or seal to each separate affidavit.

You state in your letter that the mother of this child is Louvina Shete and that she is a non-citizen and you are a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from our records that on September 12th, 1899, you and your three children, Mandy, William and Levi were listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen under the name of Shete.

Allen Shete 2--

In the application that you now desire to make for the enrollment of your infant child, it will be necessary that your name conform to the name under which you made application for enrollment.

The Commission also notes that the mother of the three children who have been listed for enrollment was Elisabeth Cheate, deceased.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Allen Shete, it will be necessary that the Commission be furnished with either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between you and your present wife.

As to her rights to enrollment as a Cheate freedman we cannot inform you but if she desires to make application as such the Commission will hear her upon her personal appearance at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Upon the return of the application for the enrollment of your child in proper form and the receipt of evidence of your marriage to the mother of this child, the matter will receive proper attention.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-1097

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10-10-11  
Muskegee, Indian Territory, August 29, 1901.

Mr. Amos Choate,

Sass Bois, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the certificate of marriage between Amos Choate and Luvina Dunkin, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Allen Choate, the infant son of Amos and Luvina Choate, born March 27, 1901, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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17-1097.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 26, 1902.

Amos Choate,

San Bois, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman of Willie Choate, infant son of Amos and Lavinia Choate, born February 22, 1902.

The same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission, and the child listed for enrollment as a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-1097

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 16, 1905.

Amos Shote,

Kinta, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is her by acknowledged of your letter of November 13, 1905, in which you state that your wife Levinia Shote is a Choctaw freedman and that her father is named Alex Duncan; that you do not know when he enrolled last, but think she was enrolled at San Bois, you therefore ask if she is eligible to an allotment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application has been made by or on behalf of your wife Levinia Shote for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and at the time of your personal appearance September 11, 1899, at South McAlester, Indian Territory you stated that your first wife was dead and that your second wife had sold her rights.

You are further advised that under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, this office is now without authority to receive or consider original applications for enrollment in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

1306-1309

Muskogee, Oklahoma, January 22, 1909.

Holley & Brown,  
Stigler, Oklahoma,  
Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 16, in which you state that Willie and Allen Choate and their father, Amos Choate, are enrolled as Choctaw freedmen and have land allotted to them, but that two of the children of this family who are dead have not received allotments; that Ted Choate died in the fall of 1908 and Johnnie Choate died in the year 1905. You therefore desire to be informed if the last named children are on the roll.

You also inquire why Lou Choate, wife of Amos Choate, was not enrolled as her father was a freedman and she was born and raised in the Indian Territory.

In reply you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application was made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes or to the Commissioner for the enrollment of Ted and Johnnie Choate, children of Amos and Lou Choate, as Choctaw freedmen. It appears that Amos Choate and his children, Mandy, William, Levi, Allen and Willie Choate, are en-

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rolled as Choctaw freedmen.

It further appears that at the time Amos Choate made application for the enrollment of his family he stated that his wife had sold her rights.

You are informed that the rolls of citizenship of the Five Civilized Tribes were closed on March 4, 1907 and that this office is now without authority to receive or entertain the application of any person for enrollment as a citizen or freedman of any of said tribes.

Since the date above mentioned there has been no further legislation relative to enrollment in the Five Civilized Tribes nor have I any information as to the probability of the reopening of the rolls in the future.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Choc. Fr. 1098

Emma Oats

Fr. 1098

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ENROLLMENT  
CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Emma Oats, et, al.

Decision Rendered                      May 3 1905

Granted.

Copy of Decision Forwarded Attorneys  
For Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

May 3 1905

Copy of Decision Forwarded Applicant

May 3 1905.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

Record in the matter of the application for enrollment  
as Choctaw Freedmen of-

Willie Oats  
Hattie Oats

17-1098.

FREEMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH McALESTERY I. T., SEPT. 4", 1899.

EMMA OATS, being sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Emma Oats.
- Q. How old are you? A. Twenty four (24)
- Q. What is your mothers name?  
A. Patsey Neal (Also Chalk.
- Q. Who did she belong to? A. Dickson Durant.
- 
- Q. Was he a Choctaw or a Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.
- 
- Q. Where have you been living all your life?  
A. In the Indian Territory.
- Q. What was your name before you were married?  
A. Emma Butler.
- Q. How long have you been married? About thirteen years.
- Q. Your name now is Emma Oats? A. Yes sir.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of  
my stenographic notes.

R. R. Craven



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Atoka, Indian Territory, September 7, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Emma Oats, et al., Choctaw Freedmen Card No. 1098.

EMMA OATS, being first duly sworn, testified  
as follows, to-wit:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Emma Oats.  
Q How old are you? A Twenty-nine.  
Q What is your post-office address? A South McAlester, I. T.  
Q What is the name of your father? A Lem Butler.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Patsy Neal.  
Q She is dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are their names? A Willie Oats and Hattie Oats.  
Q How old is Willie? A Seventeen.  
Q How old is Hattie? A Fifteen.  
Q Which one of your parents was a freedmen of the Choctaw  
Nation? A I don't think either one of them is a freedmen.  
Q You don't think either one of them were freedmen? A No, sir.  
Q What were they, Choctaws by blood? A Yes, I guess so. My  
mother was owned by Dixon durant.  
Q Was your father a slave? A I don't know who my father was  
owned by; I haven't never been around him very much. I  
staid with my mother.  
Q You don't know whether he was owned by a Choctaw or Chickasaw  
Indian or not? A He was a Choctaw.  
Q Was he a Choctaw Freedmen? A He was a slave.  
Q Do you know who owned him? A No, sir, I never did hear him  
say.  
Q Where did your mother live during her life-time? A South  
McAlester.  
Q Did she live there always? A No, sir, we lived at Caddo  
and then we moved to South McAlester.  
Q Did she live in the Choctaw Nation all her life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was Dixon Durant a Choctaw? A Yes, sir.  
Q A recognized citizen of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes.  
Q Did you ever know him? A No, sir, but my mother was telling  
me about him being her master. I wasn't born in slavery time.  
Q When did your mother die? A She has been dead about 14 years  
now.  
Q Where was she living when she died? A South McAlester.  
Q According to what your mother told you she lived in the Choctaw  
Nation all her life; never lived outside of it? A No.  
Q Did she tell you she belonged to Dixon Durant at the time  
she was freed? A Yes, sir.  
Q Freed by him? A Yes, sir.

Q Are both of your children living? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

BEN CHALK, having been called and duly sworn, testified in behalf of the applicants, as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Ben Chalk.  
Q How old are you? A Fifty-seven or fifty-eight.  
Q Where do you live? A Down here in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q What place? A Boswell,--near there.  
Q Are you a freedmen of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q On the approved schedule? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you selected your land? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know this witness who has just testified? A Yes.  
Q How long have you known her? A All her life.  
Q Did you know her mother and father? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A Lem Butler.  
Q Was he owned by a Choctaw Indian? A Yes, sir.  
Q By whom? A Israel Folsom or his family.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Patsy Neal.  
Q Was she a slave? of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who owned her? A Dixon Durant. Her first owner was Holmes, and when he died Dixon Durant bought her.  
Q How long did you know her mother? A I knowed her nearly all my life; she was my sister.  
Q Did you belong to Dixon Durant too? A No, sir, I belonged to his wife's brother, Abner Holmes.  
Q How long did Patsy Neal live in the Choctaw Nation? A All her life.  
Q Did she belong to Dixon Durant at the time the slaves were freed? A Yes, sir. She was freed right up here where Durant is now, before the town was put there.  
Q Did she ever receive any money from the Choctaw Nation for relinquishing any rights she may have had as a Choctaw slave? A No, sir.  
Q Where did she live during the war? A She lived up where Durant is now,--on that spot of ground there.  
Q She lived in the Choctaw Nation during the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q And she resided continuously in the Choctaw Nation from the time of the war up to the time of her death? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

Mary E. Rogers, having been by me first duly sworn, on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes as taken in said cause on said date.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 17 day of September, 1904.

*Wm. S. Shelly*  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 21, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Willie Oates and Hattie Oates as freedmen of the Choctaw  
Nation.

Emma Oates having been first duly sworn upon her oath  
testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Emma Oates.  
Q How old are you? A I was 29 years old the 14th day  
of last June.  
Q What is your post office address? A South McAlester.  
Q Are you an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman?  
A Yes sir.  
Q When did you first apply to the Commission for enrollment?  
A At Atkoka, September 6, I was notified to be there on the  
6th of 7th and I went down there on the 5th.  
Q Was that in 1904? A Yes sir.  
Q Was that the first time you ever appeared before the Commission?  
A Yes sir I got a notification from here to go down there  
from here.  
Q What was the first time you appeared before the Commission?  
A The first time was at South McAlester; that has been years  
ago.  
Q Do you remember what year that was? A No sir I don't  
remember what year it was; they was camped upon the hill  
out east.  
Q Did you appear in person? A Yes sir I registered then  
Q How many years ago? A I guess about 12 or 13 years ago;  
I don't remember how many years ago it has been.  
Q Do you know what year this is? A Yes sir.  
Q What year is it? A 1904.  
Q Now I want to find out when you first appeared before this  
Commission and where? A At South McAlester years ago.

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- Q Were you sworn at that time? A Yes sir.
- Q Who did you apply for at that time? A Emma Oates, Hattie Oates and Willie Oates; I applied for myself and my two children.
- Q Did you mention the names of your two children at that time at South McAlester? A Yes sir, I mentioned my two children.
- Q Who was there with you? A Alinton Tell was there and I forget the names of the other men that I went before; Alinton Tell knowed me and my folks; they knowed I was a Choctaw; Alinton Tell knowed my mother well.
- Q What was your father's name? A Lem Butler.
- Q What was your mother's name? A Patsey Chalk but when she died it was Patsey Needle.
- Q Are you sure you appeared at South McAlester at that time? A Yes sir I'm sure I did; they was camped up a hill east.
- Q Have you any witnesses? A I have my Uncle here with me for a witness.
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- Q Who is that Ben Chalk? A No sir it is Henry Chalk; he is a brother of Ben Chalk.
- Q Did you make application for these two children there at South McAlester at that time? A Yes sir.
- Q Did you call their names at that time? A Yes sir I did call their names.
- Q Are you sure you called their names? A Yes sir I'm sure I did call their names.
- Q Did you appear before the Commission at any other time? A Only when I went to Atoka.
- Q How long ago has that been? A September this year the 6th.
- Q Who is the father of these two children? A William Oates.
- Q Who was he, a non-citizen? A Yes sir he was a non-citizen.
- Q Where were these two children born? A In the Choctaw Nation.
- Q Are they living now? A Yes sir they are living now.
- Q Both of them? A Yes sir.
- Q Did you have these two children with you at the time you appeared before the Commission there at South McAlester? A Yes sir they were both little then and I carried them with me down there; I had them down there with me.

Henry Chalk having been first duly sworn upon his oath testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Henry Chalk.
- Q What is your post office address? A Muskogee.
- Q You are a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q What relation are you to Emma Oates? A She is my sister's daughter; she is my niece.
- Q Do you know anything at all about this girl, Emma Oates applying before the Commission at South McAlester? A Yes sir I went down there. We was all down there; her mother and me and this girl and all the folks went down there.

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Q You didn't go in with her did you; did you hear what she said? A No sir I don't know nothing about what she said. I went in first and then I come out and her mother went in and then she went in. I don't know nothing about what she said.

Mattie V. Vaughn states upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mattie V. Vaughn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of  
November 1904.

J. P. Campbell  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Willie Oats and Hattie Oats as Freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

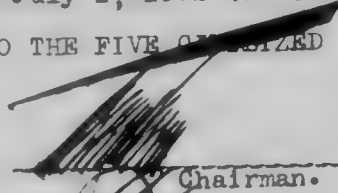
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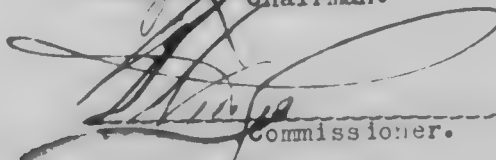
It appears from the record herein and from the census  
card record that on September 4, 1899, application was made to  
this Commission for the enrollment of Willie Oats, twelve years  
of age, and Hattie Oats, ten years of age, as Choctaw Freedmen.  
Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application  
at Atoka, Indian Territory, September 7th, 1904, and at Muskogee,  
Indian Territory, November 21, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the said  
Willie Oats and Hattie Oats are the minor children of Emma  
Oats, a recognized and enrolled Choctaw Freedman, whose name  
appears as number 4806 upon the lists prepared by this Commission  
under Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), of  
persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, and approved  
by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904; that the said  
Willie Oats and Hattie Oats were born in the Choctaw Nation  
and have resided therein continuously since the dates of their  
respective births up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that  
Willie Oats and Hattie Oats should be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen  
in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Congress, approved  
June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641),  
and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

  
Commissioner.

  
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Maskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1905.

COPY

Emma Oats,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered May 3, 1905, granting the applications for the enrollment of your children, Willie Oats and Hattie Oats as Choctaw freedmen.

The attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have been furnished a copy of said decision and have been allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling them as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Registered.

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1905.

**COPY:**

Manfield, McMurray & Cornish,  
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered May 3, 1905, granting the applications for the enrollment of Willie Oats and Hattie Oats as Choctaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date of this notice within which to file protest against the action of the Commission in enrolling said applicants as Choctaw freedmen. If at the expiration of said time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

*Wm. D. Dixey*

Registered.

Chairman.

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(See 17-1478 for registry receipt for this letter).



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Muskogee, Indian Territory August 18, 1904.

Emma Oats,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedmen.

Such appearance may be made before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as early as possible, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka Indian Territory, September 6th and 7th 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8th and 9th 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory November 1, 1904.

Emma Oats,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your children Willie and Hattie Oats, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, for the purpose of testifying relative to whether or not application was made by you for their enrollment in September 1899.

You should also be accompanied by such witnesses as you may be able to produce who know of their own knowledge whether or not application was made at that time for the children above named.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1098

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 10, 1904.

Emma Oats,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of November 4, 1904, addressed to the United States Indian Agent, has been by him referred to the Commission for consideration and appropriate action. Therein you ask the status of your enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are informed that your name has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen, which has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for approval, but the Commission has not yet been advised of Departmental action thereon.

In the matter of the enrollment of your children Willie and Mattie Oats, it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, for the purpose of testifying relative to whether application was made by you for their enrollment in 1889, at which time you should also be accompanied by such witnesses as you may be able to produce who know of their own knowledge whether application was made at that time for the children above named.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1099

Bessie Thomas

Fr. 1099

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., SEPT. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1899.

Henry Chalk, being sworn, testified as follows:

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- Q. What is your name? A. Henry Chalk.
- Q. How old are you? A. Fifty-seven.
- Q. Do you know Bessie Thomas? A. Yes sir.
- Q. What was her mothers name? A. Patsey Chalk.
- Q. Who did she belong to? A. Dickson Durant.
- Q. Was she a Choctaw or a Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.
- Q. Has she been living in the Territory all her life?
- A. Yes sir.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify that the official book as  
stated under to above named Commission that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes

*R. R. Green*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., SEPT. 4", 1899.

BESSIE THOMAS, being sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name?	A. Bessie Thomas.
Q. Are you married?	A. Yes sir.
Q. What was your name before marriage?	A. Bessie Neal.
Q. What is your mothers name?	A. Patsy Neal.
Q. Whom did she belong to?	A. Dickson Durant.
Q. Was he a Choctaw or a Chickasaw?	A. Choctaw.
Q. How long have you been married?	A. About ten months.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify on my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

R. R. Crowder

Choctaw Freedman  
1099.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 3, 1903.

Bessie Thomas,

Box 282, Tishomingo, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 29, asking why your name does not appear upon the roll.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that you have been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, but your name has not yet been placed upon the schedules of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choc. Fr. 1100

Kittie Carson

Fr. 1100



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., SE PT. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1899.

KITTY CARSON, being sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. K<sup>ittie</sup> Carson.  
Q. How old are you? A. I do not know.  
Q. Whom did you belong to? A. Israel Polson.  
Q. Was he a Choctaw or a Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.  
Q. How long have you been married? A. I do not know.  
Q. Was your name always been Carson?

A. No sir, I go be the name of Burton now.

Q. Where have you lived ever since you were turned free?

A. Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation.

Q. Never got into Arkansas?

A. No sir.

FREEDMAN

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

R. R. Chavers

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Elbe Chalk*  
*freedman*  
of the

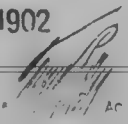
*Choctaw* Nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Abe Chalk  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the freedman of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
So. McAllester, Ind. Ter., and died on the 17 day of  
March, 1899.  
(Here insert name of post office.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Kitty Carson, on oath state that I am 54  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is South McAllester, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
Mother of Abe Chalk.  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Abe Chalk died on the 17 day of  
March, 1899.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) } James Henderson  
Fred Okiale  
(Here insert name of witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December, 1902.  
J. P. Humphrey  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, James Henderson, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age, and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is South McAllester, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Abe Chalk,  
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Abe Chalk died on the 17 day of  
March, 1899.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) } James Henderson  
Fred Okiale  
(Here insert name of witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December, 1902.  
J. P. Humphrey  
Notary Public.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Calvin Chalk*

a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

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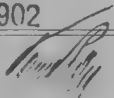


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OF THE INTEREST  
TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Calvin Chalk  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Freedman of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Smith McAllister, Ind. Ter., and died on the 22 day of  
June, 1901.  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, Kitty Carson, on oath state that I am 54  
years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Smith McAllister, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
Mother of Calvin Chalk,  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Calvin Chalk died on the 22 day of  
June, 1901.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN: Kitty Carson  
James Henderson  
Judith Kukade  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December 1901.  
J. C. Humphrey  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Central District. }

I, James Henderson, on oath state that I am  
years of age, and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation;  
that my post office address is Smith McAllister, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Calvin Chalk,  
who was a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;  
and that said Calvin Chalk died on the 22 day of  
June, 1901.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO SIGN: James Henderson  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December 1901.  
J. C. Humphrey  
Notary Public.

Choc. Fr. 1101

Emma Littlejohn

Fr. 1101

FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., SEPT. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1899.

EMMA LITTLEJOHN, being sworn, testified as follows.

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| Q. What is your name?                      | A. Emma Littlejohn. |
| Q. What was your name before marriage?     | A. Emma Chalk.      |
| Q. Your mothers name was Kittie?           | A. Yes sir.         |
| Q. Who did she belong to?                  | A. Israel Folsom.   |
| Q. Was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw?          | A. Choctaw.         |
| Q. Have you always lived in the Territory? | A. Yes sir.         |

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is as  
signed and read by me at this  
transcription of the stenographic  
my stenographic notes

*R. R. Crum*

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Blanche Littlejohn*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

JAN 22 1901

Approved.

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*Whitely*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN



BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

*Colored Citizen*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation,  
of *Blanche* - , born on the *26* day of *June*, 1900  
Here insert name of child  
Name of Father: *Jerry Littlejohn* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Emma Littlejohn* a citizen of the *Choctaw* Nation.  
Post-office, *Savanna Ind Ter*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
*Central* District. }

I, *Emma Littlejohn* on oath state that I am *21*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption (Col'd)* *Choctaw* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Jerry Littlejohn*, who is a citizen, by  
*Marriage* of the *Choctaw* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 1900; that said child has been  
named *Blanche Littlejohn*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Emma Littlejohn*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 1901.

*H. G. Culbertson*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
*Central* District. }

I, *Litty Berdon* Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Emma Littlejohn* wife of *Jerry Littlejohn*,  
on the *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *Blanche*

WITNESSES TO MARK:

*Litty Berdon*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Green Jackson*  
*H. G. Culbertson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 1901.

*H. G. Culbertson*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 22, 1901.

Jerry Littlejohn,

Savanna, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Chectaw freedman of Blandie Littlejohn, the infant daughter of Jerry and Numa Littlejohn, born June 26th, 1900, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Chectaw freedman.

Yours truly,

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Acting Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1102.

Willie Chalk

Fr. 1102

FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., SEPT. 4", 1899.

WILL CHALK, being sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Will Chalk.  
Q. Are you or were you ever called Will Carson? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Changed when you got married? A. No sir.  
Q. What is your name now? A. Will Chalk.  
Q. What was your mothers name? A. Kittie.  
Q. Who did she belong to? A. D. Durant.  
Q. Where have you been living since you were freed?  
A. Right here in the Choctaw Nation.  
Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

R. R. Craven

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. **FREED**  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES?

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., SEPT. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1899.

LULA CARSON, being sworn, testified as follows:

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|--|-----------------------|
| Q. What is your name?                  | A. Lula Carson.       |
| Q. What was your mothers name?         | A. Polly Carson.      |
| Q. Whom did she belong to?             | A. Polly LeFlore.     |
| Q. Was she a Choctaw?                  | A. Yes sir.           |
| Q. What was your name before marriage? | A. Lula Carson.       |
| Q. How old are you?                    | A. Sixteen(16) years. |

Department of the Interior,

Witnessed and attested as to the truth of the foregoing as stated by the said Lula Carson that this transcript is a true and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*R R Chavers*

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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of

Nation.

Approved

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*Commissioner.*

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*Fred [unclear]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Artelia* - , born on the *26* day of *February*, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: *Will Corson Chock* citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Lula* - a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office *So McAlester*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY }  
*Central* District. }

*Lula Chock*, on oath state that I am *19*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Will Corson Chock*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation; that a *female* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*, 1900 that said child has been  
named *Artelia* - , and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*Mary Britton*  
*Emma Leung*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *March* day of *1900*.  
*W. J. Leung*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY }  
*Central* District. }

I, *Kittie Corson*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Lula Chock*, wife of *Will O Chock*  
on the *26* day of *Feb*, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *Artelia* -

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)  
*Mary Britton*  
*Emma Leung*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *March* day of *1900*.  
*W. J. Leung*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Arletia Carson*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw* Nation.

JUN 30 1902

APPROVED

1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
JUN 30 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

TAW FREEDMEN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Artelia Carson, born on the 26 day of Feb, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Will Carson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Lula Carson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office, M'Alister St.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Lula Carson, on oath state that I am 19  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Will Carson, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a girl child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on the 26th day of February, 1900 that said child has been  
 named Artelia Carson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lula Carson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of June, 1902

W. Steiner

NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Central District.

I, Sittie Carson, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Lula Carson, wife of Will Carson,  
 on the 26th day of February, 1900 that there was born to her on  
 said date a girl child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
 named Artelia

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sittie Carson  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of June, 1902

W. Steiner

NOTARY PUBLIC

OFFICE OF  
**W. T. CULBERTSON.**  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE  
 COLLECTION OF ACCOUNTS.

SAVANNA, IND. TER. \_\_\_\_\_ 1903.

PERSONALLY appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the Central District, W.T.Culbertson a Notary Public in and for the Central District at Savanna I.T. Who being duly sworn deposes and says That on or about March 1901 .there appeared before him Lula Carson Chalk Kattie Carson , Mary Britton and Emma Littlejohn all freedman. and made application for the enrollment of the infant child of Will carson Chalk and Lula Carson Chalk. The child name was Artelia. The application was made , and duly attested to and forwarded to the Commission, a duplicate as near as can be made is here to attached.

W.T. Culbertson

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1903

W. H. Huley

Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Arletta Barron Chalk*

is a citizen of

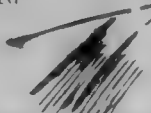
*Choctaw*

Nation

Approved

*DEC 24 1903*

1903



Commissioner

*proof of birth of child for whose enrollment application was received June 30 1902.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

**FILED**



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Artelin (Here insert name of child), born on the 26 day of February, 1900  
Name of Father: Hill Chace a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lula a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office So. McAlester

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Centre District.

Hill Carson Chace, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lula Carson Chace who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was  
born to my wife 26 day of February, 1900 that said child has been named  
Artelia Carson Chace, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Emma Fille John  
Ferry Fille John

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1903

H. J. Lusk  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Centre District.

I, Hill Carson Midwife, on oath state that I at-  
tended on Mrs. Lula Carson Chace, wife of Hill Carson Chace,  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1900 that there was born to her on said  
date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
Artelia Carson Chace.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Emma Fille John  
Ferry Fille John

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1903

H. J. Lusk  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Choctaw Freed. Bill

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 30, 1902.

Will Carson,

McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Artelia Carson, the infant daughter of Will and Lula Carson, born February 26, 1900, and the same has been duly filed with the records of this office as evidence of the birth of this child.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw Freedman  
1102.

Muskogee, Indian Territory , March 16, 1903.

Will Carson,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter without date stating that you and your child have both been enrolled, and that you are registered as Willid Chalk as you are known by the name of Chalk as well as that of Carson.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Willid Chalk and his wife Lula Chalk, have been listed for enrollment by this Commission as Choctaw freedmen. It does not appear, however, that application has been made for the enrollment of any child of yourself and Lula Chalk.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1102.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 22, 1903.

*W. T. Culberson*

Will Chalk,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant relative to the enrollment of yourself, your wife and child. It is presumed from the statements made in your letter that you intended to advise the Commission that affidavits relative to the birth of your minor child, Artelia Carson Chalk, was acknowledged before W. T. Culberson, Savanna, Indian Territory.

You are informed however, that it does not appear from the records of the Commission that any application for the enrollment of any child by the name of Artelia Carson, or Artelia Carson Chalk, has ever been received at this office.

If an application for the enrollment of the child referred to was ever made, and the affidavits relative thereto were acknowledged before W. T. Culberson his sworn statement in relation to the same forwarded to this office will enable the Commission to more fully advise you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1102

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 28, 1903.

Will Carson Chalk,  
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of W. T. Culbertson, in which it is stated that on or about March 1901 there appeared before him Lula Carson Chalk, Kittie Carson, Mary Britton and Emma Littlejohn and made application for the enrollment of the infant child of Will Carson Chalk and Lula Carson Chalk, and that the child's name was Artelia, which application was forwarded to the Commission. Receipt is also acknowledged of what purports to be a copy of said application.

You are informed it appears from our records that on April 11, 1901, there was received at this office an application for enrollment, as a Choctaw freedman, of Artilia Carson, infant daughter of Will and Lula Carson, born February 26, 1900, and the same was returned to Will Carson, McAlester, Indian Territory, for the reason that the Commission was unable to identify either parent of the child as listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen.

It does not appear that the application for enrollment of the above named child was ever returned to this office. From recent correspondence with you it appears that you and your wife



Will Carson Chalk-2

have been enrolled by the Commission under the names of Willie and Lula Chalk, therefore, the sur-name of your child should appear in the application as Chalk.

There is enclosed herewith a blank application for the enrollment of your infant child Artelia Chalk. Upon receipt of the same, properly executed, the matter will receive further consideration.

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Respectfully,

Chairman.

B. C.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1903.

Will Chalk,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Kittle Carson relative to the birth of your infant daughter, Artelia Chalk, February 26, 1900.

It appears from our records that on April 11, 1901, there was received at this office an application for the enrollment of Artelia Carson, infant daughter of Will and Lula Carson, born February 26, 1900, as a Choctaw Freedman and the same was returned to Will Carson, McAlester, Indian Territory, for the reason that the Commission was unable to identify either parent of the child as Choctaw Freedmen. The application now being in proper form and the parents duly identified, the above named child has been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1102

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 29, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cheetaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of name, information and notations relative to number three on original Cheetaw Freedmen Enrollment Card number 1142, and you are requested to correct the duplicate card in your possession bearing corresponding number, in accordance with enclosed information.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Enc. F.H.--137

17-1102

McKeece, Indian Territory, October 9, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Chectaw Land Office,  
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of additional name, information and notations relative thereto which have this day been placed upon original Chectaw freedman enrollment card, No. 1102; and you are requested to enter like name, information and notations upon the duplicate card in your possession in accordance with the enclosed information.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Enc. MT. 30

17-1102

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 3, 1903.

Benjamin Brown,

Brazil, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 27, giving information relative to the names of your parents and asking if your name has been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the information contained therein has enabled the Commission to identify you upon its records and your name is being placed upon the schedules of Choctaw Freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. Your enrollment has not, however, as yet been approved.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choc. Fr. 1103

Kizzie Pitchlyn

Fr. 1103

FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., SEPT. 4", 1899.

KIZZIE ALLEN, being sworn, testified as follows.

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|--|----------------------|
| Q. What is your name?                  | A. Kizzie Allen.     |
| Q. Married are you?                    | A. Yes sir.          |
| Q. What was your name before marriage? | A. Kizzie Pitchlynn. |
| Q. What was your mothers name?         | A. Winnie Pitchlynn. |
| Q. Eho did she belong to?              | A. Peter Pitchlynn.  |
| Q. Was a a Choctaw or a Chickasaw?     | A. Choctaw.          |
| Q. Your husband is dead?               | A. Yes sir.          |

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

R. R. Craven

United States of America :  
Indian Territory :  
Central Judicial District :

Before me the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared before me, Kizzie Allen, of lawful age, who being by me first duly sworn states, that she is the wife of George Allen, deceased, who was a Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory; that she was married to the said George Allen on the 7th, day of February, 1887; that she is a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory, and that her name, before she was married to the said George Allen, was Kizzie Pitchlynn, and that she was listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, with the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as Kizzie Pitchlynn; that she she has three children by the said George Allen, deceased, whose names are as follows, to wit: - Henderson Allen, Birdie Allen, and Jefferson Allen.

*Witness*  
W. B. Farmer

*Kizzie Allen*  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1903.

*W. B. Farmer*  
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Notary Public.



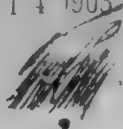
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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CHAIRMAN.

Choc. Fr. 1104

Sophie Low

Fr. 1104

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

INDIAN TERRITORY, :

Western DISTRICT. :

I, Mary Section, on oath state that I am 30 years of age; and am personally acquainted with Sophie Low, and know that on December 11, 1896, there was born to her a male child; that said child is now living and said to have been named Samuel Low.

Mary Section  
mark x

Subscribed and sworn to before me this fourth day of January 1904

L. J. Allen  
Notary Public.

my commission expires July 27 - 1907

FREEDMAN  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., SE PT. 4", 1899.

SOPHY LOW, being sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Sophie Low.
- Q. What is your mothers name? A. Nicey Harris.
- Q. Who did she belong to? A. Nile Thompson.
- Q. Was he a Choctaw or a Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.
- Q. Where have you been living since you were turned free?  
A. I have always lived in the Indian Territory.
- Q. How long have you been married? A. Eight (8) years.
- Q. What was your name before you were married?  
A. Sophie Flack.
- Q. How old are you? ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
A. Twenty-seven (27) years old.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify upon my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

A. R. Chace

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Walter Love*

as a citizen of the

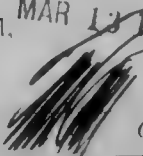
*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved,

MAR 13 1901

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

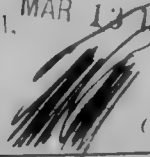
INFANT CHILD

*Walter Lowe*

as a citizen of the

*Choctaw* Nation.

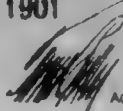
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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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**MAR 13 1901**

  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Walter Lowe, born on the 14 day of Dec, 1900  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Ellis Lowe, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Sophia Lowe, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Postoffice: Carbon N. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District.)

I, Sophia Lowe, on oath state that I am 27  
 years of age and a citizen, by birth of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Ellis Lowe, who is a citizen, by  
Law, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 14 day of Dec, 1900; that said child has been  
 named Walter Lowe, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Thos Hay  
35 B. City

Sophia & Lowe  
maad.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

16 day of July, 1901  
Wm J. Cantrell  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central District.)

I, Nana Williams, a Mid wife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Sophia Lowe, wife of Ellis Lowe,  
 on the 14 day of Dec, 1900; that there was born to her) on  
 said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Walter Lowe.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Thos Hay  
35 B. City

Nana + Williams  
maad

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

28 day of July, 1901  
Wm J. Cantrell  
NOTARY PUBLIC

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Bara Lowe*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation

Approved,



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Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
 of Clara Lowe, Indian Territory, born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1902  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Ellis Lowe, a citizen of the Texas Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Siphie Lowe, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
 Post-office, Carbon S.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Siphie Lowe, on oath state that I am 32 or 33  
 years of age and a citizen, by Parents, of the Choctaw Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Ellis Lowe, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Girl child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1902; that said child has been  
 named Clara Lowe, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Siphie Lowe  
 name  
John R. Hamman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902.

Reverend C. Barnes  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.

I, Sally Willis, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Siphie Lowe, wife of Ellis Lowe,  
 on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1902, that there was born to her on  
 said date a Girl child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Clara Lowe.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sally Willis  
 name  
John R. Hamman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902.

Reverend C. Barnes  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

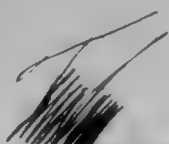
*Samuel Lewis*

as a citizen of

*Choctaw*

Nation.

Approved



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Commissioner.

Proof of birth  
of child for whose  
enrollment application  
was made 9499

CHOCTAW FREEMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,  
of Samuel Low, born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1896.  
(Here insert name of Child)  
Name of Father: Ellis Low a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sophie Low a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Post-office Barbon Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western District.

I, Sophie Low, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Ellis Low, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation; that a male child was  
(Male or female)  
born to me on 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1896; that said child has been named  
Samuel Low, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Fannie Puskus  
Rutha Swindell

Sophie X Low  
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of

January 1904  
Allen C. Gegg  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I at-  
tended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1904; that there was born to her on said  
date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
(MALE OR FEMALE)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 13, 1901.

Ellis Lowe,

Carbon, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chectaw freedman of Walter Lowe the infant son of Ellis and Siphie Lowe, born December 14th, 1900, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Chectaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

17-1104

Choctaw Freed. 1104

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 7, 1902.

Ellis Lowe,

Carbon, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Clara Lowe, the infant daughter of Ellis and Sophie Lowe, born May 16, 1902, and the same being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-1104

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1902.

Sophie Low,

*Carbon,*  
Cherryville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Samuel Low, son of Ellis and Sophie Low, has been filed with the Commission. There is inclosed herewith a blank application for enrollment of infant children. In having the same executed be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written in full, and that the notary public before whom the affidavits are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the final enrollment of your son, Samuel Low, as a Choctaw freedman until proof of his birth is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Inv.  
B.C.

Acting Chairman.

17-1104.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 19, 1908.

Frank Dale,

Notary Public,

Krebs, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 7th inst., enclosing the affidavit of Sophie Low relative to the birth of her minor child, Samuel Low, December 11, 1896.

It is stated in your letter that the attending midwife is dead, and that no physician was present at the birth of the child, and you request to be advised how to proceed in the matter.

You are informed that the affidavits of two disinterested parties who know of the birth of the child, and the fact that it is still living, should be furnished the Commission in lieu of the affidavit of the attending midwife, blanks for which purpose are enclosed you herewith.

Upon return of the affidavits properly executed, the matter will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

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Acting Chairman.

17-1104.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Frank Dale,  
Notary Public,  
Krebs, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

On November 12, 1902, the Commission acknowledged receipt of your letter of November 7, 1902, enclosing the affidavit of Sophie Low, relative to the birth of her minor child, Samuel Low, December 11, 1896, and stated that, the attending midwife at the birth of said child being dead and no physician having been present at said birth, the affidavits of two disinterested parties who knew of the birth of said child, and the fact that it is still living, should be furnished the Commission in lieu of the affidavit of the attending midwife, blanks for which purpose being enclosed you with said letter. To said communication of the Commission no reply has been received.

You are again requested to furnish such affidavits as the same are necessary in the matter of the enrollment of Samuel Low as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



17-1104

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1904.

Sophie Low,

Carbon, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed you will find a blank for your affidavit relative to the birth of your minor son Samuel Low, which you are requested to have properly executed before a Notary Public and return the same to this office at your earliest convenience in the enclosed envelope.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Enc. MT. 4-22

Choc. Fr. 1105

Dennis Choate

Fr. 1105

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

South McAlester, I. T., Sept. 11, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Dennis Choate, Amos Choate being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

My father belonged to Jim Choate, a Choctaw. He has always lived in the Indian Territory. My father wife was named Julie?. She is dead. She belonged to Kelly (Tilly?) Frazier. She has always lived in the territory.

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

*R. M. E. [Signature]*

Choc. Fr. 1106

Polly Morris

Fr. 1106

FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SOUTH MCALESTER, I. T., SEPT 5", 1899.

POLLY COLE, being sworn, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Polly Cole.
- Q. How old are you? A. About thirty-six I guess.
- Q. Were you born a slave? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Whom did you belong to? A. Betsey Harris.
- Q. Where have you been living since you were turned free?  
A. Right here all the time, all my life.
- Q. What was your name before you were married? A. Polly Cole.
- Q. Ever call you by any other name than Polly?  
A. Yes sir, Molly.
- Q. Ever call you Mary?  
A. No sir, I have a sister named Mary.
- Q. What is your fathers name? A. Bill Cole/
- Q. Husband of Ellen Cole? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Who did you marry? A. Alexander Jackson.
- Q. Have you always lived in the Territory? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Are you married? A. No sir.
- Q. Have you any children?  
A. No sir, got one boy of my brothers I raised.
- Q. What is his name? A. Charley Owens.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as  
stenographer to above named Commission, that this  
transcript is a true, full and correct translation of  
my stenographic notes.

P. P. Cravens

17-1106.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 11, 1903.

Polly Morris,

Carbon, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

As authority for changing your name upon the records of the Commission, you should immediately forward to the Commission legal evidence of your marriage to your husband, L. S. Morris.

Such evidence may be furnished either in the form of your original marriage certificate, or a certified copy thereof, or the affidavits of two eye-witnesses to the marriage.

This matter should have your prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1106

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 25, 1904.

Hollie Morris,

Janis, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, stating that when you were first enrolled it was under the name of Polly Cole and you request to be advised whether or not your enrollment has been approved.

You are informed that the enrollment of Polly Morris, as a Choctaw freedman was approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903. It appears from the records that said Polly Morris is the wife of L. F. Morris, a non citizen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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OF  
ROLL